



The American Legion

TIREY J FORD POST 21
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DECEMBER 2021



HOME POST OF PRESIDENT HARRY S TRUMAN
CHARTERED MAY 1, 1921



**Warm and Friendly Wishes
for a Merry Christmas and a
Bright and Happy New Year!**

Rene, Linda, Melissa, Gayle and Dorothy

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**Join the Poppies for the unveiling of their
2022 calendar on Friday, December 10,
starting at 5pm.**

**They will be selling and signing the
calendars during the Post's weekly dinner
in the lounge.**

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Midwest Poppies for Patriots
2022 Calendar

January 2022



December 2021

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



NO INFORMATION SENT

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, November 4, 2021, at the Post Home.

Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual.

Service Officer Wayne Keller placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

There were 8 officers, and 21 members present. A quorum was present.

Finance Officer Sylvia gave the finance report for the month of August. A motion was made to accept the finance report as read. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes for October 2021 were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made to accept the new members and transfers. There are 1 new member and 3 transfers to the post. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

There were 4 deceased members since the last Post meeting. The Adjutant read correspondence.

Officer Report:

Service Officer Wayne Keller gave a report on the Veterans we helped this month.

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

Bingo report was given by Kerry Boardman.

Tom Tanner gave the ALR report.

Tom Tanner gave a report on the food pantry.

Old Business:

New Business:

The 5th District revitalization will be November 13, 2021, from 9 am through Noon.

The annual Salvation Army Bell ring for the Post will be December 11, 2021, at The Hy-Vee on Noland Rd. and 40 Highway. We will be there from 9 am through 3 pm. Sign-up sheets are in the lounge.

For the good of the American Legion:

The Service Officer 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 7:34 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is December 2, 2021, at 7PM.
**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
adjutantpost21@gmail.com**

**SAL Commander
David Breedlove
816-996-1597**

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Members and Patrons of Post 21,

As you have seen if you have been at your post we are waiting on new doors. They should be in soon. Once they are installed, we will get the carpet replaced in the entry and we will have a warm welcoming look for you and our visitors. Thank you for your patience as we work through this.

I know you are tired of hearing this, but we are reaching a critical point concerning our kitchen. We have worn out our few volunteers and they need a break. We need volunteers to man our kitchen on Monday night to serve the Bingo crowd and Tuesday night to continue our Taco Tuesday tradition. The bottom line is this. If we can't find anyone to help us out, we will be forced to close our kitchen on Monday and Tuesdays. Club 21 will still be open, but we will not have any food service. It's not a matter of hiring help. We have posted job opening multiple times, received a few resumes, made appointments for interviews and 100% of those were no shows for the interview. Just look at restaurants and fast-food businesses in our area. They can't have dine-in service because they cannot find help. Folks this is critical to our operation. Please consider helping to keep your post open.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Commander.

Bob Ford
Commanderpost21@gmail.com

Text Message Scams

Update 01: Wrong Number? Don't Even Text Back

A new text message scam seems so innocent that it's tempting to reply. But con artists are using phony "wrong number" texts to lure victims into conversation and falling for a scam.

How the scam works

* You receive a text that reads something like this: "Hey is this John? It's Amanda. We chatted on Tinder before when I came to visit my cousin but we never met irl. I'm back in town if you want to meet up this time, are you free?"

* If you reply to a text like this, even with a polite, "Sorry, wrong number," the stranger responds anyway, seemingly ignoring your answer. Usually, you'll receive a few compliments and some photos of "Amanda," who appears to be a scantily clad blonde woman. However, as the word gets out about this scam, scammers will change up the names, backstory, and photos.

* If you continue to engage with the stranger, who is really a chat bot, it tries to trick you into registering for dating or adult websites. Your new "friend" will encourage you to sign up for a specific website to see more explicit photos, which may involve offering up your credit card number. Considering the dubious nature of this scam, if you hand over your credit card information at any point, you could be putting yourself at risk for fraudulent charges and identity theft.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



AUXILIARY NEWS

DID YOU FORGET?

If your American Legion Auxiliary card does not say 2022, it is time for you to renew. YOU will be delinquent December 31, 2021.

Please renew your membership and help us continue our mission of helping the veterans and their families.

Dorothy Ballew, Vice President



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello Post 21 ALR Family! The holidays are upon us and the weather is turning colder but ALR Chapter 21 is still making a difference in our community and in our Post.

We are not riding as many missions as the temperatures are dropping but we are still standing in honor of our nation's fallen heroes and supporting community activities whenever we are asked. It is important to remember that everything that happens at Post 21 is because of our dedicated group of volunteers. ALR Chapter 21 volunteers have for years been a critical part of our volunteer staff and thankfully they continue to do so. As we enter the holidays I want to personally thank every ALR member who has stepped up to lead and has step in whenever and wherever the post needed them. Without you, we would have had to close our doors a long time ago.

