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### **OCTOBER 2018**



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### POST EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

### **AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING**

- \*\*POST MEETING OCTOBER 4th @ 7:00 PM\*\*
- \*\*AUXILIARY MEETING OCTOBER 4th @ 7:00 PM\*\*
- \*\* SAL MEETING OCTOBER 3rd @ 7:00 PM\*\*
- \*\*ALR MEETING OCTOBER 11th @ 6:30 PM\*\*

POST E-BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 18th @ 7:00 PM\*\*

**THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE In OCTOBER See Page 7** 

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in OCTOBER - See Page 7

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### JOINT ANNUAL 5TH DISTRICT OCTOBER DINNER

### **WITH MEETINGS TO FOLLOW**

The October 2018 Joint Annual 5th District Dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at Post 21 in Independence.

Social time begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$10.00 per person. Reservations are required by October 7th.

Meetings will be held following the dinner.

Please contact Steve Boeck, 5th District Commander at 816-651-3225 (<u>s.j.boeck@att.net</u>) or Bonnie Sweeney, 5th District President at 816-582-7387 (<u>besweeney@sbcglobal.net</u>) to make your reservations.

Thank you in advance.

Steve Boeck, 5th District AL Commander

Bonnie Sweeney, 5th District ALA President



Chaplain

Sergeant-at-Arms

### THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



### October 2018

### **POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Ed Witthar Commander 1st Vice Commander Mark Clark 2nd Vice Commander Bob Ford 3rd Vice Commander John Faelske Adjutant Tom Tanner Finance Officer Svlvia Tanner Judge Advocate Dennis Mooney Historian Open Service Officer Mike Sweeney

Past Commander Mile

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**Bob Settles** 

Mike Feliciano

Mark Clark

Tom Tanner

**OPEN** 

Dan Orr

Americanism Chris Wehr OPEN Athletic Bingo Marge Neal Boy's State **OPEN Budget & Finance Denis Proctor** Cadet Patrol Norman D'Angelo Dance Wayne Keller Home Improvement **OPEN** Kitchen Darci Roettele Newsletter Editor **Ed Murray** Oratorical Ralph Buchanan Patriotic Council **OPEN** 

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Dan Orr Chairman,

Salvation Army

School Awards

R.O.T.C.

**AUXILIARY OFFICERS** 

President Marsha Mooney
Vice President Suzanne Proctor
Secretary Antoinette Denny
Treasurer Lana Butler
Historian Linda Clark
Chaplain Linda Vetter
Sergeant-at-Arms Judy Settles

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Director Don Decker Assistant Director Dan Orr Suzanne Proctor Secretary Treasurer Ed Witthar Judge Advocate Larry Harrison Linda Clark Historian Chaplain Mark Clark Sergeant-At-Arms Doug Stacer Road Captains Open Safety Officer Open

SAL OFFICERS

Commander Daryl Wimmer
Vice Commander Doug Savage
Adjutant Keith Constance
Finance Officer Walt Seigler
Chaplain Kent Groom
Sergant-at Arms Leroy Brugioni

### MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Witthar called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, 6 September 18, at the Post Home.

Commander Witthar conducted the opening ritual.

1st Vice Commander Mark Clark placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Mark Clark gave the opening prayer.

There were 9 officers and 33 members present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of Aug 18. Kerry Boardman made a motion to accept the finance report as read. 2nd by Everette Ellis. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 16 Aug 18 were read. Everette Ellis made a motion to accept the Exec. Board Minutes as read. 2nd by Kerry Boardman. Motion carried.

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

- There were 7 deceased members for the month of Aug.
- The Adjutant read correspondence.
- Committee Reports:
- $\cdot$   $\,$   $\,$  Tom Tanner gave the Bingo report and presented the post with a check for \$5000.00
- No Dance report.
- Officer Reports:
- Don Decker gave the ALR report.
- Old Business:
- Tom Tanner gave a report on the fireworks tent and presented a check to the post for \$5594.
- New Business:

Mike discussed the new kitchen manager. Mark Clark made a motion to accept Darcy Roettele as the new kitchen manager. 2nd by Lelia Brownfield. Motion carried.

For the good of the American Legion:

The 1st Vice Commander removed the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair.

