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POST EVENTS FOR JULY

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING

- **POST MEETING - JULY (NONE)
- **AUXILIARY MEETING - JULY (NONE)
- ** SAL MEETING JULY (NONE)
- ** ALR MEETING - JULY 12th @ 6:30 PM**

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING Every Monday @ 7:00 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING JULY (NONE) @ 7:00 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE In JULY See Page 7

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in JULY - See Page 3

BINGO - Mondays & Tuesdays at 6:00 - 10:00 PM-Doors and Snack Bar open 4:00 PM.



AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Friday JULY 20th

SOCIAL HR 6-7

DINNER @ 7:00

MENU:

**Brisket, Baked Beans,
Cheesy Potatoes**

Cost:

\$10.00 Per Person

RSVP

On or before 10 July



THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



July 2018

POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander	Ed Witthar
1st Vice Commander	Mark Clark
2nd Vice Commander	Bob Ford
3rd Vice Commander	John Faelske
Adjutant	Tom Tanner
Finance Officer	Sylvia Tanner
Judge Advocate	Dennis Mooney
Historian	Open
Service Officer	Mike Sweeney
Chaplain	Bob Settles
Sergeant-at-Arms	Dan Orr
Past Commander	Mike Feliciano

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Americanism	Chris Wehr
Athletic	OPEN
Bingo	Marge Neal
Boy's State	OPEN
Budget & Finance	Denis Proctor
Cadet Patrol	Norman D'Angelo
Dance	Wayne Keller
Home Improvement	OPEN
Kitchen	Cynthia Stephenson
Newsletter Editor	Ed Murray
Oratorical	Ralph Buchanan
Patriotic Council	OPEN
R.O.T.C.	Mark Clark
Salvation Army	Tom Tanner
School Awards	OPEN

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Lelia Brownfield Chairman, Michael Keene, Richard Conrad, Don Decker, James Neece,

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Marsha Mooney
Vice President	Suzanne Proctor
Secretary	Antoinette Denny
Treasurer	Lana Butler
Historian	Linda Clark
Chaplain	Linda Vetter
Sergeant-at-Arms	Judy Settles

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Director	Don Decker
Assistant Director	Dan Orr
Secretary	Suzanne Proctor
Treasurer	Ed Witthar
Judge Advocate	Larry Harrison
Historian	Linda Clark
Chaplain	Mark Clark
Sergeant-At-Arms	Doug Stacer
Road Captains	Open
Safety Officer	Open

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Feliciano called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, 7 June 18, at the Post Home.

Commander Feliciano conducted the opening ritual. 1st Vice Commander Ed Murray placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain Bob Settles gave the opening prayer. There were 9 officers and 35 members present.

Finance Officer Tanner read the Finance Report for the month of May. A motion was made to accept the Finance Report as read. Motion 2nd. Motion carried. A copy of the last report is posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 17 May 18 were read. There was no Executive committee meeting as no quorum was present.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made to accept the new members and transfers. Motion 2nd. Motion carried.

There were 2 deceased members for the month of May. The Adjutant read correspondence.

Committee Reports:

- Tom Tanner gave the Bingo report and presented the post with a check for \$5000.00
- Wayne Keller gave the Saturday dance report.

Officer Reports:

- Bob Ford gave the ALR report.

The 2019 Officer slate was presented. A motion to accept the new officers as read was made. Motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

Nominations were reopened for the following officer positions:

- 1st Vice Commander
- Historian

Mark Clark was nominated from the floor for 1st Vice Commander. No other nominations were received. A motion was made to accept Mark Clark as 1st Vice Commander. Motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

- The position of Historian is vacant.

New Business:

- Mike Sweeney made a motion to sponsor a golf hole for the past commanders golf tournament at the convention. Motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

For the good of the American Legion:

- Steve Bruce asked for volunteers for the upcoming fireworks stand.
- The 1st Vice Commander removed the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair.
- The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.
- Commander Feliciano conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 2 Aug 2018, at 7PM.

