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

### POST EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

**AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING -NOVEMBER 1st**

**POST MEETING - NOVEMBER 2ND @ 7:00 PM**  
**AUXILIARY MEETING - NOVEMBER 2ND @ 7:00 PM**

**SAL MEETING NOVEMBER 1 @ 7:00 PM**  
**ALR MEETING - NOVEMBER 9th @ 6:30 PM**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING Every Monday @ 7:00 PM**

**POST E-BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 16th @ 7:00 PM**

**5th DISTRICT MEETING NOVEMBER 22nd @ 7:00 PM**

**THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE IN NOVEMBER- See Page 7**

**SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in NOVEMBER - See Page 3**

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

**THURSDAY NOV 23**  
**THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
**2-5 PM**  
**DONATIONS**





### POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander	Mike Feliciano
1st Vice Commander	Jim Harris
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	Archie Hughes
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

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander	Jim Neece
Vice Commander	
Adjutant	
Finance Officer	Walt Seigler
Historian	
Chaplain	
Sergeant-at-Arms	

### 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

Commander Mike Feliciano called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, 5 Oct 17, at the Post Home.

There were 7 officers and 21 members present. There was no quorum present.

- Commander Feliciano stated the meeting for tonight would be informational only.
  - The regular business meeting was suspended at 7:05 for the following guest: John Schwent. John briefed the members on Camp Valor
  - Business meeting resumed at 7:20.
  - The Adjutant read the correspondence
  - Tom Tanner discussed the upcoming Salvation Army Bell ringing in December. The dates are 2 and 16 December from 9am-4pm at the Hy-Vee on Noland Rd. There will be signup sheets in the lounge. Please come out and help.
  - Tom Tanner gave the membership report. We have 1042 members renewed for year 2018. That is 71.17% of our goal as determined by Department
  - Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner read the Finance Report for the month of September.
  - Officer Reports: None
  - Committee Reports:
  - Wes Blake gave the Bingo report. Wes presented the Post with a \$5000.00 check.
  - The Dance report given by Wes Blake.
  - Bob Ford gave the ALR report.
  - For the good of the American Legion:
  - Commander Feliciano adjourned at 7:45 PM.
- The next regular scheduled meeting will be 2 November 2017 at 7:00 PM.



**The Thanksgiving day meal. We need people that are interested to sign up NLT 10 Nov. so the food can be ordered.**

**Also on 11 Nov from 1-3 the Home School Kids will be doing a veterans Salute here at the Post for all. admission is free.**



**NOVEMBER 5, 2017**

### **ATTENTION**

**All of you that have AOL email addresses**  
**Please-Please send us your new email addresses so**  
**we can keep in contact with you.**

#### **THANK YOU**

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

**There will be a potluck before the**  
**November Legion and Auxiliary**  
**meetings.**

#### **TAPS**



PAUL F DANIEL, HAL C MILLER  
EUGENE A JOHNEY

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

### **THE COMMANDER'S CORNER**

We had the Post 21 Spaghetti dinner and there was a good turnout. I want to thank Victor Cascone for donating the sauce and the meatballs were donated by Restaurant Depot. Many thanks to Kyle Fonseca, John Cuezze both S.A.L. members and post members Don Decker and David Cary for the long hours. Post 21 will be open on Thanksgiving Day; traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be available. The ongoing Post 21 cell tower negotiation is in its final stage. Once completed the Executive Committee must vote. The vote of the executive committee's then will be presented to general membership for the final approval or disapproval. We have many projects being worked on. Looking forward to seeing membership at our post meeting.

**Commander Mike Feliciano**

#### **FLY THE FLAG**



VETERANS DAY  
NOVEMBER 11

#### **NOVEMBER 2017 DANCE SCHEDULE**

4	Dixie Cadillacs
11	Reddymen
18	Sweetwater
25	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**



## AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy Thanksgiving! November is a busy month with numerous volunteer needs. The Auxiliary has a 50/50 pot at each Chief's game and we can use some help (we can leave at half-time). Please check the sign-up sheet for an open date. November schedule is as follows:

- November 5th at Dallas 3:25 pm Sunday
- BYE
- November 19th noon at New York noon Sunday
- November 26<sup>th</sup> Home versus Buffalo noon Sunday

Join us in the lounge to cheer the Chiefs on!