If you have not yet paid your American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, or ALR dues, please do so before December 31st so your membership does not expire. Each of you are important to us and we need all-hands on deck as we continue to recover from the pandemic and build momentum heading into the new year.

Linda and I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. God bless, be safe, and thank you for all you do!

Mark "Top" Clark
Director, ALR Chapter 21

Thought of the Day

If you don't do anything stupid when you're young, you won't remember something funny when you're old...

— Unknown

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New:
Death:
Transfer:

December

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2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Coin Show Open @ 5pm Chiefs @ 7:25pm	6 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	7 Taco Tuesday	8  BURGER NIGHT 5 th District Meeting 7pm	9 ALR Meeting 6:30pm	10 Spaghetti/Meatballs Garlic Breadstick Karaoke with Dee 7:30 – 11:30 pm	11 Dance – 7pm
12 Open @ 11:30am Chiefs @ Noon	13 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	14 Taco Tuesday	15	16 Open @5pm Chiefs @ 7:20pm E-board Mtg – 6pm	17 Fried Catfish Grilled Chicken Breast	18 Vet's Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:30am Dance – 7pm
19 Closed	20 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	21 Taco Tuesday	22	23	24 Closed	25 Christmas Day
26 Open @ Noon Chiefs @ 3:25pm	27 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	28 Taco Tuesday	29	30	31 Closed New Year's Eve Dance Doors open @ 6:30 pm Band: 8pm-Midnight	

Note: Food Served 5PM – 7PM (Carryout's Available)
Club 21 opens @ 2PM (Mon, Tues, Fri & 3rd Wed)

Bingo @ 6:30PM (Monday)

TAPS



**JACK G GREGG,
DENNIS M HUFFMAN,
JERRY NIKAS**

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

DECEMBER 2021 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 67 members with December birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

1@100, 1@98, 1@97, 1@93, 3@92, 3@90

The youngest will turn 34 this month.

NEW MEMBERS

James Brines

TRANSFERS

Donald Besette, Paul Burford, Billy Griffin

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

If you have not paid your dues yet, now is the time to do so. If you know of someone that has not paid their dues, PLEASE ask them to do so. Remember, as of December 31, 2021, your membership is considered expired. Please avoid this from happening by renewing your dues. Thanks.

As of November 12, 2021, we have 761 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.

Do you have neighbors near you flying an American flag? Would you like to receive a membership recruiting pin from the National Commander? Stop by the Post and pick up a packet of door hangers, hang one on the door of someone flying a flag. Make sure that you put your name in the recruiter spot on the membership application on the door hanger. It's that simple. If you get 3 members to sign up, you will receive a pin.

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.

The e-mail address for Post is adjutantpost21@gmail.com.

The holiday season is upon us. I want to wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a very happy and safe New Year.

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
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Burial.

Sens. John Hoeven and Kevin Cramer are calling on the Department of Veterans Affairs to open eligibility of state veteran cemeteries to members of Reserves and the National Guard.

**2022 DUES
ARE DUE
DELINQUENT
IN DECEMBER**



FLY THE FLAG



Christmas Day, December 25



At this time we are not requiring masks to be worn. It is highly recommended though.

*****DECEMBER 2021 DANCE SCHEDULE *****



4	Selle Bros
11	Reddymen
18	Sweetwater
25	NO DANCE
31	NEW YEARS EVE



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

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we will NOT be bell ringing this year for the Salvation Army. Our scheduled date was December 11,2021.

Sorry for any inconvenience.
Tom

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

 <p>Stoned Syllly Bead Weaving, Bead Art & Bead Jewelry</p> <p>Sylvia Tanner cell # 816 305-0283 stonedsyllly@juno.com</p> <p>Legion Member</p>	 <p>Fair Winds and following Seas Courtesy of a Navy Vet</p>	<p>ADVANTAGE PLUS OVERHEAD DOOR With 40 Plus Years Experience "THE ADVANTAGE IS YOURS!" 18161 836-0893</p> <p>Bruce Watkins Repair or Replacement of Doors & Openers</p>
	<p>HY-VEE SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN LEGION 14170 East Highway 40 (at Noland Rd.) 1525 E 23rd St S Independence, MO 64055</p>	
<p>Your Ad Here \$65.00</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$65.00</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$65.00</p>
<p>McGilley & Sheil Chapel 47th & Blue Ridge Blvd. KCMO 816 353 6555</p> <p>WE HONOR VETERANS</p>  <p>Rich Carroll, Location Manager BMC Ret. USCG Res.</p> <p>Legion Member</p>	<p>WHERE THE HEART IS</p>  <p>Legion Member Dan O'Neill - Realtor 816-786-0317 REECE NICHOLS - EAST 5000 NE Lakewood Way Lees Summit, Mo 816-373-9292</p> <p>Legion Member</p>	<p>Legion Member</p>  <p>JONES AUTO SERVICE 9227 Truman Road Independence, MO 64052-1720 Serving Our Customers Since 1953</p> <p>PHONE: 816-833-1580</p>