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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Commander: I hope that you are well and safe. I along with several members from the Post attended the Department of Oregon Convention at Seven Feathers Casino in Canyonville. Post 21's United Veterans Honor Guard received an award at the Convention, Great job!!!

While there I was installed as the District Two Commander for 2021-2022. Several of our members attended the Ceremony, it was nice to see you there, Thank You!

Things are improving at the Post. The meeting room is now called the Honor Room. The Honor Room is not a storage room. All the flags are the same height, and the American Flag proudly stands above them all. When using the Honor Room please leave the room as you found it.

The club is coming back to life, its busy with Veterans and civilians and the food is fantastic. Help is needed at breakfast busing tables, serving coffee and washing dishes (KP duty). Any help is highly appreciated. By talking to the customers, it makes them feel at home.

Remember to put your volunteer hours in the book. We need the hours to show that we are doing something. It only takes a few minutes to write them down. Let's see who has the most volunteer hours.

Juan M. Palacios, Post 21 Commander

*Scupper
FL*

Riders: The entire Post 21 Rider family congratulates Debra Godwin, newly elected American Legion Auxiliary President for Department of Oregon. We really love that your hard work and service has been recognized by Auxiliary members statewide. Congrats Debra!

Post 21 members and families, mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 18th. This will be the 2021 edition of our annual Scholarship Poker Run & Raffle. As many of you know, this is a huge opportunity for us to build the Scholarship Fund so we can continue to help deserving area high school seniors on their way to a first-class education. We will be looking for volunteers, prizes, and participants soon, so please stay tuned.

Details for the internment escort for our lost friend, Kevin Sands, from Newberg to Willamette National Cemetery: Friday, July 16, 2021. Meet at 6:30 AM at NW Christian Church, 2315 Villa Rd, Newberg. Depart at 7:00 AM with the WNC service at 9:00 AM. Kevin's memorial service at NW Christian will follow at Noon.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came to Sheridan Hometown Days and volunteered, bought raffle tickets, and participated in the poker run and games. And a special thank you to Ivan and Cheryl Whitlow who pour so much of their hearts and free time into making sure this is a great event and a valuable Post 21 ALR fundraiser every year. Thanks all! Ride safe, but RIDE!

Paul Schnell, Director, Post 21 ALR



Auxiliary Garage Sale is Back!

August 13th, 14th and 15th

Donations accepted starting July 5th

SONS: We are planning to have that forgotten Oyster Feed in October. Keep your fingers crossed that the COVID issue is over with.

The SONS did their Friday night Prime Rib KP duty and had a lot of fun! I am hard to train but got the job done, because of all the other members, it was done properly. Have a great July 4th.

Tony Naig

Commanders Project

To purchase a new American Legion Post 21 Flag. The current flag is extremely dirty, faded and touches the floor. The cost of a replacement flag is around \$2,000. Help me raise the money so our Honor Room will look great! I have already donated the first \$100.00.

Look for *Commanders Project* Fund raisers in the future.



Chaplain's Corner, Well I hope this newsletter post finds all of you well and looking forward to the summer. Now is the time to come out and enjoy all that Post 21 has to offer. We are having Legion meetings once again and I know that everyone would like to see your smiling face at the post. There is a lot of things going on at the post now so take the time and read it all.

We have some new E-Board members so please come out and meet them. Remember we are all working for the good of the post. As your Chaplain I have been called on to be there for members and family in their time of need.

Something new for this newsletter we will be listing the friends that have gone only to their reward, their battles are done, and they have gone to receive that medal of honor for all the work they completed on this earth. May the good Lord be with them as their battle is over. Please let me know when one of our member passes, I do not want to forget anyone.

"MEMBERS THAT HAVE PASSED ON."

Kevin Sands, Retired Navy, Post 21 member before moving to Newberg Post 57, Legion Rider Post 57 Passed on June 16, 2021.

May he ride his motorcycle in the sky.

