

AMERICAN LEGION

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Commander Hello again, I want to thank the Lord for keeping us safe. Thank you, Lord.

Last week I was invited to a BBQ with the residents of the RV park. Kelly DeKar, the park host, paid for the BBQ out of her own pocket. All the residents attended the BBQ and participated in discussions regarding the RV park. The food was excellent, and Kelly was a fantastic and hospitable host. Several of the residents expressed their appreciation for me being there.

I talked with a veteran in my travels last week who had done prison time. He said he felt he was being treated differently because of his past conviction. He went to prison because of his alcohol and drug addiction. Now he is homeless and fallen back into old habits. I offered him help to get out of his present situation, but he expressed guilt and shame was holding him back from accepting help from anyone. The sad thing is that he was a Veteran who served his country honorably and could receive help if he would just ask. So, if you know or encounter any Veteran that has done prison time let them know we have not forgotten them, and help is available. We are here to offer a helping hand up not a handout.

Our Honor room has had a deep cleaning recently. The floors now look fantastic. We also put in 8 new flag poles that fly the United States Flag, the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard and the POW/MIA Flag.

Come to the Post and see all the new changes. You can even stop by and give me a bad time but only if you make an appointment.

Please take care and may the Lord be with you. God Bless you and semper fi.

Juan M. Palacios, Post 21 Commander



Auxiliary: September meeting was attended by Lillian Rohloff and Orlando Torres. Lillian was sponsored by the Auxiliary and Orlando Torres, was sponsored by the Sons. They thanked the Auxiliary and the Sons for sponsoring them for the Jim Willis Law Enforcement Camp last August. They explained the agenda of the week-long camp and how it will assist them in future education, military, and possible employment. Both felt it was very informative and recommend it for anyone interested. Their instructor, a new member of Post 21, gave us a look at his plan to expand the program and was very grateful for our interest in sponsorship.

In our continuing goal of involvement in our communities and education, Unit 21 has established a Teacher's Scholarship Fund to support 5 new teachers annually with a cash donation for classroom supplies. This is in addition to our Scholarship Fund that goes out to graduates and technical school programs.

The next event is our Auxiliary Open House on Oct. 17th, which will be fun filled with games about what our group offers to its members and our number one goal of assisting our veterans. Everyone should bring a finger food to the meeting, and we are looking forward to seeing some new faces as well. Bring a friend and help us meet our state goal of new members. The door prizes will be ones you don't want to miss! Look in your emails closer to the date for some photos of what you can take home!

We also began discussion of our Veteran's Day festivities on Nov.11. We want to contact all our assisted living facilities in Mac to offer a ride on our decorated wagons in the parade and any other veterans who would like to take part. A complimentary lunch will be served to them after the parade. Honor our veterans by volunteering to take part in this important date.

Jenni Burkhead, Auxiliary Membership Chair



Sons: Hello team 21! At our August meeting, we voted to sponsor a

High School student to attend the Jim Willis Law Enforcement Carrer Camp. Lillian Rohloff was sponsored by the

Sons and Orlando Torres was sponsored by the Auxiliary. Lillian and Orlando attended our September meeting and thanked us for the donation and support. Both felt it was very informational and recommends it for anyone interested.

At the August General Membership meeting, Legion Service Officer, Christopher Dauterman mentioned a Veteran in need. I approached Chris after the meeting and offered the Sons help.

On Friday, September 8th, The Sons erected a 12 x 16 foot Gazebo for Army Veteran Bob Bonebrake at Old Stone Village. That is what being a Sons member is all about. Helping Veterans and others in need.



L-R: Lillian Rohloff, Rolando Torres, Sons Commander Del White, School Resource Officer, Russ Ludwig.



L-R: Del White, Angel Mendoza, Bob Bonebrake.
Not pictured: Terry Naig, Rick Randles, Jim Vanscoyk and Pete Jensen.

Get your taste buds ready for our scrumptious oyster feed and chicken fettuccini dinner coming October 21st! See flyer at the Post for additional information.

Our membership renewals are coming in slowly. We currently have 16 paid members out of a goal of 53. Please consider renewing sooner rather than later and help us achieve 100% this year. We missed our goal by only 2 members last year.

I would like to invite all Sons members to our meetings. We would like to hear your project ideas.

