



Tirey J. Ford  
 American Legion Post 21  
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**JULY 2023**

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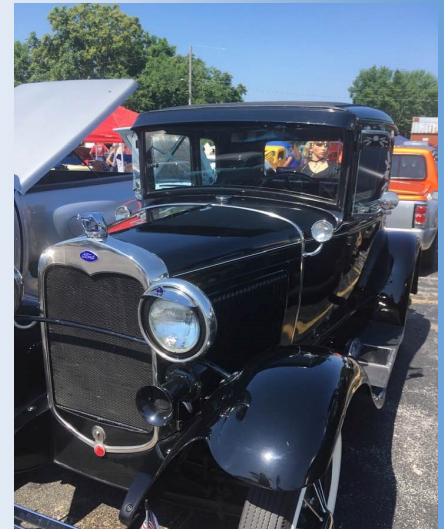
**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/alpost21/>

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.



**Spring 2023 Car Show brings out the best in Classic Automobiles!**

The weather was perfect for our Spring Car Show. There were 123 cars registered, looking to take home a trophy. The event was widely attend by spectators anxious to see some of their favorite classic cars. They did not go away dissatisfied. We look forward to our Fall 2023 show in September!



The Midwest Poppies For Patriots always bring some class to our Car Shows.

Commander Elect Larry Harrison puts the finishing touches on his car before the show.

# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## American Legion Riders hold their second annual Memorial Service for deceased members

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th, American Legion Riders Chapter 21 held their second annual Memorial Service for Riders who have entered Post Everlasting. A very moving service with a reading of the names with a bell ring following honored those fellow Riders. Most of them were personal friends to all of us. Food was brought in and a wonderful fellowship meal was enjoyed by those in attendance.



## Post 1107 celebrates their Anniversary with a picnic in Truman Hall

On Saturday, June 10th members, friends and dignitaries attended a celebration commemorating the anniversary of Post 1107. In Attendance were members of the post, American Legion Missouri Department Commander Rose Noonan, American Legion Missouri Department Sr. Vice Commander Mark Clark, Alternate NEC Kerry Boardman, District 5 Commander Michelle Batliner, District 5 Sr. Vice Commander Mike Sweeney, Post 21 Commander Bob Ford, and other noted leaders. Congratulations to Post 1107 for another great year!



## J.W. Luff Elementary School receives a thank you from Post 21 !

For the second year in a row the students of Luff Elementary help a penny drive to raise funds to donate to Whiteman AFB during the Christmas Season. Our own bartender, Melissa Carver is the principal at that school. We awarded them a plaque to thank them for their continued support. Thank you!



# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## COMMANDERS CALL



Greetings Members and Patrons,  
This will be my last letter to you as your  
Commander. It has been an honor to

Lead such a great group of people during my time. The Officers that have served with me have done an excellent job of keeping Post 21 heading in a positive direction in spite of the pandemic and other events that had a negative impact on us. Here are some of the things that we have accomplished in the last 3 years.

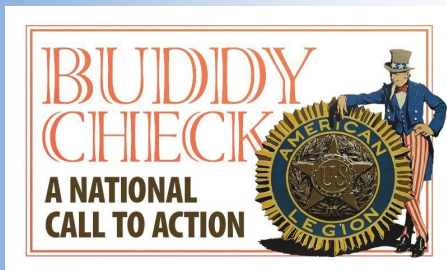
- Basement has been organized and cleaned up. (No small task)
- Lobby Painted, recarpeted and new doors (thanks to our break-in and loss of the ATM machine)
- Electric Fryer in kitchen replaced with Gas Fryers.
- New Popcorn Machine (Thank you Auxiliary)
- 2 new AC units (Again thank you Auxiliary for one of them)
- Established a building Fund with almost \$40,000 in it.
- New Roof (Coming soon!)
- Our total assets have gained approximately \$43,000

So, as you can see we have been busy improving our building. Thank you to all who have contributed to making all these improvements possible.

