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## VETERANS DAY

### NOVEMBER 11



November 2021

## THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Brothers of SAL,

Please allow me to introduce myself, I'm a man of no wealth or fame. What I am however is your new commander! My name is David Breedlove and in accepting this position I hope, with your help, to build our Squadron back to a group of patriots that we and our community can be proud of.

Our next monthly meeting is 6:30pm, Mon. 8th of November. Some of the items to be brought to discussion is our meeting time and if a different time would be better for you guys. We will be taking nominations for officer positions including, Sergeant at arms, Historian, Chaplain and Adjutant. If any of these positions are claimed that I'm not aware of, please attend and stake your claim!

Many on our roster are not caught up on dues and I want to assure you this meeting is not to address this issue, but to begin to build our strength as a Squadron. Paid up or not, please come, meet me and hear some ideas that I and the existing officers are discussing for our future and the benefit of our Veterans, our children in need and our community.

Please save my number and feel free to call with any questions or issues you may have.

**Thank you, God Bless America**

With respect,

**SAL Commander  
David Breedlove  
816-996-1597**

## MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, October 7, 2021, 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 10 officers, and 18 members present. A quorum was present.

The post meeting was suspended at 7:03 pm For Holly Wehner, who gave a presentation about United Health Care.

The regular post meeting resumed at 7:26 pm.

Finance Officer Sylvia gave the finance report for the month of August. A motion was made to accept the finance report as read. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes for September 2021 were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made to accept the new members and transfers. There are 10 new members and 3 transfers to the post. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

There were 4 deceased members since the last Post meeting. The Adjutant read correspondence.

Officer Report:

2nd Vice Commander Regina Slade gave a report on welcome for new members.

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

Bingo report was given by Kerry Boardman.

Mike Sweeney gave a report on the POW/MIA day celebration. A motion was made to donate \$250.00 for the POW/MIA Foundation, to be presented at the Department Conference 15-17 October. Motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

Mark Clark gave the ALR report. Reminded all that the 3rd Wednesday is Burger Night and the Craft Fair is October 23.

Tom Tanner gave a report on the food pantry.

Old Business:

New Business: The resolution for Mark Clark to run for Department Senior Vice Commander was read. A motion was made to accept the resolution. Motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

A motion was made to donate \$250.00 toward the hospitality room for Mark Clark. Motion was 2nd. 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 Ford conducted the closing ritual, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is November 4, 2021, at 7PM.

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

## THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Members and Patrons of Post 21,

If you have visited your post recently no doubt you have noticed that we had a break in. Currently we have a temporary door to enter. I assure you that we have not changed our operations and we are running at full speed and have not altered our hours or events. Bear with us as we work through this time to get our entrance repaired. We are working with a general contractor to get the work completed. We are at the mercy of the current climate of getting parts available to complete the job.

September was a great month for us. We had a very successful car show and gun show. The Riders are hosted their semi-annual Craft Fair. That will be completed before you get this newsletter.

I hate to beat a dead horse but, as always, we need volunteers to help run our post, especially our kitchen. We are trying to keep going without having to hire kitchen staff. Please call Dorothy at the post if you can help. Thank you to those who are stepping up to help us. You are greatly appreciated.

The holidays are approaching. We have a clothes drive going on to benefit the Fighter Wing at Whiteman AFB. We are looking for donations of New Clothing for Adults as well as children. We are also accepting gift cards or monetary donations to purchase gift cards.

If you have any suggestions to improve our post or operations let know your thoughts. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Commander.

**Bob Ford**  
**Commanderpost21@gmail.com**

## **Pretending**

Sam signs up with the army and gets sent on basic training. When they are handing out rifles, he is at the back of the line and they run out just before they get to him. The Sergeant gives him a stick and tells him to just pretend it's a rifle. So our hero goes running through the mock battle pointing his stick and yelling, "Bangidy, bang, bang, bang. Bangidy, bang, bang, bang."

The next week, they start bayonet training. Again Sam is at the end of the line and again they run out just before they get to him. The Sergeant tells him to just pretend he has a bayonet at the end of his pretend rifle. So Sam goes running through the mock battle with his stick yelling, "Bangidy, bang, bang, bang. Stabidy, stab, stab,stab."

Well the unit finished basic training and gets called up to go into real battle. Our hapless hero finds himself eventually on a landing craft, hitting the beach. Unfortunately, they have never given him a real rifle and he still has his stick. He is wondering what in the heck he is going to do. As the unit fights his way inland, Sam mindlessly points his stick at an enemy soldier standing on a hill and yells, "Bangidy, bang, bang, bang." To his amazement, the enemy soldier falls over dead! So he aims his stick at another and yells, "Bangidy, bang, bang, bang." And that enemy falls over dead!

Now our hero is running madly along, pointing his stick at any enemy soldier he sees, yelling "Bangidy, bang, bang, bang." Enemy soldiers are dropping like flies! An enemy jumps out from a bush beside him. Sam points his stick and yells, "Stabidy, stab, stab, stab." The other guy drops and writhes in pain.

All of a sudden an enemy soldier comes walking slowly along a path. Sam carefully aims his stick at the soldier and yells, "Bangidy, bang, bang, bang." But the enemy soldier just keeps coming. Sam tries again, "Bangidy, bang, bang, bang!" Nothing. As the enemy soldier gets closer, Sam cries out, "Stabidy, stab, stab, stab."

But the enemy soldier runs right over him, crushing him. As Sam lies dying, he hears the enemy soldier muttering, "Tankidy, tank, tank, tank."

