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THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



The Son's donated to Boys State and Camp Valor Outdoors in March meeting. These are a couple of organizations the SAL donate to each year

Want to welcome aboard Matthew Pickens and Braeden Pickens to the Son's. We would love to sign up more Son's, so if you know of anyone that served in the wars, Their grand children and children are eligible.

The current membership roster have 49 renewed and new members and 40 non renewed members as of March. It's not to late to renew your membership. Adults \$25, 18 years and younger \$15. Also, the SAL needs more activities out of the members. Please show up to our monthly meetings held FIRST Wednesday at 6pm. It's hard to vote on anything when we have 4-5 regular members that show up to our meetings.

Daryl Wimmer.....Commander

FROM THE BLDG MANAGER

Hopefully you have been to the Post in the past month and have seen our wonderful, talented and dedicated volunteers, I cannot begin to name each one of YOU but I do want to thank you for helping the Post to begin to recover from the pandemic. I cannot begin to tell you how much your spirit of volunteering has had an impact on our business. I would be remiss if I did not thank our paying customers. Thank YOU for coming out and supporting the meals and bar. We cannot rebuild without all of us working together for a common goal.

Randy & Diana Bray are heading up the Monday and Tuesday night snack bar. Marsha Mooney is heading up Friday night and special meals. The ALR are manning the 3rd Wednesday Burger night. Linda Finley is a volunteer bartender that does the snack bar for Saturday dance as well as anything else we throw her way. We always welcome more volunteers. If interested, call or email me.

One of my favorite sayings is from our 33rd President, "It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." Harry S. Truman

Again many thanks to everyone for their support!

Dorothy Ballew

Building Manager

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MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, March 4, 2021, at the Post Home.

Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual. 1st Vice Commander Mark Clark placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

There were 11 officers, and 18 members present. A quorum was present.

The regular membership meeting was suspended at 7:02 pm for presentation of the Commanders scholarship to Jasman Ford.

Jasman is the granddaughter of Commander Bob Ford.

The business meeting was resumed at 7:05 pm.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the months of January 2021. A motion was made by Randy Bray to accept the finance report as read. 2nd by Mark Clark. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from February 23, 2021 were read. A motion was made by Mark Clark to accept the minutes as read. 2nd by Randy Bray. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made to accept the new members and transfers by Kerry Boardman. 2nd by Mike Sweeney. Motion carried.

There were 8 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller. The Valentine dance had 92 people attend. Regular scheduled dances will begin March 6, 2021.

Don Decker gave the Riders report.

Daryl Wimmer gave the Bingo report. Bingo restarted on March 2, 2021.

Don Decker gave a report on setting up and maintaining a building fund for the Post. The goal for the building fund is \$15,000. A \$400.00 donation has already been received. More information to follow.

Mark Clark reported that as of now Boys State will be held this summer. More information to follow as it becomes available. A motion was made by Don Decker to fund 2 boys to Boys State in the amount of \$1000.00. 2nd by Bruce Butler. Motion carried.

Officer Reports:

Old Business:

New Business:

The Commander handed out certificates to several volunteers within the Post. There will be more to follow.

There will be a Gun Show at the Post April 17-18, 2021.

Kerry Boardman reported that there will be a Department Convention July 9-11, 2021 in Cape Girardeau, Mo. More information to follow.

Commander Bob Ford read a resolution for George Scarborough for nomination to Alternate National Executive Committee Man. A motion was made by Mike Sweeney to accept the resolution. 2nd by Kerry Boardman. Motion carried.

For the good of the American Legion:

The 1st Vice Commander removed the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair.

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

Commander Ford conducted the closing ritual, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is April 1, 2021, at 7PM.

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
adjutantpost21@gmail.com**

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Members and Patrons of Post 21,

We have been successful in adding more and more services during our reopening period. Bingo is growing each week and our dances have begun and show promise in the attendance. We have managed to use an all-volunteer force in our kitchen. Randy and Diane Bray have led Mondays and Tuesdays with help from others. Marsha Mooney has been leading the charge on our Friday Night meals with several volunteers. I would name them, but I fear I will miss someone. There have been quit a few of you stepping up to help and I thank you for your support of your post.

We had a successful St. Patrick's Day at Post 21. Marsha Mooney led a great group of kitchen volunteers to serve up Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes and Carrots as well as a delicious Reuben Sandwich. Again, thank you to everyone who made this possible.

If you attended last months Post Business meeting you heard that we have kicked off a Building Fund project. Our building is old, and we anticipate some major HVAC expenses in the not-too-distant future. We have set up a separate account to hold the Building Fund Donations to ensure that they will only be used for that purpose. We will be announcing in our April meeting the progress that we have made so far. Please consider donating. No amount is to small. We will have several opportunities for you to participate in this campaign.

