



Tirey J. Ford
 American Legion Post 21
 16701 E. 40 Highway
 Independence, MO 64055
 Chartered May 1st, 1921
 Veterans Strengthening America



August 2023

Home Post of President Harry S. Truman

Post Officers

- Commander:** Larry Harris
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- 1st Vice Commander:** Steve Williams
- 2nd Vice Commander:** Jerry Miller
- 3rd Vice Commander:** Don Decker
- Adjutant:** Bob Ford
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- Service Officer:** Gina Slade
- Finance Officer:** Wayne Keller
- Sergeant-at-Arms:** Brian Williams
- Chaplain:** Rich Carroll
- Historian:** Al Green

- Business Office:** (816) 373-0221
- Business Manager:** Dorothy Ballew
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- Office Hours:**
Mon-Tue, 9:00am-3:00pm
- Adjutant Office Hours:**
Mon: 10:00am-2:00pm
Tue: 1:00pm-5pm
- Club 21 Hours:**
Tue: 2:00pm-9:00pm
Fri: 2:00pm-Varies per event.
1st Thursday: 5pm-9pm
3rd Wednesday: 2pm-9pm
- 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.

2024 Legion Family Officers Installed.

July 21st, 2023 – The annual installation of Legion Family Officers took place in Truman Hall. This marks the beginning of a new Legion year for us. The Installation was attended by more than 115 members and friends of Post 21. The meal was catered by 3 Pigs BBQ. Kerry Boardman, Past Department Commander and our current Judge Advocate was the Master of Ceremonies. George Scarborough, Past Department Commander installed the new Legion Officers. Bonnie Sweeney, Past District President installed the Auxiliary Officers. Mark Clark, Current Department Commander installed the SAL, Riders, and 5th District Officers. The POW/MIA Ceremony was performed by Mike Sweeney, Past Commander Post 21. Special thank you to Dorothy Ballew for organizing yet another successful Installation dinner and to Judy Nash, Barb Miller, Vicki Bernard, Sue Carneseca, Bill Nash and Mike Sweeney for Setting up the hall and making sure our grounds were presentable.



See more installation pictures on page 2.

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Additional Installation Pictures



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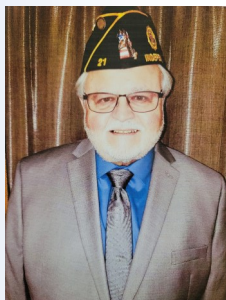
Commanders Call

Greetings to Everyone at Post 21! I set here on the eve of our Installation Dinner and Ceremony. I admit that I take on this responsibility with a bit of trepidation. I fully realize that I have some very large shoes to fill. Bob Ford will be a hard act to follow. He weathered the storm during Covid and has left the Post in outstanding financial shape. I am so happy that he has agreed to stay on as Post Adjutant. With the assistance and guidance from our new Adjutant and our continuing Judge Advocate Kerry Boardman, hopefully this transition will be accomplished smoothly. I wish to thank our numerous volunteers. Without you, our Post couldn't last. Our Charter dates back to 1919, and I hope to see it last for many more years than I. You will hear me throughout the year requesting more participation from our able bodied members, whether they are Legion, SAL, Riders, or Auxiliary. We need to work together as a team and endeavor to make our Post even stronger and more successful. I look forward to working with you all. God bless each of you and Post 21!

Larry Harris, Commander Post 21

Mark Clark Elected Missouri Department Commander!

Mark Clark, Post 21's Past Commander was elected as the American Legion Missouri Department Commander. Mark has a long list of accomplishments related to the American Legion. Mark follows others from Post 21 who have served as Department Commander including George Scarborough and Kerry Boardman. Congratulations to Mark and Linda from you home Post!



From the Adjutants Desk

Greetings Members and Patrons,

I have been busy learning to do this new position. I look forward to the new challenge as your Adjutant.

My office hours are Monday: 10am-2pm, Tuesday 2pm-5pm, and anytime I am at the Post. If you see me there, don't hesitate to ask me questions or take your renewal or new membership. I am there to serve you.

As you most likely know, it is time to renew your membership. For 2024. Come and see me or renew online. I will be checking frequently to keep up with renewals. If you have renewed online, let me know and I will process it immediately and get your card to you.

See you at the Post!

Bob Ford, Adjutant



BE THE ONE

TO ASK VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

TO LISTEN WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO REACH OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.

Membership MATTERS

Have you paid your dues for 2024? They are due starting July 1st, 2023. If not please consider renewing now to help reach our goal of 100%. Your dues help support our veterans programs.

Contact Adjutant Bob Ford at (816)373-0221 or adjutantpost21@gmail.com

TIREY J. FORD POST 21 FAMILY NEWS



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New Post Members: Cleo Shockley, Scott Jones, Paul Janes, Joseph Alvarez, Nancy Kerr, Steven Brown, Larry Hernandez, Bryan Davenport, Gerald Cygan, Timothy Hite, William Reed.

