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 American Legion Post 21
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 Veterans Strengthening America



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Home Post of President Harry S. Truman

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Mon-Tue: 2:00pm-9:00pm

Fri: 2:00-Varies per event.

Website: <http://www.moalpost21.org>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/alpost21/>

Interested in Joining the American Legion? If you are a Veteran, son, grandson, daughter or granddaughter of a veteran you are eligible to join. Call our office for details.

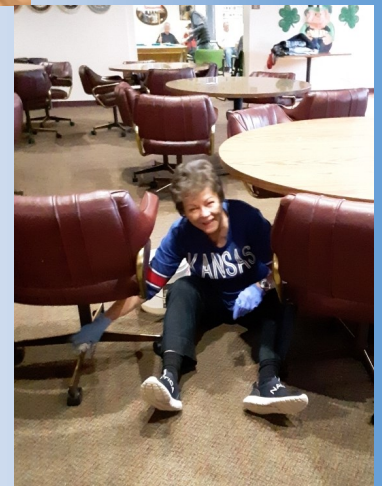


The Fab 5 Strike Again!

Have you noticed when you visit your Post how it may look different as far as decorations, pictures on walls, etc. look differently? Perhaps the decorating fairies visited overnight and put all this work in. Nope, it is the work of our Decorating Committee, otherwise know as the Fab 5. Judith Nash, Sue Carnescca, Vicki Barnard, Sharon Burns and Barb Miller are the ones who magically transform our post to recognize the current season as well as keeping our display cases and wall hangings fresh. Bill Nash and Jerry Miller lend them a hand for some of the tasks. This wonderful group of volunteers have a long history of helping out our Post. The things mentioned above are not the only things they do or have done in the past. Thank you Ladies (and gentlemen) for your dedication!



The Fab 5, From Left to Right: Vicki, Judith, Barb, Sue, Sharon



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Collectors Fair Returns to Truman Hall

On Sunday, March 13th, 2022 the Collectors Fair returned to Truman Hall for the second time. Lots of Vendors were present selling their collectable items to a large crowd. As I was roaming the aisles I saw lots of Matchbox Cars, NHRA and NASCAR items. I had a flashback when I saw an erector set, all metal with a metal box for storage similar to the one I had as a child. I am not a collector of these types of items but it was a lot of fun seeing so many items from my childhood. If you are a collector or not it is worth your time to check out and walk down memory lane. I'm sure this event will return so watch our calendar for the next show.



Thank you to Randy and Dianna Bray and Linda Finley for volunteering to run the snack bar for this event.



St. Patrick's Day at Club 21

Thursday, March 17th everyone was a little Irish at Club 21. A traditional meal of Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potatoes and Reuben Sandwiches was served all afternoon 3pm to 7pm.

Special thank you to Denise Fisher, Marcie Levota, Cindy Beattie, and Marsha Mooney. Who donated not only their time but also donated the food to host our celebration.



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Commanders Call

Greetings Members and Patrons of Post 21,

As I am writing this I am watching yet another snow storm hitting our area. Winter does not want to release it's grip on us just yet. This has resulted in additional expense for our post.

Thankfully the Auxiliary takes care of most of our snow removal expense but sometimes the costs exceed their budget and the Post has to cover the rest. Thank you Auxiliary for all you do for your Post.



Have you asked yourself "What can I do to help support my Post?". We have so many opportunities for you to use your time and talents. We are running our post using 99% volunteer help. Most positions require very little time. The more volunteers we have the more we can spread the work around. Check out our 'ADS' page to see if there is a position that fits your time and or talents. You will work with great people and you might even have some fun!

We are getting more active as time goes on and this pandemic releases it's grip on us. Our Tuesday Taco Night and Friday meals have really taken off. Our monthly Legion Riders Burger Night (3rd Wednesday of the month) is also well attended. Thank you Riders for continuing this service to your Post. Also we have our monthly STEAK NIGHT returning April 8th. Thank you to Past Commander Mike Sweeny and Bonnie, Past Department Commander Kerry Boardman and Robin, Past Department Commander George Scarborough and others who have brought this back. Mark your calendars for the 2nd Friday each month for Steak Night!

Lastly thank you to all of our volunteers. Our post is running on 99% volunteers and what a great job you are doing.

Thank you for the honor to serve as your
Commander.
Bob Ford

The American Legion was founded on four pillars:

**Americanism, Children and Youth,
National Security,
and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation**

FROM THE ADJUTANTS DESK

As of March 3, 2022, we have 965 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.