You will hear from me again, but as your Adjutant next month. My focus will shift to getting all your renewals processed as we head into the new Legion year. As always I am available to answer any questions or concerns that you have.

Thank you all for your support the last 3 years!

Bob Ford, Commander (Adjutant Elect)



## From the Adjutants Desk

The post has 930 members renewed as of June 20, 2023. If you know of a member who has not renewed their dues, PLEASE have them contact me to pay them.

This will be my last newsletter article. After 10 years as Adjutant, it is time for me to retire from this job. I appreciate all the support from all the members. It has been a pleasure to serve as the Adjutant. A lot has changed throughout the years, including bringing My Legion on board. Even though I am stepping down as the Adjutant, I will still be serving to improve by being the 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander.

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 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 Adjutant is [adjutantpost21@gmail.com](mailto:adjutantpost21@gmail.com)

Thomas A. Tanner, 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.

**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)

# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## Minutes from the June 2023 Post Business Meeting

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, June 1, 2023, at the Post Home.

Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual.

1s Vice Commander Larry Harris placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

There were 12 officers, and 32 members present. A quorum was present.

The minutes of the last Post meeting were approved as published in the June newsletter.

Finance Officer gave the finance report for the month of May 2023. A motion was made to accept the finance report as read. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes for May 25, 2023, were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made to accept the new members and transfers. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

There were 3 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

Officer Report:

Larry Harris gave a report about the upcoming car show.

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

ALR report was given by Don Decker.

Old Business:

Commander Ford opened nominations for Service Officer. Wayne Keller made a motion to nominate Regina Slade as Service Officer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Clark. Motion carried.

A runoff was held for Sgt-at-Arms. The runoff was between Brian Williams and Mike Sweeney. Brian Williams won the nomination for Sgt-at-Arms.

Kerry Boardman made a motion to approve nominations by acclamation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Harris. Motion carried.

No New Business:

For the good of the American Legion:

A motion was made by Kerry Boardman to approve \$250.00 for the hospitality room for Mark Clark. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Sweeney. Motion carried.

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 7:30 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is August 3, 2023 at 7PM.



## Tirey J Ford American Legion Post 21

**New Post Members: Rodney Dahon, Albert Alves, Francis Wesely, Randy Knox, Frank Lohnes, Kevin Saviano, Gary Oakes**

**Transfers: Frank Otto, Roger Myers**



## 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.

*Membership*  
**MATTERS**

### 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.



# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



## The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 21

Another year has come to an end, and we continue to work our way back to being more active after COVID. We have been very busy with Bingo and have had really good crowds attending.

A **BIG** Thank You to Lana Butler and her crew for working on it every week. We could always use more volunteers, especially to work the floor. It is usually about the same 2 people, and I am sure that they would like a night off now and then. It is a really easy job, just bring the Bingos to the desk to be confirmed and selling extra papers.

This year National voted at last summer's convention to raise the amount of dues we send to them an additional \$6.00. That would mean we would be sending dues in the amount of \$29.70 to the National, Department (State) and District. It would leave us 30 cents for our Unit. That combined with an expected dues increase from the Department would leave us sending more money out than taking any in for our programs we support. It was voted that we raise our dues to \$45.00 per year. The loss of membership Nationwide has made these moves absolutely necessary. Your next dues notice will be for \$45.00 for the 2023-2024 year.

Our new officers for 2023-2024 are as follows:

President Marsha Mooney

Vice President Dorothy Ballew

Secretary Antoinette Denny

Treasurer Lana Butler

Chaplain Tanya Brown

Historian Helen Hatz

Sgt. At Arms Jeanne Porter

Installation of the Post 21 family will be July 21<sup>st</sup>. Call the office for reservations.

Unit 21 is sponsoring a fun project for members who want to participate. Linda Clark and Betty Ford have offered to lead a block a month quilt get together. We will be using Thangles and every month we will work on a different block. We will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am starting July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Post. Contact Linda Clark to get a list of supplies required for class.