· The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

Commander Witthar conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 4 October 2018, at 7PM.

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

# Have You Heard? Definition of a Sailor

Between the security of childhood and the insecurity of second childhood, we find a fascinating mass of humanity called sailors. They can be found anywhere: on ships, in bars, on leave, or in love and always in debt. Girls love them, civilians tolerate them and the government supports them, or so they claim.

A sailor is laziness with a deck of cards, bravery with a tattooed arm, and the energy of a turtle, the slyness of a fox, the brain of a genius, the sincerity of a liar, and the aspiration of a Casanova. When he wants something, it is usually indecent and immoral, or against Navy regulations. His favorite pastimes are girls, females, broads, dames and members of the opposite sex.

He dislikes Navy chow, answering letters, wearing his uniform, superior officers, and getting up in the morning. No other human being can cram into his shirt pocket; a comb, a little black book, a pack of gum, a church key, a pack of cigarettes, his girl's picture and what's left of last month's pay.

He likes to spend some of his money on girls, some on poker, most of it on booze, and what's left on foolishness. A sailor is a magical creature.

You can lock him out of your house, but not out of your heart. You can scratch him off your mailing list, but not out of your mind. So you might as well give up. He is your Far-away from home lover, your one and only, good for nothing, liberty minded, bundle of wrongdoing. But your shattered dreams become insignificant when your sailor comes home and looks at you with those Big bloodshot eyes and says: "Hiya Honey!"

# **Thought for the Month:**

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."

President George Washington

### **OCTOBER 2018 BIRTHDAYS**

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 114 members with October birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1@100, 2@97, 3@96, 1@95, 3@92
The youngest will turn 39 this month.

### THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Another successful month for Post 21 and the American Legion Family.

Thanks to all who came out and supported, assisted with the National Commanders visit and the stop the American Legion Legacy Run made here at Our Post. This was truly a combined effort by all to make it the success it was. The National Commander was truly impressed with our post and all that we did for this event.

At the same time we were blessed with the donation from the OCW to be delivered to the Kansas City VA Hospital. Once the date is set for the presentation of these items, assistance will be needed to help deliver them.

The POW/MIA table in the lounge is now complete! Thanks to Bob Ford for the donation of the bible.

The post breakfast continues to show improvement. We served 44 in September! The efforts by everyone getting the word out is showing its rewards.

Thanks goes out to Dan Orr, who has stepped up and has assumed the position of our House Committee Chairman. Lets give Dan all the support in this endeavor. I know Dan will have some great ideas to help lead Our post in the direction we need to go!

Good news, we have some prospects for the Business Manager position, and hopefully by next month we can make that announcement of who the new manager will be.

Queen of Hearts is back, and the first number will be drawn on Sept 14th at 1915. The funds from the Queen of Hearts will be put into a fund titled, Bereavement Fund. These funds will be used for our Family members.

We are experiencing a lot of our volunteers who are fighting medical issues. With these members fighting their medical issues we need others to step up and help out while they are in the recovery process. First lets remember each and everyone of them in our prayers and thoughts. Second if members do not or fail to step up and help, some activities that we have been accustomed to enjoy may have to be eliminated! None of us want to see that happen.

Looking forward to the month ahead, lets pull together and make this another successful time for Our American Legion Family.

**Commander Ed Witthar** 

Semper Fi!

### TAPS

John E Bostwick, George L DeLapp, Milford L Eddingfield, Charles G Graham, Warren Horine, Charles O Rucker, Harold W Smith

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

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**



September was a busy month for the American Legion Family here at Post 21. The Post sponsored a Gun Show, The Legion Riders sponsored a Comedy/Variety Dinner Show, the football season started, and tailgating started in

the lounge not to mention the Saturday night dances, Friday night entertainment in the lounge and the various dinners held every week. I hope that you all were able to attend at least 1 event.

We were pleased to have two of our Girls State representatives attend the September meeting, Lucy Petet and Anna Kochman spoke to us about their experiences that they had at Girls State. Lucy is the Granddaughter of Shirley Petet a 60-year member of our Auxiliary and has been a Junior member for all of her 17 years. These 2 outstanding young women reminds us of why the Girls State program is so important for our future.