We will miss you.

This is your Chaplain signing off and may the Lord keep you safe each day.

Chaplain Thomas Clayton
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Chaplain Thomas Clayton, Army/Navy Vet.

Auxiliary: Please help me to congratulate & welcome our new officers for 2021-2022.

President – Glenna Smith
Vice President – Gregoria (Goya) Hernandez
Secretary Robert Vansoyck
Treasurer – Becky Berweger
Chaplain – Susan Haley
Historian – Jeanne Clayton
Membership – Roberta Vansoyck
Sgt at Arms – Gretchen Jones
Service Officer – Carol Doege

The Auxiliary will be helping with the Barbeque at the Car & Motorcycle show on July 4th starting at 11:00 o'clock. Come on out and help!

We will be having our garage sale this year August 13, 14 & 15, and we will be taking donations after July 4th. Contact Becky Berweger at 503-434-1843 for more information.

Glenna Smith - President

MIA from Vietnam To be Laid to Rest

On July 24th, 2021, US Air Force Major Paul Avolese will land at Portland Airport and be escorted to Springfield Memorial Gardens for burial with full Military Honors.

On July 7, 1967, Major Avolese was working as a Radar Navigator aboard one of two B52D Stratofortress bombers that departed Andersen AFB, Guam, on a bombing mission over the A Shau Valley, Vietnam. It is believed that during a maneuver while approaching the coast of South Vietnam, both aircraft collided and crashed into the mouth of the Mekong River, about 100 km south of Saigon. Four of the crewmembers aboard his aircraft were rescued, but Major Avolese was never recovered. He was declared missing, remains not recovered on July 24, 1967. He was posthumously awarded the Air Medal and is memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C.

The crash site was found by a local fisherman in a hundred feet of water. The site was investigated by a joint US-Vietnamese team for over five years with an extensive underwater search that was completed in 1995.

On September 25, 2000, the DPAA announced that his remains had been recovered and accounted for. Few details are available about his recovery.

Major Avolese will be laid to rest on July 24, 2021, in Springfield Oregon.

Welcome Home!





The most recent identified POW/MIA.

World War II

Army 1st Lt. Myles W. Esmay - 21. Lost June 7, 1944. Lt. Esmay was member of Merrill's Marauders and was killed in action near the village of Namkwi during the siege of Myitkyina, Burma. Accounted for May 25, 2021.

Navy Chief Water Tender Claude White - 40. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for February 24, 2021. Announced June 4, 2021.

Army Tech Sgt. Arthur Countryman – 35 Lost in a battle with German forces near Hürtgen, Germany in the Hürtgen Forest, where he was reported killed in action on November 20, 1444. His body was not recovered. Accounted for June 14, 2021.

Navy Fireman 1st Class Walter Bell, Jr. - 25. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for March 3, 2021. Announced June 18, 2021.

Navy Seaman 1st Class David Tidball – 20. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for March 3, 2021. Announced June 18, 2021.

Army Air Force 1st Lt. Jack Wood – 24. Lost August 1, 1943, while serving as a Navigator aboard a B-24 Liberator that was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire during Operation TIDAL WAVE. Accounted for June 18, 2021.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Donald Stott – 19. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for March 25, 2021. Announced April 16, 2021.

Navy Chief Machinist's Mate Ralph Derrington – 42. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for December 14, 2020. Announced April 23, 2021.

Army Sgt. Bernard Sweeney – 22 Lost when his division engaged in battle with German forces near Strass, Germany in the Hürtgen Forest, he was reported missing in action on December 16, 1944. His body was not recovered. Accounted for June 14, 2021.

Korean War

Army Cpl. Kenneth Foreman - 19. Lost December 2, 1950. When his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir. Accounted for June 7, 2021.

Army Sgt. Elwood Truslow. Lost December 2, 1950. When his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir. Accounted for June 7, 2021. Announced June 11, 2021.

