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THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Summer is Here to stay and I want to wish everyone a safe Summer. Have a Safe July 4th.

I want to thank the Sons of American Legion Members that have Volunteer for Bingo 50/50 and Kitchen helper in the year. Bingo 50/50 is one of the ways SAL raise money for the Charities we donate through out the year.

June 5th meeting Elected positions. Thank you for Stepping up and helping out for another year.

COMMANDER.....Daryl Wimmer

VICE COMMANDER.....Doug Savage

ADJUTANT.....Daryl Wimmer

FINACE OFFICER.....Walt Seigler

Historian.....Open

CHAPLAIN.....Kent Groom

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....Leroy Brugioni

Any of the SAL Members that are wanting to receive a newsletter by Email, Please send a email to the saladjutant21@gmail.com since the Post is no longer mailing out the newsletter as of July 1st.

Sons and the American Legion and the Post Members will be finishing up the fireworks stand July 5th. Post is needing Volunteers to make this a successful event to help raise money for the Post. Bring your family out and have a great time with the Post Family. The Sons are donating cases of Water and Gatorade for this event.

The Installation of Officers are July 19th at the Post. Will be held in the hall and the SAL Members are invited to the dinner and the Installing of Officers for the upcoming New Year of 2019/2020.

We are looking of ideas for how to raise money to help the Veterans and homeless Veteran this next Year 2019/2020. Any ideas are accepted and would like to have many of the members to show up to our next meeting in August 7th.

We hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable summer as well as a fun filled and safe Independence Day Holiday.

Commander Daryl Wimmer

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Witthar called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, Jun 6, 2019, at the Post Home.

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

Chaplain Mark Clark gave the opening prayer.

There were 9 officers and 23 members present. A quorum was present.

Commander Witthar at this point resigned his position as Post Commander.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of Mar 19. A motion to accept the finance report was made by Wes Blake. 2nd by Kerry Boardman. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes were read for the month of May. A motion was made by Bob Ford to approve the minutes as read. 2nd by James Harris. Motion carried.

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

There were 6 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

Committee Reports:

The Friday dance report was given by Wes Blake.

The Saturday dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

Bingo Report was given by Daryl Wimmer. A check of \$20,000.00 was given to the post.

Legion Rider report was given by Don Decker.

Officer Reports: NONE

Old Business: The upcoming fireworks tent was discussed.

The tent will be set up on June 19 and fireworks will be delivered on June 27. Volunteers are needed to work all shifts and including security. Sign up sheets are at the bar.

The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation as a result of the Post Commander resigning:

- Commander Mark Clark
- 1st Vice Commander Bob Ford
- 2nd Vice Commander Don Decker
- 3rd Vice Commander Regina Slade
- Adjutant Tom Tanner
- Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner
- Judge Advocate Wes Blake
- Service Officer Wayne Keller
- Chaplin Doug Vetter
- Historian Open

A motion was made by Kerry Boardman to accept the officers as listed above. 2nd by Randy Silver. Motion carried.

An election was held to elect the Sgt-at-arms. The 2 nominees are:

- Brian Williams
- James Riley

Ballots were cast with Brian Williams being elected Sgt-at Arms.

The Post recognized Keith Zimmerman WW II Veteran on this the 75 anniversary of D Day.

New Business: Kerry Boardman made a motion to sponsor a golf hole for the Commanders golf tournament for \$50.00. 2nd by Bill Nash. Motion carried.

For the good of the American Legion: None

The 2nd Vice Commander removed the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair.

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

1st Vice Commander Clark conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 1 August 2019, at 7PM.

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
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1st Place

Ron Bloomfield-Jerry Tinsley



2nd Place

Ernie Crews-Jim Williams



3rd Place

Danny Kliefloth-Bob Long



4th Place

Don katow-Bruce Reed

The quarterly pool tournament was held on June 12th. The competition was rugged but the following people managed to make their place in American Legion Pool history. Tims Pizza was the pizza of choice and as always, was amazing. Thanks to all who helped make this event a success.

