

# AMERICAN LEGION

**McMINNVILLE POST 21 - 126 NE ATLANTIC STREET – McMINNIVILLE, OREGON 97128 – 503 435-2218**

**Commander:** Hello again, It's nice that we have the good Lord to look over us. Thank you, Lord.

I want to instill how important the buddy check is for our fellow veterans. Especially our elderly veterans that live alone with health issues. Also, any and all veterans. A buddy check on a friend found him deceased in his home. Who knows how long he may have been lying on the floor deceased before he was found. God Bless you George Anderson and rest in peace my friend. So please let's not forget our buddy check on our Veterans. We need to take care of them.

The Post Valentines Dinner was a big success especially with the ladies receiving a rose. A lady had her birthday party on Valentine's Day at our Post, so she received two roses also we sang happy birthday. It was nice and it made her feel good. Made her eyes watery. The roses were donated by a Son of the American Legion member. Thank you, Jan Fourier.

A family held a birthday party for their young daughter with several kids being kids. A lot of laughter, kids being kids with their parents on their case. LOL. What a beautiful sight and sound. When they finished, they left the Honor Room as they found it. Tables and chairs in their place and clean. Thank you very much.

There are about 17 residents from a local retirement home that enjoy coming to the Post for Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner. In this group is a retired Colonel by the name of Robert Parry, United State Air Force. A Veteran of World War II, Korean War and the Vietnam War. He just had his 99th birthday. He also a member of our Post. He likes it a lot when you address him as "Colonel." He has earned that title.

We have a new program where any World War II Veteran can eat free. They earned a place at the dinner table. Also, along this line we have free morning coffee from 8 AM to 10 AM for any Veteran.

I was talking to an older Veteran who told me that he likes coming to the Club because it has a friendly and warm atmosphere. It's nice to hear this, it is a GREAT COMPLEMENT to the Post.

If you have any suggestions or ideas on how to make the Post shine more, please let me know. Your input is very valuable and important to the Post so please submit your ideas. REMEMBER IT'S YOUR POST.

Thank you for listening to me. May the Good Lord keep you and your family safe. God Bless you all.

*Juan M. Palacios, Post 21 Commander, Semper Fi*



**Auxiliary:** February was a planning month for the coming season. We will welcome our president, Gregoria Hernandez back and jump right into officer nominations in March. We also had a presentation by a Senior at Mac High who represented his group, Mission Mac High, to raise money for Doernbecher Children's Hospital. We voted to make a donation and further apprised the student with our scholarship opportunities. Community involvement with our youth continues to be a goal.

Our immediate goal is to improve communication and let all our members know about all our monthly activities. We will kick this drive off with a potluck meeting March 21 and also discuss the duties of the officers in combination with nominations.



**Riders:** Get to know your American Legion Riders – Post21 has approximately 60 ALR members, which makes your Rider program the largest in the entire state, made up of individuals from our General Membership, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion.

Your American Legion Rider program has a proud heritage, that continues to be an active part in the local community by providing recognition, tribute, and acknowledgement to our veterans, to ensure their sacrifices and they will never be forgotten. We also provide escort during local memorials for our fallen heroes, participate in parades. We sponsor or offer involvement in many motorcycle runs benefiting numerous charities for local veterans, children, and local charities.

Today there are over 110,000 American Legion Riders nationwide, from over 2,000 chapters throughout the United States and in at least three foreign countries.

The McMinnville Post21 Riders group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, if you or someone you know is interested in joining one of the best group of riders in our Nation, I encourage you to reach out to someone wearing an American Legion Riders vest or be a guest at our next meeting.

*Bill Linderman, Assistant Director*



**Sons:** The SAL is proud to help where we can with meals. We will be helping serve food, wash dishes, and bus table at all the upcoming Battle of the Branches Breakfasts.

We are looking forward to all upcoming events so we can help with those where needed.

Please remember that when it snows and the roads are icy please to drive carefull and be safe so as not to injure anyone.