Until next month, stay safe and well.

Del White Sons Squadron 21 Commander



Legion, Sons and Auxiliary; as we are all members of the Legion Riders, welcome to the fall season. August was a very busy month, and the Scholarship poker run was a great success. A number of committees were developed by our members and with the families of the Post provided for its success. Thank you all! Be proud of your accomplishment.

For next years' Poker Run, we will schedule a planning meeting to make it even better. Please consider your involvement when a meeting is announced. We now have a good funding for next years' awards.

As the new-year approaches remember your membership renewal, we remain proud of the fact that we are the largest chapter in Oregon. ORALR quarterly meeting will be Dec 9th, Post 21 at 1200 hrs. Please attend if you can!

SAL 3rd ANNUAL OYSTER FEED AND CHICKEN FETTUCCHINI ALFREDO DINNER



When: October 21st 2023 4PM-6PM

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

Menu

Full Dinner: Includes 6 oysters, coleslaw, and bread. **\$15**

Additional Oysters: \$3 each

Preparation Options: Fried, Garlic Butter Sauté, Sweet and Spicy, Shooters

Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo: \$15 Includes garlic Bread and lots of love! ❤️❤️

Service Officer: Here is information for the Service Officer section:

Welcome home, Veterans! The Department of Defense has expanded commissary, exchange and morale, welfare and recreation retail to more veterans and their caregivers to include:

- Former prisoners of war
- Veterans with service-connected disabilities
- Individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

VetVerify is a shared verification service of the four military exchanges.

Army Air Force Exchange (AAFES) -

<https://www.shopmyexchange.com/>

Navy Exchange (NEX) -

<https://www.mynavyexchange.com/>

Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) -

<https://www.mymcx.com/>

Coast Guard Exchange (CGX) - <https://shopcgx.com/>

VetVerify supports the Veterans online shopping benefit by verifying Veterans who cannot be authenticated by the exchanges alone. To qualify for participation in the Veterans online shopping benefit, you must be a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces with a discharge status of "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions." If you meet these requirements, please go to your favorite online exchange (AAFES, NEXCOM, MCX or CGX) and try to register for an account. You will be redirected to VetVerify if more information needed. VetVerify.org is a shared service for the four military exchanges (AAFES, NEXCOM, MCX and CGX) with the sole purpose of supporting the Veterans online shopping benefit. VetVerify uses data from the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) as well as other government sources of Veteran records to verify eligibility.

Vet Verify - <https://www.vetverify.org/>

Veterans can email VetVerify at CustomerService@vetverify.org, call 1-844-868-8672 (toll-free) or chat online with a customer service representative.

MEDICARE REMINDER

FROM SALEM POST 136

Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) starts October 15 and runs through December 7.

In addition to being the Post 136 Commander, I am an Independent Medicare broker, My National Producer Number (NPN) is 17833794. Phone: (971) 707-0062.

Email: mlmrjk503@gmail.com Website: medicarelifeandmore.com Call me with questions, needs, wants, review, clarification, or changes...or just to chat.

Yes, Medicare is complicated. **I get it.** I turn 65 in November. My wife retired at age 66 in May, so it was time for her to sign up. I am also a Service-Connected Disabled (70%) Veteran. We are immersed.

Why do I continue to be an independent Medicare broker when I don't have to? To help people understand how to navigate the mine fields of Medicare, how it works with Veteran Disability benefits and Tricare, and get them signed up for the appropriate medical coverage. I work with non-Veterans too.

My Recommendations to those eligible for Medicare or those wanting change/review:

Robocalls: Hang up on them.

TV: Mute or laugh at them.

Mailers: Throw them in the recycle bin.

Emails from those you don't know: Trash them.

Last week, I was golfing with a fellow disabled Veteran who mentioned that he was told, as a disabled Veteran, he could not have both Medicare and Disabled Veteran benefits. Not true. This common misconception is out there, and it is wrong.

Tricare for Life: In order to remain on Tricare for Life, you must keep your Parts A & B up to date. 2024 projected Part B cost is \$174.80 per month. A Medicare Advantage "Patriot" Plan is not required for you, but may be right for you, providing "extras," such as free basic gym membership. Again, get ahold of me with any questions/needs.



