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Commander: With all the COVID restrictions we have had to deal with and my schedule I understand that I have been a little quiet lately. I want to remind everyone that our Post elections are coming up and we will have several offices that need to be filled, the Commander being one. If you are interested in holding an office contributing your time to the Post, please contact an officer so they can provide you any details you may need.

Steve Farley, Commander

Riders: As Yamhill County transitions to looser COVID restrictions, we are hoping to get back to monthly Rider meetings this month! Next scheduled Rider meeting is Wednesday, March 24th, 7 PM.

The election process for Rider officers starts in March! If you're a Rider and interested in serving on the officer team, please let me know as soon as possible so we can get your info to the nominations committee. With no election last year, officers have been in position for at least two years and some are ready to hand over the reins. Always exciting to see members step into officer roles to help guide our group's success.

Please see note elsewhere in this newsletter re: Veterans Services offered by the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde. It was really awesome of Jerry George to pass that info along.

More than anything else, I couldn't be more thankful for longer, warmer and drier days in our forecast. Many of us haven't been on 2 wheels in a while, so please knock the rust off (you AND your bike), take your time, be safe, and enjoy the RIDE.

Paul Schnell, Director, Post 21 Riders

Adjutant: Thank you for sending in your dues. Post 21 is now at 90.6%, we only need 39 members to renew their membership to put us at 100%. Are you one of those 39 members who need to renew your dues? Please consider renewing sooner rather than later. To renew your membership, you can stop by the Post and drop it in the dues box, or you can renew in the comfort of your home by visiting <https://legion.org/renew>.

Adjutant, Shirley Brown

Chaplain: Well, here it is another month come and, on the way, out. I hope that everyone is doing ok with all that has been going on. I'm so happy the good Lord is still watching over us. This past week I was taken to the ER because of my heart but thank God my daughter is a nurse as she saw something that didn't look right. I still think about all that God has done for all of us at the post. Yes, we have lost some of our members that have gone to a better place. I am still praying for all of you. Remember that better days are coming for our post. When we all stand together, we can do big things.

We are Vets and families that can do anything when we come together. I have been praying for all of you that God will keep you safe in this trying time.

Thomas Clayton, Chaplain



SEEING THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

The last year has been a great challenge for every living soul. And the many souls within our Legion family that have given so much to keep our post open!

To name a few: Dewey Jackson and his family, Jim Smith, Stan Kosmicki, Mike Gun, John Mohamad, Dan and Shirley Brown, Terry Naig. These are but a few who have contributed time and personal resources far from what we could have ever imagined. From serving drive up meals, replacing the dining room floor, painting, repairing, providing outside heating and monetary donations. Showing how veterans and our Legion family work together supporting veterans and our community. Let us not forget the untiring staff who have given even more to ensure success.

Continuing volunteer support of any kind will help as we welcome our families and veterans back into our post as we accumulate financial resources. We sincerely thank all of those who have helped and those who will come in the future as we grow as a Post and continue our support.

Debra Godwin

Oregon after the Attack on Pearl Harbor

Following Japan's December 7, 1941 attack at Pearl Harbor, reports circulated of an impending attack on the Oregon Coast. On December 11, three hundred men with their personal firearms met at the American Legion hall to form a home guard. Officers were chosen and the men divided into groups to stand guard at vital locations.

They were later inactivated until further notice but this was really the beginning of Company D stationed at the Newberg Armory on East First Street. In April of 1942 the American Legion decided to sponsor a Guard unit. The Guardsmen were those not subject to Selective Service as they filled jobs considered vital to the running of the country; jobs such as power company personnel, farmers, and loggers.

During May and June, recruits met at the Armory where sixty-five men took the oath. An auxiliary soon formed to organize blood drives, roll bandages, and sew items for the Red Cross. Soon the quota was upped to 217 men. In December, Corporal Arthur Everest (this author's Uncle), began giving marksmanship training. They drilled and received instruction in all things military. First Sergeant Donald Landauer (this author's father), gave guard duty instruction.

April 24, 1943, Company D made their first public appearance in a parade to promote the sale of war bonds. As war progressed, some left for enlistment to active duty in the armed forces. One of the unit's duties was to train men under the age of eighteen prior to active duty. The company later received letters thanking them for the good marksmanship training they had, so helpful when going to war.