Pat Hillen

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Limit 1 per customer, per party, per month

Offer valid 7/1/2019 thru 7/31/2019

25% Off Meal

Print Name _____

Void if copied or altered in any way



THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

The Post Needs You

As your new Post Commander, I wanted to drop you a note first to say thank you for the trust you have reposed in me once again to lead our Post. It was one of the great honors of my life to do so in 2014 and I am humbled that you have once again allowed me to serve. Serving as a Post Officer is an honor, but it doesn't make me any more important than any other member of our Post. In case you don't realize it I want to remind you that the most important member of our Post is you the member. The Post is only as successful and prosperous as its members make it and if you doubt that you are valued as a member, you can put those doubts aside. In recent years our member participation has dropped, and our membership has slipped to a dangerous position that may see us surrender the title of "Missouri's Largest Post" but with your help we can turn this around and I am counting on each of you to do your part.

How can you help you ask? First you can renew your dues and stay with us so that we can have the foundational resources to remain the centerpiece of our community as we have been for the past 100 years. Secondly you can reach out to your friends that have not renewed and those who you know are eligible but have yet to join the Legion and encourage them to renew or join. Thirdly, you can support the Post by eating a meal, having a drink, playing Bingo, or by attending one of our Friday and Saturday night dances. Lastly but most importantly, you can volunteer your time to help with the many projects and programs we support as a Post family.

This next Legion Year will bring with it challenges and the need to make some tough decisions regarding how we do business and how we spend our money at Post 21. The new year will also bring the promise of new and exciting things that will benefit our community and we will meet these with the enthusiasm and energy that always made our Post the best in the state. As we prepare to enter this new year together I would ask for your support and for your honest feedback on how we are doing. Together, no matter the challenge we will rise to meet it head-on and we will win! Together we will do what is right for our Post and for our American Legion Family members in the The American Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, and American Legion Riders.

For 100 years our Post family has always responded to the call to service and action. I am sounding a new call now as we enter into the first year of the next 100 and I am counting on each of you to answer the call. Together we can accomplish anything we set our minds too and I am hoping you will join me.

God Bless, thank you for your service, and for all that you have done and are going to do for the Tirey J. Ford American Legion Post 21. Let's enter the new year full of optimism and renew our commitment to the Post and our community. I'll see you around the Post!

Commander Mark Clark!



AUXILIARY NEWS

The Auxiliary year is almost at an end. I would like to thank all the members for their support this last year. We have supported many Auxiliary programs and local charities. I hope that I can count on your support as I embark on a new Auxiliary position.

The incoming officers for next year are as follows:

President—Lana Butler

Vice-President—Faye Zacharias

Secretary—Antoinette Denny

Treasurer—Rosa Burford

Historian—Helen Hatz

Chaplain—Gayle Metzinger

Sgt.-at-Arms—Judy Settles

Let's give our incoming officers our support for the coming year. The Installation of Officers will be Friday, July 19th and all are invited to attend.

We need Bingo workers to sell papers on the floor and to learn to call Bingo. You must have been a member for 6 months to qualify to volunteer due to state regulations.

State Convention is in St. Louis this year July 12th-14th. If you wish to attend let me or Lana know so we can send your name in if you wish to attend as a delegate.

Thank you all for your help,

Marsha Mooney Auxiliary 21 President

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New:

Transfer:

Death: Stella Garrison

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Post 21,

Summer has finally arrived and your American Legion Riders are moving in to the busiest time of the year. We will be doing a lot of things around the area and I will be providing you a synopsis at each Post meeting.

As I am writing this article in early June we are looking forward to our annual trips to Warrensburg to represent the Post at Boy's State and Girl's State in the coming weeks. Recently several of our members assisted the Post with the cleanup of our sponsored area of 40 Highway.

You will also see many of our members out supporting the fireworks stand when it opens in late June. We look forward to seeing you all out there as well. The shifts have been shortened to allow great flexibility for volunteers. Even if you can't volunteer this year please make plans to do your fireworks shopping at Post 21. Tell all of your friends!

For several years now we have provided the labor for the Post's monthly Burger Night on the third Wednesday of the month. It's a great opportunity for the Post to make some extra money with no paid labor in the kitchen. We would love to see you all there to enjoy the burgers and fellowship with the Legion family. As always this event is open to the public so tell everyone you know. July Burger Night will be on the 17th from 5-7 in the lounge.

Thank you all for everything you do!

