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Monday - Saturday 2:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Sunday - CLOSED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

POST EVENTS FOR APRIL

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING - April 4th

- **POST MEETING - APRIL 5th @ 7:00 PM****
- **AUXILIARY MEETING - APRIL 5th @ 7:00 PM****
- ** SAL MEETING APRIL 4th @ 7PM ****
- **ALR MEETING - APRIL 12th @ 6:30 PM****

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING Every Monday @ 7:00 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING APRIL 19th @ 7:00 PM

5th DISTRICT MEETING APRIL 25th

THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE IN APRIL See Page 7

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 3 Dances in APRIL - See Page 3

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

2018 Spring Gun and Knife Show April 14-15, 2018



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Drawings held 1/2 hour before close each day, you do not have to be present to win!



Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack Bar open both days.

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THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



April 2018

POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander	Mike Feliciano
1st Vice Commander	Ed Murray
2nd Vice Commander	Ed Witthar
3rd Vice Commander	Noel Tyler
Adjutant	Tom Tanner
Finance Officer	Sylvia Tanner
Judge Advocate	Wes Blake
Historian	David Cary
Service Officer	Mike Sweeney
Chaplain	Bob Settles
Sergeant-at-Arms	Dan Orr
Past Commander	Phil Greco

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Americanism	Chris Wehr
Athletic	Boyd Lighthill
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	Gayle Metzinger
Vice President	Suzanne Proctor
Secretary	Ann Orr
Treasurer	Lana Butler
Historian	Linda Clark
Chaplain	Carolyn Blake
Sergeant-at-Arms	Judy Settles

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Director	Bob Ford
Assistant Director	John Wessel
Secretary	Suzanne Proctor
Treasurer	Ed Witthar
Judge Advocate	Jim Neece
Historian	David Cary
Chaplain	Mark Clark
Sergeant-At-Arms	Doug Stacer
Road Captains	Doug Vetter-Dennis Mooney
Safety Officer	Mark Clark

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

2nd Vice Commander Ed Witthar called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, 1 Mar18, at the Post Home.

The Junior ROTC from Van Horn High School presented the colors.

2nd Vice Commander Witthar 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 8 officers and 30 members present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner read the Finance Report for the month of Feb. A motion was made by Mark Clark to accept the Finance Report as read. 2nd by Rene Peterson. Motion carried. A copy of the last report is posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 15 Feb. were read.

A motion to accept Steve Bruce as Assistant Business Manager was made by Mark Clark. 2nd by Bill Nash. Motion carried.

A motion was made to purchase new phones for the post by Mike Sweeney. 2nd by Mark Clark. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made by Mark Clark to accept the new members and transfers. 2nd by Rene Peterson. Motion carried.

There were 6 deceased members for the month of Feb.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

- Committee Reports:
- Bingo None
- Dance Report: none
- Officer Reports:
- Bob Ford gave the ALR report.
- New Business:

John Faelske discussed having the parking lot redone. Estimate is approx. \$14,000.

John Faelske stated that 7 Apr will be a work day at the post to install new light poles for the parking lot.

Mike Sweeney made a motion to fund 5 boys for Missouri Boys State. 2nd by Bob Ford. Motion carried.

· For the good of the American Legion:

1st Vice Commander removed the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair.

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

2nd Vice Commander Ed Witthar conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 5 Apr. 2018, at 7PM.

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

MARCH 2018 POOL TOURNAMENT



1st Place:
Pat Hillen - Jerry Tinsley



Second Place:
Bill Spotts - Mike Sweeney



3rd Place:
Ken Ackers - Gary Cordell



4th Place:
Bob Lane - Ron Bloomfield

Thanks to Post 21 for providing beer for the event.
The pizza was from Tims in Independence was amazing.

Any one who plays pool is invited. We hold a tournament every quarter and meet for pool on Monday at 1 and Wednesday at 8am

Patrick Hillen

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

To encourage member participation Post 21 has started REWARD cards for drinks, meals, and dances. Purchase either 10 drinks and receive 1 drink free, 10 meals and receive 1 meal free or 10 dance and receive 1 dance pass free. REWARD cards are for Post 21 members, Post 21 Auxiliary members and Sons of the American Legion members. REWARD cards are available from the Adjutant office, Business office, and from the bartenders. To encourage new members, when a member sponsors a new member the sponsor will receive a free drinks everyday until another new members is sponsored for membership.

Commander Mike Feliciano

NEW MEMBERS

Nicholas Claey's, Joseph Fleming, William Nicholson, Aaron Schermerhorn, Ronald Verba

TRANSFERS:

Larry Adams, Peter Chapkin, Carl Gallagher, Charles Jamis, Richard Keller, Peter Kemp, Ralph Kincaid, Joseph Pils

TAPS



**ABE HERN, HAROLD S KING,
KALE T PAYNE, JUNE A SHORT,**

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



**RICH CATES IN THE LOUNGE
APRIL 6,13,20,27**



**Jam Session
Thursday, April 26th
6PM – 9PM**

Have you attended one of the Jam Sessions yet?
If not, why not?
Come out and listen to some very talented musicians sharing their talents with you.
Enjoy the music and fun!