I am very pleased with the many volunteers that have stepped up to help. That being said we always can use more help so that we don't burn out those of you who are donating many hours of their own time to help. We have many areas that could use your help. Bingo, Dances, Kitchen, and more. We have several events coming in the next two months that will require additional help. There is a Craft Fair on April 10th, a Gun Show on April 17th and 18th, and a Car Show on May 15th! I invite you to join us as we really have a great time with fellowship while serving Post 21!

As always if you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions I am always available to talk.

Thank you for the privilege and Honor in being your Commander.

Bob Ford

Commanderpost21@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS

Joseph LaBarge II

TRANSFERS

**Charles Admire, James Baxter, Ricky Browning,
Harvey Bruce, Raymond Castor Jr., Arthur Chatman,
Elliott Clemons, Christopher Eastman,
Laurence Eckstein, Robert Ensminger, Edwin Gardner,
John Gonzagowski, Robert Stephens,
Richard Williams**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

February 27, 2021

Tirey J. Ford Post 21 celebrated its 1 year anniversary of operating its monthly food pantry. Over the last year the Post has provided food for Veterans in need of a helping hand. Over the last year the pantry has served 374 households totaling 916 individuals, including 413 adults, 180 children, and 323 elderly. The Post has received 3452 pounds of food from Harvesters. That figure alone provided 2,877 meals. The pantry has also received and continues to receive donations from our members and members of our community. The food pantry is open the last Saturday of every month. The hours of operation are 8:30-10:30 am.

At our October 2019 Post meeting we had a guest speaker from Heroes Care talk to the Post about the Food Pantry closing at the Ozark National Guard Armory due to security restrictions. Heroes Care was looking for a place to reestablish the food pantry. It was an easy decision to have the pantry here at the post, since the pantry serves Veterans and their families, Active-duty members, National Guard and Reserve and their families.

The food pantry officially opened in February 2020. The months following the grand opening were totally unexpected and unprecedented. Covid-19 restrictions were in place and the need for food increased. The Post was able to maintain and even increase the supply of goods needed for the pantry by donations from Post Members and members of the community and the use of Harvesters. The staff working the pantry consists totally of volunteers. Their commitment has insured a smooth operation of the pantry. Even during the pandemic, the pantry has had volunteer assistance from Midwest Poppies for Patriots. They have been a great asset to the pantry, and they continue to be of help today.

Tirey J. Ford Post 21 is committed to continue the pantry as long as there is a need in the community. Donations of non-perishable items are always accepted.



AUXILIARY NEWS

We held our meeting on Thursday, March 4. There were 17 members in attendance. I hope our April Meeting...on April 1...will have better attendance. I truly appreciate

the members who have attended and look forward to seeing more of you soon.

Marsha Mooney is taking over some of the kitchen duties and needs volunteers to help prep, serve and clean. She served delicious Reuben sandwiches and corned beef and cabbage on March 17. The best Reuben I had enjoyed in years and the lounge was packed. Laughter and happy tummies ruled the day. HUGE thanks to Marsha and the volunteers who have stepped up. HUGE thank you to Randy and Diane Bray as well. They are working the kitchen on Mondays and Tuesdays. They really need some volunteers to help in the kitchen on those evenings. If you have a few hours to work in the kitchen, please consider volunteering on Monday or Tuesday.

We restarted bingo on Monday, March 1. On March 15 we had 103 players! Our Progressive jackpot will be 1800.00 on March 22. We are currently limited to 124 players. Would love to meet that number in the coming weeks. Our players certainly seem happy to be back playing. In March, Marsha announced The National Auxiliary President will be making a visit here on Wednesday, April 28th. The auxiliary will be hosting the event. We will need plenty of volunteers to make this event memorable for our unit and the National President. Just a heads up, more information to follow on these two items. Tom Tanner has been contacted by the VA with plans to set up Covid Vaccine opportunities at the post. The Community Blood Bank is also working to schedule blood banks at the post. I feel both of these steps will be great for the community and our post. If there are volunteer needs once these events are scheduled I will let you know.

I hope everyone is staying warm, safe and healthy in these trying times.

Lana Butler, President
816-507-3033 or LMLeitner@yahoo.com

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Welcome to Spring!

The ALR will be out on the road more with the improving weather conditions. We will be enjoying each others company and completing missions. Please look out for motorcycles as you may not be conditioned to see them after the slow period. We all want to get home safely. too.

We have been busy helping the Post restart after the shut-down. You will see Riders working the kitchen, working Bingo nights and supporting the food pantry all month long. Personally I can't express my thanks enough how proud I have been to do my part in this organization for the past 10 years. You continue to show up and represent your Chapter in all that you do!

We have some fun rides coming up as we reboot the Tenderloin Hunt and finish planning our summer trip. We are going to have a Summer Picnic as well, and I hope that ends up being a great time for pure relaxation and comradeship!