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director

NEW MEMBERS

Dale Brown, Fred Maples

TRANSFERS:

Allen Johnson, David Koski, Keith Litle

July

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Bingo Fireworks stand	Taco's Bingo Firework stand	Fireworks stand	Fireworks stand Legacy in Hall Live Music in Lounge	Legacy in Hall Live Music in Lounge	Country Dads in Hall Karaoke
Coin show	7 Bingo	9 Taco's Bingo	10 Bingo	11 ALR Menting	12 Route 66 in Hall Live music in Lounge	13 Reddymen in Hall Karaoke
Closed	14 Bingo	16 Taco's Bingo	17 ALR Burger night	18 Teamsters	19 Installation Dinner Live music in Lounge	20 Sweetwater in Hall Karaoke
Closed	21 Bingo	23 Taco's Bingo	24 Bingo	25 Vinyl Revival in hall Live music in Lounge	26 Vinyl Revival in hall Live music in Lounge	27 Reddymen in Hall Karaoke
Closed	28 Bingo	30 Taco's Bingo	31 Bingo			

Memo: Karaoke on Wednesday Nights have been cancelled. No more Dinner specials on Friday night, new menu will be ready 1st of July to order from.

NO MORE DINNER SPECIALS ON FRIDAY NIGHT

THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO OBTAIN THE NEWSLETTER

1. E-MAIL (Contact your adjutant or secretary which ever applies)

2. WEB PAGE (<http://moalpost21.org>)

3. PICK ONE UP AT THE POST (limited amount)

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Post membership is at 1270 members renewed for the year. We have a long way to go to reach our goal of 1399 members for the year. This is the 100th Anniversary of both the American Legion and the Post. What a better way to help celebrate both by achieving 100% membership renewal.

The new Legion year is upon us. Renewal notices will be mailed sometime in July so watch for them. There are several ways to renew your dues, first is to pay on line at <https://www.legion.org/> second is to mail them to the post, or visit the post and pay them in person.

Some Emails are still a problem. I will publish another list soon of the emails that are bouncing back. Starting July 1, a lot of the correspondence that comes out of the post will be via email or the web page.

Effective July 1 the post will no longer be mailing out newsletters. The newsletter will be available on the web site, <http://moalpost21.org> or via email. There will be limited number of printed copies of the newsletter available at the post.


If you have moved recently please let the post know your new address.

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.

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

TAPS



**WINDELL D GRAHAM, RONALD J HRON,
EDDIE L MAUPIN, ROBERT W OGREN,
CHARLES J PHILLIPS (103),
FREDA S PROVOST**

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

JULY 2019 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 98 members with July birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1 @99, 2@97, 2@95, 1@95, 1@94, 3@93, 1@92,
3@91, 1@90
The youngest will turn 37 this month.





JULY 2019 FRIDAY ROCK & ROLL DANCE SCHEDULE

JULY 5: Legacy

JULY 12: Route 66

July 19: Boomerz (Playing in the hall following Installation of Post Officers – open to the public at no cost).

July 26: Vinyl Revival

\$7.00 Admission

Doors Open 5:30 PM

Beverage & Snack Bars Open 5:30 PM

Dance Time 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Join Us & Have a Blast!

Wes Blake



**ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED**

JULY 2019 DANCE SCHEDULE

- 6 Country Oasis**
- 13 Reddymen**
- 20 Sweetwater**
- 27 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

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

“Twice last week, Adele Renee watched an elderly individual, fade into the busy life in which we all live. One man just needed Panadol for his wife but the shop assistant simply said it’s in aisle ‘6’. But he struggled to navigate the supermarket and as she watched him go in the wrong direction, she left all her groceries and took him where he needed to go.”

“A few days later, she watched an elderly man struggle in the heat, who had obviously had a fall with a huge scrape and blood on his leg. He walked past people in the cafe, while he slowly made his way to his car. Not one person stopped. Or looked. Or acknowledged him. Adele took him to his car and checked he was ok. He told her he had a fall and wasn’t sure how the air condition worked in his car so he just didn’t use it. She sat with him, until his air con kicked in and heard him talk about the old frail body that he is in, that fails him now, every single day.”

“When you see an elderly person walking down the street, searching in the supermarket or struggling to their car, take a minute out of your busy schedule and ask them if they need a hand. Think about your grandparents and your parents and how upset you would be if someone didn’t stop to help them. But more, think of them as you.”

“Once upon a time they were you. They were busy, they had work, they had children, and they were able. Today, they are just in an older body that is not going as fast as it used to and this busy life is confusing. They deserve our utmost respect and consideration. One day it will be you, it will be us. I wish more people cared more about them and acknowledged them for their admirable existence and jeez I hope someday, not that far away, someone does it for me and you.”

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
FRIDAY THE 19TH OF JULY**

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Hours of operation 9:00 - 3:00 PM M-F**

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