Army Cpl. Charles Lii – 18. Lost when his company was attacked while retreating from the vicinity of Taejon, South Korea. He was never found, nor were any remains recovered that could be identified as Lee. He was Accounted for June 14, 2021.

USS Oklahoma Brothers Accounted

Navy Fireman 2nd Class Randolph Barger – 19.

Navy fireman 1st Class Leroy Barber - 21

Navy Fireman 1st Class Malcolm Barber - 22



Left to right: Leroy Barber, Malcolm Barber and Randolph Barber.

All three brothers were aboard the USS Oklahoma when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

Between June and November 2015 DPAA personnel exhumed the USS Oklahoma's Unknowns from the Punchbowl in Hawaii for analysis. All three brothers were accounted for June 10, 2021.

The brothers' names are recorded at the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl. A rosette will be placed next to their names to indicate they have been accounted for.



**“Dedicated to those who were imprisoned
and in memory of those still missing.
May we not forget their sacrifice.”**

AROUND THE POST

Last month I posted an article about the Memorial Rose Garden at the request of our Adjutant, Shirley Brown. It was to be an ongoing theme recognizing all the tributes and rose bushes in our garden. This month I failed to produce.

Many of you may know the Oregon Legion Convention occurred at Seven Feathers Casino, in June.

While the cat was away (the Commander of Post 21, Juan Palacios) the mice were not playing they were working.

I will say, as many of you would say, I am proud of our Post and boy did it show!

During that time Dan Brown (House Committee Chairman) headed up a work party on one of the hottest days of the year pruning the Arborvitae along the west parking lot. I showed up just in time as the crew was just completing the task. I apologize now that I cannot name all the people who showed up to help so I will not try. I can say they did a marvelous job.

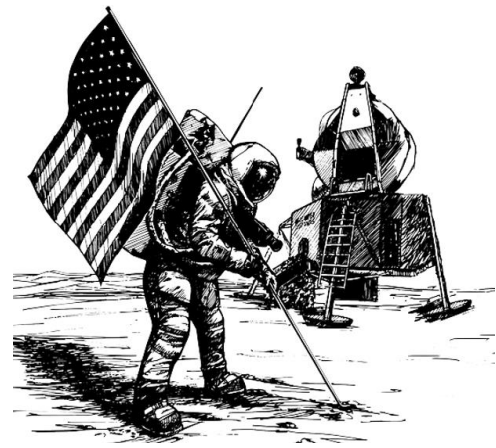
In addition, by order of the Commander, six of the U.S. flags around Post were replaced. The new brightness is notable and dresses our Post nicely.

One other amenity was added to the outside of the Post. A banner recognizing.

**President Debra Godwin,
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Oregon**

In closing I want to wish Debra the best, in my mind, The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oregon will shine with Debra at the helm, and so will The American Legion Department of Oregon.

Bob Berweger, Member at Large



***“That’s one small step for man,
one giant leap for mankind.”***

With more than half a billion people watching on television Neil Armstrong climbed down the ladder of Apollo 11 on July 20, 1969 and was the first man to step on the surface of the moon.

UPCOMING EVENTS ALL ARE WELCOME

July 4th – Car & Motorcycle show and Barbeque, Post 21, McMinnville.

July 16th-17th - Ride for the Alive from Coos Bay to Curry County (Gold Beach) Veterans Memorial and return. Details available on Post 10's Facebook page and attached. Rooms in the area are filling up fast.

July 24th - 3rd Annual Salute to Veterans Golf Classic (benefitting Post 21 Veterans Relief Fund) Michelbook Country Club.

August Auxiliary Garage Sale, August 13th, 14th, 15th (donations will be accepted after July 4.)

