



The American Legion

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OCTOBER 2020



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ADJUTANT OFFICE HOURS: MON - TUE 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Due to COVID-19 office hours will vary.
Club 21: Opens at 4 PM
Check Calendar for Club 21 Hrs. for Sunday Football



Mondays and Tuesdays were made for Bingo at Post 21. Come on out and enjoy a great night of fun in the main hall, and enjoy something from our snack bar so you don't even have to cook. You can't win unless you play so tell all of your friends to meet you at The Post!

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THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



The 2021 membership cards are in. I have placed numerous renewal envelopes behind the bar, in the office and have given some to Tom Tanner as well. Renewal is \$25.00, which is very affordable. If you don't have time to stop by, feel free to mail them to the post at.

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Please make sure your contact information is up to date and if you have an email address please add that as well. Based on the number of renewals I sometimes only process them once a week, so don't be alarmed if you don't get your new card right away. As a side note your 2020 cards will no longer be valid after December 31st of this year.

The holidays are fast approaching, this year we plan to support Heroes Home Gate again with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, many others.

The SAL is having Football Party in the lounge as of now when I wrote this Newsletter. Space is limited so Come early as the seats have been filling up fast and are limited. There is no Pot luck which the health department will not let us do any this year.

The Post Breakfast is on the second Saturday in October and would like to see a good turn out.

The SAL meets every month on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Main Hall. You are welcome to attend.

Hope you all have a great fall!



MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, September 3, 2020, at the Post Home.

Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual.

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

Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

There were 9 officers and 14 members present. A quorum was NOT present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of Jul 20.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from Aug. 27 were read.

New members and transfers were read.

There were 6 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

Committee Reports:

Bingo Report was given by Regina Slade.

Don Decker gave the Riders report.

Wayne Keller informed everyone the dances will restart as of October 1.

Officer Reports:

The Adjutant gave the membership report:

755 members renewed.

Old Business:

New Business:

Judge Advocate Kerry Boardman informed the members that a change to the Constitution/By-laws is needed. The change will be the number of members needed to have a quorum from 30 to members present at the Post meeting.

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 Ford conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is Oct 1, 2020, at 7PM.

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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Making Progress

Greetings Everyone. We are continuing the road to “normalcy” at our post. We have expanded hours and offerings to you and our patrons. The lounge is now open 2pm to 9pm Monday, Tuesday, and Friday with extend hours on Friday’s depending on what entertainment we have booked for that night. We our returning to our full Saturday dance schedule as of October 3rd. Tailgating in the lounge has begun. We still have all the safety and PPE requirements in place. Temperatures are taken upon entry; masks are required unless eating or drinking and we are asking that you maintain social distancing. This will require a limited number be allowed into the lounge. It is first come first serve. If we reach capacity, we will move you into the hall. We have had great success so far with all of you abiding by these Health Department requirements. It is interesting to see the dance floor full of dancers wearing masks.

As you can imagine successfully pulling this off takes a lot of help. So far it has been a few volunteers taking care of business. While I was the Riders Director, I had this thing called the “V” word. Yes, it stands for VOLUNTEER. Your EBoard has been instrumental in helping. Every member that you elected has their hands in Bingo, dances, kitchen and other areas. They are leading by example. We have others who take care of Building Maintenance, Landscaping, Decorating, Weeding, mowing and more. These things do not just magically get done. It is our members showing their love for our post that keep it going. We need more of you helping these dedicated members. They would appreciate it. You have heard this time and time again from all past commanders and others. The more who help the less likely we will burn someone out. Yes, you have heard that before as well. Please talk to me or Dorothy and inquire where we can use your services. There is a wide variety of jobs available. Most do not involve physical labor. Thank you in advance for helping.

I have received many positive comments from you thanking me for being your Commander. I thank you for the opportunity and honor to serve you in this capacity. Together we will get through this. Thank you and see you at the post!

Bob Ford
Commanderpost21@gmail.com

Two elderly gentlemen had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, ‘Now don’t get mad at me I know we’ve been friends for a long time, but I just can’t think of your name! I’ve thought and thought, but I can’t remember it. Please tell me what your name is.

His friend stared at him for at least three minutes — he just stared and stared at him. Finally he said, ‘How soon do you need to know?’



**2021
DUES
ARE
DUE**



**PLEASE USE THIS FEATURE
IT'S CONVENIENT AND IT ELIMINATES
A STEP IN THE PROCESSING OF CARDS**



AUXILIARY NEWS

Congratulations to Arlene Choat! She finally got to retire. The COVID-19 virus and ensuing problems had kept her at her desk for several additional weeks.