AUXILIARY NEWS

Spring is in the air, robins make their debut and spring flowers are awakening. May each of you have a Happy Easter and rejoice in God's promises.

Unit 21 Auxiliary is @ 80% in membership goal. Please get the membership in as soon as possible. Do you have a daughter, granddaughter, great granddaughter who is not yet a member? Sign them up. Membership is a living memorial to your veteran.

Thanks to everyone who takes the time to cut coupons in service to our military personnel. Antoinette is keeping up with counting and mailing them overseas. Thank you, Antoinette!

If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically, please see Suzanne or Adjutant Tom Tanner.

District 5 meeting is April 18th the DAV on 40 Hwy @ 11:30 am.

Please support the activities held at the Post. We need help at BINGO. Come have dinner as Cynthia and staff prepare great meals. Participate in fundraisers—Craft fairs, or help distribute poppies, or help serve lunch for the PTSD at our Unit on the second Thursday each month. We need volunteers for all activities!

The Post will be sponsoring a Gun Show Apr. 17 & 18. The Gun Show will have a large attendance and is a good time to recruit new members. The Auxiliary will set up a table with applications and encourage the Legion and SAL to join us.

E-board meeting Wednesday April 4th at 7:00 pm

Mark your calendars ahead for May:

Poppy distribution will be May 4th and 5th at both Hy-Vees. There will be sign-up sheets in the Lounge.

Our premier event, the Truman Pilgrimage will take place May 7th and 8th. May 7th will be a meet and greet with a light supper and a possibility we will also have music. May 8th will be the actual laying of the wreaths at the Harry S. Truman Library. Luncheon follows. Because of the dates, there will be no Bingo Monday or Tuesday nights.

Indoor/outdoor Craft Fair is scheduled for May 19th. Please check with Linda Clark for volunteer hours. If you cannot volunteer, then come as a shopper! We all need to support all activates at our Post/Unit.

May God bless the United States of America.

Gayle Metzinger Auxiliary 21 President

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Sharon Alexander, Martha Finley, Penny Vaughn

Death:

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL.

February was another slow month for us. That is not all bad news. That means we lost fewer veterans. We put in 212 hours, drove/rode 3405 miles, 8 missions and 3 other events.

We continue to run the 50/50 at Tuesday night Bingo. That has slowed down as well through the holiday months and the cold weather.

Our February Burger night was cancelled due to the weather. Come on in April 18th when we will once again be serving our famous burgers 5:00pm to 7:00pm. We look forward to serving you the best Bacon Cheeseburger/Mushroom and Swiss Burger in town!

It is time for you to start thinking about how you can help your Riders group. We have nominations and elections coming up in May and June. We need you to step up and help lead. I will not be running for Director this year. After 2 years it is time for a leadership change. All offices are open if you want to run. The new Director will also need to be looking for a new Road Captain. Doug has done a fantastic job but he is ready for a well deserved break. Please come and talk to me about how you can help. Step up and take your turn at being part of the best Riders Group in Missouri!

(This is repeated again!) Riders, some of you I only see once a month at the meeting. I'm asking all of you to do a self examination of your participation. Ask yourself "What have I done this last year to help the Riders and the Post?" If your answer is I attended the meetings then maybe its time to do a little more. Even something as simple as having a couple meals a month at the post to help raise funds. And above all else consider VOLUNTEERING! (There's that "V" word again).

Thank you Riders who participate for all that you do. You make me look good.

Bob Ford - ALR Chapter 21 Director



APRIL 8th POST WILL OPEN AT 11:30

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Spring is here, a time for planting and new life.

Speaking of new life, **The Sons of the American Legion is still in need of a Commander and Vice Commander.** We hope someone will step up and apply. Truth is, the Adjutant (me) and the Finance Officer (Walt) do all the work.

Last month we donated \$1,660 to send 4 young men to Boys State, \$250 to the Independence School District to buy blankets, coats, etc. for the underprivileged children, and \$100 to Child Welfare Fund. We have also allocated \$500 to Camp Valor to be presented during their May event.

Our meetings are held on the 1st Weds of every month at 7:00 PM in the main hall. There is no meeting in April, so the next meeting will be on May 2nd. During the May meeting nominations for officers are held, with the elections during the June meeting. Please plan to attend if possible.

