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Sunday - 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM

POST EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY

POST MEETING - FEBRUARY 2nd @ 7:00 PM
AUXILIARY MEETING - February 2nd @ 7:00 PM
SAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 2nd @ 7:00 PM

ALR MEETING - FEBRUARY 9th @ 6:30 PM

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING February 15th @ 6:30 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 16th @ 7:00 PM

DANCES 4 Dances in February- See Page 3

**BINGO - Mondays & Tuesdays at 6:30 PM-Doors and
Snack Bar open 4:00 PM.**

Valentine's Day

February 14
Chef John
Buffet
\$25 per couple



AUXILIARY NEWS

February is turning into a busy month. We have our Department Spring Conference in Jefferson City on Saturday the 18th and Sunday the 19th.

The American Legion Auxiliary's National President Mary Davis will be attending both days. Spring Conference is focused on National Security and is a more informal meeting. Please try to attend as we plan on having great speakers and the Oratorical contest will decide who will represent Missouri as the winner moves forward.

The Washington, D.C. Conference begins on February 25th through March 1st. As the National Executive Committeewoman for the Department of Missouri I look forward to the sessions. (This a one year appointment) We will be taking part in the Welcome Home Heroes at the Vietnam Wall Memorial. If you would like to send something to be left at the Wall please let me know and I will place it under the name of your soldier.

Cynthia and Chef John have been busy with dinners just about every night. Please help support our post/unit by eating here. No fuss, no muss, no dishes. If you have never eaten Chef John's fried chicken, you are missing something special. It's better than Strouds!

Plan a special Valentine's Day dinner with a buffet here at the Post. The Auxiliary will be conducting a Chocolate by the Ounce Bar. You can't lose with dinner and chocolate all in one place!

We still need volunteers to work Bingo. Margaret and Joanne are two of our every week Bingo players who have helped when we are very short of help. Thank you both. Please see Lana or Marsha if you want to help even if only one Monday a month. Our problem is that you would have to be a member for two years—the Bingo Commission rules, not ours.

February is Americanism month. Wear your red, white and blue with pride. Official Flag Flying Days are February 12th for Lincoln's birthday and February 20th for Washington's birthday (observed). Flying your flag is a form of showing your commitment to National Security.

Thank you for being a part of the largest women's service organization in the world. Your work to support our military personnel is noticed and appreciated.

Gayle Metzinger
Auxiliary Unit 21 President

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Annette Sprinkle

Death: Barbara Frost, Joyce Wian

Transfer:

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

We are well on our way into the New Year! As I write this the temperature is below 0 degrees and it's ten o'clock in the morning! Not safe riding weather but that does not stop us. We fire up our cars and trucks to get the job done. The family does not care how we arrive to support them, only that we are there.

Congratulations to David Cary. We have submitted him to the Department as a candidate for Rider of the Year. We would like to see him win but in our eyes he is our Rider of the Year!

We presented a check for \$900+ to the post from our Fall Craft Sale. Thanks again to Linda Clark and her long list of volunteers that helped make this possible. Looking forward to the Spring Craft Sale on May 20th, 2017.

Volunteers needed! We need volunteers in all areas at Post 21. Please consider donating some time. Talk to Commander Mike, Kevin our new office manager, Tom Tanner, Marsha Mooney, Me or anyone to see where you can help. If we can get several to commit to 4 hours a month that would help a lot. Please don't just read this and move on. Think about giving some time. Thank you.

Have a great February!

Bob Ford - ALR Chapter 21 Director



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FREE**

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Snow, Cold, Wind, Need Heat, enough of the 4 letter words of winter. We hope all of our members are starting to look forward to spring like we are. The football season is winding down, but since we are writing this in early January can't say for sure but hope the Chiefs made it. Either way there will be a huge tailgating party Feb 5th in the lounge with lots of food and drink specials, come on down and root for your team!

January was a pretty slow month for the SAL. After an extremely busy November and December, we're starting our planning for next year.

Here are a few things we are considering:

Our usual Monday night 50/50's at Bingo will be supplemented by additional items for raffle. Small gifts, gift certificates, discounts, and event tickets will become increasingly available. Come on down for Bingo to see. I hear it costs \$20 to play all the games, including the Jackpot game, and is guaranteed to be an evening of fun. Ice Cream and Grill items are served for those of you that missed dinner.

Sometime in the next couple of months we will be having a Chili Cookoff Challenge for the post. Categories will be, 1. Hottest, 2. Most Flavorful, 3. Best overall in Red and White. All groups at the post will be represented as Judges. Date will be announced soon.

