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THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



APRIL 2016

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LOCAL VETERAN HONORED AT CAPITAL

Tirey J Ford Post #21 Adjutant Thomas Tanner was honored by Missouri Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder on March 1st.

Tanner was one of 35 Missouri veterans honored for their exemplary volunteer work for their communities.

Tanner served 20 years in the U. S. Army retiring in 1992. He was nominated for the award by Tirey J Ford Post 21

Commander Phil Greco. Tanner and his wife, Sylvia, who is also a veteran are vital members of Post 21 in Independence, Missouri. Greco said Tanner is the Post Adjutant and for several years has been an officer of American Legion Riders, Chapter 21. Legionnaire Tanner has worked with the Independence Schools Foundation to help with it's annual 5K Run/Walk; he has partnered with Cars 4 Heroes, which provides vehicles to needy veterans, and organized color guards for various fund raising events. "He has supported the Honor Flight program, organizing Patriot Guard and Legion Riders to have flag lines for the returning veterans," Lt. Gov. Kinder said.

"He also organizes motorcycle escorts for deceased veterans, including area service men and women killed in action."

Tanner also volunteers with Saint Michael's Residence for Homeless Veterans, a Kansas City Catholic Charities initiative that provides and furnishes apartments for homeless veterans and their families.



Missouri Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder presents Tom Tanner, Adjutant, Tirey J. Ford Post #21 Independence Mo. with a Veterans Service Award for his exemplary volunteer service to his community.

New veterans ID cards won't be available until 2017

By Leo Shane III, Military Times 5:58 p.m. EST January 26, 2016 Congress passed legislation for a new veterans ID card last summer, but it will likely be another year before any are issued.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has begun drafting regulations for production and issuing of the ID cards, designed to give veterans easy proof of their military service for non-federal activities.

Legislation authorizing the cards, sponsored by Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., passed through Congress without objection last July. He argued that veterans needed the option for a veterans ID to help individuals who have to carry around copies of their discharge paperwork to get discounts or services at a host of private businesses.

Veterans requesting the IDs would have to pay a small, yet-tobe-determined fee, to cover production costs.

But Veterans Affairs officials said it will likely still be months before anyone gets the new cards. The rule-making process is expected to take at least another year, with production and issuing times still to be decided.

"This is a lengthy process that requires time for a public comment period as well as approval from the Office of Management and Budget," officials said in a statement this week. "VA currently estimates the program will be implemented in 2017."

That's a disappointment for veterans who had hoped to ditch their DD-214s for the next trip to the hardware store or for local restaurant deals. Advocates have complained that practice is both inconvenient and unsafe, given the personal information included on official military documents.

No veterans will be required to get the IDs, and the cards will not replace medical IDs or official defense retiree cards. Supporters called it a simple way to honor veterans' service.

Leo Shane III covers Congress, Veterans Affairs and the White House for Military Times. He can be reached at Ishane@militarytimes.com.

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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings to all my fellow Legionnaires.

We have entered the "stretch" run of the Legion year and we're doing a great job of meeting our 2016 membership goal. Tom Tanner and Ed Murray are a great team and, I for one, appreciate their hard work. Tom received his Veteran Volunteer Award from Lt. Gov. Pete Kinder and it was quite an impressive ceremony at the state capitol building. It was so gratifying to me to see how involved veterans are in helping their fellow vets and their own communities. I don't believe that there is any other segment of society that gives as much as veterans.

Election time is looming on the horizon and I encourage you all to consider running for Post office. I know that you all have ideas and opinions on the issues here at the Post so please run for office and help.

We were all saddened by the loss of Linda Mitchell on 2/29/16. Linda was a long time member of the Post Auxiliary Unit 21 and a dedicated volunteer. She will be sorely missed and our condolences and prayers go out to her family and also her partner Bob Weihe.

I hope to see you all at the April meeting and at post functions.

Enjoy our great weather and keep safe.