Keith Constance - Adjutant



FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR FEBRUARY

Monday from 5pm to 7pm

- 4/2** Ham, potato, broccoli casserole w/bread and jello. **\$6.50**
- 4/9** Snack Bar Menu
- 4/16** Open faced roast beef sandwich w/mashed potatoes and gravy **\$7.50**
- 4/23** Snack Bar Menu
- 4/30** Meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggies and roll **\$8.50**

Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm

4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24

- Tacos Tuesday \$1.50 each or 4 for **\$5.00**
- Pulled Pork Burrito or pork nachos **\$5.00**
- Taco Salad **\$5.00**

Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm

- 4/4** Pork roast, roasted potatoes, broccoli, apple sauce and roll **\$8.50**
- 4/11** Lasagna, garlic bread and salad bar **\$8.50**
- 4/18** ALR Burger Night
- Bacon Cheese/Mushroom Swiss burger night, fries, tots or onion rings **\$7.00**
- 4/25** Philly Cheese Steak and salad bar **\$8.50**

Thursday

NO MEALS ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

Friday from 5pm to 7pm

- 4/6** John's Fried chicken 4 - 8 PM
- 4/13** Pork Chop w/Stuffing, salad bar and roll **\$8.50**
- 4/20** Shrimp boil **\$12.00**
- 4/27** Kyle's Fried chicken dinner

Saturday from 7:30am to 9am

- 4/7** Snack Bar Menu
- 4/14** Post breakfast **\$8.00**
- 4/21** Evening Meal - Snack Bar Menu
- 4/28** Snack Bar Menu



PLEASE GO TO :

www.moalpost21.org

To see the new kids snackbar menu

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FIREWORS STAND

Now is the time to start thinking about our fireworks stand for 2018. Last year the tent sold over \$50,000 in products and the Tirey J Ford American Legion Post 21 received a check of 10% of the product moved. This year my aim is \$80,000 in sales and again 10% of sales going to the Post. Long term goal for the Post is cutting out the middle man and collecting 100% of the sells but that takes a lot more commitment and about \$25,000 upfront for the purchase of the products. The way we are doing it now, the company provides us with a tent, applies for our city/state license, and provides us with the products that will sell, all we (the Post) do is provide parking space and manpower to run the tent. To be bigger than last year we need more minds in the game and more commitment than before. The mistakes made last year were learning mistakes and will not be made again this year. If I remember correctly, the tent was opened for 10 days (that was way too long with the first 3-4 days not making very much money). This year I'm planning 6 days to be opened (June 29th to July 4th). So I am asking you if you would like to be on the Fireworks committee to help plan and organize what will be a financially successful week for Post 21. I believe we are ALL one family from Rider, to SAL, to Auxiliary. Together working/running the tent sharing the profit at the end. So I'm asking ALL to participate. The committee will consist of the following

SECURITY: Tanner

MARKETING:

ADVERTISING:

STOCKER;

SCHEDULING:

I'm looking for 6-8 people to be a part of this committee. Each one tasked at one of these categories to improve our success in the fireworks market. Security will provide the manpower needed to have at least 2 people manning the tent after hours and at this time Sylvia Tanner has stepped up to the plate. Marketing's sole responsibility is to teach and staff those that will work the cash register. Advertising will focus on getting the word out to the masses either by social media, radio, or paper. Stocking will be focused on the product at hand and the shortage of product to be ordered. Scheduling will be the most important for they will get together with Marketing and Stocker to provide all a list of who's working what on what day.

If you are interested you can contact me by phone (816)668-1465 or leave your info with Tom Tanner

Thanks for your love and passion for Tirey J Ford American Legion Post 21. For it's you that makes Post 21 a success.

Noel Tyler

3rd Vice Commander

Member of SAL

Member of ALR

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

The Post is at 90.91% of the goal as set by National. That gives us approx. 1330 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

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**.

Mark your calendars for April 14 and 15, the post is hosting a Gun and Knife show. If you have a gun to sell contact me here at the post.

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 '17 -'18

APRIL 2018 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 75 members with March birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

1 @98, 1 @97, 1 @96, 1 @94, 3 @93, 3 @92, 1 @91,
1 @90

The youngest will turn 33 this month.

POPPY DAYS



HY-VEE STORES 40 Highway and Noland and 23rd Street and Lee's Summit Road

May 4 Friday 10:00 –3:00

May 5 Saturday 9:00-3:00

It's that time of year again that we give out poppies to the customers at Hy-Vee Stores. We will have a sign up sheet in the lounge after April 1. We will also have a sign up sheet at the April and May meetings. Or you can call Judy Nash 373-2798 or Faye Zacharias 254-7735 if you know what time you can volunteer. This is always such a rewarding thing for our veterans. We really appreciate the Hy-Vee stores for letting us use their stores to pass out the poppies.



APRIL 4TH 7-10PM Mike Perez

APRIL 11TH 7-10PM Mike Perez

APRIL 18TH 7-10PM Mike Perez

APRIL 25TH 7-10PM Mike Perez

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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 APRIL Thursday night dance last Thursday of the month. Oasis will be performing Classic Rock and Country so come on out and show your moves.

Wes Blake



APRIL 2018 DANCE SCHEDULE

7	Country Oasis
21	Sweet Water
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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