Do you have neighbors near you flying an American flag? Would you like to receive a membership recruiting pin from the National Commander? Stop by the Post and pick up a packet of door hangers, hang one on the door of someone flying a flag. Make sure that you put your name in the recruiter spot on the membership application on the door hanger. It's that simple. If you get 3 members to sign up, you will receive a pin.

If you have anything you would like to be included on the Post web site, feel free to contact me or Commander Bob Ford. The monthly newsletter is now available on the web site. You can also print it directly from the web site.

This month the Post lost a corner stone of the Post in the passing of Ed Murray. Ed was a member of the Post for 29 years, was the Post Adjutant for 12 years and the editor of the newsletter for just as long. Ed's devotion to this Post never wavered. He and his bright smiling face will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.

Interested in being a Post Officer? Give it some thought. Before you know it Post Officer nominations and elections will be upon us. If you would like to be an Officer contact Commander Bob Ford or Adjutant Tom Tanner. This is a great way to help support your post and insure it is still here for the next generation of Legionnaires.

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

Tom Tanner
Adjutant

New Members

Thomas Pisciotta, Terry Reed

Transfers

Gary George

Have you paid your dues for 2022? If not please consider renewing now to help reach our goal of 100%. Your dues help support our veterans programs.

**Contact Adjutant Tom Tanner at (816)373-0221 or
adjutantpost21@gmail.com**

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Minutes from the March 2022

Monthly Post Business Meeting

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, March 3, 2022, 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 Doug Vetter gave the opening prayer.
- A moment of silence was observed for Ed Murray, 29 year Post member and past Post Adjutant.
- There were 9 officers, and 13 members present. A quorum was present.
- The minutes of the last Post meeting were approved as published in the February newsletter.
- Commander Bob Ford gave the finance report for the month of January 2022. A motion was made to accept the finance report as read. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.
- The Executive Committee meeting minutes from February 2022 were read. A motion was to accept the minutes as read. Motion was 2nd. Motion carried.
- New members and transfers were read. A motion was made to accept the new members and transfers. There are 2 new member and 1 transfer to the post. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.
- There were 1 deceased member since the last Post meeting.
- There was no correspondence.
- Officer Report:
- Historian Mike Armstead reported that today is the day the National Anthem was adopted.
- Adjutant Tom Tanner asked the membership to consider being a delegate for the Department of Missouri Convention in July 2022.
- 1st Vice Commander Mark Clark discussed Boys State. Mike Sweeney made a motion to fund 4 boys to Boys State for a total cost of \$2000.00. Motion 2nd by Larry Harris. Motion carried.



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AMERICA**

Minutes from the March 2022

Monthly Post Business Meeting Continued

- Committee Reports:
- Dance report was given by Service Officer Wayne Keller.
- ALR report was given by ALR Director Mark Clark.
- Adjutant Tom Tanner gave a report on the food pantry.
- John Kurtz reported on the gun show.
- 3rd Vice Commander Larry Harris gave a report on the May car show.
- Old Business:
- New Business:
- Past Commander Mike Sweeney made a motion to spend \$250.00 for the hospitality room at the Department of Missouri Convention for our candidate Mark Clark for Senior Vice Commander. Motion 2nd by Kerry Boardman. Motion carried.
- For the good of the American Legion:
- 1st Vice Commander Mark Clark read the story of the Four Chaplains.
- The 1st Vice Commander Mark Clark removed the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair.
- The Chaplain Doug Vetter gave the closing prayer.
- Commander Bob Ford conducted the closing ritual, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.
- The next regular scheduled meeting is April 7, 2022, at 7PM.



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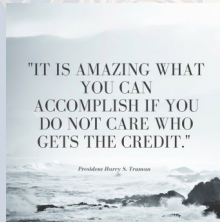


Thank you to SAL Member Walt Siegler for repairing and painting our picnic table. Beautiful work Walt!

Are you ready to be part of leading your Post?

Leadership Positions Available

It's almost time for our annual election of post officers. We have openings available for all positions. It is important that your post leadership have a mix of experienced and new members to keep our progress from growing stagnant. New ideas from new officers offer a fresh direction that is essential for growth. Please consider running for a position and help guide your post into the next year. All positions are available. They are: Commander, Senior (1st) Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Finance Officer, Service Officer, Chaplain, Sergeant At Arms and Historian. Talk to or contact Commander Bob Ford (CommanderPost21@gmail.com) if you are interested in holding one of these important positions.



March 2022 Birthdays

“Happy Birthday and Best Wishes”

We have 75 Members with April Birthdays

1 @ 101, 8 @ 90+, 18 @ 80+, 36 @ 70+, 7 @ 60+, 2 @ 50+, 1 @ 40+, 1 @ 30+



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THE AMERICAN LEGION

AUXILIARY UNIT 21

New Members: Alissa Mooney, Joliana Mooney, Layla B. Ford, Gayle Watson.

