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Commander:

Greetings to one and all. Hope you are doing well and enjoying Gods beauty around you.

The Post experienced an awesome November. It started with some of the local schools inviting many of our Veterans to be a part of their Veterans Day celebrations. Being one of those who participated in these gave me great joy and pride as one who served our country. I want to say thank you to the McMinnville High School for not only honoring us but for also being interested in what it's like to be a Veteran. We answered their questions and enjoyed visiting with them for about 1½ hours.

I would also like to say thank you to Dayton High School who invited many of us to their Veterans Day assembly. About 30 Veterans attended this. The school not only had a great presentation but also an awesome band. One of their members played taps for us and was so good that I couldn't tell if it was a recording or live. I enjoyed chatting with the band teacher and this young man after the assembly. Another treat for me was they served us yummy tacos. And let me tell you they were outstanding as well. The biggest honor for me though was that my grandson experienced all of this with me.

On November 9th we once again held the Veterans Day Parade. It went down 3rd street in McMinnville. This year we had more participants and attendees than ever before. As always, the McMinnville Praise church, where we started from, let us use their parking lot and offered fantastic breakfast burritos and goodies to anyone who was hungry. I would like to thank all the local businesses and merchants who helped make this event possible.

The Post served free lunch to all Veterans on November 11th from 11 am to 2pm. We had so many participate that we ended up serving off the regular menu because we ran out of turkey breast. Some of us ended up helping wherever we were needed.

I'd like to end here by wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and time with your friends and family.

May God richly bless you and keep you safe.

Juan Palacios
Your Commander

Adjutants Desk:

Whether you join with a passion to serve your country, a determination to learn new skills and bettering yourself, or even a desire to travel the world, everyday people join the Army for all sorts of reasons. However, according to a Task & Purpose interview, U.S. Army Sgt. Breanna Jessop's inspiration for joining the Army was simply that she did not want to reach the end of her life and realize she hadn't made an impact. But make an impact she did.

When the 82nd Airborne Division was called to support noncombatant evacuation operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, in the fall of 2021, Jessop, a member of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division, assumed the role of noncommissioned officer in charge of the Karzai Airport Chapel. Always putting the well-being of soldiers first, Jessop used her ingenuity to ensure 4,000 U.S. military personnel and coalition forces had access to basic hygiene items when resources were limited or nonexistent. Notably, at the height of the mission, Jessop also provided phenomenal leadership to oversee the operations of a makeshift orphanage, which had been recently formed due to the increased number of unaccompanied minors following the events in Afghanistan.

She led the mission to assist in caring for all children in the orphanage, who ranged from ages seven days old to 17 years old. She ensured the protection of over 400 displaced children who were safeguarded throughout evacuation operations and enemy attacks. However, she not only protected the well-being of these children but also protected their dignity as human beings.

Jessop displayed devotion and selfless leadership under duress during the high-pressure and dangerous fall of Kabul in 2021, carrying out military operations as well as humanitarian efforts. Her work left an indelible mark on the evacuation mission of American citizens and designated Afghans, going above and beyond the mission at-hand, and as a result, she was recognized as the USO's 2021 Soldier of the Year.

When asked about her efforts in Kabul, Jessop simply said: "I was just taking care of people."

Lenny Pardue
Post 21 Adjutant



Chaplain's Corner:

Well here is another month gone and I hope that you are doing well. Before you know it Thanksgiving will be here and you may be with friends around the table enjoying all the food at this time of year. If you can't be with friends please keep you eye out for what well be going on at the Post 21 Auxilary has a meal time for the Vets each month.

If you haven't seen it already I have one that we lost on Nov 12, 2024. "LTC Frank Heyl" (Ret.) went to his reward at the age of 101yrs. I had the honor to spend time with him and I have to say he was a great guy to visit with. Some of the stories he had to say would blow your mind. It was good to hear all of it even at the age of 101yrs and he still remembered all of them. He was a WW2 vet that was able to give 30yrs to our Army and the NG.

Now for the prayer list that I know of right now. Please keep them in your prayers. I remember when we were going to war the Chaplain was there to pray for us to come back safe from battle. So I'm praying for the ones listed below for the health that they need prayer for at this time.