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

Department Convention July 12th thru the 15th

Two 90-year old guys, Leo and Frank, had been friends all of their lives. When it was clear that Leo was dying, Frank visited him every day. One day Frank said 'Leo, we both loved playing baseball all our lives, and we played all through High School. Please do me one favor: when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's baseball there.' Leo looked up at Frank from his deathbed and said, 'Frank you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you.' Shortly after that, Leo passed on. A few nights later, Frank was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him 'Frank... Frank.' 'Who is it?' asked Frank sitting up suddenly. 'Who is it?'

'Leo— it's me, Leo.'

'You're not Leo, Leo just died.' 'I'm telling you, it's me, Leo' insisted the voice.

'Leo!Where are you?'

'In Heaven,' replied Leo. 'I have some really good news and a little bad news.'

'Tell me the good news first,' said Frank.

'The good news,' Leo said, 'is that there's baseball in Heaven. Better yet all of our old buddies who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always springtime, and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play baseball all we want, and we never get tired.'

'That's fantastic,' said Frank 'It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?'

'You're pitching Tuesday.'

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

First of all, I want to thank the many volunteers that make Post 21 successful. Volunteers are the foundation that helps Post 21 meet its monthly obligations, without the volunteers we could not make it. I look forward to all Post 21 members supporting our new post Commander Ed Witthar, Executive Committee and the House Committee. It's been a life time honor being the Commander of American Legion Post 21, many thanks to all.

ALOHA

Commander Mike Feliciano



RICH CATES IN THE LOUNGE

JULY 6, 13, 20, 27

NEW MEMBERS

TRANSFERS:

Phil Dunham, Carl Frey, Lawrence Meservey,

Patrick Moore, Tristan Whaley

JULY 2018 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 106 members with July birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

2@98, 2@96, 2@94, 1@93, 3@92, 1@91, 3@90

The youngest will turn 36 this month.

Luva D Vaughan



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



AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy 4th of July! We celebrate our country's independence with food, family and faith that our form of democratic government will endure forever. During the American Revolution, the Second Continental Congress declared independence from England. The Declaration of Independence became a statement to explain this decision and was signed on July 4, 1776. Many men and women have sacrificed their lives in defense of this Declaration throughout history. Take a quiet moment this 4th of July to give thanks for all of our blessings living in a free country and to those in the past and present serving in the military. As the saying goes, freedom is not free.

The Auxiliary new officers include:

- President..... Marsha Mooney
- Vice President.....Suzanne Proctor
- Secretary..... Antoinette Denny
- Chaplain..... Linda Vetter
- Historian..... Linda Clark
- Treasurer..... Lana Butler
- Sgt. at Arms..... Judy Settles

Many thanks to the ladies who served last year. Your leadership is greatly appreciated. I look forward to another productive year.

There is no Auxiliary meeting in July. We will have a joint installation with the Legion, SAL and Legion Riders on July 20th. Please make your reservations with the office. I do not know the time or cost yet but hopefully will find out soon. Please attend even if you hold no office as this is a good time for fellowship with all groups who call Post/Unit 21 home.

The Department of Missouri Convention will be July 13-15 at the Ramada Oasis Hotel in Springfield, MO

I have enjoyed serving our Veterans and the many activities we have sponsored with assistance from the Legion, SAL and Legion Riders. We are truly a family.

Thank you for all you do to make the lives of our veterans and their families better. May God bless you and the United States of America.

Gayle Metzinger Auxiliary 21 President

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

- New: Linda Gerke**
- Transfer: Kathryn Oden**
- Death:**

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

Well the past 2 years have been quite an experience for me. The Chapter has grown considerable since I took over as Director thanks to the recruiting efforts of all of you. I tried a few things that were different. Some of them worked, others, not so much. We made some needed changes to the By-Laws, and I resurrected the position of Safety Officer.

Our ride participation this past year has slowed down. I believe it is a combination of some of us getting old and it was hard for a few of us to keep the pace up. We are ready for another wave of younger Riders to step up. It is so hard to do that when you work and have family obligations. Your time will come. Thank you to all those that were able to support our mission.