Last year on our Budget we had allocated some money to be used on Post needs. We almost made it through but these last 2 months we have had some problems with equipment. We paid to have the dishwasher in the kitchen repaired, purchased a new popcorn machine, and then had to replace an air conditioner unit that cooled the Auxiliary room. Everyone of us who works in the kitchen appreciates having a dishwasher and I am sure when our next meeting in August comes, we will enjoy the air conditioner.

I will try to do a better job on the newsletter this year and I hope to see you all at a meeting or a dinner here at the Post.

Marsha Mooney, President

# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



## Veteran/Military Food Pantry

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

- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Boxed Potatoes
- Muffin Mix
- Canned Peaches
- Canned Chili
- Beef Ramen Noodles

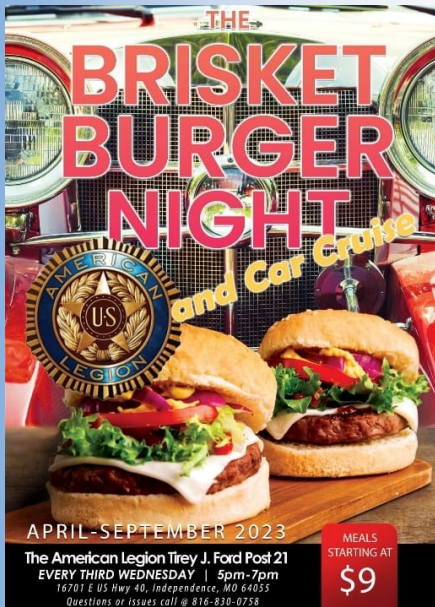
Please bring these items to the post any Monday, Tuesday or Friday.

## Help Needed!

### We are in danger of losing some of our meal nights!

We are in serious need of some new kitchen crews to prepare some of our meals. We need a crew to work the Taco Tuesday on the first Tuesday of the month.

We also need a crew or two to prepare Friday night meals on two Fridays a month. Please consider joining a crew so we can keep our kitchen up and running! Contact Dorothy or Larry Harris for info or to let us know you would like to help.



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



## July 2023 Dance Schedule

July 1st: Melissa & Co.

July 9th: Reddymen

July 15th: No Dance

July 22nd: Sweetwater

July 29th: Steel Country

*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

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# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 Calendar

# July

American Legion Post 21

816-373-0221

Calendar is Subject to Change, Go to [www.moaipost21.org/calendar](http://www.moaipost21.org/calendar) for updated information

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

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Post Closed	26 Bingo Lounge Closed	27 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	28 Post Closed	29 Post Closed	30 Dinner: 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Picnic: All you can eat for \$12!	1 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
2 Lounge Closed	3 <u>No Bingo</u> Lounge Closed	4 Post Closed	5 Post Closed	6 <u>No Meetings this month</u> Post Closed	7 Dinner: Fried/Spiced Shrimp or Grilled Chicken Breast	8 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
9 Coin Show 9am-3pm Post Closed	10 Bingo Lounge Closed	11 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	12 Post Closed	13 Post Closed ALR Meeting 6:30pm	14 Dinner: Grilled Pork Chop	15 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
16 Post Closed	17 Bingo Lounge Closed	18 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	19 ALR burger Night & Car Cruise Lounge opens 2pm	20 Post Closed	21 <u>Installation Dinner</u> <u>Reservations Required</u> by 7/14/23 (816)373-0221 Karaoke 7:30pm-11:30pm	22 Dance 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
23 Post Closed	24 Bingo Lounge Closed	25 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	26 Post closed	27 Post Closed	28 One Nation Under God Concert. Food 5-7pm, Concert 7-9pm. See Flyer	29 Veterans Food Pantry 8:30am-10:30pm Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
Post Closed	31 Bingo Lounge Closed					
30 Post Closed						



# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

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