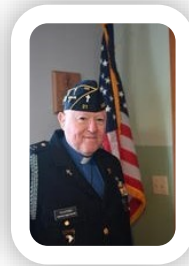
Jim Connelly

Larry Brown & his wife.

Terry Ward

Shirley Brown

If you know of anyone else that needs prayer please send me a text so that I can pray for them. Please keep all of our E-Board meters in prayer. And we need two members that will be able to step up and help on the E-Board. We have 2 openings at this time. If you want help speak to the Commander or you can let me know. As I close out know that all of you are in my prayers.



Chaplain Thomas Clayton
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Many God Bless.



Letter From The Editor:

Friendly Reminder:

Submission Deadline for the Next Issue

Just a quick reminder that the deadline to submit any flyers, articles, pictures, or other information you'd like included in the next issue is the 21st of each month. Your contributions are what make this newsletter truly great. Your timely submissions are greatly appreciated and help ensure everything is ready for the newsletter without any last-minute rush. Thank you so much for being respectful of my time and for your continued support in making our newsletter a success!

Please submit to: **post21newsletter@gmail.com**

You may also submit your request to be put on the monthly digital copy email list using the above email address.

Sincerely,
Jennie Ludwig



American Legion Post 21 has a NEW Facebook page.

Be sure to go and FOLLOW and LIKE the page. The Post is excited to be able to promote all Legion and Legion Families future events on Social Media.

Utilizing this Facebook page we will be able to share photos from events and daily life here at the post. We will also be able to share flyers and posters and create "Events" for the greater community to see.

If you have a Legion event that needs to be promoted on Facebook please send a copy of your flyer to: post21newsletter@gmail.com and Jennie will be sure to get it posted. We'd be happy to post birthday wishes and help celebrate anniversaries.

We'd like to say a BIG thank you to our Post 21 Family for being so patient and understanding while we are getting our social media presence and newsletter back up and running.



Honoring the Fallen: The USS Arizona Memorial on National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

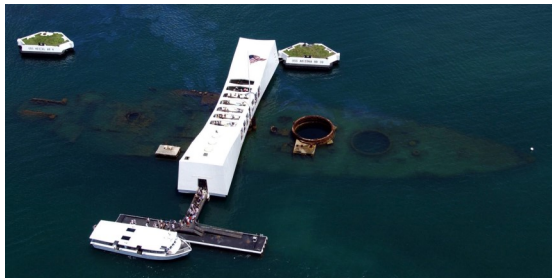
Each year on December 7th, Americans pause to reflect on a pivotal moment in history: the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. It is a day to honor the bravery of those who served, commemorate the lives lost, and recognize the enduring legacy of the "day that will live in infamy." Central to this remembrance is the USS Arizona Memorial, a solemn tribute to the 1,177 sailors and Marines who perished aboard the battleship during the attack.

The USS Arizona was one of the most devastating losses of the attack on Pearl Harbor. A massive explosion caused by a direct bomb hit sank the battleship in less than nine minutes, trapping over 1,000 crew members. Today, the sunken ship lies in the waters of Pearl Harbor, a final resting place for many of the fallen.



In the years following World War II, the idea of creating a memorial to honor those lost on the USS Arizona gained traction. Efforts intensified in the 1950s, with support from veterans' groups and key figures like President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Elvis Presley, who helped raise funds through a benefit concert. The memorial was officially dedicated on May 30, 1962, and has since become one of Hawaii's most visited landmarks.

The USS Arizona Memorial, designed by architect Alfred Preis, is a striking white structure that spans the sunken battleship without touching it. This design symbolizes both the weight of the loss and the hope of peace. Visitors can see the shipwreck below, with droplets of oil—often called "black tears"—still rising to the surface after more than 80 years.



The memorial also features a marble wall engraved with the names of the sailors and Marines who lost their lives. Many survivors of the attack have chosen to have their ashes interred within the ship, rejoining their shipmates in eternal rest.

Established by Congress in 1994, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made on December 7, 1941, and the resilience of the American spirit in the face of adversity. The attack propelled the United States into World War II, shaping the course of history and highlighting the importance of vigilance and unity.

On this day, ceremonies are held at the USS Arizona Memorial and across the country, including moments of silence, wreath-laying, and flyovers to honor the fallen. Flags are flown at half-staff, and survivors share their stories, ensuring that future generations understand the significance of the events at Pearl Harbor.