Phil Greco
Post 21 Commander

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THERE YOU WILL FIND THE POST 21
BASEBALL SCHEDULE, NEWSLETTER
AND A HOST OF OTHER INFORMATION FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE
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Editor

APRIL 2016 DANCE SCHEDULE

- 2 Dixie Cadillacs
- 9 Reddymen
- 23 Reddymen
- 30 Ranger

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



Auxiliary Unit 21 ladies are really busy getting ready for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Poppy Days. Closer to time for the Spaghetti Dinner you will see some very special decorations in the lounge and main hall for your enjoyment. We have a great

decorating team who truly enjoy their project. If you have not purchased your Spaghetti Dinner tickets, please go ahead and do it today. This is the Post and the Auxiliary's largest fund raiser of the year. If you cannot attend the dinner on Saturday, April 16th, please go ahead and purchase the tickets and consider donating them to a veteran or a needy family. We have many veterans in the Independence/Kansas City area that are not members of this Post. What better way to invite them to our Post, than by giving them a complimentary meal.

Following the Spaghetti Dinner, we will be working on Truman Days, so be sure and write down the Reception which will be held on May 7th, followed by the Wreath Laying ceremony at the Truman Library on May 8th and the luncheon at the Post on May 8th. Tickets for the luncheon may be purchased from Dorothy Ballew, our Truman Day Chairman here at the Post.

Our next regular business meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7th. See you then.

Thank you for your continued support and for everything that you do for our Veterans, Active Military, and our Community.

> Bonnie Sweeney Auxiliary Unit 21 President

SAVE THE DATE

For the 43rd Annual Truman Pilgrimage

May 7th, 5 PM – Refreshments and entertainment in the Main Hall.

May 8th, 9:30 AM - Memorial Service and Laying of the Wréaths. Courtyard at the Truman Library. Enter by main entrance at 9:00 AM.

May 8th, 11:30 AM – Luncheon at Post 21. Advance tickets are required. Tickets are \$20 and reservations should be made by April 22nd.

Make plans to attend this historic event.

Dorothy Ballew Chairman

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

Death: Linda Mitchell

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings to all, we just held our March meeting and informed everyone about all the rides coming up and other functions. LEGION RIDERS We had a guest speaker that spoke to us

about an upcoming event to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam war on March 30th.

Reservations for booths for the Legion Riders Spring Craft Fair are really starting to come in and we have 32 rentals at this time. If you know someone who would like to rent a booth for the show on April 23rd contact Linda Clark. It looks like it is going to be a great show so come on out and shop.

Spring is here and the April calendar is starting to fill up so keep your eye on your emails for the latest updates.

Lil Brownfield was presented with a Thank You certificate for all the hard work she did at Christmas coordinating the gifts and deliveries to the Christmas families. Thanks again Lil for making it all come together and making these families Christmas truly special.

Michael Alexander presented the Chapter with a new Gavel and block to make our meetings run smoothly. Dan Orr made a display case for the 48-star flag display. The flag is a naval ensign made in December of 1942 in California. This type of flag was used on landing craft and ship to shore craft. Thanks to Tom Tanner for rescuing the flag from the disposal box.

Our numbers for February were 842 volunteer hours, 15 missions, 97 members and 7,773 miles traveled and raised \$376.00. That is really spectacular for February.

If you are a World War II vet and have not been on an Honor Flight, please ask at the office for applications. They will take Korean vets but due to the age of World War 11 veterans they are given priority.

As always watch your emails and stay safe. Dennis Mooney, Director

Dennis Mooney - ALR Director



RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '16

POST 21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 3RD THURSDAY EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM **AUXILIARY UNIT 21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** MEETING: NONE IN APRIL

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NO ARTICLE SUBMITED

......Mike Lapanne, SAL Commander



FOOD SERVICE MENUS FOR APRIL

Monday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M.

4/4	Smothered Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes	
	& Gravy, Corn & a Dinner Roll	\$8.00
4/11	Brisket, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans	
	And a Dinner Roll	\$8.00
4/18	Fried Shrimp, Steak Fries & Corn on the Cob	\$8.00
4/25	Country Fried Steak or Tenderloin,	
	Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Lima Beans & Roll	\$8.00

ABOVE MEALS INCLUDE SALAD BAR

Tuesday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M.

4/5	Beef or Chicken Taco Salad with Refried Beans	
	& Cookies	\$6.50
4/12	Open Face Hot Beef Sandwich/Mashed Potatoe	es
	& Gravy	\$6.50
4/19	2 Piece Fried Chicken (White or Dark Meat),	
	Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans & a Roll	\$7.00
4/26	Creamy Potato Soup or Chicken Noodle Soup	
	With a Salad (Choice of Dressing)	\$6.50

SNACK BAR MENU ALSO AVAILABLE ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS

Wednesday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M.

