

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 21

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COMMANDER:



Sorry, no input from Commander Farley this month he is on a much-needed vacation in Mazatlán. He did send a picture though! Not sure if it was to make us all jealous, or to prove he was there!

1st Vice: Band of Brothers will be meeting on February 7th at the Evergreen Imax Theater with a Recognition of Vietnam Era Vets. All Veterans are welcome.

Historian: Leroy Brown, our historian is forming a committee to plan and implement a celebration for McMinnville Post 21 Centennial in August 2020. Anyone interested contact Leroy at 408-835-1807.

ADJUTANT: What happened to January, if you do not have your 2019 membership card your membership is now past due. Our membership renewal is now at 86%, we just barely met the February 85% goal. The next goal is 90% by March 13th please, please send your dues.

**BATTLE OF THE
BRANCHES STARTING
IN MARCH!**



RIDERS: It is that time of year where we begin to look outside and wonder if the weather will ever get better so that we may get on our motor bikes and ride. Grand illusions of gliding over the road and the roar of tail pipes in our ears with music blaring as we go merrily down the road. OK. Back to reality.



The ALR of Post 21 are beginning to think about and plan rides and poker runs this spring and summer. We appreciate all the help from our Brothers and Sisters of Post 21 Families with our activities and events, **you** help us make it possible! We had a rider who was involved in a motorcycle crash, help is needed - go to the American Legion Post 21 Riders page or McMinnville American Legion Post 21 Historians Page and take a look to see how you can help this individual and family, it is greatly appreciated.

The Post 21 Riders are going to start bringing back the Meat Raffle starting 1 Feb 2019. Friday nights along with the Prime Rib dinner. We hope to have the meat raffle at least once a month and maybe more!

Oregon ROMP is tentatively scheduled for Labor Day weekend in Seaside, more info to come.

The 50th Anniversary of the Frank E. Evans will take place on June 3rd, 2019 at Post 21.

Western ROMP is scheduled for 30 May-2 June at Post 60 in Laughlin NV. More info at www.riderspost60.com

Our own Jim (Coach) Connelly who is the Riders Historian, has published a Historians book available at Staples.

We have a Post 21 Riders Scholarship available to graduating students from Perrydale, Amity, McMinnville, Dayton, Sheridan, Willamina, and Yamhill-Carlton. Students can apply if their guardians are veterans.

Post 21 McMinnville be proud of our accomplishments, we still have much work to do, there are veterans out there who need our help.

Also Battle of the Branches Breakfast is getting ready to kick off. Come out and support all of the Branches.

Jerry George
Riders Director Post 21





American Legion Auxiliary

AUXILIARY: Well January has come and went. What a busy 2 months we have had. The Auxiliary is excited to have February to take a deep breath and relax month.

We held our first "Backpack For A Vet" hand out on 1/8/2019, it went better than we expected. We made grilled cheese sandwiches with a bowl of homemade bean and bacon soup (made by our famous Donna). We had 3 men and 1 lady show up that day. The Auxiliary had the opportunity to sit and talk with them and just listen. It was amazing and we learned a lot about how they survive and what they need. The comments they made to us that touched me the most was, just how welcome they felt when they came to our post, that it felt like family and home!!! That my American Legion Family is what we have become, a place of friendship, family, warmth, and home. For this I thank each and every one of you!!

We will start our nominations for Auxiliary Officers at our next meeting, February 19, at 6pm.

Auxiliary is hosting a bus to Chinook Winds Casino on February 9th. The bus will pick everyone up at 10am at the American Legion. The cost is \$10 a seat on the bus. All proceeds will go to the Auxiliary, helping Veterans. Tracy Wittrock is the PIC, so if anyone is interested please get with her and sign up. She also has a list of all the perks the Casino will be offering us. Sounds like a great time to me!!!

Now for the best part of January!!! The Auxiliary was asked to participate in the Point in Time Homeless count that the Federal Government holds each year. We were asked to be the point of count for the homeless Veterans. We held this count on 1/30/2019. The Auxiliary cooked a full meal, of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, rolls, and dessert. Linda and Rob Liebenow from Department came to help!! Thank you Linda and Rob! We had several resources from different agency's available there to help. The most exciting thing for our homeless veterans was the free haircuts they got!!! Thank you so much Bradford's Barber Shop for volunteering your time to come and make a difference in our veterans' lives. Watching their smiles, excitement, and their transformation was over the top! The American Legion Post 21 cannot Thank You enough!!! I would also like to thank our club manager Gina for supporting the Auxiliary in everything we need. Thank you, Gina, for believing in us!!