Located within the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii, the USS Arizona Memorial is accessible by a short boat ride. Admission is free, but reservations are recommended due to its popularity. The visitor center offers exhibits, films, and guided tours that provide a comprehensive understanding of the attack and its impact.



As we observe National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, the USS Arizona Memorial stands as a poignant reminder of the cost of war and the value of peace. It is a place where history comes alive, where stories of courage and sacrifice resonate with every visitor.

This December 7th, let us remember the lives lost and honor their legacy by striving for a future defined by understanding and unity.

For more information or to plan a visit, explore the National Park Service website for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial.



Legion Riders:

Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

Coach Connelly and Bob Wilson are working tirelessly to ensure a successful Legion Rider scholarship program for 2025.

Currently they have a Pendelton blanket raffle going on at the post donated by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde through Gerry George; \$5.00 per raffle ticket. Drawing to be held 20 December. As you are aware this year, we provided \$10,000 to local students.

As we have lowered the GPA to 2 point and included trade school applications, we anticipate additional applicants and funding required with our continue involvement and contributions to our local graduating students.

As veterans a number of us participated in local high school veterans' day events. Bringing great pride to others and the values of service to our countries freedom's.

As you may be aware no meeting in November our next ALR meeting 11 December at 7 pm. Were we will finalize our mileage program details and plan for the coming riding season.

Gale Sears
Director, Legion Riders

Rusty Rae/News-Register

Michael Becker, center, Al Parish, right, and other veterans salute during the National Anthem at Dayton High School's Veterans Day assembly hosted by

students on Wednesday. Becker, who lives in Lafayette, is a veteran of the Navy, Air Force and Army, and he's proud to be able to still fit into his Army uniform.



Message from Paul Krutsch

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Legion Post 21 Christmas tree sales begin Friday, November 29th and will run until all 200 trees are sold. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the sales. Hours of operation will be Monday thru Friday 11 AM till 7 PM and Weekends 9 AM till 7 PM. Also, if you are interested in guarding the tree lot overnight, we are looking for members who would stay in our parking lot during the nighttime. Just sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the restaurant. Or call Paul Krutsch at 503-857-2474. We are selling all trees for the same price as last year, \$35 as we want to provide low cost trees for our members and the community. Hot chocolate and candy canes will be available at no charge for children of all ages. Merry Christmas and may the coming year be your best year ever.

TUNNELS TO TOWERS

Thank you to all who donated this past month to our Tunnels to Towers charity drive. Legion Post 21 members have now donated \$3,450 to this great cause. Most of this has come from \$1 donations put in the T2T jar during the afternoon DPR social hour. Lately we've seen \$5, \$10, and even \$20 donations. Tis' the season. If you are unfamiliar with Tunnels to Towers, you can check out their website at T2T.org. They are the highest rated charity in the country with 95.1% of all proceeds going to provide mortgage free homes for veterans, first responders, or their widows. Recently they have started building housing for homeless veterans. It's only a buck in the jar and it goes to help our brothers and sisters in need. Why not chip in or contact Paul Krutsch, 503-857-2474 if you can't make it to the Post during the afternoon.

OUR POST

Have you noticed the large crowds at the Post lately? Congratulations to Debra Godwin and all of our cooks and volunteers who have made our club one of the most popular spots in McMinnville. Everyone works hard to serve our members and the community so please be sure to let our staff know how much you appreciate them. Not just with tips but with a kind word and a smile. They truly love our members and want your experience to be enjoyable.

With the increase in new customers we want to take this chance to remind us all that it is policy for members to carry their membership card, as well as, show the card when expecting discount prices on drinks. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy.

A note from the Post

Our post has become very busy with Shari's closing. A lot of new faces coming in. Our Veterans lunch provided on Veterans Day was a success. We served 74 veterans and many more customers. It was a very busy day. I need to thank Cheryl, her sister, and Kelly for stepping up to the plate and helping me make it happen. It is people and volunteers that step in like them that make our post a great place to come. I have decided to wait until January 1 to increase food prices. With the rising food cost's it makes it impossible for us to survive without increasing menu prices. Also I want to get all members inline with membership renewals. January 1, 2025 all servers have been directed to ask for current membership cards. If you do not have your 2025 membership card with you, you will not receive the discount. Please be kind to your servers when they ask. They are doing what has been asked of them. Happy Holidays to each and everyone of you!