*Terry Naig, Commander*

**Chaplain:** To all my Legion members. here we are into a new year and there is so much that is going on at the Post. That is the great thing with our Post we have so much going on and the many ways we are helping all our Veterans. As your Chaplain I'm here to help in any way that I can. My prayers are always going out for all of you. I'm sorry that you didn't get my post from last month. Somehow it got lost in the big black hole. Well now to move on.

As many may know we helped sponsor the Mac High Cheerleading team for their recent competition at Nationals in Dallas, TX. They did an amazing job and came in 3rd place. This is another way that we support our youth.

I would like to let everyone know of the Legion Family members our post has lost in 2021-2022, may we never forget them.

Ryan Andrew – Sons, 1987 – 2022  
Donna Raye Reed – Auxiliary 1959 – 2022  
Marvin Worden – Legion, 1927 – 2022  
Joseph Bloodgood – 1958 – 2022  
Virgil Lucht, Sons, 2022.  
Randy Webb, Legion, 1950 – 2022.  
Stevie Brown, Auxiliary, 1951 – 2022.  
Donald Sieler, Legion, Sept. 16, 2022  
Raymond M. Mader, Legion, 1928 - 2022  
Larry Terry – 1947 – 2022  
Jack Williams, Legion, 1934 - 2022

Sick call.

Terry Ward and the cancer he's dealing with.

Jeanne Clayton - broke her waist and will have surgery on Feb. 24th.

Mike Morris with his health and pray that he can get an end in his dealing with the VA.

The loss Col. John Pease Sr. who was the first fighter pilot to fly into D-Day invasion during WWII. He was 103 years old.

In closing if you need prayers, please give me a call and let me know. My prayers go up for you.

*Chaplain Thomas Clayton*

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## NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

### MARCH 29, 2023

On National Vietnam War Veterans Day, we honor all those who bravely served in the Vietnam War and who sacrificed all on behalf of our Nation. National Vietnam War Veterans Day is a way to "reaffirm one of our most fundamental obligations: to show all who have worn the uniform of the United States the respect and dignity they deserve, and to honor their sacrifice by serving them as well as they served us."

The Vietnam War is "a story of patriots who braved the line of fire, who cast themselves into harm's way to save a friend, who fought hour after hour, day after day to preserve the liberties we hold dear."

For almost two decades, Americans raised their right hands and committed to serve and defend our Constitution as uniformed members of the United States Armed Forces during a tumultuous period in our country's history. Throughout the years of the Vietnam War, 9 million Americans earned the title of United States Veteran. Today and every day, we honor their bravery and commitment and give thanks to a generation of Americans who valiantly fought in service of the country they love while recognizing the continuing impact on so many veterans of the Vietnam conflict, along with their families and survivors. We will always remember those we lost and honor those who came home. "We make no distinction between veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or who were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War period," the Commemoration website explains. "All were called to serve, and none could self-determine where they would serve."

Every service member of the Vietnam generation should know that their sacrifices mattered and that their service made a difference. The names etched in The Wall at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial remind us of our loved ones who gave their all and never came home. To the families, and survivors of the more than 58,000 service members whose names are memorialized in the black granite, we

pledge to never forget the eternal sacrifice of your loved ones and what you have sacrificed for the Nation.

To the families of the over 1,500 service members who remain missing and unaccounted for, know that our Nation's efforts to bring them home will never stop.

We pledge our steadfast care and support to our Vietnam veterans, as we do for all of our veterans. We will honor our sacred obligation to you and your family. And to each of the 6 million Vietnam War era veterans who are with us today, we honor your service and all that you have done for our Nation.

"Yet, in one of the war's most profound tragedies, many of these men and women came home to be shunned or neglected — to face treatment unbefitting their courage and a welcome unworthy of their example," the proclamation continued later.

"We must never let this happen again."





The most recent identified POW/MIA.