I hesitate to name anybody for fear of missing someone. You all know who you are and what you were able to do. Thank you ALL for your support over the last 2 years.

Starting with the August meeting new leadership will be taking over. Congratulations to the new eBoard members as well as those who are staying on for another year. Thank you all for stepping up to help lead our Chapter. They are as follows:

- Director: Don Decker
- Asst. Director: Dan Orr
- Treasurer: Ed Witthar (Who is also our new Post Commander)
- Secretary: Suzan Proctor
- Sgt. At Arms: Doug Stacer
- Judge Advocate: Larry Harrison
- Historian: Linda Clark
- Chaplain: Mark Clark
- Road Captain and Safety Officer as well as other committees will be appointed by Don Decker.

Bob Ford - ALR Chapter 21 Director



JULY 1st POST WILL OPEN AT 11:30 - 5

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Elections were held at our June 6th meeting, the results are;

Commander: Daryl Wimmer

Vice Commander: Doug Savage

Adjutant: Keith Constance

Finance Officer: Walt Seigler

Chaplain: Kent Groom

Sgt at Arms: Leroy Brugioni

The new officers will be installed on July 20.

There will not be a meeting in July, so our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Weds August 1st in the main hall.

Hope you all have a great month.

Keith Constance, Adjutant

Keith Constance - Adjutant



***FREEDOM IS NOT
FREE***

FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR JUNE

Monday from 5pm to 7pm

- 7/2 Snack Bar Menu
- 7/9 Chicken wings 7 for **\$5.00** 10 for **\$8.50**
- 7/16 Snack bar Menu
- 7/23 Open Faced Turkey Sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy **\$8.50**
- 7/30 Snack Bar Menu

Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm

- 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31
- Tacos Tuesday \$1.50 each
- or 4 for **\$5.00**
- Pork Burrito **\$5.00**
- Taco Salad **\$5.00**

Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm

- 7/4 4th celebration Brats, Hamburgers 2-7PM
- 7/11 Catfish, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw **\$8.50**
- 7/18 ALR Burger Night
- Bacon Cheese/Mushroom Swiss burger night, fries, tots or onion rings **\$7.00**
- 7/25 Beef Tips & Noodles, Mixed Veggies & roll **\$8.50**

Thursday

NO MEALS ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

Friday from 5pm to 7pm

- 7/6 **COMMANDERS FARWELL DINNER 4-8PM**
- BBQ Chicked, Ribs, Brisket, Potato Salad, Baked Beans
- 7/13 Beef or Chicken Kabobs, Salad Bar & Roll **\$8.50**
- 7/20 Installation of Officers
- Brisket, Baked Beans, Cheesy Potatoes **\$10.00**
- 7/27 Shrimp, & Veggie Alfredo on pasta w/garlic bread **\$9.00**

Saturday from 7:30am to 9am

NO BREAKFAST IN JULY



PLEASE GO TO :

www.moalpost21.org

To see the new kids snackbar menu

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Burn Pit Toxic Exposure Update 49 Is It Now Becoming An Afterthought?

For years, Veterans Affairs leaders and administration officials have promised they won't let health issues surrounding burn pit exposure in Iraq and Afghanistan become another "Agent Orange" in the community. Now, advocates and a handful of lawmakers are worried it already has. "The level of awareness among members of Congress on the problems from burn pits is abysmally low," said Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI) and an Army National Guard soldier who served in Iraq in 2004-2005. "Too few understand the urgency of the issue." Gabbard and Afghanistan war veteran Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL) recently introduced new legislation dubbed the Burn Pits Accountability Act to require more in-depth monitoring of servicemembers' health for signs of illnesses. The legislation is also serving as a springboard for renewed discussion about the lingering problem of burn pits, used extensively in Iraq and Afghanistan to dispose of a wide variety of waste and suspected in a wide array of unusual cancers, respiratory illnesses and other health complications from the post-9/11 generation of veterans.