Veterans Day November 11<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated at the Post with free cheeseburgers and fries from 5pm—7 pm. We need donations of cakes, pies or cookies and other dessert items.

Our meeting in November will be initiation for new members. If you have never been initiated, no matter how long you have been a member, let Suzanne know and you can be included.

Remember the November meeting will be pot luck. Bring a dish to share and join in the fun. Starts at 6 pm.

**We are setting out the barrel to collect food for our Christmas families. Everything is needed, including paper products and cleaning supplies. Please be generous for those in need.**

Lil Brownfield will be setting up the Angel Tree in the entry hall with Christmas wishes. Remember the reason for the season and give thanks that you have a warm house with electricity, water and food in the pantry when others are not so blessed.

May the Lord keep you and bless you this holiday season. As you sit down to a turkey dinner, give thanks to our military for providing the grace we receive and the freedom to give thanks as we wish.

May God's hand protect those serving overseas and unable to be with their families. Your sacrifice will never be forgotten.

*Gayle Metzinger Auxiliary 21 President*

### Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

**New:** Sharon Burns

**Death:** Shirley Driver, Mary Winfield

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

Cooler days are making for a more comfortable ride for those of us out there taking care of our veterans. It won't be long and cold weather will be here and we will have to be pulling out warmer riding gear. That won't stop us from doing what we do best.

We had our Fall Craft Fair on Oct. 21st and as usual it was a success. It has grown bigger each time we do it. Linda Clark who heads up organizing this did an outstanding job as she always does. Thank you Linda for all of your hard work! You are an inspiration to all of us.

We continue to sponsor the 50/50 on Tuesday Bingo night. We had our Burger Night on Oct. 18th. We have had a great turnout for these and appreciate everyone who comes out to enjoy the "Best Burger in Town". Dennis Mooney cooks a mean burger and uses a secret method to get that cheese just right! If you haven't had one yet come early cause the tables fill up fast.

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 it's 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*



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**



Dear SAL Squadron 21 Member,  
Saving SAL Squadron 21 From Possible Closure

I am writing this letter to you to ask for your help. As you know our SAL Squadron has a rich and proud tradition of community service and support of our veteran community. We exist to honor our male family members who have served and to keep their legacy alive no matter how many years have passed since they wore the cloth of the nation. In fact, many of you are dual members so our squadron also honors your service and you enrich us with your presence.

Recently our Squadron has struggled to get enough participation to fill our required officer positions and attendance at our meetings has dropped significantly. To save our Squadron from possible closure we need you to get back involved and to help us stabilize our programs so that we can once again become the positive force for good we are known for.

This past year we saw a handful of men keep our squadron working but it has taken its toll on them. They all have busy lives and it is not fair that we ask a group of four men to carry the water of a squadron of 94 members. Currently we need a Vice Commander and an Adjutant, both critical positions. But more importantly, we need involvement by our members. This is your Squadron and it will succeed or fail based upon your involvement.

I do not want our squadron to close and I am going to do everything I can to save it, but I need your help. Please plan to join us at our next meeting on November 1, 2017 at Tirey J. Ford Post 21. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and it would be great to see a full house. Despite having only a handful of men willing to put in the work this year we have had an outstanding year and I know you would be proud of what your squadron is doing. Come on out and see for yourself and be part of our success.

Thank you for your membership and I look forward to seeing you all on November 1.