Not until 1944 did the unit get government issue uniforms, some new, some used. The first shirt Sergeant Everest tried on had one sleeve four inches longer than the other. The issued rifles were .30 caliber M1917 Enfields, some .22's for indoor practice, and one Thompson machine gun. Considerable extra time and grumbling were put in cleaning the rust preventative Cosmoline grease from the barrels.

The History of Company D was written by Sgt. Arthur Everest. His sources were company records, Newberg Graphic articles, the State Guard Publication and the officers and men of Company D.

Among our Yamhill County Historical Society's membership, there must be someone who has histories of the other Yamhill County units which were Company H in Sheridan, Company L in Dayton, and Company I in McMinnville.

The Historical Society would love to hear from you. We owe so much to those who, without hesitation, put much of life on hold serving to ensure the safety and freedom of us all.

Donna Jo Landauer King, Oregon Historical Society



The most recent identified POW/MIA.

World War II

Navy Seaman 2nd Class, Howard Magers – 18. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for November 5, 2020. Announced December 17, 2020, announced February 2, 2021.

Navy Radiomen 3rd Class, Theodore Jensen – 22. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for December 17, 2020. Announced February 3, 2021.

Marine Corps. Pfc John Middleswart – 19. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for January 28, 2021.

Navy Boilermaker 1st Class, William Blanchard – 24. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for December 16, 2020. Announced February 5, 2021.

Navy Fireman 1st Class, James Davenport – 21. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for November 30, 2020. Announced February 10, 2021.

Ships Cook 3rd Class, Robert Goodwin – 20. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for November 24, 2020. Announced February 10, 2021.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class, David Clark – 18. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for November 24, 2020. Announced February 10, 2021.

Navy Fireman 1st Class, William Tucker – 19. Lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 – USS Oklahoma. Accounted for December 3, 2020. Announced February 17, 2021.

Marine Pfc J.L. Hancock. – 21. Lost November 22, 1943 after several days of intense fighting at Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. Accounted for February 17, 2021.

Army Pvt., Lyle Reab – 24. Lost November 20, 1944 when his unit was engaged in battle with German forces in the Hürtgen Forest, Germany. Accounted for February 24, 2021.

Korean War

Army Cpl. Paul Mitchem – 20. After his unit sustained heavy casualties while defending against the North Korean army near Ch'onan, South Korea. Accounted for February 11, 2021. Announced February 17, 2021.

Army Pfc. Michaux Turbeville – 31. Lost December 1, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Accounted for July 2, 2020.





Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and well over 200,000 women serve on active duty in the U.S. military. The contributions of women to military history (and well beyond) cannot be ignored. While Women's History Month isn't a time to focus exclusively on the contributions of women in military service, the contributions of female veterans are certainly an important part of American history.

The U.S. military makes a serious effort to raise the awareness level of this important occasion by paying respect to women who have made history whether serving in the military or not.



National Vietnam War Veterans Day

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed every year on March 29 and is a way to thank and honor our Nation's Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.

- ☞ Nine million Americans serving during that time.
- ☞ 6.4 million Americans living today
- ☞ 2.7 million U.S. service members who served in Vietnam
- ☞ 58,000 whose names are memorialized on a black granite wall at our Nation's Capital. 304,000 who were wounded
- ☞ 1,253 Missing in Action (MIA) heroes who have not yet returned to American soil.
- ☞ 2,500 Prisoners of War (POWs).

The commemoration makes no distinction between veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere between November 1, 1955 to March 15, 1975.

"GREETINGS VETERANS"

You are invited to attend our first veteran webinar-- Tribal Veterans Service Officers in Native Country taking place virtually on March 9, 2021 at 2 p.m. Please share this information with any Veterans, veteran's family members, and/or community members who are interested in learning more about Tribal Veterans Service Officers and their role. We have a panel of very experienced Tribal Representatives presenting that day and all are welcome to attend. This is a partnership between the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Veterans Service Office and the Veterans Affairs Office of Tribal Government Relations.

Register by clicking the link below:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Mar 9, 2021 2:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://grandronde-org.zoom.us/joining/register/tJ0ldumspjMtEtPkqylxCNd8eHnq0ObfxKOR>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting."