Debra Godwin
Club Manager



Judge Advocate
High School Liaison

I have nothing new to report as far as the Judge Advocate position for the month of November. I am reviewing the Bylaws and Job Description for this position.

From my At - Large position I am continuing to report on my opportunity to engage the students at McMinnville High School in Legion/Post 21 events.

One of the students who attended the American Legion Career Law Enforcement Camp will be doing a presentation in 3 of my classes regarding that camp. My goal is to have even more students participate in that camp this summer!

Our new Semester will take place at the End of January 2025. I will keep in contact with the Social Studies/History department in order to try to get Post 21 folks into their classes to promote Boys State and Girls state for this year. I will have more information on that as we near that time frame.



Russ Ludwig
Judge Advocate
McMinnville High School
Criminal Justice Teacher

Auxiliary Updates:

Hello from your amazing Auxiliary Unit. We have a lot going on. Our veterans lunches are a hit. Each month our numbers increase. November we served 54, with a Thanksgiving themed lunch. My auxiliary ladies work together, as a Unit and I am so very proud of the hard work, dedication, and love they provide to our veterans, community, and youth. I always say, and truly believe I have the best Unit! We are taking donations for our Christmas baskets, I have 2 barrels in the dinning room. We are currently taking donations of toys and non-perishables. December 17, we will start taking perishable donations. This year we want to give each family everything to make their Christmas dinner. We also have basket applications at the bar. We will always help our veterans first and if we have enough we give to our community.

We have connected with the Salvation Army. The auxiliary will be ringing the bell for them. We are challenging all other Legion Families to get out and help our community and ring the bell. Let's get out in the community and show them just how much they mean to us and show them we are here. If you are interested in helping ring the bell please come and see me. You all know I am always at the post.

Debra Godwin
Unit 21 President



Hello TEAM 21,

The SAL are sponsoring the annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Breakfast in December. Please see flyer in this newsletter.

Membership is coming in slowly but we are still ahead of the national goal dates. Please renew so we can hit our goal of 56 - 100% this year.

As a reminder, the SAL dues are \$40 for general membership, and \$30 for dual membership.

I hope everyone has a safe and delicious Thanksgiving, and joyous Christmas this year.

God bless our veterans, first responders, all the men and women who are serving our country, and god bless America!.

Best regards,

Del White
SAL Squadron 21 Commander.



Honoring Heroes: The History and Importance of Wreaths Across America



Every December, a powerful act of remembrance takes place across the United States: thousands of

volunteers gather to lay wreaths on the graves of fallen service members. This moving tradition, known as Wreaths Across America (WAA), is a tribute to the courage, sacrifice, and service of the nation's military. But how did this tradition begin, and why does it resonate so deeply?

The story of Wreaths Across America began in 1992 with Morrill Worcester, a businessman from Harrington, Maine. After a childhood visit to Arlington National Cemetery, Worcester carried a deep respect for the sacrifices of military service members. When his wreath company, Worcester Wreath Co., found itself with a surplus of wreaths during the holiday season, Worcester decided to use them to honor veterans.

Working with local volunteers and a U.S. senator, Worcester arranged to have 5,000 wreaths placed on graves in Arlington National Cemetery. Though a modest gesture at first, the beauty and solemnity of the event captured public attention when a photograph of snow-covered wreaths at Arlington went viral in 2005. By 2007, Wreaths Across America was officially established as a nonprofit organization to expand the mission: to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the value of freedom.

Today, Wreaths Across America takes place in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and at over 4,000 cemeteries worldwide. On the third Saturday of December each year, National Wreaths Across America Day sees millions of volunteers placing wreaths and saying the names of fallen heroes. The organization also delivers year-round education programs, helping to instill an appreciation for freedom and the cost of its preservation in younger generations.

The act of laying a wreath is both deeply personal and universally significant. For families of the fallen, it is a tangible reminder that their loved ones' sacrifices are not forgotten. For veterans, it is a testament to their lasting legacy. For communities, it is an opportunity to unite in reflection and gratitude. The circular shape of a wreath symbolizes eternity, a fitting tribute to the enduring spirit of those who served. The act of saying each name aloud ensures that their memory lives on—not just in monuments, but in hearts and minds.

