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Commander: I cannot help but comment on the team effort I witness every day at our Post. The success it brings to our Legion family in their effort to support each other/veterans and the community. I see a great team that sees what needs to be done and jumps in and does it. I am reminded of the "I" in team motivational quote;

The one thing that "I" can do for my team is to contribute the most "I" possibly can; whether that is being a leader, supporter, motivator or instigator. My part as a contributor helps my team succeed. Being part of an organization willing to do whatever it takes is truly best for our team.

I thank each and every one of you who is part of the Post 21 American Legion Team!

Gale Sears

Thank you!

To all who helped on the Frank E. Evans Memorial Dedication, thank you! Many did so much from all the Families.

Terry Naig (from the Sons) setting up the stage, getting chairs, setting up the P.A. supporting the American Flag. Rick Olsen, for the fliers for the event, communication with the County Commissioners, and State Representative Ron Noble, especially Mr. Noble's wife.

The Auxiliary (Debra Godwin) getting the floral arrangement placed by the monument, and the wonderful poem presented. Angel Mendoza, for the Honor Guard, and Sea Cadets.

Thomas Clayton for the opening prayer.

Jerry Perry, for pouring the footing for the Monument and securing the Monument to the footing.

Commander Gale Sears, as the M.C. did a marvelous job coordinating the program. One we can as a Post be very proud of, I think he had the toughest job!

There were many more that helped, to name a few Bill Frosty, Steve Randles, Jim Connelly, Gina Eggleton, Becky Berweger, Gregoria Hernandez, Dave Adams (KLYC Radio) Jeannie Clayton, Steve Farley, Jan Fourier, Ron Woodard, and the list goes on....

A Job very well done,
Thank you all!
Bob Berweger, Event Coordinator.

1st Vice: It is time to renew membership again! Please understand that it is more beneficial to Post 21 if you renew your membership at the Post as opposed to paying National. You can do this in person or by mail. Bear in Mind that you will continue to receive notices from National until they receive conformation of your renewal payment. Typically, this process takes 4-6 months. Please DO NOT send additional payments.

Larry Brown



RIDERS: As we're getting geared up for our annual Legacy Scholarship Fund poker ride on September 9th I think to myself this is what it's about, helping veterans and their families. Not just at our post or in our community but beyond that, the bigger picture. We may not know everyone we help and in most cases, we don't see the end result of our actions. I guess what I'm trying to say is helping others gives us a sense of self satisfaction, knowing that somehow we can make a difference.



Since I've been an American Legion member I've noticed what the legion families do. We as a whole have put forth the work and effort to make others' lives less stressful in many ways. It doesn't have to be about money or materialistic things. It can be letting someone know that we have their "six" no matter what, letting them understand they're not alone. That's what we do as American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Rider members.

With all that being said I'd like to just say that the "bigger picture" is just that. It's not about us, it's about the people out there that we can help. With everyone working with each other towards one goal we can and will make a difference in someone's life. So, I ask this of you, volunteer your time so that no one feels that they have to go through life alone. Let your actions speak volumes about who you are and what you're about.

I'll leave you with this, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Mahatma Gandhi

Jerry Perry,
STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!!!

MEAT RAFFLE!



Friday Night Meat Raffles will be starting up again sponsored by The Legion Families and the Honor Guard, all proceeds will go to the respective sponsor.

August 4th – Honor Guard
August 18th – The American Legion
September 1st – Auxiliary
September 19th – Son's
September 29th – Legion Riders

LEGION AUXILIARY ANNUAL



AUGUST 4-5-6

Are you looking for that rare one of a kind item that can only be found at a yard sale? Stop by the Legion for the annual Garage Sale.

Do you have stuff cluttering your house or crammed into storage that you would like to donate to a good cause?

Consider donating it to The American Legion annual yard sale. Your donations can be dropped off during business hours.

AUXILIARY: Membership renewals are now due! The sooner the better to qualify for Early Birds. Last year's winner was Joan Bernards who got her dues returned. Could this year's winner, be you? Mail in your Auxiliary renewal membership today, attention Mike Gregory. Ask Mike about becoming a PUFL (Paid up for Life) member and never have to pay your dues again.

D. "Mike" Gregory
Auxiliary Membership

HOUSE PASSES NEW "FOREVER" G.I. BILL

Without a single vote in opposition, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill Monday night to expand the post-9/11 GI Bill and eliminate the 15-year time limit on the use of education benefits for new recruits.

The vote was 405-0 in a rare display of bipartisanship in Congress on behalf of veterans seeking higher education after active duty service

Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn., chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, said he expects the Senate to take up and pass the bill later this week and move it to the White House for possible signing by President Donald Trump before Congress goes into its August recess.

Trump could also wait for Congress to return after Labor Day before signing it.

The bill, named the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 -- for the American Legion member who wrote the initial World War II GI Bill, would eliminate the current 15-year time limit on use of the GI Bill for those who enlist after January 2018.

PURPLE HEART DAY – AUGUST 7TH



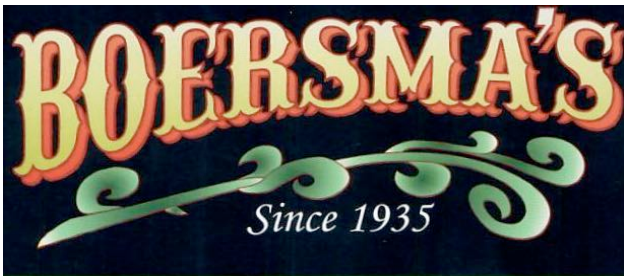
PURPLE HEART DAY

On August 7th commemorates the day in 1782 when General George Washington created the Purple Heart Medal – a military decoration that is

awarded to those wounded or killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

The Purple Heart is a heart shaped purple medal with a gold border. The front has a profile of George Washington while the back has the words for military merit inscribed on it. The medal is attached to a piece of purple silk with a silver border.

The holiday also encourages people to pay their respects to fallen soldiers to listen to the stories from our veterans and to thank them for their service to our nation.



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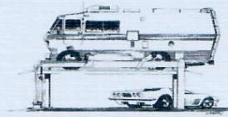
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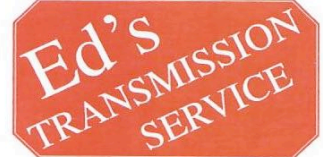
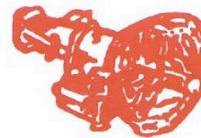
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		1 Rambling Rejects 6:00 pm	2 Son's Mtg – 6:30	3 Equestrians 6:00	4 Yard Sale Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	5 Yard Sale
6 Bingo 1:00 Yard Sale	7 House Committee 4:00	8	9 Legal Committee	10 Hunters	11 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	12 Cancer Bingo 1:00
13 Bingo 1:00	14 Exec Cmt 6:30	15 Auxiliary 6:00	16 General Membership 6:30	17	18 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	19
20 Bingo 1:00	21 Eclipse 10:15 House Committee 4:00	22 AMVETS 6:30	23 Legion Riders 7:00	24	25 Prime Rib Dinner Specials 6:30	26
27 Bingo 1:00	28	29	30	31	1	2

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday and more to all of you!

August Birthdays: Tom Campos, Brian "Peaches" Smith, Gale Sears, Bob Berweger, Laura Sartain, Pat Gannaway, Anabella Bonilla, Merissa Bonilla, Janet Mattson, Glenda Smith.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

4-5-6 – Auxiliary Yard Sale
21st – Eclipse

SEPTEMBER

4 – Labor Day BBQ
8 – Legacy Run
11 – Remembrance Day
18 – MIA/POW Day

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