McMinnville American Legion Car & Motorcycle Show

July 4th 2021



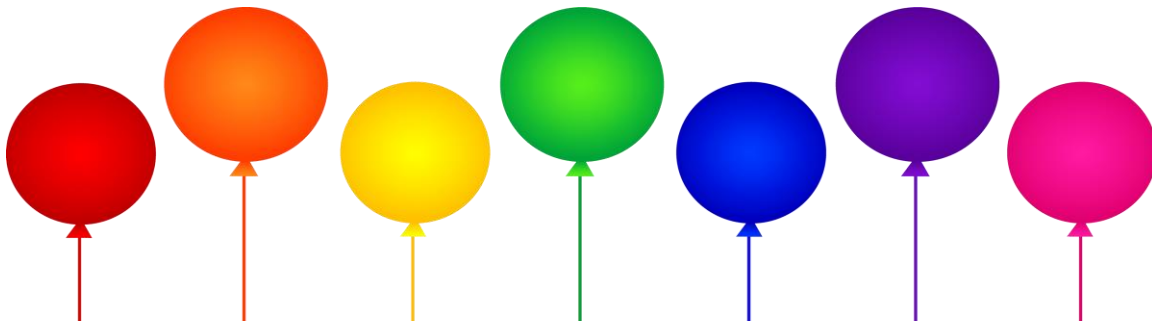
House Committee: I need to send out a HUGE thank you to all those that attended the hedge trimming party. Al Schmidt brought his lift truck down, everyone brought tools and we made it happen. Thank you, Al Schmidt, Tim Fuller, Paul Krutsch, Don Post, Terry Naig, Robert Laddusaw and Randy Webb. The hedge looks fantastic.

There were also some cleaning and maintenance issues taken care of this month. For a full report, attend the General Membership meeting on July 21st.

Dan Brown, Chair

July 2021

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
				1	2 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion 5:00 PM	3 Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
4 Car & Motorcycle Show 10:00 AM	5	6 AMVETS 6:30 PM	7 SON's 6:30 PM	8	9 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion 5:00 PM	10
11	12 United Veterans Honor Guard 5:30 PM	13 House Committee 5:00 PM	14	15	16 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion 5:00 PM	17
18	19 Finance Committee 5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	20 Auxiliary 6:00 PM	21 General Membership 6:30 PM	22	23 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion 5:00 PM	24 Salute to Veterans Golf Tournament 1:00 PM
25	26 United Veterans Honor Guard 5:30 PM	27	28 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	29	30 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion 5:00 PM	31



Scott Allen, Jack Bailey, James Baker, Larry Beaudry, Harley Bowlin, Leslie Buckner, Carol Brown, Ted Campbell, Sheri Colon, Donald Cronin, Randi Douglas, Alan French, James Galbreath, Debra Godwin, Richard Gregory, Mindy Grimaldo, Robert Harmon, Edwin Harris, Dorothy Henderson, Steve Hesseling, Bill Hurliman, Gary Jewett, Rory Lay, Kathy Lucht, Matthew Leis, Terry MacLean, Chester McDonough, Richard McJunkin, Vernon Medeiros, Wallace Meekers, Gene Menke, Richard Moffitt, Jeffrey Monahan, Ursula Niedzialek, Kevin O'Connor, Juan Palacios, Wade Pankey, Christopher Parks, Chuck Pattishall, Bruce Peterson, Armand Pilotte, Phil Prater, Richard Randall, Robert Rapp, Lyman Reed, Teri Richards, Douglas Ridgeway, Kenneth Rogers, Allen Schmidt, Thomas Self, Michael Slipper, Curtis Talmadge, Rudy Taron, Chris Trudo, Shawn Taylor, Austin Warner, Harold Weinrich, Jonni Whitney, Joanne Wilgus, Jay Wilson

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SALUTE TO VETERANS
GOLF CLASSIC
SATURDAY
JULY 24, 2021
TEE TIME - 1:00 PM
Individual Player \$55.00
Team of Four - \$220

Open to all players,
veteran and non-veteran
Registration Deadline is July 17, 2020

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