This year we will be making regular donations to Heroes Home Gate, Boys State, Camp Valor, ROTC, and the Boy Scouts, but are looking for more ways to both collect funds, and distribute funds. Your input is welcome.

We are looking for new ways to make money for our charities, either by raffles, cookouts, or selling our officers off into temporary indentured servitude. We are 100% volunteer supported and 100% of the funds we raise goes towards our selected charities. That said we could sure use your help time and again. Please feel welcome to bring yourselves, and your ideas to our next meeting on Thursday, Feb 2nd at 7:00 PM.

WE HAVE HAD TO SHUFFLE OUR MEETING TIMES AROUND THE NEEDS OF THE POST. MANY OF OUR MEMBERS BELONG TO THE LEGION AS REGULAR MEMBERS, SO THEY ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS SINCE THEY RUN THE SAME TIME. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT ITS NORMAL TIME. THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2nd, at 7:00 PM, NO MEETING THURSDAY FEB 16th. Starting in March meetings will be on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the main hall, (That's 19:00 hours for you dual members.)

The newsletter is online, along with the calendar of events, and the latest news and updates. You can access them 24/7 on the Legion Web page at <http://www.moalpost21.org>. We will also email the newsletter to our members instead of sending them by mail, saving us "Lots" of money on printing and postage. If you would prefer to receive your copy via email, please make sure we have your email address. Send an email to the SAL Adjutant, Keith Constance, at saladjutant21@moalpost21.org, or keith@constance.com with your current info. Please include your latest phone number, as many members have dropped their land lines and have gone 100% mobile.

Our current member count is 67, with over 30 members from 2016 who have not renewed for this year. Those who haven't won't be receiving the newsletter by mail. (catch 22 anyone?). Please keep us, and the work we do, in mind and renew soon. It's only \$20 a year, and it goes a long way.

Know a veterans family in need, a family with a member deployed that needs a little help. Let us know. We will do what we can.

.....Daryl Wimmer, SAL Commander

FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR FEBRUARY

Monday from 5pm to 7pm

2/6 BBQ Ribs, slaw and baked beans	\$8.50
2/13 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes green beans and roll	\$8.50
2/20 Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, gravy and corn	\$8.00
2/27 Chicken Tenders, mashed potatoes, gravy and corn	\$8.00

Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm

2/7 Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each/ Post 21 Burrito	\$4.00
2/14 Chef John Presents Buffet - <i>Per Couple</i>	\$25.00
2/21 Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each/ Post 21 Burrito	\$4.00
2/28 Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each/ Post 21 Burrito	\$4.00

Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm

2/1 Pulled pork sandwich and fries	\$7.50
2/8 Lasagna, salad, garlic bread	\$8.50
2/15 Tenderloin, fish or chicken sandwich w/ tots, fries or onion rings ALR COOKS	\$5.50
2/22 Ham, potatoes au gratin, green beans and roll	\$8.00

Thursday from 5pm to 7pm

2/2 Fellowship Supper- FREE- members only	
2/9 Chicken Noodle, salad and roll	\$5.75
2/16 Southwestern chicken casserole, tortilla and salad	\$7.50
2/23 Grilled Cheese and tomato soup	\$5.75

Friday

2/24 Chef John Presents Fried Chicken Dinner Plus	\$12.00
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Saturday from 5:30 pm to 8pm

2/4 Hoagie sandwich and potato salad	\$5.75
2/11 Deli sandwich and chips	\$5.75
2/18 Reuben sandwich and chips	\$5.75
2/25 Pulled pork sandwich and chips	\$5.75

2/5 Sunday

Super Bowl Buffet in the Lounge Sponsored by Post 21.

NOTE: The Snack Bar Menu Available On Monday & Tuesday

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For More Information read New York Times' coverage <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/07/technology/moreiphone-fake-retail-apps-before-holidays.html>

To report issues with apps, go to Apple's App Store and Google Play sites:

* <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204084>

* <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/07/technology/more-iphone-fake-retail-apps-before-holidays.html>

To report a scam, go to BBB Scam Tracker <https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker/us>. [Source: BBB article December 18, 2016 ++]

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UNTIL WE CAN GET THINGS STRAIGHTENED OUT WITH THE POST OFFICE I NEED FOR YOU TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

IF YOU HAVE MOVED IN THE LAST 5 MONTHS WILL YOU PLEASE USE THE MOVED OR MOVING FORWARDING ADDRESS FORM ON THE FRONT PAGE OF YOUR NEWSLETTER. THEN SEND IT TO THE POST TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ADJUTANT.