October 20th will be the ALR Craft Fair at the Post. This has become a great tradition and a wonderful Craft Fair. Linda Clark does a great job of putting it altogether. We hope that there will be a great turnout to see all the items for sale and do a little (or a lot) of Holiday Shopping. Tell all of your friends and let's help the ALR have a successful event as it also helps benefit the Post.

The Angel Tree for our Christmas families should be going up around the first of November, so keep a lookout in the entryway for it's arrival.

Helen Hatz who is the Auxiliary's representative at the KCVA will be looking for clean, gently used winter coats for the VA Clothes Closet. Helen is now a member of Unit 21 and would appreciate all the help she can get with collecting winter clothing items.

The Volunteer log book is in the Auxiliary Room, if you are unable to attend meetings but have volunteer information to be recorded you can mail it, email it or just call me and I will make sure that your volunteerism is counted.

Hope to see you at the next meeting,

Marsha Mooney Auxiliary 21 President

### Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Diane Nespica, Vicky Wray

Transfer:

Death: Stacy Clausing, Helen Sides, Ruth Stanger



### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



I'm writing this after an enjoyable and eventful ride to see the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales at Warm Springs Ranch in Boonville. For those

of us who were able to go, we will have good memories and great stories to share. The Riders are going to be doing more recreational rides in the future to create more opportunities for us to enjoy each other's company. We have brought back our billiards night with a small gathering at the Post, and we will plan to get one of those on the calendar each month. It's a night just for fun in the lounge.

We are looking forward to our Craft Fair on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Linda Clark has done a great job with this event and the vendors love it as much as the customers. Most of the vendors sign up for our next date before they leave the previous one. It's going to be a big deal and we will be calling on our members to volunteer to make it successful again. Moving the vendors out and getting the main hall set up for the dance is a major undertaking with a short window, so we will need as many volunteers as we can get around 4 PM. You don't have to be a Rider to volunteer!

Until next time,

### Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director



### LISTEN UP

The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period begins October 15<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. In order to assist our members in making informed Medicare coverage decisions, the post will host Medicare Advantage informational meetings as follows:

October 17, 2018 3:00 PM Coventry Advantra

October 26, 2018 3:00 PM United Healthcare

November 07, 2018 3:00 PM Humana

November 08, 2018 3:00 PM Blue Cross/Blue Shield of KC

These meetings are offered at no cost to attendees and are open to post members and the public. Reservations are not required.

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



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### SPORTS FANS LET'S PARTY

Oct 7th 11:30

Oct 14th 11:30

Oct 21st 11:30

Oct 28th 11:30

### FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR OCTOBER

Monday from 5pm to 7pm			
10/1 Turkey Dinner	\$9.00		
10/8 Meatloaf Dinner	\$7.00		
10/15 Chicken Fried Dinner	\$8.50		
10/22 Chicken Fried Steak Dinner	\$8.50		
10/29 Snack Bar Menu			
Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm			
10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30			
Tacos Tuesday \$1.50 each			
or 4 for Pork Burrito	\$5.00 \$5.00		
Taco Salad	\$5.00 \$5.00		
Chips & Salsa	\$5.00 \$5.00		
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Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm  10/3 Open faced Turkey Sandwich	ĆO FO		
10/10 Meatloaf sandwich	\$8.50 \$8.50		
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10/17 Pulled Pork Dinner	\$10.00		
Joint 5th District Meeting			
10/24 ALR Burger Night			
Bacon Cheese/Mushroom Swiss burger night, fries,			
tots or onion rings	\$7.00		
10/31 Cooks Choice	\$8.00		
<u>Thursday</u>			
NO MEALS ON THURSDAY NIGHTS			
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Friday from 5pm to 7pm	ć0. F0		
10/5 Potato Hot Dish	\$8.50		
10/12 Beef Stew/Biscuits	\$9.00		
10/19 Pork Loin Dinner	\$9.00		
<b>10/26</b> Beef Stroganoff Dinner	\$9.00		
10/12			
10/13			
Saturday from 7:30am to 10am			

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**POST BREAKFAST** 

### **PLEASE GO TO:**

www.moalpost21.org

To see the new kids snackbar menu



\$8.00

**RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '18-'19** 

# Greenhouse Gas Emissions U.S. Reduction More Than Other Major Countries

America never ratified the Kyoto Treaty some two decades ago. We never enacted a carbon tax. We don't have a cap-and-trade carbon emission program. That environmental villain Donald Trump pulled America out of the Paris climate accord that was signed by almost the entire rest of the civilized world. Yet the latest world climate report from the BP Statistical Review of World Energy finds that in 2017, America reduced its carbon emissions by 0.5 percent, the most of all major countries. That's especially impressive given that our economy grew by nearly 3 percent — so we had more growth and less pollution — the best of all worlds.