4/13	Bacon Cheeseburger or Mushroom Swiss Burger with Fries, Tater Tots or Onion Rings	\$5.75
4/20	Tenderloin, Chicken Fritter or Fish Sandwich with your choice of Fries, Tater Tots or	
	Onion Rings	\$5.75

Friday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M.

4/1 STEAK NIGHT

8 oz. KC Strip **\$11.00** Shrimp **\$9.50** Fried Chicken **\$9.00**

Above meals include Baked Potato or Fries & Salad Bar

4/29 TACO BUFFET - \$6.50 Per Person

Tacos, Taco Salad, Nachos, Refried Beans, & Hot Dogs, Plus all the Toppings Karaoke with Barbie 6:00 until 9:00

Saturday

4/9 7:30 A.M. until 9:00 A.M.

Buffet breakfast to include Eggs, Bacon, Sausage,
Fried Potatoes, Hash Browns, Grits, Fruit, Biscuits &
Gravy, Coffee & Orange Juice \$7.00 Per Person

4/16 **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Carry out Only 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. DINE IN ONLY 4:00 P.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.



The American Legion - Tirey J. Ford Post 21 16701 E 40 HWY Independence, MO

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MAY 28th 2016





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Conact Ken Sons 816-517-2045 with any questions kdsons75@gmail.com

The Past Post Commanders Nominating Committee will meet on April 27th at 5:00 in the Main Hall. Thank you!

Past Commander Mark Clark

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Membership for the Post is at 91.68% of the goal as set by National. We still have a long way to go to reach 100% of our goal before the end of the Legion year. If you have not paid your dues yet they are now delinquent. The new dues rate is \$45.00. There have been some questions as to why the dues are overdue/delinquent in December. The Legion operates on a fiscal year. The start of the Legion year is 1 Aug and ends on 31 Jul the following year.

I am in the process of updating our data base and I need to have the following information:

Date of Birth, current phone number and email address.

If you have volunteered for anything within the community or here at Post I need you to send me a list stating what you have done and how many hours you volunteered. If you had to travel I will also need the miles, this can be estimated. All of this information is going to be used in the Post consolidated report that we submit to Department every year. I need to have this information NLT 15 May. If you have any questions feel free to contact me

If you would like to receive your Monthly newsletter via e-mail please let me know and I will include you on the newsletter list. As of 7 Mar 16 we have a total of 591 members on the Post e-mail list. It would be greatly appreciated if you have an e-mail address, please forward it to me so it can be included on the list. The e-mail address for Post is adjutantpost21@gmail.com.

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



"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 65 members with April birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1 at 96, 2 at 95, 1 at 94 and 2 at 93, 3 at 92, 4 at 91
and 2 at 90

The youngest will turn 38 this month.

NEW MEMBERS

NO INFORMATION DUE TO THE CANCELLATION OF THE MARCH MEETING

TRANSFERS

VA Clothes Closet

Thank you for your donations. They were greatly appreciated. We are at the point where we need to switch seasons in our Clothes Closet. We will need jeans, shirts, belts, everyday shoes (not dress shoes), new underwear and socks as well as the usual needs that we have. Please bring your donations to the post and I will make sure that they are taken to the Hospital.

Thank you for your help,

Marsha Mooney, Unit 21
VA & R Chairman



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VA OFFICIALLY DROPS NET WORTH AS ELIGIBILITY FACTOR

A VA proposal to exclude a veteran's net worth as a factor in determining his or her eligibility for health care is now the rule. Proposed early in 2015, it became official December 21, 2015.

VA will no longer consider net worth when determining if a veteran is eligible for certain benefits or reduced co-payment responsibilities.

Instead of combining the sum of a veteran's income with his or her assets to determine eligibility for medical care and co-payment obligations, VA will now only consider the veteran's gross household income and deductible expenses from the previous year. VA says the new ruling "means that certain lower-income, non-service —connected veterans will have less out-of-pocket costs."

VA estimates that over a five-year period nearly 190,000 veterans will become eligible for reduced cost of their health care services. According to the official notice placed in the Federal Register, 53,000 veterans would be moved from a lower priority category to Category 5 in the first year of this policy, allowing them to make lower co-payments.

Over five years, VA expects that another 135,000 veterans who previously were ineligible would be able to enroll in VA's health care system because of the change. During that same period, VA says it could lose \$55.5 million to \$80 million in patient co-payments.

Deborah Eglich Service Officer



***** UPDATE **** DUES ARE \$45.00 AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016

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