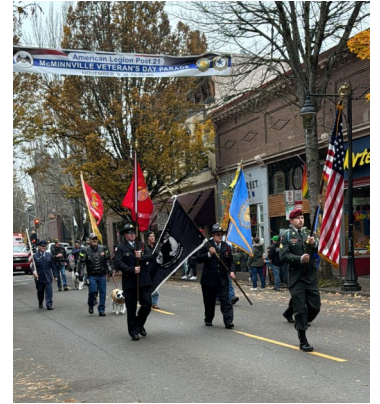
Wreaths Across America thrives on the efforts of individuals and organizations who sponsor wreaths, volunteer at local cemeteries, or help spread awareness. Whether you donate time or resources, participation is a meaningful way to honor the past and inspire future generations to cherish freedom. As the holiday season approaches, consider joining this extraordinary mission. By placing a wreath, you're not just decorating a grave—you're making a promise to never forget.

To find a location or learn more, visit [Wreaths Across America](https://www.wreathsonline.org).

This December, let us come together to remember, honor, and teach.

PARADE

Parade photos submitted by Russ Ludwig



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Parade photos submitted by Russ Ludwig



The Army-Navy Game: A Historic Rivalry and a Celebration of Service



The Army-Navy Game is much more than just a college football rivalry; it is a cherished American tradition that represents the values, dedication, and camaraderie of the United States military. Held annually since 1890, this iconic matchup between the U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Army) and the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis (Navy) is steeped in history, pride, and sportsmanship.

The first Army-Navy Game took place on November 29, 1890, in West Point, New York.

Navy triumphed with a resounding 24–0 victory. What began as a spirited competition between two service academies quickly grew into one of the most anticipated events in college football. Early games alternated between the campuses of West Point and Annapolis, but as the event gained popularity, larger venues were chosen to accommodate growing crowds, such as Philadelphia's Franklin Field and Lincoln Financial Field, which has hosted the game numerous times.

By the early 20th century, the Army-Navy Game had become a national spectacle, often attended by sitting U.S. presidents and top military leaders. The rivalry reflects not only the competitive spirit of the academies but also their shared mission to prepare future officers for service to the nation.

The Army-Navy Game is unique in its traditions and significance. It is the only game where every player on the field has committed to serving their country after graduation. The competition is fierce, but the respect between the two teams is profound, underscoring the unity of purpose that binds them.

One of the most beloved traditions is the “March On”, where cadets from West Point and midshipmen from Annapolis parade onto the field in full dress uniform, demonstrating their discipline and esprit de corps. Another cherished ritual is the singing of the school alma maters at the end of the game. The losing team sings first, followed by the winning team, in a tradition known as “singing second.” This moment reflects the mutual respect and shared purpose of the academies, regardless of the outcome on the field.

The Army-Navy Game has produced unforgettable moments that have become part of college football lore. The rivalry was at its height during World War II, when the nation rallied behind the service academies. In 1944, the game pitted two undefeated teams against each other, with Army emerging victorious in a 23–7 victory, solidifying their status as a national powerhouse.

Navy had its own legendary era in the 1960s, led by quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Roger Staubach. In 1963, following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the game took on special significance, symbolizing resilience and unity in a time of national mourning.

The Army-Navy Game is not just about football; it is a celebration of service and sacrifice. The rivalry unites military personnel and veterans across the nation, fostering a deep sense of pride and tradition. It serves as a reminder of the dedication and commitment of those who serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, both past and present.

The game also brings together fans from diverse backgrounds, bridging divides with its message of sportsmanship and respect. It highlights the values of honor, courage, and perseverance—qualities that define the men and women of the Army and Navy.

Today, the Army-Navy Game remains one of the most anticipated events in sports, drawing millions of viewers each December. Held in iconic venues like MetLife Stadium or Lincoln Financial Field, it continues to captivate audiences with its unique blend of tradition, pageantry, and intense competition.

As the two academies face off once again, the Army-Navy Game reminds us all of the sacrifices made by those in uniform and the enduring spirit of those who dedicate their lives to serving the nation. Whether you cheer for Army or Navy, the game is a celebration of America's military and a testament to the values that unite us all.