The major reason for the reduced pollution levels is the shale oil and gas revolution that is transitioning the world to cheap and clean natural gas for electric power generation. Meanwhile, as our emissions fell, the pollution levels rose internationally and by a larger amount than in previous years. So much for the rest of the world going green. The world's largest emitter of carbon dioxide emissions is China. According to the invaluable Institute for Energy Research, "China produces 28 percent of the world's carbon dioxide emissions. India is the world's third-largest emitter of carbon dioxide and had the second-largest increment (93 billion metric tons) of carbon dioxide emissions in 2017, more than twice as much an increase as the U.S. reduction."

This means it doesn't really matter how much America reduces its greenhouse gases because China and India cancel out any and all progress we make. Those who think they are helping save the planet by purchasing an electric car or putting a solar panel on their roof are barking up the wrong tree. There is no way to make progress on greenhouse gases without China and India on board — which they clearly are not. This latest data also proves that despite all of the criticism across the globe and in the American media, we were right to pull the U.S. out of the flawed Paris climate accord. Nearly every nation that signed on to Paris and has admonished America for not doing so, has already violated the agreement.

According to Climate Action Network Europe, "All EU countries are failing to increase their climate action in line with the Paris Agreement goal." All but five countries have even reached 50 percent of their current targets. So there you have it. The countries in the Paris climate accord have broken almost every promise they've made and the nation (the U.S.) that hasn't signed the treaty is doing more than any other nation to reduce global warming. Yet, we are being lectured by the sanctimonious Europeans and Asians for not doing our fair share to save the planet. It's another case study in how the left cares far more about good intentions than actual results. What apparently matters is that you say that you will wash the dishes, not that you actually do it. [Source: Newsmax Finance | Stephen Moore | August 22, 2018 ++]

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Jeffery Baugher, Fred Von Bohland, Wayne Maske, Neil McCumber, Arthur Schaaf, Robert Youngs, Rose Youngs

### **TRANSFERS:**

John Elkel, Earl Englebrecht, Christina Gibson, Robert Hampton, James Harris, George Perry, Steve Weber

### FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

The 2019 membership year is here, I would ask that all members renew your dues as soon as possible. This is the 100th Anniversary of both the American Legion and the Post. What better way to help celebrate both by renewing your membership and achieving 100% membership renewal.

At the Department Convention it was discussed and voted on to raise the dues at the Department level by \$5.00 a year per member. The raise will take effect next year; however, it will not affect our membership. When National raised their dues 2 years ago we anticipated Department following suit so when we raised our dues we included the anticipated dues raise.

I am also going to ask that if anyone is interested in volunteering to help in the post to 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!!!!!

In order to have a complete data base I ask that every member send me the name of your spouse, emergency contact information, email address, date of birth, correct phone number, branch of service and war era. If you have moved within the last 6 months would you, please provide me with your new address.

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.

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 is adjutantpost21@gmail.com.

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



Have you attended one of the Jam Sessions yet?

If not, why not?

Come out and listen to some very talented musicians sharing their talents with you.



October 3rd 7-10PM Mike Perez October 10th 7-10PM Mike Perez October 17th 7-10PM Mike Perez October 24th 7-10PM Mike Perez October 31st 7-10PM Mike Perez



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October 25th

Band: Oasis with Bonnie

Rock & Roll & Country

\$6.00 Admission

Beverage & Snack Bar Open at 6:00 PM

Dance Time 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Join Us & Have a Blast!

Wes Blake



### OCTOBER 2018 DANCE SCHEDULE

6 Country Oasis

13 Reddymen

20 Sweetwater

27 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

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