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**Commander:** The Sun is starting to again appear in the sky, Yippee! With that comes more motorcycles on the road to include our Legion riders. While driving keep an eye open, their lives and families depend on your awareness.

May is the last month for the election of new legion officers. Your experiences, willingness to be involved and vote are the key to the posts success in the coming year. Vacancies are: Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice commander, Sergeant at Arms and two at large members. The remaining board members have a great deal of experience and will offer assistance to any new leader. The final elections will be held at the Legion meeting the third Wednesday of the month, you must have your membership card with you to vote. See you there.

#### Gale Sears Commander

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: It's time again for our annual Mother's Day Brunch. Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve. Bring your mother in for a special treat. Mother's eat free. Terry Ward

**Adjutant:** Thank you everyone not only did we meet the 100% goal, but we exceeded it. Thank you everyone for renewing your membership.

**Chaplain:** As I look out on the Legion I'm so happy to be a part of what we do for vets. Just being there when a Vet needs to talk or to help them if we can. Legion 21 is the best thing in McMinnville and I thank God that I can be a part of it.

As a member of the Honor Guard I pray for the family members when a vet has gone home. The battle is over they have gone to receive their reward. We have a great country so please take the time to thank God for what He has given to all of us.



I'm so happy when I hear that a vet has come home at last. They were "MIA's for so long. May the Good Lord Bless and keep all safe.

Thomas Clayton Chaplain

Please mark your calendar, on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. we will have the first in history all American Legion Posts in Yamhill County Social Potluck. All American Legion Posts are invited to gather and bond with other posts at American Legion Post 21. No agenda other than meet our fellow comrades and our veteran families and have fun. For more information contact Angel Mendoza 503 435-8227

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#### WELCOME HOME AT LAST

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced in April 2018 that the remains of U.S. servicemen, recently accounted-for from World War II from the U.S.S. Oklahoma are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

Fireman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Charles R. Ogle, MO – 20 Water Tender 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Porter L. Rich, SD - 27 Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class John E. Savidge, NJ - 20 Fireman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class John D. Wheeler, AR - 26 Seaman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Frank Wood, OH - 25 Chief Water Tender Paul R. Wright, MO - 41



On Dec. 7, 1941, Navy seaman Ogle, Rich, Savidge, Wheeler, Wood and Wright were assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor. The USS Oklahoma was attacked by Japanese aircraft and sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen. Navy personnel recovered the remains of the deceased crew, which were subsequently interred in the Halawa and Nu'uanu Cemeteries. In 1947, an effort was made to recover and identifying the fallen. The remains were disinterred but only 35 men from the USS Oklahoma were identified. The unidentified remains were buried in 46 plots at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, a military board classified those who could not be identified as non-recoverable.

In April 2015, renewed efforts were made to identify the unknowns associated with the USS Oklahoma and the remains were exhumed. Ogle, Rich, Savidge, Wheeler, Wood and Wright were recently identified from those remains.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 died during the war. Currently there are 72,934 service members (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II. These names are recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others missing from WWII.

# Mother's Day Brunch May 13th



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ALL MOMS EAT FOR FREE!

## I TAUGHT MY SON TO STAND UP FOR HIMSELF



# AND HE DECIDED TO STAND UP FOR HIS ENTIRE COUNTRY I COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD



The Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) transported and flight-tested aircraft and towed targets for the U.S. Military during World War II. More than 25,000 female pilots applied but only 1,074 completed the rigorous training and were accepted. The WASP delivered more than 12,260 aircraft, often with only a road map for navigation. Congress disbanded them in 1944 without benefits.

In the 1970s the Air Force announced that it would begin to accept women for pilot training, the media reported the story as "this would be the first-time women could fly for the US Military. The surviving WASP members rose up to demand the recognition they deserved. Though opposed by the American Legion and other veterans' groups in 1977 Congress acknowledged their military service and granted them Veterans status with limited benefits. More recognitions followed the first WASP received discharge certificates in 1979 almost 35 years after serving. In 1984 the WASP's received World War II Victory Medals. Those who served one year were also awarded American Theater Campaign medals. In March 2010 more than 200 surviving WASP attended a ceremony and were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

**Auxiliary:** We are approaching the end of our Fiscal year, and I must say the amazing group of Auxiliary Sisters have had a great year. Lots of changes and accomplishments! We have learned a lot as we go.