**Jim Neece Commander, SAL**

**FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR NOVEMBER**

**Monday from 5pm to 7pm**

- 11/6** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans & roll **\$8.50**
- 11/13** Open face hot beef sandwich, salad bar **\$8.50**
- 11/20** Lasagna, garlic bread, salad bar **\$8.00**
- 11/27** Pork Chop, scalloped potatoes, green beans, apple sauce, salad bar **\$9.00**

**Tuesday from 4pm to 7pm**

- 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28**  
Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each  
or 4 for \$5.00
- Pulled Pork Nachos (11/7 & 11/21) Only** **\$5.00**
- Post 21 Burrito (11/14 & 11/28) Only** **\$5.00**
- Taco Salad **\$5.00**

**Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm**

- 11/1** Shrimp Alfredo, garlic bread, salad bar **\$8.50**
- 11/8** Chili & cornbread w/all the fixins **\$6.50**
- 11/15** ALR COOKS  
Bacon Cheese Burger night, fries, tots or onion rings **\$7.00**
- 11/22** Baked potato/salad bar **\$6.50**

**Thursday from 2pm to 5pm**

- 11/23** Thanksgiving dinner **Donation**

**Friday from 4pm to 8pm**

- 11/3** BBQ ribs, baked beans/slaw **\$8.50**
- 11/10** Chicken Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans roll **\$9.50**
- 11/17** Ham, Potatoes Au Gratin, veggie & roll **\$8.50**
- 11/24** Beef Stew/salad bar& roll **\$6.50**

**Saturday from 5pm to 7pm**

- 11/11** Veterans Day  
Free burgers to veterans and their family

**PAY**

**DUES**

**ONLINE**

**PLEASE READ AND RESPOND**

**Emails are still a problem. I have been getting a lot of emails bounce back to me for whatever reason. If you feel that you are not receiving emails from the Post PLEASE check your spam settings to ensure correct delivery of the emails. If your spam settings are correct please ensure I DO have your correct email address. If you have changed your email address or have not provided the post with an email address, please send it to me.**

**adjutantpost21@gmail.com**

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| KEVIN BRINDLEY    | JAMES QUARLES      |
| DONALD BROWN      | ERNEST SCHAFER     |
| ROBERT BURKE      | RICHARD SCHEEL     |
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| MARK MOON         | LARRY YOUNG        |



**FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK**

The 2018 membership year is here. Please renew your dues as soon as possible. As of 3 Oct we have had 1026 members renew their dues for 2018.

I am also going to ask that if anyone is interested in volunteering to help in the post, please contact me and let me know when and where you can volunteer. We are in need of volunteers for BINGO, the kitchen, the office and other positions. PLEASE HELP!!!!

Effective 1 Jul 17 all members that have an email address will be receiving the monthly newsletter via email only. The post sends out over 1700 newsletters a month which is very costly. The post has 1431 members and I only have email addresses on 513 members. If you have not already done so please send me your email 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.

The e-mail address for Post is [adjutantpost21@gmail.com](mailto:adjutantpost21@gmail.com).

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



**RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '17 -'18**

**NOVEMBER 2017 BIRTHDAYS**

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"  
We have 101 members with November birthdays.  
We hope you enjoy your special day!  
1@96, 2@95, 2@94, 2@93, 3@92, 3@91, 3@90  
The youngest will turn 49 this month.

**2017 NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE TICKETS**

Tickets go on sale, Wednesday, November 1st  
7:00 PM in the lounge.

Tickets are \$35 per person.

Evening includes Hors d'oeuvres

Music by The Reddymen - Party Favors

Champagne toast – Midnight Breakfast

Doors open at 6 PM

**NO REFUNDS**



**CHIEFS FANS – LET'S TAILGATE**

Football Schedule For 2017

ALL GAMES MEMBERS BRING POTLUCK

Sun, Nov 5 @ Cowboys 3:25 PM

Sun, Nov 19 @ Giants 12:00 PM

Sun, Nov 26 vs Bills 12:00 PM

A big THANK YOU to all those who supported our Country Store with their time, baked goods and donations. We appreciated everyones help . Our efforts resulted in \$900.00 to be used for our Christmas families.

Faye Zacharias

Judy Roberts

Judy Nash

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[www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/](http://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



Thursday night dance last Thursday of the month.  
Mark your calendar for November 30th.  
Oasis will be performing Classic Rock and Country so  
come on out and show your support.

3rd Vice Commander Noel Tyler












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