Bingo is growing each week. We have a limit of 125 players allowed in the hall at this time and masks are required unless eating or drinking. Players have been cooperative for the most part. We take temperatures as the players come in and remind them during play that the masks must cover their mouth and nose. We understand it is uncomfortable, but necessary if we want to stay open. We could really use a few more volunteers. It would be great to have someone in the front hall taking temperatures as players enter the building. I try to catch everyone but when I am also doing sales it is difficult. The Post received the following thank you from one of the clothing give away participants.

"Our group who came Wednesday night are all Filipinos. On our way there, we were hoping there will be winter clothes available because we where we came from i's summer all year round. We are not used to winter. When we saw what you had we were beyond blessed. We can now claim that we are ready for the coming winter. May the good Lord Bless you all and everyone who is behind the scenes to make this happen. We are so grateful in all you do. Thank you so much! Have a Blessed evening!"

The numbers for the clothing giveaway are:

73 households

This proved to be approximately 300 people helped including Police Officers; First Responders, Firefighters and EMTs.

The men and women who attended were so thankful and appreciative.

The numbers for the August Food Pantry are:

52 households that included:

59 Adults, 23 Children, 61 Seniors

7 households were new this month.

These two projects are Post Family Projects. Post members; Auxiliary members; Riders and SAL members along with volunteers from Post 1107, Heroes Care and others, actively helping military families. There is a grocery cart in the front lobby for food pantry donations. Diane Bray has requested the Auxiliary members donate one pound boxes of sugar, small bags of flour and small bottles of cooking oil. We are going to start pre-boxing the food and the small packages will allow us to fit more items in a box. Other items needed for the food pantry include: non-perishables, paper towels, canned beef stew; chicken and dumplings; canned fish and canned meats; dry beans; rice; canned soup; ketchup; mayonnaise, etc. If you have questions about the Food Pantry, please talk to Diane Bray or Kristi Seigler.

We will be meeting in the auxiliary room on Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

One last thought... Please take a few minutes to call one or two of your auxiliary friends to check in. So many are living in isolation and feel cut off.

Lana Butler, President

816-507-3033 or LMLeitner@yahoo.com

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New:

Death:

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hello Post 21!



Your Riders have remained busy for another month. The big news is that we have a date set for a Fall Craft Fair. The event will be held on Saturday October 17th in the main hall. It's a big fund raiser for the Post and for the ALR, so we hope you can help. If you can't help then please help us spread the word so that our vendors have a lot of happy customers to serve. If you are Facebook user you can go to our "event" on Facebook and share it to your own page so that your friends and family will see it. Go to https://www.facebook.com/events/320774525921487/?acontext=%7B%22event-actionhistory%22%3A%5B%22mechanism%22%3A%22search_results%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22search%22%7D%7D

We continue to spend a good amount of time supporting the Food Pantry and that has proven to be a very rewarding mission. We get to see our efforts through to the end and put the needed products directly in to the hands of veterans who need it. If you haven't had a chance to volunteer for the food pantry either day of or preparation then contact Tom Tanner today to see how you can help.

Burger Night is the best in town. Come out on October 21st and enjoy one of the famous Post 21 Brisket Burgers with your choice of a side for just \$9. We provide all of the labor and the Post receives all of the profits. What we really need is for you to come and join us for dinner that night. Tell your friends to meet you at Club 21 and have a cold drink and a great burger!



We are taking part in the annual Camp Valor Outdoors Salute to Veterans on October 10th and we will be delivering a check to help support CVO and their mission to get veterans in to the outdoors. The event us open to everyone and will take place in Warrensburg on 10/10 this year.

Thank you all for all you do for the Post and for the Chapter.

I hope to see you all at the Post!

Until next time,

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director

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October 2020

Club 21 opens at 4PM - Exception Football Sundays

Meals served on Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs are served from 5-7PM

Bingo - Mon & Tues @6:30 PM Snack Bar menu also available

Meals served on Friday are served from 5-7:30 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Open @ Noon 4	5	6	7	1	2	3
Chiefs @ 3:25PM	Tenderloin Dinner Special - \$10	Mexican Night Tacos, Salads, Burritos	<u>Closed</u>	Snack Bar Menu plus Chef's Special	Seafood Night	Band/Dance - \$7 Southbound 7-10:30
Open @ 11 AM	12	13	14	8	9	10
Chiefs @ Noon	Tenderloin Dinner Special - \$10	Mexican Night Tacos, Salads, Burritos	<u>Closed</u>	Snack Bar Menu plus Chef's Special	Seafood Night	Breakfast 7:30 - 9:30 AM - \$7 Karaoke with Dee 7:30 - 11:30 PM
Open @ 11 AM	19	20	21	15	16	17
Chiefs @ 3:25PM	Tenderloin Dinner Special - \$10	Mexican Night Tacos, Salads, Burritos	Burger Night \$9	Snack Bar Menu plus Chef's Special	Seafood Night	CRAFT FAIR 9-3PM Band/Dance - \$7 Sweetwater 7-10:30PM
Open @ Noon 25	26	27	28	22	23	24
Chiefs @ 3:25PM	Tenderloin Dinner Special - \$10	Mexican Night Tacos, Salads, Burritos	<u>Closed</u>	Snack Bar Menu plus Chef's Special	Seafood Night Band/Dance - \$7 Southbound 7-10:30PM	Band/Dance - \$7 Reddymen 7-10:30 PM
				29	30	31
				Snack Bar Menu plus Chef's Special	Seafood Night Songs with Jaime 7-9P	Food Pantry 9-Noon Karaoke with Dee Band/Dance - \$7 Sweetwater

