



The American Legion

TIREY J FORD POST 21
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JULY 2021



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



Installation Dinner
July 16th, 2021

5:30pm - 6:30pm, Social Hour with Hors d' oeuvre.

6:30pm - 8:00pm, Dinner and Program

Menu: Smoked Brisket, Smoked Turkey, Cheesy Corn, Baked Beans, Slaw, and Dessert

\$15.00 per person

Reservations requested by July 9th, 2021.

**Contact Dorothy at 816-373-0221 or
alpostmanager@gmail.com**



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August 14, 2021
9th Annual KCCA Vettes
on The Plains
10AM - 2:30 PM
Rain or Shine Event
Snack Bar will be available
11 AM - 1PM



JULY 2021

Metal and Black Diamond Markers On Measuring Tape

There comes a time in every person's life when a parent or guardian has forced them to hold the end of measuring tape. At this time, you probably noticed a small piece of metal at the end of the measuring tape.

Well, technically at the beginning. In any event, there are multiple reasons why that metal end exists. For starters, there's a little slot that can be placed around a nail to help hold the measuring tape in place on the off chance that no one is around to hold the other end. Also, you probably noticed that the edge is a little serrated. This makes it easy to mark a wall or other surface in case you can't seem to locate the pencil that's tucked behind your ear to mark your measurement that way.

As for those black diamonds you see printed on nearly all standard measuring tape? Consider them "Stud Finders". They can show you the exact center between 2 studs in your wall. The first black diamond is at 19.2" on the tape measure, and then repeats at 38.4", 57.6", 76.8" and finally 96" inches. In other words, if you know your home was built using standard 163 stud spacing, you can simply pull out a tape measure instead of an electronic stud finder!



FLY THE FLAG



Independence Day, July 4

National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, July 27

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, June 3, 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 9 officers, and 18 members present. A quorum was present.

Commander Ford gave the finance report for the month of Apr 2021. A motion was made by Mark Clark to accept the finance report as read. 2nd by Ron Erickson. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from May 27, 2021 were read. A motion was made by Randy Bray to accept the minutes as read. 2nd by Bruce Butler. 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 5 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

Officer Report:

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

Don Decker gave the Riders report.

Kerry Boardman gave the Bingo report.

Tom Tanner gave the Food Pantry report.

Mike Sweeney gave a report on the progress of the POW/MIA day celebration in September.

Old Business:

New Business:

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 7:25 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is August 5, 2021, at 7PM.

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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greeting's Members and Patrons of Post 21,

Now that most of the COVID restrictions have been lifted we are moving toward more events at Post 21. Even though a mask is not required we encourage those who have not been vaccinated and those who are not comfortable going without one to continue to wear on. We still offer hand sanitizer in several locations throughout the post so feel free to use it. Thank you to everyone for your patience as we have worked through this difficult year.

If you have been at the post recently you may have noticed some work being done in the lobby. We are cleaning up the lobby area with fresh paint and general organizing, I would like to thank those who have patched walls, painted, cleaned the pictures, and generally helped with this project. The lobby is the first thing you see when you enter the building and I wanted it to be pleasing to see. If you drag a table and chair out to do 50/50 or sell tickets, etc. I ask that you return those items and not just leave them set up. Please help keep it looking nice and organized. Thank you all for helping keeping our post clean.

Our kitchen volunteers continue to crank out meals, tacos, burgers, fries, etc. 95% of our kitchen workers are volunteers. Make sure that you thank them when you see them. They are really a dedicated group of people. The grass continues to be cut, weeds are pulled, flowers tended to as well. All this is because of our volunteers. I encourage each of you to get involved. We can always use more help to keep things running smoothly. Contact me or call the front office and talk to Dorothy if you would like to help. We have a need with Bingo, taking money on meal nights and dance night, parking lot security, and other areas. None of this is hard work. It just requires a few hours of your time.

Our annual Installation Dinner is July 16th, 2021. Please consider attending to show support to your incoming post officers. Contact Dorothy in the office to make reservations.

I wish you all a great summer. Be safe and well. I will see you at Post 21!

Bob Ford
Commanderpost21@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Here are the results of the quarterly pool tourny that we haven't had in 6 months due to the virus.

We only had 1st and 2nd place.

American Legion Pool tournament was held on June 1st. Had a great time with fellowship and pizza.

NEW MEMBERS

Dean Yoder

TRANSFERS

Robert Burney, Alvin Coop,



AUXILIARY NEWS

It has truly been an honor to serve as your president for the last two years. I wish we could have held more than a handful of meetings, but we were so limited by COVID-19 regulations.