## World War II

**Army Air Forces 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Porter Pile – 24.** Lost September 27, 1944 while serving as the Navigator aboard a B-24H Liberator Bomber when the aircraft was hit by enemy fire. Several of the crew were able to bail out, but surviving witnesses who survived did not report seeing him escape the aircraft. Six of the nine crew members were killed. Porter's body was not recovered and he was never reported as a prisoner of war. Accounted for January 30, 2023.

**Army Air Forces 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. George Winger – 25.** Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator he was piloting was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed during Operation Tidal Wave. His remains were not identified following the war. Accounted for January 24, 2023.

**Army Pvt. Leroy Slenker – 28.** Lost April 9, 1942 Japanese Forces invaded the Phillippine Islands following intense fighting. Pvt. Slenker was captured and died as a prisoner of war. Accounted for February 3, 2023.

## Korea

**Army Cpl. Donald Dupont – 22.** Lost December 2, 1950 during a battle with enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered, and there is no evidence that he was ever a prisoner of war. Accounted for January 24, 2023.



## U.S. SUBMARINE FOUND AFTER 95 YEARS

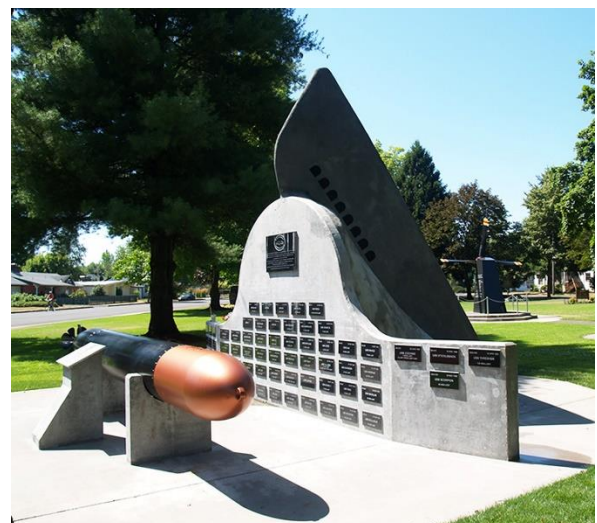
The wreckage of a U.S. submarine from World War II was found off the coast of Hokkaido in northern Japan — after disappearing almost 80 years ago.

*Albacore* had one of the most successful combat records of all Navy submarines in World War II when it sank near the strait between Hokkaido and Honshu islands, a main shipping channel on Nov. 7, 1944. Japanese military records report an underwater explosion, probably caused by a submarine striking a mine, at the time.

The USS *Albacore* earned nine battle stars, four Presidential Unit Citations and is credited with sinking at least 10 enemy vessels. That record included sinking IJN *Taiho* Japan's newest and largest armored aircraft carrier in the Battle of the Philippine Sea in June of 1944. The Navy added that the submarine may have sunk three other ships on its 11 combat patrols.

Strong currents, marine growth, and poor visibility on site made it challenging to fully document the wreck or obtain comprehensive images. However, documented modifications made to the *Albacore* prior to her final patrol confirmed it was the *Albacore*.

*"Most importantly, the wreck represents the final resting place of Sailors that gave their life in defense of the nation and should be respected by all parties as a war grave,"*



Albacore (SS-218) Memorial in Beaverton Oregon, thanks to the Oregon Loggers Chapter of Submarine Vets and The American Legion Post-124 Beaverton, Oregon.



