



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



**January 2023**

**Home Post of President Harry S. Truman**

**Post Officers**

- Commander:** Bob Ford  
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- 2nd Vice Commander:** Steve Williams
- 3rd Vice Commander:** Jerry Miller
- Adjutant:** Tom Tanner  
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- Judge Advocate:** Kerry Boardman
- Service Officer:** Wayne Keller
- Finance Officer:** Sylvia Tanner
- Sergeant-at-Arms:** Brian Williams
- Chaplain:** Doug Vetter
- Historian:** Gina Slade

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alpost21manager@gmail.com

**Office Hours:**

Mon-Tue, 9:00am-3:00pm

**Adjutant Office Hours:**

Mon-Tue, 10:30am-3:00pm

Closed Saturday and Sunday

**Club 21 Hours:**

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

Fri: 2:00-Varies per event.

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

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

**Post 21 Supports the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base for Christmas Again.**

Members of Post 21 delivered Christmas gifts to the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman AFB on December 3, 2022. This year the post was able to provide the wing with 6 brand new bicycles, plenty of toys, clothes and \$6300 worth of gift cards for the airmen and their families. This is what Christmas is all about.



**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.

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.



# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## COMMANDERS CALL



Greetings members & patrons of Post 21!

Happy New Year! It is my hope you had a great Holiday season. Now that we are all rested up it is time to get back to the business of the Post. Thank you so much to so many of you who helped make 2022 a successful year. Without you, we would not be in the position that we are right now.

As we enter 2023, we are looking at things that will help us grow. We are anticipating new menu items, new activities and offering to our members. We also need to look at other areas where we can improve our facility. IF you have any ideas or want to help, just let me know.

It also time to start thinking about new leadership. I am now in my third year as your commander. I am also the first to ever run 3 years in a row. You may hear some talk of a predecessor for some of the positions, but these are not written in stone. All positions are open to anyone who wants to be involved with making the decisions on the direction we are heading.

Wishing you all a great 2023!

Bob Ford, Commander



**PRAY FOR  
AMERICA**

The American Legion was founded on four pillars:

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



## From the Adjutants Desk

The post has 806 members renewed as of December 26, 2022. If you know of a member who has not renewed their dues, PLEASE have them contact me to pay them.

If you have not paid your membership dues for Legion year 2023, by December 31, 2022 you will be considered delinquent and until your dues are paid you will be removed from the newsletter list and will not receive a newsletter from the Post. PLEASE renew your dues. Renewal notices have been mailed by National. When you receive your notice, PLEASE send it in. The goal for the Post this year is 1021 as determined by State. 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. When you mail in your renewal it comes to the post not National.

National has implemented a new method for renewing your dues. First you need to create an account at mylegion.org. Once you have created an account look at the column Legion Membership summary. Look for view details, click on it then scroll down until you find the auto renew block. You will probably have to enter your credit card information to get auto renew set up. Once you have done that your dues will auto renew every year. If you need help in setting up an account, please contact me and I will help you get it set up.

With the new leadership in place for the next year, it is time to discuss your involvement in the Post. Over the last several years the Post leadership has essentially been the same people. For a Post with over 1000 members that breaks down to about 10 or 2%. To ensure that YOUR Post will be here for many years to come, it is imperative that all members become involved with the Post. This can be done in a couple of ways, 1) support the various activities held at the Post, 2) become an Officer and assist in the operation of the Post. For more information or if you have any questions contact a Post Officer

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.

Tom Tanner, Adjutant

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## Minutes of the Post Monthly EBoard for December 2022

Post 21 Executive Board conducted a meeting on December 15, 2022, at 6:00 pm. The following Officers were present:

Commander Bob Ford

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Larry Harris

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Steve Williams

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Jerry Miller

Adjutant: Tom Tanner

Finance Officer: Sylvia Tanner

Service Officer: Wayne Keller

Judge Advocate Kerry Boardman

Sgt-at-Arms: Brian Williams

Guests: Dorothy Ballew Business Manager, Don Decker ALR Director

Commander Ford opened the meeting, and the following items were discussed:

The Finance officer gave the finance report.

Steve Williams made a motion to pay for the luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce monthly meetings for one person. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerry Boardman. Motion carried.

Larry Harris made a motion to have a gable fan installed above the freezer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Miller. Motion carried.

The Post will open at 11:00 am on Sunday January 1, 2023, for the Chief's game. The Post will close at approx. 4:30 pm.