DANCE NIGHT BEVERAGE & SNACK BARS AVAILABLE

Word to the Nation: Guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces, for without them, there will be no other rights to guard

— President John F. Kennedy

This is from a family that came to the clothing giveaway

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TAPS



JOHN E WALKER

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

OCTOBER 2020 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 96 members with October birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
2@98, 3@94, 1@91,
The youngest will turn 42 this month.

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

The new dues year is upon us. There is NO increase in dues for the upcoming year. Renewal notices have been mailed out by National. Please renew as soon as you receive you notice. Due to circumstances beyond our control, membership cards were late arriving at Post. Because of the late arrival of membership cards, we are going to extend the early bird benefit until October 10, 2020.

As of September 3, 2020, we have 755 members renewed. There are several ways to renew your dues, first is to pay on line at <https://www.legion.org/> second is to mail them to the post, or visit the post and pay them in person.

The food pantry is going strong and last month we were able to help 52 households and a total of 143 people. The need for the pantry is great in the Kansas City/ Independence Metro areas. We are always in need of donations for the pantry whether it be food or monetary. Feel free to contact me for any questions you have about the pantry. Thank you for all the support you have given to the food pantry. We also conducted a clothing giveaway in August for all Veterans and their families, First Responders, Firefighters, and EMT's. The response was overwhelming, and we helped 73 households and approximately 300 people. Thanks to all that helped to make it a success.

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**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NEW MEMBERS

TRANSFERS

**** From the Judge Advocate ****

In accordance with Article XI- Amendments: Bylaws may be amended at a regular Post meeting by a vote of 2/3 of the members attending of said Post attending such regular meeting. The published notice shall have been given to all members at least seven (7) days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon and notifying said members that at such meeting a proposed amendment of the bylaws is to be voted upon.

The proposed change is as follows:

Article VI-Meetings

Section 3. Thirty (30) members shall constitute a quorum, change to read: A quorum shall be the members present at Post meetings.

Your Attention Please:

This is for all Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL.

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Find newsletter and click on it

The current newsletter is at the top

In light blue type it says download. Click it.

In the upper right corner you will see the printer icon. Click it.

**IF YOU HAVE CHANGED E-MAIL CONTACT
TOM TANNER-LEGION, DARYL WIMMER-SAL,
LANA BUTLER-AUX**

POST 21 NEEDS YOU

I know I am not alone when I say, I will be glad when we no longer have to discuss or hear about Covid 19. Many of you have experienced far worse trials and tribulations than the pandemic we are faced with today. This tells me we are a strong resilient society. I hope you will feel this way when you see some of the changes we making at Club 21. Our goal is to be open more days a week, so our members have a safe place to come to enjoy friendship, food and beverage. At the same time, we also have to analyze a way do this that is cost efficient.

Remember sometimes life doesn't give you something you want - - not because you don't deserve it, but because you deserve more.

Hope to see you at Club 21!

Dorothy Ballew Business Manager

WEB SITE

TO OBTAIN DD-214

www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/

Post 21 Website: www.moalpost21.org

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

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REQUIRED

OCTOBER 2020 DANCE SCHEDULE

3	Southbound
10	Reddymen
17	Sweetwater
24	Reddymen
31	Sweetwater

Doors open at 5:30 P.M.

Dance Time - 7:00 P.M.-10:30 P.M.

Admission to Saturday Dances \$7.00

 <p>Stoned Syllly Bead Weaving, Bead Art & Bead Jewelry</p> <p>Sylvia Tanner cell # 816 305-0283 stonedsyllly@juno.com Legion Member</p>	<p>TIM'S PIZZA 816-478-0777 17201 E 40 HIGHWAY WE SUPPORT OUR VETERANS</p>	<p>ADVANTAGE PLUS OVERHEAD DOOR With 40 Plus Years Experience "THE ADVANTAGE IS YOURS!" 18161 836-0893 Bruce Watkins Repair or Replacement of Doors & Openers</p>
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