AND THE WINNER IS.....for the American Legion Post #21's 2023 "Just" Chili Cook-Off, with 6 votes is....Theresa Andrade. Congratulations ! Her "White Chicken Chili" affords her all "The Bragging Rights" for 1 (one) full year, as well as a Gift Certificate for 2 for our Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner, A One-of-a-kind T-Shirt stating, "Chili Cook-Off Winner American Legion Post #21, 2023" If and when you see her, congratulate her !!!

2nd place runner-up was a 3-way tie with 4 votes each...Cheryl Miller - Bruce Peterson - and Post Commander Juan Palacios (but I do believe that his friend, Rebecca, actually did the cooking.) They each received a Gift Certificate for 2 for lunches any afternoon. And "Not-Quite Bragging Rights"

3rd place was also a 3-way tie with 3 votes each...Kelly De Kar - Dan Brown - and Michelle Duval. They all received 3 beer tokens so they could "Don't Cry in your beer" and better luck next year.....Congratulations to all and I hope everyone had a good time. Last but not least, a big "Thank You" to Debra Godwin for arranging all the supplies and especially the great Corn Bread and also to Glenna Smith for being the cashier at the door.

Thanks, Rich Pimm

BINGO NEWS!

Come join us on Sunday for a very great time. We have a lot of fun and make a lot of money when we win. We play a variety of different games and blackouts. Once a month we have a birthday party with cake and prizes for different game winners.

The first Saturday of every month is dedicated to Cancer and all proceeds go to Willamette National Cancer Foundation. Payouts depend on attendance.

We start promptly at 1:00 pm so you need to arrive between 12 and 12:30 so you can order your food and drinks before we begin. Each session will have breaks at different times, you will be comfortable! We look forward to greeting and welcoming you!

Come and moan and groan with us!

*Your Bingo Committee
Randy, Chris & Mikey*



Adjutant: Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership. We have met the September goal of 50% as set by Department.

Now on to the next goal of 55% by October 18th we are almost there. As of September 22nd, we are at 53.24%.we only need eight members to renew their membership and we will meet the October Goal of 55%.

You can pay your membership dues online at mylegion.org from the comfort of your own home, or you can drop of your renewal at the Post, or even drop it in the mail.

Remember this is YOUR Post!

Shirley Brown, Adjutant



POST NEWS!

Just a reminder that as soon as we get confirmation on our new chairs being shipped, I will post the days the post will be closed.

The floor in the Honor Room has been cleaned and sealed, and the floor looks so nice. So please if you use the Honor Room clean up after yourself and put things back the way they were.

I also want to remind everyone there will be a menu coming out with price increases when we reopen after we complete the floors. Another thing we are bringing back is the membership discount. So, if the servers ask to see your membership card, show it to them. If you do not have a current membership card you will not get the discount. Remember our servers are volunteers, be nice.

I personally want to send out a thank you to Glenna, and John Mohamed for their hard work and dedication to Friday night dinner. You both are so appreciated.

Please be patient with all the changes. We are all working hard to make our Post a better place.

Debra Godwin, Club Manager



The most recent identified POW/MIA.

World War II

Army Air Forces Sgt. Irving Newman – 22. Lost May 6, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator he was piloting was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed in flames. No one survived the crash, but Sgt. Newman was not able to be rescued and his remains were not recovered. Announced August 31, 2023.

Army Air Force 1st Lt. Edward McGuire – 22. Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator he was piloting crashed as a result of enemy anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. His remains were not identified following the war. Announced August 31, 2023.

Tuskegee Airmen, Army Air Force 2nd Lt. Fred Brewer – 23. Lost October 19, 1944 when the P-51C Mustang he was piloting crashed over the Udine area Italy. Brewer's aircraft rolled over with the canopy jettisoned, he was not observed ejecting his remains were not recovered. Announced September 1, 2023.

Army Pvt. Daniel Moniz – 19. Lost November 11, 1944 when his unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Hürtgen Forest and he was killed. Due to the tactical situation his remains could not be immediately recovered. Announced September 1, 2023.

Army Air Force 2nd Lt. Edward Barnett – 24. Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator he was the co-pilot was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed during Operation Tidal Wave. His remains were not recovered. Announced September 5, 2023.