Burger Night will be back to it's regular slot on the 3rd Wednesday starting on April 21st. We could use a few more hands in the kitchen than we had last month, and we always would like to see more diners in Club 21. Circle that date and plan to be there either way. It's a great night for the Post!

If anyone has any ideas of things we can do to have fun or support our goals then please reach out to me. We are open to anything.

Until next time,

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director



And you thought it was rabbits that liked carrots....seems like this lepraunchan has found her pot of gold!

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Michelle Eastman, Angie Palmer

Death: Lottie Cianciolo

Transfer:

April

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2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 OPEN Post & ALA Meeting 7PM	2 OPEN Boiled Shrimp, Fried Shrimp, Chicken Breast	3 OPEN - 4PM Dance - 7PM
4 Easter	5 OPEN Bingo	6 OPEN Taco Night Bingo 	7 SAL Meeting - 6PM	8 ALR Meeting 6:30 PM	9 OPEN Menu to follow	10 OPEN - 4PM Craft Fair - Inside Out 9AM - 3PM Karaoke - 7:30 Dance - 7PM
11	12 OPEN Bingo	13 OPEN Taco Night Bingo 	14 OPEN Burger Night 	15 OPEN Menu to follow Songs with Jaime 7-9PM	16 OPEN Menu to follow Songs with Jaime 7-9PM	17 OPEN - 4PM Gun Show 8AM - 5PM
18 Gun Show 9AM - 3PM	19 OPEN Bingo	20 OPEN Taco Night Bingo 	21	22	23 OPEN Menu to follow	24 OPEN - 4PM Karaoke - 7:30 Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:30 AM Dance - 7PM
25	26 OPEN Bingo	27 OPEN Taco Night Bingo 	28 National ALA President Nicole Clapp Happy Hour 5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM	29	30 OPEN Menu to follow	

Note: Club 21 opens @ 2PM, Saturday @ 4PM

Food Served 5PM - 7PM (Carryout's Available)

Bingo @ 6:30PM

TAPS



*JAMES C ADAMS, JOHN A CIANCIOLO,
RICHARD A ERECIUS, GLEN L HAYDEN,
JAMES D LEWIS, DEAN T MARTIN,
DAVID H WILSON*

*With reverence, we commit these,
our comrades, to the Post Everlasting*

APRIL 2021 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 76 members with April birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

1 @101, 2 @97, 2 @96, 3 @95, 1 @93, 1 @91, 1 @90

The youngest will turn 35 this month.



American Legion Auxiliary

National President Nicole Clapp

will be visiting Post 21 on

Wednesday, April 28th

We will be hosting a dinner

Happy Hour: 5:30 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Cost \$15

**Reservations are necessary and due by
April 17th to Dorothy Ballew – 373-0221**

Menu

Smoked Brisket

Confetti Salad

Cheesy Potato Casserole

Slow Cooked Green Beans with Bacon

Homemade Rolls

Chocolate Texas Sheet Cake

**Please consider attending this function and show your
support to the National President.**

Remember our state slogan – “Show Me”

So, let’s show up

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

As of March 9, 2021, we have 1027 members renewed. There are several ways to renew your dues, first is to pay online at <https://www.legion.org/> second is to mail them to the post or visit the post and pay them in person. We are still working on getting members renewed from 2019 and 2020, so if you know of someone that has not renewed, Please have them contact me.

The reopening of the Post has gone very well. There has been a good turnout for the dinners, Bingo and the dance. Please pass the word that the Post is now open and back for all our members. If you have any ideas on events or activities, you would like to see the post have feel free to let us know.

If you have anything you would like to be included on the Post web site, feel free to contact me or Bob Ford. The monthly newsletter is now available on the web site. You can also print it directly from the web site.

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
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**2021
DUES
ARE
DUE**



**Jasmin Ford,
Granddaughter of Commander Bob Ford
receiving the Post Commander Scholarship.**



WE'RE BACK ON BOTH NIGHTS

For the month of April 2021, American Legion Post 21 will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable red "My Heart" bag at the Hy-vee store located at 1525 East 23rd Street S, Independence, MO A great way to support your local Hy-Vee and Post 21.



MASK

REQUIRED

*****APRIL 2021 DANCE SCHEDULE*****

- 3 SOUTHBOUND
- 10 REDDYMEN
- 24 REDDYMEN

Doors open at 5:30 P.M.
Dance Time - 7:00 P.M.-10:30 P.M.
Admission to Saturday Dances \$10.00



Do you know a veteran or service member who could use a hand? Our food pantry is open to them on the last Saturday of each month.

From 8:30- 10:30



WEB SITE
TO OBTAIN DD-214
www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/

Post 21 Website: www.moalpost21.org

VA AL Service Officer @ VA Medical Center, Ron McBee, (816) 922-2883 Phone or Fax (816) 922-3381 Hours of operation 9:00 - 3:00 PM M-F

The business below donates to and supports our Legion programs

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