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello Post 21 Family! Your American Legion Riders of Chapter 21 have been busier than ever with honoring the fallen, expanding the footprint of Post 21 in the community, and volunteering around the Post. The month of October saw us host a very successful craft fair that was open to the public and helped us raise funds to support American Legion programs and charities. My wife Linda Clark organizes these craft fairs, but they couldn't be successful without all of the volunteers that step forward to help. On behalf of Linda, I would like to thank everyone who gave of their time and energy to help make this event a roaring success. Sadly, in October we had to say goodbye to our founding member Jerry "The Greek" Nikas. Jerry was the person responsible for bringing an ALR Chapter to Post 21 and was one of our charter members. When I first joined the riders back in 2009 Jerry welcomed me with open arms and was a mentor and a friend. Please join me in praying for his family and friends as they mourn the passing of our comrade and friend. By the time you read this Chapter 21 will have already participated in the Independence Halloween Parade which is a first for our Chapter. On November 6th we will also participate in the Lee' Summit Veterans Parade which is also a first. I hope you all will find the time to come out and support your Riders as they proudly represent Tirey J. Ford Post 21. I will close this month's article by putting on my Post 21 Past Commander's hat and asking for your help. We need your help around the Post now more than ever because we are wearing out our core of dedicated volunteers. Our Post has recovered from the COVID-19 shutdowns and interruptions, but it has done so on the backs of a few dedicated and committed volunteers. We cannot keep asking these same people to work every event we host at Post 21. Sooner or later they will burn out and we will be left with no other option but to close our doors. Everything that happens at Post 21 is driven by volunteerism so I implore you to step up and step in where you can. Find Commander Bob Ford, me, or one of your other Chapter, Unit, Squadron, or Post officers to learn how you can help. Thanks for your continued support of Post 21 and for your commitment to excellence that has made Chapter 21 the best ALR Chapter in Missouri. God bless, be safe, and I will see you on the road.

**NO INFORMATION SENT**

Auxiliary New Members. Transfers. Deaths

New: Michele Faubion  
 Death: JoAnn James  
 Transfer:

Mark "Top" Clark  
 Director, ALR Chapter 21

November 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Open @ 2pm Bingo Chiefs @ 7:15pm	2 Open @ 2pm Bingo Taco Tuesday	3	4 Open @ 4pm Post & ALA Mtg - 7pm Joint Potluck Dinner 5:30pm	5 Open @ 2pm Boiled and Fried Shrimp, Grilled Chicken Breast Music by Mike: 7-9pm	6 Dance - 7pm
7 Coin Show 9am - 2pm Open @ Noon Chiefs @ 3:25pm	8 Open @ 2pm Bingo	9 Open @ 2pm Bingo Taco Tuesday	10	11 Veteran's Day ALR Meeting 6:30 PM	12 Open @ 2pm Veteran's Appreciation Snack Food Provided Songs by Jamie 7-9pm	13 Dance - 7pm
14 Open @ 5pm Chiefs @ 7:20 pm	15 Open @ 2pm Bingo	16 Open @ 2pm Bingo Taco Tuesday	17 Open @ 2pm Burger Night  	18	19 Open @ 2pm Fried Catfish Grilled Chicken Karaoke by Dee 7:30-11:30pm	20 Dance - 7pm
21 Open @ Noon Chiefs @ 3:25pm	22 Open @ 2pm Bingo	23 Open @ 2pm Bingo Taco Tuesday	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 CLOSED	27 Vet's Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:30 am Dance - 7pm
28 CLOSED	29 Open @ 2pm Bingo	30 Open @ 2pm Bingo Taco Tuesday	Notes: Food Carryouts Available 5 - 7pm			

**TAPS**



**HARRY CLARK, EUGENE V STOREY**

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

**NOVEMBER 2021 BIRTHDAYS**

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 82 members with November birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

1@100, 1@98, 1@97, 3@96, 2@94, 2@93, 2@92,  
1@91, 1@90

The youngest will turn 53 this month.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Vernon Dehoney, Richard Fears, Michael Ferrara,  
Charles Franks, Joe Henderson, Shamirdra Kalli  
Brandon Long, Christopher Manns, Vernon Slivka,  
Matthew Turner

**TRANSFERS**

Daniel Bullock, Ronald Galvan, Craig Sparks

**FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK**

With the passing of the early bird period, it is time to concentrate on the remaining members that have not renewed their dues for membership year 2022. If you have not paid your dues yet, now is the time to do so. If you know of someone that has not paid their dues, PLEASE ask them to do so. Remember, as of December 31, 2021, your membership is considered expired. Please avoid this from happening by renewing your dues. Thanks.

As of October 8, 2021, we have 713 members renewed. There are several ways to renew your dues, first is to pay online at <https://www.legion.org/> second is to mail them to the post or visit the post and pay them in person.

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.

-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant  
[adjutantpost21@gmail.com](mailto:adjutantpost21@gmail.com)



***2022 DUES  
ARE DUE  
DELINQUENT  
IN DECEMBER***

FLY THE FLAG



Veterans Day, November 11;

Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November



At this time we are not requiring masks to be worn.

It is highly recommended though.

**\*\*\*NOVEMBER 2021 DANCE SCHEDULE \*\*\***

6	Selle Bros
13	Reddymen
20	Sweetwater
27	Reddymen

Doors open at 5:30 P.M.  
Dance Time - 7:00 P.M.-10:30 P.M.  
Admission to Saturday Dances \$10.00



Do you know a veteran or service member who could use a hand? Our food pantry is open to them on the last Saturday of each month.

From 8:30- 10:30



Wishing you  
Blessings at Thanksgiving  
Rene, Linda, Melissa, Gayle and Dorothy

**WEB SITE**

**TO OBTAIN DD-214**

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

***Post 21 Website: [www.moalpost21.org](http://www.moalpost21.org)***

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