Jerry George



COVID-19 VACCINE!

Veteran's 65 and older are encouraged to watch for a phone call from VA Portland Health Care System Staff to schedule their COVID-19 vaccinations. Staff asks that veterans please DO NOT call to inquire about vaccinations. The VA encourages veterans to check for COVID vaccination information updates at www.portland.va.gov or call the designated VA Portland COVID-Vaccination Information Line at 503-220-3434.

Any member who needs a ride can contact Leroy Brown at (408) 835-1807.





Seabee 78th Birthday March 5th

"We build, we fight." That is the motto of Navy Seabees everywhere, and in March the Navy celebrates the heritage of this unique fighting force that has served in every major conflict America has been involved with since World War II. An innovation of military minds during World War II, Navy Seabees have a dual mission to build and to fight in support of combat operations, humanitarian outreach, and nation building.

The first Seabee unit was known as "the Bobcats" and Seabees were among the very first to land during the World War II invasion of Normandy.

If you know a Seabee, thank them for their service and dedication.

Thank you to the Son's

Terry Ward "Pappa" to some of us would like to thank Adam Finnicum and Tim Fuller, members of Post 21 Sons.

After the recent snow & ice storm Terry lost a few trees in his yard. Terry has been terribly busy taking care of his wife and has not had the time to clean up the debris. Adam & Tim burned and hauled away the debris.

This is what belonging to Post 21 is about, helping our Veterans.

Terry Ward
Past Commander



THANK YOU



House Committee: We are still waiting for the new radiant heaters to arrive. When they do, we will call for volunteers



to help hang them while we arrange for the electrical and mechanical hook-ups. Check the bulletin board for up-dates.



THE AMERICAN LEGION 101ST BIRTHDAY.

The American Legion has served wartime Veterans through promoting patriotism, military service, national security, and dedication to current service members and Veterans alike. The organization celebrates its birthday on March 15, 1919. This is the day the organization, known as the American Expeditionary Force at the time, organized the first meeting in Paris, France. The American Legion will celebrate its 101st Birthday on March 15, 2021.

March 2021

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
	1	2	3 SON's 6:30 PM	4	5 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM	6
7	8	9 House Committee 5:00 PM AMVETS 6:30 PM	10	11	12 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM	13
14	15 Finance Committee 5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:30 PM	16 Auxiliary 6:00 PM	17 General Membership 6:30 PM	18	19 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM	20
21	22	23	24 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 PM	25	26 Prime Rib Dinner Special 5:00 PM	27
28	29	30	31			



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THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander – Steve Farley
1st Vice – Paul Schnell
2nd Vice – Vacant
JAG – Steve Randles
Finance – Gale Sears
Adjutant – Shirley Brown
Sgt at Arms – Jim Connelly
Historian – Vacant
Chaplain – Thomas Clayton
At Large – Robert De Kar
At Large – Jeanne Clayton
At Large – Dan Brown

AUXILIARY

President – Debra Godwin
Vice – Glenna Smith
Treasurer – Becky Berweger
Secretary – Tracy Wittrock
Chaplain – Jeanne Clayton
Historian – Goya Hernandez
Sgt at Arms – Mike Gregory
Membership – Sim Sears

Sons of the American Legion

Commander/Finance – Terry Naig
1st Vice – Steve Kindel
2nd Vice – Jim Vansoyck
Adjutant – Del White
Sgt at Arms – Brandon Lepkowski
Chaplain – Pete Jenson

The American Legion Riders

Director – Paul Schnell
Asst. Director – Gale Sears
Secretary – Leanne Schnell
Treasurer – Mike Paul
Sgt at Arms – Jack Bailey
Historian – Jim Connelly
Chaplain – Rod Moore



Pull for the
House.



Wanted: Pull tabs

Any questions contact Mike Gregory!

Did You Know?

1 inch = 1 pull tab
1 foot = 12 pull tabs
1 mile = 63,360 pull tabs
1 pound = 1,267 pull tabs
1 million tabs = 730 pounds
730 pounds = Approx. \$219 - \$365



Each year, the Pull Tab program raises nearly three thousand dollars which is used towards the operating budget and helps defer the cost for families staying at the houses.

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