Bingo is now in full swing with more players every week. On 6/21 we had 122 players, that for us, is a relatively normal full house. As always, we still need volunteers for bingo, to help in the kitchen, help at the food pantry and various other varying opportunities for volunteers. If you can't volunteer, support the Auxiliary by playing bingo, support the Post by partaking of the Friday night dinners, Burger Night or any of the upcoming special events.

The new Auxiliary officers for 2021-2022 are:

President: Marsha Mooney

Vice President/Membership: Dorothy Ballew

Secretary: Antoinette Denney

Treasurer: Lana Butler

Historian: Helen Hatz

Chaplain: Diane Bray

Sergeant at Arms: Linda Clark

Soon you will be receiving an invite to attend the installation of officers of our Legion family.

You might be asking yourself, why should I attend?

YOUR attendance to this historic event, says that YOU support the officers who have graciously stepped up to the plate to lead the Post/Auxiliary/SAL and ALR for the 2021-2022 year.

Lana Butler, President

816-507-3033 or LMLeitner@yahoo.com



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hello Post 21 Family,

The Riders are out enjoying the summer weather. We have been tracking down the best tenderloins in the region and have completed one of our two multiple night trips. All of that in addition to our normal missions.

Mark Clark has been very busy with his role as National Chairman for the ALR. He is putting a lot of time and energy into making this year's National Legacy Run the best one so far, and he has completed the route to Phoenix already to make certain that the participants will have a safe ride.

Locally we continue to support the kitchen, bingo and the food pantry. The ALR always steps up when we are needed.
#21onthejob

This is the last of my articles after three years as your Riders Director. I appreciate the faith that our members had in me to oversee the programs over that time, and I thank you all for the support you have given me to make it a successful run. I look forward to the new leadership coming in and the direction that the chapter will take.

I appreciate the opportunity, the lessons learned and the friendships formed here with Chapter 21.

Until we meet again, keep the shiny side up!

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director

<p><u>Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths</u></p> <p>New:</p> <p>Death:</p> <p>Transfer:</p>
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**2022
DUES
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DUE**

TAPS



FRANK E BARNES, HAROLD E DILLON,
DAVID ELLEDGE, JAMES M GILLINGHAM
HERBERT W GRONEMEYER,
ANGELA PERDICARO,
KEITH D ZIMMERMAN

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

JULY 2021 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 80 members with July birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1@101,1@97,1@95,1@92, 1@91, 1@90
The youngest will turn 36 this month.

June 11, 2021

**Post Adjutant Tom Tanner
16701 E US Hwy 40,
Independence, MO 64055**

Dear Post Adjutant Tanner:

Thank you for supporting and contributing to the Veterans Sock Collection. Through the generosity of The American Legion Tirey J. Ford Post Number 21 membership, we collected over 1,100 pairs of socks. Your donation helped commemorate Memorial Day and show appreciation to veterans for their service and sacrifice to our Country.

On June 3rd, the socks were taken to Kansas City VA Medical Center to give to veterans who are receiving care at the center. Thank you again for your support and taking time out of your busy schedule to help me with this project.

Sincerely,
John Sanders
Eagle Scout Project
Scout Troop 178
(816) 585-7452

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

With the beginning of the new Legion year upon us, here are a few things you need to be aware of. If you have paid your membership dues online you will need to resign up for My Legion due to the major change to the website. If you have selected auto renewal you will need to go to My Legion and verify that function is still working. I would also request that if you renew on line PLEASE let me know. As of now I have no other way of getting that information and without knowing it could delay receiving your membership card. If you need help with My Legion contact me at the Post.

As of March 26, 2021, we have 1037 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 roll out of the new My Legion has begun. If you are not registered yet, you need to do so. If you need help getting registered, contact me and I will help you get started.

The new Legion year is almost upon us. July 1, 2021 is the start of the new legion year. At the May meeting we will be taking nominations for officers for the new Legion year. If you are interested in being an officer contact the Commander or Adjutant.

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.

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

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
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1. Sometimes I'll look down at my watch 3 consecutive times and still not know what time it is.
2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on # 5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
4. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind-of tired.
5. Bad decisions make good stories.
6. You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
7. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray? I don't want to have to restart my collection ... again.
8. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.

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**REQUIRED
YOU HAVEN'T
VACCINATED**

*****JUNE 2021 DANCE SCHEDULE*****

5	STEEL COUNTRY
12	NO DANCE
19	SOUTHBOUND
26	REDDYMEN

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

What's New?

**Did you know on most Saturdays
from 8AM - 3PM there is a flea market
in the Post parking lot?
If you want to be a vendor, just come up
with your treasures and set-up shop.
Cost is \$10.**



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

 <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>TIM'S PIZZA 816-478-0777 17201 E 40 HIGHWAY WE SUPPORT OUR VETERANS</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>
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