Army Pvt. 1st Class Thomas Brooks, 23. Lost April 9, 1942 when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands. After being subjected to the 65-mile Bataan Death March and being held at Cabanatuan POW camp he died as a Prisoner of War. Announced September 5, 2023.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. George Winger – 25. Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator he was serving as pilot on was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed during OPERATION TIDAL WAVE. Announced September 7, 2023.

Army Pfc. Roy Searle – 22. Lost December 6, 1944 when he was mortally wounded when his unit was defending

the towns of Pachten and Dillingen, Germany during the Battle of the Bulge. Announced September 7, 2023.

Army Air Forces Flight Officer Chester Rinke – 33. Lost June 26, 1944 when B-28 Superfortress crashed into a rice paddy in the village of Sapekhati, India. All 11 crew members were killed instantly in the crash. Announced September 8, 2023.

Army Air Forces Flight Officer Chester Rinke – 33. Lost June 26, 1944 when the B-29 Superfortress he was serving on as the flight officer crashed in Sapekhati, India. All 11 crew members were killed instantly. Announced September 8, 2023.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Charels Reynolds. Lost November 27, 1943 when the B-25D he was a crewmember on was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed in Karau Lagoon in the Murik Lakes. His body could not be recovered. Announced September 11, 2023.

Army Air Force Tech. Sgt. Turner Johnston – 21. Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator he was an engineer-gunner on was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed during OPERATION TIDAL WAVE. His remains were not identified after the war. Announced September 14, 2023.

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Abert Stahl – 22. Lost when the B-24 Liberator he was the navigator on was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed during OPERATION TIDAL WAVE. His remains were not identified following the war. Announced September 14, 2023.

Army Cpl. James Hurt 25. Lost April 9 1942 when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands and when he was captured. He was subjected to the 65-mile Bataan Death March. Cpl. Hurt died as a prisoner of war in Cabanatuan POW camp. Announced September 21, 2023.

Korea

Army Sgt. Richard Sharrow – 22. Lost July 25, 1950 when unit sustained heavy casualties while defending against the North Korean Army's advance near Yongdong, South Korea. Due to the intense fighting his body could not be recovered and there was never any evidence that he was a prisoner of war. Announced August 14, 2023.

Army Pvt. Alvin Thurman - 21. Lost November 6, 1951 when he was killed in action during his unit's withdraw from Hill 200. present-day Korea Demilitarized zone. Announced August 15, 2023.

Army Sgt. Willie Baty – 20. Lost September 14 1950 when his unit was forced to withdraw from the Masan are of the Pusan Perimeter, South Korea. Following the battle his remains could not be recovered, and there is no evidence that he was ever a prisoner of war. Announced August 31, 2023.

Army Sgt. Stanley Turba – 27. Lost April 26, 1951 when his unit was engaged in a firefight with Chinese Peoples Volunteer Forces in the vicinity of the Hwachon Reservoir. Due to the intense fighting his body could not be recovered and he was never a prisoner of war. Announced September 7, 2023.

Army Sgt. 1st Class James Dorrance – 20. Lost December 1, 1950 when his unit was withdrawing from Kunu-ri North Korea. He was captured and died as a prisoner of war in Camp #5, Pyoktong, North Korea. Announced September 21, 2023.

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Max Dailey – 21. Lost August 1, 1943 when the B-24 Liberator he was serving on as a navigator crashed as a result of anti-aircraft fire and crashed during OPERATION TIDAL WAVE. His remains were not recovered, and he was never identified as a prisoner of war. Announced September 21, 2023.

Army Cpl. Lewis Hill – 18. Lost when his unit was forced to retreat from the vicinity of Taejon, South Korea. Due to the fighting his body could not be recovered and there was no evidence that he was ever a prisoner of war. Announced September 21, 2023.

Vietnam

Army Pvt. Alvin Thurman - 21. Lost November 6, 1951 when the A-6 Intruder he was serving on as a pilot during a nighttime combat mission his radio communications ceased, and he never returned to base. His remains were never recovered. Announced August 9, 2023.



Chaplain: Well, this is going to be a short note from me as I have been getting my home back together after the flood we had in May. It has been a long time getting the house back together. Now it's just unpacking all the boxes.