We will be having our annual Cinco De Mayo on May 5th from 6 to 8 pm. Cost is \$10.00. Goya is PIC.

We are working on a ramp for a WWII Vet at Old Stone Village with the most amazing help from Mike Paul and Frosty, THANK YOU!!! We will be taking care of A Lady Vet's yard on Monday the 23rd with the help of Newberg - Post 57. It's great to see Posts work together for the same mission!!

We will be having our Elections on May 15th, so if you have anyone you would like to see as an Officer please get your nominations to Sim. Our Nominations so far are:

President - Debra Godwin Vice - Glena Smith Treasurer - Becky Berweger Secretary - Tracy Wittrock Historian – Goya Hernandez Chaplain - Jeanne Clayton

Sgt At Arms - Bj Wilgus Membership: Sim Sears

Voting and installation will take place at our next meeting May 15th, we will also be having a pot luck that night. So bring your favorite family dish and a friend!! I am also taking names for anyone that is interested in going to convention as a Delegate. We have 4 Delegate spots and 4 Alternates. If we have more interested, then we have spots we will have a vote at our May meeting.

#### Debra Godwin, President - Glena Smith, Secretary

**Son's:** Elections were held last month and the new Officers for SAL are:

Commander – Gene Hamilton 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Angel Mendoza 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Steve Kindel Adjutant/Finance – Terry Naig Sgt at Arms – Brandon Lepkowksi Chaplain – Pete Jensen

The Son's wishes all the best for their officers for the upcoming year and a good turnout for all the meetings, come help the SAL grow. *Terry Naig, Adjutant* 

#### McMinnville Baseball - Opening Day May 12, 2018 – 9:30 am

Post 21 is again sponsoring baseball and softball teams in McMinnville. We have been invited to attend the opening day ceremonies at Joe Dancer Park. This is a wonderful opportunity to make our presence in the community known in a very positive way. If you have a military cap, a vest, or anything that shows you are a Veteran, wear it proudly and come and show your support for the community!



A fun packed filled day of fishing honoring our veterans and active duty military representatives for their service to our nation.

Snacks and beverages provided in the morning and lunch from 11:30 – 12:45.

Door prize drawing at noon. Day fishing license are provided for those who cannot afford them. Donations for day licenses are welcomed for all others.













With the Support of Post 21 Executive Board and the General Membership, we are sponsoring a public relations program between Post 21, the local community and the McMinnville police department. "Action Figures to Heroes" will be seeking and accepting new to slightly used nine to twelve-inch action figure superhero figures. They will be cleaned, disinfected and delivered to the police department.

McMinnville Police will hand the superheroes to children when faced with a crisis situation to help calm and comfort them. Already 30 have been delivered with 24 waiting to be delivered. I expect this to be an on-going and continuous program. A drop-off box has been set up in the lounge to collect figures. Please donate to this worthy cause.

Contact Rich Pimm 971-241-7904 or 503-472-7652. Cash donations are greatly accepted.

Welcome to May, my fellow Riders.

Our first round of nominations occurs this month, I know there are going to be some vacancies in our leadership positions, so be thinking about who you would like to see at the helm of the Riders.

Thank you, Mike Paull, for spearheading the ride to Newberg to visit the vintage car museum, what a gorgeous day it turned out to be for a ride!!!

Thank you to the Army for putting on a great breakfast, I made sure to get there early enough to get food, and it was pretty damn tasty, I might add.

Kudos to Mike Paull for his work on rebuilding an elderly veteran's ramp into their home. Awesome work my friend. It's acts like these that shed a light on the good we do for our fellow veterans and our communities. Thank You!!

Since I'm talking about riding, the weather is turning in our favor for riding, as well as other people being on the roads. Whether you are riding solo or in a group, we MUST stay ever vigilant on the roads, no one is going to look for and watch out for us except for US!!! Scan your intersections, driveways and crosswalks for vehicles or pedestrians that may enter your path. Watch the vehicles that are traveling around you, be mindful of the idiot that is on their phone texting or talking as they are a lot less likely to see you.

May's meeting is on the 23rd at 7:00 pm, come one come all.