# March

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
			1 <a href="#">SON's</a> 6:30 PM	2	3 <a href="#">Prime Rib Dinner</a> <a href="#">Special - Legion KP</a> 5:00 PM	4 <a href="#">Cancer Bingo</a> 1:00 PM
5 <a href="#">Legion Bingo</a> <a href="#">Navy Breakfast</a> 8:00 AM	6	7 <a href="#">House Committee</a> 5:00 AM	8	9	10 <a href="#">Prime Rib Dinner</a> <a href="#">Special - Auxiliary KP</a> 5:00 PM	11
12 <a href="#">Legion Bingo</a>	13 <a href="#">Activities Committee</a> 5:30 PM <a href="#">Executive Committee</a> 6:30 PM	14 <a href="#">Auxiliary</a> 6:00 PM	15 <a href="#">General Membership</a> 6:30 PM	16	17 <a href="#">Prime Rib Dinner</a> <a href="#">Special - Sons KP</a> 5:00 PM	18
19 <a href="#">Legion Bingo</a> <a href="#">Air Force Breakfast</a> 8:00 AM	20	21	22 <a href="#">Legion Rider Meeting</a> 7:00 PM	23	24 <a href="#">Prime Rib Dinner</a> <a href="#">Special - Riders KP</a> 5:00 PM	25
26 <a href="#">Legion Bingo</a>	27	28	29 <a href="#">Vietnam Veterans</a> <a href="#">Memorial Day</a>	30	31 <a href="#">Prime Rib Dinner</a> <a href="#">Special - Legion KP</a> 5:00 PM	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tim Ashley, Leroy Brown, Richard Burt, Thomas Connell, Jim "Coach" Connelly, David Constans, Aaron Covington, Robert Duncalf, Thomas Estes, Brian Finley, Tim Fuller, Mark Gensman, Charles Gillespie, Craig Graham, Tony Irving, Eli Jackson, Gordon James, Arthur Johnson, Jerry Kennedy, Gregg Kramer, Lorne Lauder, David Lucas, Thomas McKinney, James Moad, Michael Niehus, Michael Page Robert Painter, David Pittock, Art Pohl, Cheryl Saville-Miller, Simon Steely, Donald Thiessen, Terry Vejr, Jerome Wagner, Randall Whitehorn, Wayne Willis

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## OFFICERS

### THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander – Juan Palacios  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Vacant  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Jim Connelly  
JAG – Steve Randles  
Finance – Gale Sears  
Adjutant – Shirley Brown  
Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar  
Historian – Leroy Brown  
Chaplain – Thomas Clayton  
Service Officer – Armond Pilotte  
At Large – Bob Berweger  
At Large – Dan Brown  
At Large – Rich Pimm

### AUXILIARY

President – Goya Hernandez  
Vice/Treasurer – Becky Berweger  
Secretary – Diane Heaton  
Membership – Sim Sears  
Historian – Glenna Smith  
Service Officer – Carol Doege  
Chaplain – Susan Haley  
Sgt at Arms – Gail Wilson

### Sons of the American Legion

Commander/Finance – Terry Naig  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Bill Lindeman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Jim VanSoyck  
Adjutant – Del White  
Sgt at Arms – Brandon Lepkowski  
Chaplain – Pete Jenson

### The American Legion Riders

Director – Terry Naig  
Asst. Director – Bill Linndeman  
Secretary – Leanne Schnell  
Treasurer – Sim Sears  
Sgt at Arms – Robert De Kar  
Road Capt. – Tony Amodeo  
Historian – Jim Connelly



## ANNOUNCING THE ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE BRANCHES BREAKFAST

\$11.00 – Adults \$5.00 Children under 12

### Sunday

Navy/Coast Guard – March 5<sup>th</sup>

Air Force – March 19<sup>th</sup>

Marines – April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Army – April 16<sup>th</sup>



## American Legion Auxiliary Membership Potluck/Open House Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:00



### Potluck and regular meeting.

The Auxiliary Member who brings the most eligible new members with an application will receive a t-shirt.

50/50 drawing and more (Must be present to win)

Meet your Officers and get to know your fellow Auxiliary members.

### Bring potential new members.

Member forms are available at the Post.

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American Legion Post #21

Questions? Contact Jenni Burhart 503-559-4581 or the Post 503-472-2212

**We are on the Web!**

**Visit us at: [Vetsclub.org](http://Vetsclub.org).**

Please help us by leaving a great review for our restaurant and lounge. Visit <https://g.page/Legion21/review?rc> or just search for American Legion Post 21 on Google Maps and click "write a review."