Transfers: David Stanford, Richard Nicholas, Thomas King, Roger Engler.



Sons of the American Legion Squadron 21

Greetings SAL Members both old and new,

We will be meeting monthly on the first Thursday of each month in Club 21 (Lounge) at 7pm. We will be discussing plans on how we can rejuvenate our squadron. Please join us and bring your ideas and get to know your fellow SAL Members.



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 21

New Members: Robyn L. Bennett, Shari L. Miller, Mary K. Puhr, Patty Ross.



American Legion Riders Chapter 21

Post 21 Family,

First, I want to thank everyone who was able to join us for the Installation Dinner. In my time that was the largest turnout. I want to thank the Riders for showing their faith in me to be your Director for another year. We have a great board and I look forward to what we accomplish this year.

Congratulations to the rest of the officers for the 2024 Legion year.

Assistant Director – Jack King

Secretary – Tom Tanner

Treasurer – Doug Stacer

Judge Advocate – Ed Hazen

Chaplain – Doug Vetter

Historian – Robb Wiggs

Sgt at Arms – John Aquino

I want to remind everyone that the Riders present an opportunity to grow the Legion family. Nobody can join the Riders chapter without first being a current member of the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL. Ask those potential members if they ride a motorcycle. It may be an avenue to get them to join both organizations.

In the meantime the Riders will do what they always do. We will show up when our Post needs us, and we will be out representing the Post in the community. Because, “that’s what the Riders do!”

Until next time,

Don Decker, Director

Helpful Resources

Do you need a copy of your DD214? Request it at www.archives.gov.veterans/military-service-records/

VA Service Officer at KCVVA. Ron McBee, (816)922-2883

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The following items are needed for the Veterans/
Military food pantry for the month of August:

- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Boxed Potatoes
- Canned Chili
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned peaches
- Beef or Chicken Ramen Noodles

Please bring these items to the post any Monday, Tuesday or Friday.



Karaoke With Dee
Every Saturday Night!
7:00pm-11:00pm
Doors open at 6:30pm!



August 2023 Dance Schedule

- August 5th: Selle Brothers
- August 12th: Reddymen
- August 19th: Sweetwater
- August 26th: Reddymen
- Doors open at 5:30pm
- Dance Time is 7:00pm—10:30pm
- Admission is \$10



Do you need help with a VA Claim? Contact our Service Officer for help.

Ronnie McBee (816) 922-2883

THE BRISKET BURGER NIGHT
and Car Cruise

AMERICAN LEGION

APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2023

The American Legion Tirey J. Ford Post 21
EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY | 5pm-7pm
16701 E US Hwy 40, Independence, MO 64055
Questions or issues call @ 816-830-0758

MEALS STARTING AT \$9

TIREY J. FORD POST 21 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Post Closed	31 Bingo Lounge Closed	1 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	2 Post Closed	3 Post, Aux, & SAL Business Mtg. 7pm Lounge Open 5pm	4 Dinner: Fried Catfish or Grilled Chicken	5 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
6 Coin Show 9am-3pm Lounge Closed	7 Bingo Lounge Closed	8 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	9 Post Closed	10 ALR Meeting 6:30pm Post Closed	11 Dinner: Steak or Fried Shrimp	12 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
13 Chiefs Tailgating Post opens 11am	14 Bingo Lounge Closed	15 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	16 ALR Burger Night & Car Cruise Lounge opens 2pm	17 Post Closed	18 Dinner: Pulled Pork Sandwich with sides	19 Dance – 7pm Chiefs Tailgating Club 21 Open 6 pm Snack Bar Open
20 Post Closed	21 Bingo Lounge Closed	22 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	23 Post Closed	24 Post Closed	25 Dinner: Pizza & Salad National Banana Split Day!	26 Food Pantry 8:30am-10:30pm Chiefs Tailgating Open at 11am Dance 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
27 Post Closed	28 Bingo Lounge Closed	29 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	30 Post Closed	31 EBoard Mtg. 6:30pm Post Closed	1 Post Closed	2 Dance – 7pm No Karaoke Club 21 Closed

Note: Food Served 5PM – 7PM (Carryout's Available)
Club 21 opens @ 2PM (Tues, Fri, 3rd Wed)
Opens 5pm on the 1st Thursday

August

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Calendar is Subject to Change. Go to

www.moalpost21.org/calendar for updated information

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Three Pigs BBQ & Catering

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MONTHLY COIN SHOW AT POST 21, 9AM—2PM

McGilley & Sheil Chapel

47th & Blue Ridge Blvd. KCMO
816-353-6555

WE HONOR VETERANS



Jason Gentzell, Location Manager

Rich Carroll

Homeless Veteran Coordinator

Legion Member