First Gear, OUT! Chris Sieber.



#### OPEN FOR PUBLIC TASTING!

\$5.00 For All You Wish To Taste!!!

**TASTING BEGINS AT 11:30 am.** (water will be available)

Judging: 9:00 – 10:30 AM (a select panel of three Judges)

One entry per family. Quantity should be a full pot! Your choice of chili!!

TEXAS STYLE; KANSAS STYLE; NORTH CAROLINA STYLE CALIFORNIA STYLE; OREGON STYLE.

Super-Hot, Hot, Semi-hot, Mild ...



#### HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

On May 5, 1868, General Logan, leader of an organization for

Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed.



The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was

chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor their dead on separate days until after World War 1.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known,

originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.





Join us for a Memorial Day Barbeque Monday, May 28 from 1:00 – 5:00. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salad and Baked Beans.

#### Flag Day

#### June 14

Please join us as we celebrate Flag Day on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at approximately 7:30



pm. We will assemble outside to Honor, Respect and Retire one flag. This American flag will represent all the flags that we have gathered over the course of the last two years. We will be conducting The American Legion accepted version of Honoring retired flag by the incarnation of fire. Make plans to attend. More information in next month's newsletter.

#### **BATTLE OF THE BRANCHES**



1<sup>st</sup> – Marines 2<sup>nd</sup> –Air Force 3<sup>rd</sup> –Navy 4<sup>th</sup> – Army

Thank you everyone who came and participated in the Battle of the Branches Breakfast. And thank you to all the volunteers who came and helped make this an awesome annual event for Post 21.

#### Hello from the Manager.

I wanted to take the time to introduce you all to our new bookkeeper, Karen! Karen is a wonderful addition to the

Legion. She has helped us organize and create order in the office. She is already very dedicated and is showing tremendous enthusiasm towards her job. Her warm bubbly nature makes her a joy to work with. Welcome to the team Karen, great to have you with us.





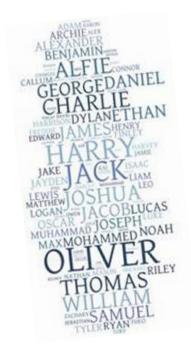
## May 2018

| Sunday                            | Monday                               | Tuesday                          | Wednesday  | Thursday               | Friday                                  | Saturday                              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
|                                   |                                      | 1                                | Sons Meeting<br>6:30                                   | 3                      | Prime Rib Dinner<br>Specials 6:30       | 5<br>Cinco de Mayo<br>Feast 6-8 pm    |
| 6                                 | 7<br>House<br>Committee<br>4:00 pm   | 8<br>Rambling<br>Rejects 6:00 pm | 9<br>Legal<br>Committee<br>5:30<br>DAV/DAVA<br>6:30    | 10<br>Equestrians 6:00 | 11<br>Prime Rib Dinner<br>Specials 6:30 | 12<br>Chili Cook Off 9:30             |
| 13<br>Mother's Day<br>Brunch 10-2 | 14<br>Executive<br>Committee<br>6:30 | 15<br>Auxiliary 6:30             | 16<br>Activities 5:30<br>General<br>Membership<br>6:30 | 17<br>Hunters 6:00     | 18<br>Prime Rib Dinner<br>Specials 6:30 | 19<br>Take a Soldier<br>Fishing Event |
| 20                                | 21                                   | 22<br>AmVets 6:30                | 23<br>Legion Riders<br>Meeting 7:00                    | 24                     | 25<br>Prime Rib Dinner<br>Specials 6:30 | 26                                    |
| 27                                | 28<br>Memorial Day<br>Ride/BBQ       | 29                               | 30   | 1                      | 2                                       | 3                                     |

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sorry everyone I did not receive the Birthday list his month.

Hoping all a very Happy Birthday!







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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### May

5 – Cinco De Mayo Dinner Special

19 – Take a Soldier Fishing – Haag Lake

13 – Mother's Day Brunch

28 – Memorial Day BBQ

#### June

9 – Social Potluck with surrounding Posts

17 – Father's Day Brunch

23 – Boy Scouts BBQ

27-30 Oregon Convention

30 – VFW Fundraiser

#### July

14 – Veterans Support Golf Tournament