I know I can get kind of mushy at times but when I sit back and reflect on my last 2 years as the Unit 21 President and see our growth, and the changes we have made as A Unit I must say I am a very PROUD part of Unit 21. What a great SISTERHOOD we have. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds for us!!



Following is a summary of News Stories of the most recent identified POW/MIA members from World War II and the Korean War.



World War II

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Lynn W. Hadfield. On March 21, 1945 his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and went missing during a combat mission from France to Germany. Hadfield was accounted for on December 13, 2018 and will be buried March 21, 2019, in Sandy, Utah.

U.S. Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Howard T. Lurcott, On January 21, 1944, the B-24J bomber aircraft he was piloting crashed into Tarawa lagoon shortly after takeoff. Lurcott and the nine other servicemen aboard the aircraft were killed, he was accounted for on January 28, 2019.

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Ted Hall. On December 7, 1941 Pvt. Hall was killed during the attack on the USS Oklahoma he, was accounted for on Jan. 16, 2019.

Baker 2nd Class David L. Kesler. On December 7, 1941 Baker 2nd Class David Kesler was killed during the attack on the USS Oklahoma, he was accounted for on Jan. 17, 2019.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Frank A. Hryniewicz. On December 7, 1942 Navy Seaman 1st Class Frank Hryniewicz was killed during the attack on the USS Oklahoma, he was accounted for on Jan. 28, 2019.



Korean War

Army Pfc. James C. Williams, on July 20, 1950, Williams was killed while trying to transport patients from the Taejon Air Strip. Despite multiple attempts to recover Williams' remains, he was declared non-recoverable on Jan. 16, 1956. He was accounted for on December 20, 2019.

Army Sgt. Frank J. Suliman, On Dec. 1, 1950, Suliman was captured and taken to the CPVF prisoner of war camp at Pukchin-Tarigol, North Korea, where he reportedly died in March 1951.

On July 27, 2018, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) turned over 55 boxes, purported to contain the remains of U.S. servicemen killed during the Korean War. Sgt. Suliman was accounted for on Jan 15, 2019.

Army Pvt. Winfred L. Reynolds, He was killed on April 26, 1951, while caring for wounded Soldiers. Because of ongoing fighting in the area, Reynolds' remains could not be recovered. Accounted for January 16, 2019.

February 2019

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
					1 Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	2 Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
3 Four Chaplains Ceremony 12:00 PM Super Bowl Potluck 1:00 PM	4 House Committee 4:00 PM	5	6 SON's 6:30 PM	7	8 Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	9
10	11	12	13 DAV/DAR 6:30 PM	14	15 Valentine's - Date Night - NO PRIME RIB TONIGHT 6:00 PM	16
17	18 President's Day Ice Cream Social 4:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	19 Auxiliary 6:00 PM	20 Activities Committee 5:30 PM General Membership 6:30 PM	21	22 Prime Rib Dinner Special 6:00 PM	23
24 DIST 2 MEET - Post 9 1:00 PM	25	26 AMVETS 6:30 PM	27 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	28		



John Ambrose, Rod Atkinson, Jan Bryson, Shawn Buller, Larry Green, Robert Hanna, Earl Harnden, George Hudson, Jerry Hunt, Linda Hurliman, Ronald Kessinger, Gerald Kpoczynski, Craig Luis, Stephen Lusby, Patrick Malott, James Marshall, Richard Melhoff, Richard Olson, Kenneth Patocka, Alan Shoonover, Bill Spofford, Andrew Wallace, James Watts, Richard White, Walter Wright.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February

Feb 7 – Band of Brother tribute
to Vietnam era Veterans.

Feb 15 – Valentines Date Night

Feb 18 – Ice Cream Social

Feb 24 – Dist 2 meeting – Post 9

March

Mar 10 – Marine Breakfast

Mar 24 – Air Force Breakfast

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

Veteran Band of Brothers: 11:30 a.m.
theater building, Evergreen Museum
Campus, 500 N.E. Michael King Smith
Way, McMinnville. For veterans,
spouses and widows. Lunch is available
at the Liberty Belle Café. Information:
Stan de Stwolinski, 971-241-5101.

Our Mission Statement



This meeting will be honoring Vietnam era Veterans.

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

Vetsclub21.org

Next membership meeting is February 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
if you want to know what is going on come to a meeting, get involved.
We need everyone's input.

It's your Post!

February 20, 2019 at 6:30 – Membership Meeting!