Here we are at another month has gone by. As I take the time to look at all the things that have happened at Post 21, I can say that we have done many great things at our post. We can all look back and be happy at what we have done. We have been growing in many ways.

There are many members that we need to keep in our prayers. I wish to ask all members, if you know how to pray, please keep "Terry Ward" in your prayers. There are also many more members that need to be remembered in prayer and I know t I can't list them all.

If you can let me know who they are would love to know, so I can put them in my prayers. I'm here to hear from everyone that may need my prayers. I'm happy to see all the new members that have joined our post. The word is getting out so thank them when you see them. With the air show coming and Vet day just around the corner there are many things that we can do.

Well as always signing off.

Chaplain Thomas Clayton
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Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
1 AIR SHOW 9:00 AM	2	3	4 SON's 6:30 PM	5	6 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Legion KP 5:00 PM	7 Cancer Bingo 1:00 PM
8	9	10	11	12	13 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Auxiliary KP 5:00 PM	14
15	16 Activities Committee 5:30 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	17 Auxiliary Open House 6:00 PM	18 General Membership 6:30 PM	19	20 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Sons KP 5:00 PM	21 Sons Oyster Feed
22	23	24	25 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	26	27 Prime Rib Dinner Special - Riders KP 5:00 PM	28
29	30	31 Halloween				

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Daniel Abbe, Mike Balcombe, Geri Boyce, William Bracken, Thomas Butler, Chad Cape, David Chambers, Thomas Clayton, Kristine Coghill, Steven Draper, Gary Farmer, Byron Garoutte, Mike Gunn, Anthony Harrell, Eugene Henderson, Mark Houston, Forrest Jacks, Stephen Kindel, Willy Koch, Paul Krutsch, Galen McBee, Joseph Miller, James Momyer, James Moore, Paul Moore, Mike Morris, Mike Paull, John Paulus, Russell Port, John Richards, Florian Raqueno, Stephen Sagmiller, Jeff Schorman, Robert Schuetz, Carolyn Scott, Dale Service, Gracie Smith, Georgia White, Saronlee Wilde, Dewain Winters, Roy Whitman, Earl Wood.

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WE ARE ON THE WEB!
VISIT US AT: VETSCLUB.ORG.



With the possibility of a Government shutdown on Monday, the VA has been extremely communicative about VA services if there is a shutdown. The following explains the continued and paused service offered by the VA.

VETERANS FIELD GUIDE TO GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN As of October 1, 2023

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is committed to provide quality, consistent care and services to Veterans, families, Caregivers, and Survivors. VA's mission allows no exception to this standard even when operations are limited by the absence of appropriations (commonly known as a "Government shutdown").

SERVICES TO VETERANS NOT IMPACTED:	SERVICES TO VETERANS IMPACTED:
VA Medical Centers, Outpatient Clinics, and Vet Centers will be open.	VA will not provide veteran career counseling or transition assistance program activities.
VA benefits will continue to be processed and delivered, including compensation, pension, education, and housing benefits.	VA education benefits contact center (GI Bill Hotline: 1-888-GIBILL-1 or 1-888-442-4551) will be closed.
Burials will continue at VA national cemeteries.	VA benefits regional offices will be closed.
Applications for headstones, markers, and burial benefits processing will continue.	Public affairs and outreach to Veterans will cease.
The Board of Veterans' Appeals will continue decisions on Veterans' cases.	No grounds maintenance or placement of permanent headstones at VA cemeteries.
VA Contact Centers (1-800-MyVA411) and the Veterans Crisis Line (Dial 988, Press 1) are open 24/7.	Applications for pre-need burial at VA cemeteries will not be processed.
	No printing of new Presidential Memorial Certificates.
	No outreach to state, county, tribal, municipal, faith-based, and community-based partners by VA Central Office.

HAVE A QUESTION? CALL US!
The one number all Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors can use to access VA resources 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year.
1-800-MYVA411 (1-800-698-2411)

In the event of a prolonged shutdown, VA will continue to review and update its plan in conjunction with the applicable legal requirements and circumstances. Please visit www.whitehouse.gov/omb/ or www.va.gov for updated information.

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Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 988, then Press 1
Call 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411) or visit <https://www.va.gov/contact-us/>