Honoring Our Veterans: A Heartfelt Thank You

This Veteran's Day, many of our Post 21 American Legion veterans participated in celebrations at area schools, sharing their stories and inspiring students with their dedication and courage. We are deeply grateful for their time and effort, which made these events so meaningful.

By speaking with students, our veterans provided more than a history lesson; they offered a personal connection to the ideals of bravery, sacrifice, and service. Through their accounts, they brought to life the significance of honoring those who protect our freedoms and encouraged young minds to appreciate the value of community and citizenship.

Thank you, Post 21 veterans, for your service to our nation and for continuing to serve through your engagement with our schools. Your contributions make a lasting impact, and your presence reminds us all of the enduring importance of Veteran's Day as a time to reflect, learn, and express gratitude.





Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency— July Announcements

World War II

Announced on November 13, 2024 that U.S. Army Air Forces Pvt. 1st Class Bernard J. Calvi, 23, of North Adams, Massachusetts, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for September 16, 2024. Calvi will be buried in his hometown on Dec. 9, 2024.

Announced on November 13, 2024 that U.S. Army Air Force Sgt. James W. Swartz, 21, of Webberville, Michigan, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for August 2, 2024. Swartz will be buried in Williamstown Township, Michigan, in April 2025.

Announced on November 14, 2024 that U.S. Army Air Force Staff Sgt. Ralph L. Mourer, 23, of Wichita, Kansas, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 20, 2024.

Announced on November 15, 2024 that U.S. Army Cpl. Walter L. Clark, 28, of Santa Rosa, California, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for August 27, 2024.

Announced on November 15, 2024 that U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Thomas V. Kelly Jr., 21, of Livermore, California, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sept. 25, 2024. Kelly will be buried on May 26, 2025, in his hometown.

Announced on November 15, 2024 that U.S. Army Pvt. Herber R. Worley, 21, of Bell, California, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for September 17, 2024.

Announced on November 15, 2024 that U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Gordon N. Larson, 22, of Seattle, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Aug. 12, 2024.

Announced on November 15, 2024 that U.S. Army Air Force Staff Sgt. Yuen Hop, 20, of Sebastopol, California, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 18, 2024.

Announced on November 18, 2024 that U.S. Army Private James S. Mitchell, 25, of Chico, California, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Sept. 30, 2024.

Announced on November 18, 2024 that U.S. Army Private Jacob Gutterman, 24, of New York City, who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Mar. 26, 2024.

World War II

Announced on November 18, 2024 that U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. William Scott, 21, of Passaic, New Jersey, killed during World War II, was accounted for Nov. 28, 2022. Scott will be buried in Wrightstown, New Jersey, on Dec. 9, 2024.

Announced on November 22, 2024 that U.S. Army Air Forces 1st Lt. George F. Wilson, Jr., 22, killed during World War II, was accounted for Nov. 21, 2024.

Korean War

Announced November 8, 2024 that Army Master Sgt. Wallace Simmons Jr., 36, of Indianapolis, Indiana, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for June 20, 2024.

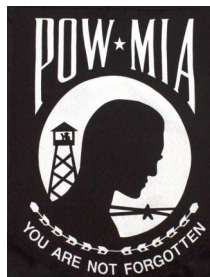
Announced on November 20, 2024 that U.S. Army Cpl. Paul E. Hoots, 25, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Nov. 15, 2024.

Announced on November 20, 2024 that U.S. Army Cpl. John B. Miller, 22, of Mullins, South Carolina, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Sept. 4, 2024. Miller will be buried in Florence, South Carolina, on Dec. 6, 2024.

Announced on November 25, 2024 that U.S. Army Cpl. Howard A. Troup, 29, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Nov. 20, 2024.

The efforts of the Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in identifying missing service members are truly commendable. Their dedication to bringing closure to families and honoring the service and sacrifice of POW/MIAs reflects the highest values of duty and respect. Identifying 228 individuals to date in 2024 is a remarkable achievement, a testament to their tireless commitment and advanced forensic work.

With Thanksgiving just around the perhaps we can all take a few minutes to say a heartfelt Thank You to this agency and their efforts, as well as, all the men and women who can't be home with their families this holiday season.