On 17 MAY, numerous veterans advocates joined Mast and Gabbard at a Capitol Hill press conference to support their legislation but also to highlight the issue, fearing that the once talked-about topic is now becoming an afterthought. "We've had an overflow of veterans sharing their stories, especially in the last few months," said Paul Rieckhoff, founder and CEO of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. "Our members feel like their bodies are under attack. And they're calling for Help." More than 141,000 veterans and current service members have enrolled in VA's Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry, which allows individuals to document their experiences and illnesses with the department. But those entries are voluntary, and advocates believe the total number of troops impacted by the poisonous fumes from the pit is significantly higher, since nearly every individual who deployed in the recent wars had some exposure to the burn pits. "Even when someone in the military is aware that burn pits existed out there, that doesn't mean they're aware of who is affected," Mast said. "They often ask if you were assigned to a job where you (worked with the pits). And if you weren't, how could this possibly affect you? "They don't understand that's not how the military works."

Both Gabbard and Mast said the military and VA can do more to be proactive with the problem of burn pit exposure, especially in light of the spotty record with Agent Orange exposure during Vietnam. Decades passed before many rare illnesses linked to the chemical defoliant were acknowledged by either department or authorized for health and disability benefits. Advocates said they fear bureaucratic indifference will mean years of suffering by the current generation of veterans before the proper medical and financial support is put in place. House Veterans' Affairs 13 Committee members will hold a hearing on the issue next Month. Meanwhile, IAVA and numerous other veterans groups have been meeting with lawmakers to find a path ahead, either on the Gabbard/Mast legislation or another plan.

[Source: MarineCorpsTimes | Leo Shane III | May 18, 2018 ++]

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

For the past few months you have been receiving yellow cards in the mail asking you to verify your information for the Department of Missouri to a company in Texas. This request is legitimate. The department is sponsoring a 100th anniversary directory. If you decide to contact them and they tell you that you have not paid your dues for the current Legion year PLEASE DO NOT PAY YOUR DUES TO THEM. They are not collecting the correct amount of dues. Thank you

The Post is at 93.85% of the goal as set by National. That gives us approx. 1373 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. We have sent out renewal reminder letters to all members that have not renewed their dues. We have 213 members that have not renewed for membership year 2018.

The fireworks tent will be set up on 19 Jun 18 and will open on or about 27 Jun thru 4 Jul. We still need a lot of volunteers to help man it. Please contact me for further info or to sign up to help.

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.

If you have not checked out the new updated Post web site feel free to do so; the web address is moalpost21.org.

Now is the time to start thinking about being a delegate for the Department Convention to be held in Springfield, Mo from 12-15 July. If you are interested in being a delegate please contact me to get signed up. Hotel information is available upon request.

July is the start of a new legion year so be ready to start sending in your 2019 dues. You will receive the early bird stamp on your card until Sept. 8. You can use that for \$7.00 off the price of any dinner, drink or admission to the dance at any time during the membership year.

The monthly Post meetings attendance has been low. Come out and attend a meeting to see what is going on in your Post. Snacks will be available after the meeting.

If you would like to receive your Monthly newsletter via e-mail please let me know and I will include you on the newsletter list.

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

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



RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '18 -'19

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



JULY 11th 7-10PM Mike Perez

JULY 18th 7-10PM Mike Perez

JULY 25th 7-10PM Mike Perez

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



Mark your calendar for JULY 26th
Last Thursday of July
Oasis will be performing Classic
Rock and Country so come on out
and show your moves.
Doors open at 5:30. The band
plays from 7-10PM.
Snack bar available.
\$6.00 admission

Wes Blake

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JULY 2018 DANCE SCHEDULE

7	Ranger
14	Reddymen
21	Sweetwater
28	Reddymen

Doors open at 5:30 P.M.
Beverage & Snack Bars Open at 5:30 P.M.
Dance Time - 7:00 P.M.-10:30 P.M.
Admission to Saturday Dances \$7.00

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