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NEW MEMBERS

NO MEETING

COULDN'T VOTE ON

NEW MEMBERS AND TRANSFERS

TRANSFERS

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Membership renewals are still coming in however the renewal pace has slowed. The Post is at 81.75% of the goal as set by National. That gives us approx. 1326 members renewed for the New Year. We have a long way to go to reach 100% of our goal before the end of the Legion year. If you have not renewed your membership yet please do so. I have also started sending out letters to all of the Post 1000 members in an effort to transfer them to the post. If you know anyone that has not paid their dues please get them to come and pay their dues.

The Post participated in ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on 3 and 17 December. We helped raise \$1954.72 on 3 Dec. and \$793.64 on 17 Dec. for a grand total of \$2748.36. I would like to thank everybody that came out to help this year.

Starting in February we will be serving soup and sandwiches in the lounge from 11:00am till 2:00 pm. The cost will be \$5.50 for lunch. The bar will also be open.

If you live out of state and still wish to receive the monthly newsletter by mail you need to let us know. If we do not hear from you within 90 days your newsletter will be stopped.

Emails are still a problem. I have been getting a lot of emails bounce back to me for whatever reason. If you feel that you are not receiving emails from the Post, PLEASE check your spam settings to insure correct delivery of the emails. If your spam settings are correct please, ensure I DO have your correct email address. If you have changed your email address or have not provided the post with an email address, please send it to me.

If you would like to receive your monthly newsletter by email please let me know. We would like to increase the number of newsletters sent out by email rather than by regular mail. The post sends out over 1700 newsletters a month which is very costly.

If you have moved within the last 6 months would you please provide me with your new address.

If you have anything you would like to submit to be included on the Post web site, please email either myself or Ed Murray with the details. 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.

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

ATTENTION

On December 16, 2016, H.R. 5015, the Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act of 2016 became Public Law No: 114-292. This new law provides veterans medically separated, or retired from the military due to combat-related injuries another opportunity to recoup the taxed portion of their severance payments.

The law requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to identify veterans medically separated from military service due to combat-related injuries that were issued severance payments after January 17, 1991, and withheld amounts for tax purposes.

DOD will provide this group of veterans with a notice of the amount of improperly withheld severance payments, and instructions for filing amended federal tax returns to recover the withheld amount. The period for filing this IRS claim for a credit, or refund is extended to one year after DOD provides the veteran with the information required by this Act.

This law will be a significant benefit to this group of injured and ill veterans, and partially fulfills DAV Resolution 011 that calls for allowing all veterans to recover taxes withheld from their disability severance pay.

FEBRUARY 2017 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 76 members with February birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

3@94, 3@93, 2@92, 1@91

The youngest will turn 47 this month.

WEB SITE

TO OBTAIN DD-214

www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/

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

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

DAV is pleased that there will be a reduction in copayments for many service-connected veterans in accordance with DAV Resolution No. 135.

VA issued final regulations set to take effect February 27, 2017, changing VA's current copayments structure for each 30-day or less supply of medication and how future year copayment amounts and annual caps are calculated.

Veterans who are currently exempt from medication copayments remain exempt, including but not limited to, a veteran with a service-connected disability rated 50 percent or more, medication for a service-connected disability, and a former prisoner of war.

Currently, Priority Group (PG) 2-6 veterans must pay \$8 for each 30-day or less supply of medication and PG 7-8 veterans must pay \$9. Under the new rule, VA will essentially assign three categories for medication and associated copayments:

- **Tier 1 - preferred generics - \$5 copayment for 30-day supply;**
- **Tier 2 - non-preferred generics - \$8 copayment for 30-day supply; and**
- **Tier 3 - brand name drugs - \$11 for 30-day supply.**

In addition, current copayment costs for veterans in PG 2-6 is limited to a \$960 annual copayment cap and PG 7-8 veterans have no protections afforded by a cap. Under the new rule, VA will reduce the annual copayment cap to \$700 for all veterans, including PG 7-8 veterans, who are required to pay medication copayments.

It is estimated that a large majority of veterans will encounter no cost increase, or will realize savings, while a small percentage of veterans-veterans who only fill Tier 3 medications-may experience a small increase in medication copayments. Based on a comparison of the current and proposed copayment amounts, VA anticipates that most veterans would realize between a 10 and 50 percent reduction in their annual pharmacy copayment costs. VA also estimates, 94 percent of copayment eligible veterans will experience no cost increase, and 80 percent will realize a savings of between \$1 and \$4 per 30-day supply of medications.













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Webmaster Barbie Daum

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