Chili Cook-Off Photos
Submitted By Theresa
Andrade





American Legion Auxiliary
Annual
Toy & Food Drive

126 Atlantic Street, McMinnville
 American Legion Post #21

Nov. 1st to Dec 15th.

*please bring new unwrapped gifts for kids of all ages
 & non-perishable food items.*






Giving never melts away

Support American Legion Unit 21 Auxiliary as we support our local Veterans and community.

CONTACT: DEBRA GODWIN 971-237-5379 OR AMERICAN LEGION FOR FURTHER INFO 503-435-2218






American Legion Auxiliary
Food Drive
HELPING VETERANS FIRST

126 Atlantic Street, McMinnville
 American Legion Post #21

Now to Dec 13th.

please bring non-perishable food items



- Canned meat (ham, tuna, chicken, spam)
- Meal kits that don't require extra ingredients.

(instant potatoes, rice, instant soups/ramen)

- Pancake and muffin mix
- Cereal ☐ Pasta sauce ☐ mac & cheese
- Canned soups, chili and pasta meals.
- Canned fruits and Applesauce
- Pudding, Jell-O, fruit cups
- Peanut Butter, Jelly /Jam
- Canned/boxed juices
- flour, sugar, rice, dry beans, pasta, oil
- Seasonings

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We encourage everyone to reach out and volunteer what ever small amount of time you have, it makes a big difference.

American Legion Post 150
Hosting a USO



Christmas Tree Sale Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers for tree pickup on:
November 27th and December 6th

Volunteers for tree sales:
November 29th – December 24th
Mon-Fri from 11am-7pm Sat/Sun 9am-7pm

Please contact: Paul Krutsch at 503-857-2474

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Please include: Event, date, time, and PIC and we will post it in the next months newsletter.

UPCOMING Community EVENTS

LEGION AFTER DARK
GENERAL PUBLIC WELCOME
126 NE ATLANTIC ST. McMinnville, OR 97128

DRINK SPECIALS
Legion member drinks discounts honor with color of membership

TOUCH TONES FREE PLAY

Food

CANCELLED

November 3rd
9:00p to 1:00a

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN

Sponsored Designated Driver will be available - Tips Appreciated

Hosted by: McMinnville's Best Kept Secret.... **Post 21 AMERICAN LEGION**

AMERICAN LEGION UNIT 21 AUXILIARY

Is Hosting:

What: Free Veteran's Lunch

When: 2nd Thursday of each Month

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Where: American Legion Post 21
126 NE Atlantic St,
McMinnville, OR 97128

Contact for Info: Deb Godwin
503-435-2218

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
Trees locally grown by Kraemer's Farms

November 29th - December 24th
Mon - Fri 11am - 7pm
Sat/Sun 9am - 7pm
Or Until Trees Run Out

Free Hot Chocolate and Candy Canes for the Kids

\$35

AMERICAN LEGION

Proceeds go to the Legion General Fund to help local veterans and communities

**Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 21 Annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance
Breakfast**

**Sunday December 15th From
8am-11am**

\$12.00

WWII VETS EAT FREE

All American Food

Served Chow Line Style



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 SAL Mtg 6:30pm	5	6 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Legion KP 5:00pm	7 Cancer Bingo 1:00pm
8 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	9	10 House Committee Mtg 5pm	11 YCAP Food Truck 2:00pm-3:00pm	12 Veteran's Lunch 11:00am - 1:00pm	13 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Auxiliary KP 5:00pm	14
15 SAL Pearl Harbor Breakfast 8a-11a Legion Bingo 1:00pm Auxiliary Xmas Basket Start –12/21	16 Activity Committee Mtg 5:00pm Executive Mtg 6:00pm	17 Auxiliary Mtg 6:00pm	18 YCAP Food Truck 2:00pm-3:00pm General Member- ship Mtg 6:00pm	19	20 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Sons KP 5:00pm	21 Auxiliary Xmas Basket Finish White Elephant Gift Xchange and Pot- luck 6-9pm
22 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS Legion CLOSED	26	27 Prime Rib Dinner Special—Riders KP 5:00pm	28
29 Legion Bingo 1:00pm	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	Jan 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY			

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