Transfers: Melinda Kurtz

Deaths: Ramah Bennett

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

TAPS

John Hobbs, Virgil Lang, Ed Murray

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



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Upcoming Events

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SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL BE TAKEN



Featuring Jamie Malone, Angie Bettis Larson, and Barbara Sloan Walker
Live at Club 21, April 15th, 5pm-7pm.



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American Legion Gun Show April 23-24, 2022

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Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack Bar open both days.



April 2022 Dance Schedule

April 2nd: Selle Brothers

April 9th: ReddyMen

April 16th: Sweetwater

April 23rd: NO DANCE!

April 30th: Reddymen

Doors open at 5:30pm

Dance Time is 7:00pm-10:30pm

Admission is \$10

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April		American Legion Post 21		816-373-0221		2022	
Note: Food Served 5PM – 7PM (Carryout's Available) Club 21 opens @ 2PM (Mon, Tues, Fri & 3 rd Wed)							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Boiled & Fried Shrimp Grilled Chicken Breast Music by Mike: 7 – 9pm		2 Dance – 7pm
3 Coin Show Closed	4 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	5 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	6	7 Open @ 4PM Post & ALA Mtg – 7pm Joint Potluck Dinner 5:30 pm	8 Strip Steak Fried Shrimp Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 11:30 pm		9 Craft Fair 9am – 3pm Dance – 7pm
Palm Sunday 10	11 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	12 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	13	14 ALR Meeting 6:30pm	15 Fried Catfish Grilled Chicken Breast The Girls Next Door 7pm – 9pm		16 Dance – 7pm
Easter Closed	18 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	19 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	20 BURGER NIGHT	21	22 Chicken Fried Chicken Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 11:30pm		23 Gun Show 8am – 5pm
24 Gun Show 9am – 3pm	25 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	26 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	27 5 th District Meeting 7pm	28 E-board Mtg 6:30 pm	29 Grilled Pork Chop		30 Vet's Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:30 am Dance – 7pm

TIREY J. FORD POST 21 Want Ads

Help Wanted

All positions are voluntary Unless otherwise noted.

If you are interested in any of these positions contact post personnel any of the following ways:

Office: (816)373-0221,

ALPost21Manager@gmail.com or

CommanderPost21@gmail.com

Webmaster: In search of someone to maintain the Post website. Responsibilities include updating the calendar as well as upload current newsletters and flyers. Updating the look of the website is also desired.



Time required: Average time spent on the website not counting design changes should only require 3-4 hours per month.

Qualifications: Computer skills are essential. Previous webpage design helpful but not required. Basic training is provided.

Dance Committee: Needing multiple people or couples interested in helping host the Saturday Night Country Dance. Responsibilities include greeting guest, maintaining order and assisting in securing the building after the dance. Having 4 people/couples in this position would mean you would only host 1 dance per month.



Time required: Approximately 6 hours per dance.

Reporters: Looking for candidates interested in attending post functions, taking pictures and writing articles about the event. No special requirements for this position beyond basic computer/email skills and a desire to help communicate what is going on at Post 21.



Time Required: Varies

Assistant Newsletter Editor: Needing someone to assist the Newsletter Editor in collecting and laying out information for the monthly newsletter.



Requirements: Computer Skills. Knowledge of Microsoft WORD and Microsoft PUBLISHER are required.

Time Required: 4-5 hours per month

Inventory Clerk: This position requires the candidate to maintain the inventory of food and associated utensils (i.e.: Cups, plates, napkins, etc). You will check the weekly menu and compile a list of food and other items needed. Will also need to make periodic trips to Restaurant Depot, Sams, etc to pick up items that can't be ordered. Stocking items are included. Inventory must be done on Monday AM.

Time Required: 3-5 hours per week.

Cashier/Food Order Takers/Runners:

Duties: Pleasant Greeting, Accurately taking of orders, Menu knowledge and basic math.

Time Required: Tuesday and or Friday 4:45pm-7:15pm

IMPORTANT!

4 Person Crew for Taco Tuesday

Need someone with 3 friends to host TACO TUESDAY on the 4th Tuesday of each month. A couple need to start by 3pm prepping. Dinner is served from 5pm to 7pm. Training will be provided. Please help us out so that we can continue our Tuesday Tradition without interruption. We will need you to start on April 26th.

It's Back!

Post 21 Monthly Steak Night returns on April 8th and continues on the 2nd Friday each month!

Strip Steak, Baked Potato, and Salad for just \$15! (Also offering Fried Shrimp as an alternative meal)

Mark your Calendars!



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