Dorothy Ballew discussed opening the bar on post meeting nights. The bar will now open at 5:00 pm on meeting nights.

District Oratorical will be held on January 21, 2023 at 1:00 pm in Truman Hall.

The next Executive board meeting will be January 26th, 2023.

Commander closed the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Thomas Tanner, Post Adjutant

## Camp Lejeune Information

Veterans and family members who used contaminated water at Camp Lejeune can finally file lawsuits to recover damages for toxic exposure - but now unscrupulous lawyers are lining up to get rich off of them.

Since passage of the Camp Lejeune Justice Act earlier this year, predatory law firms have blanketed the airwaves of television, radio, and social media with marketing campaigns targeting veterans through sponsored content. With no federal limits on contingencies, lawyers can charge fees upwards of 60% to sick veterans. We cannot allow this exploitation to persist.

The American Legion has urged congressional oversight to ensure veterans' protections against predatory law firms and demand Congress agree on legislation reasonably limiting attorney's fees in actions related to Camp Lejeune claims.

This begins with bringing attention to this issue across the Senate. The American Legion urges you to write your Senators and tell them to come to bipartisan agreement to protect veterans from legal scams as soon as possible!

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/aT0tfQNLdBSF6EC1UH55Bg>



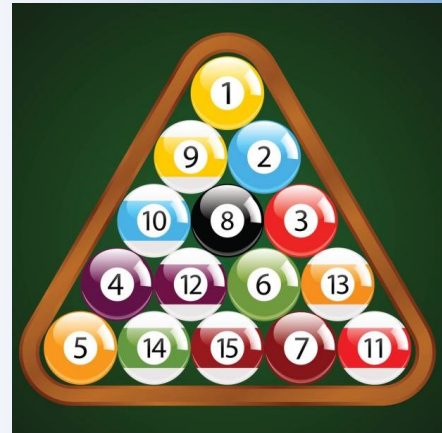
## Helpful Resources

Do you need a copy of your DD214? Request it at [www.archives.gov.veterans/military-service-records/](http://www.archives.gov.veterans/military-service-records/)

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

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## Players hold their final Pool Tournament for 2022



December 2022 pool tournament



Don Kalowitz

3rd Place

Bill Spotts



2nd Place

Gary Cordell

Joe Pulley



1st Place

Jimmy Williams

Floyd Richardson

Santa and Mrs. Claus Visit Post 21!



Santa helps out on Taco Tuesday.

# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## Membership MATTERS

New Post Members: Annette Gudson,  
Gregory Gudson, Kenneth Schmechel,  
Jontue Gillen, Eloise, Johnson, Don  
Clayborn

Transfers: Charles Beeley, Joseph  
Palmer, Ronald Lloyd, Balfour Rast



THE AMERICAN LEGION

AUXILIARY UNIT 21

New Members: Roxanne Bryson



**Karaoke With Dee**

**Every Saturday Night!**

**7:30pm-11:30pm**

**Doors open at 7pm!**



**Jan. 2023 Dance Schedule**

January 7th: Melissa & Co.

January 14th: Reddymen

January 21st: Sweetwater

January 28th: 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

# 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

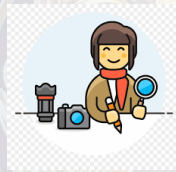
CommanderPost21@gmail.com

**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



Have you paid your dues for 2023? They are due starting July 1st, 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](mailto:adjutantpost21@gmail.com)



## 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.





# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 Calendar

Note: Food Served 5PM – 7PM (Carryout's Available)  
 Club 21 opens @ 2PM (Mon, Tues, Fri, 3rd Wed)

# January

American Legion Post 21 816-373-0221

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Chiefs Tailgating Doors open 11am 	2 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	3 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	4 Post Closed	5 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00pm	6 Fried or Boiled shrimp Grilled Chicken	7 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:30 pm
8 Coin show 9am-3pm Chiefs Tailgating Open TBD 	9 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	10 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	11 Post Closed	12 Post Closed ALR Meeting 6:30pm	13 Ham & Beans	14 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:30 pm
15	16 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	17 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	18 Legion Riders Burger Night	19 Post Closed	20 Fried Chicken	21 Dance 7pm Veterans Food Pantry 8:30am-10:30pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:30 pm
22	23 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	24 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	25 Post Closed	26 Post Closed	27 Tenderloin Dinner Or Sandwich	28 Dance 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:30 pm
29	30 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	31 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu				




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## Our Supporters




**Stoned Syllly**  
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Bead Jewelry*

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