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<u>AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING -</u>

POST MEETING - SEPTEMBER 1st @ 7:00 PM
AUXILIARY MEETING - SEPTEMBER 1st @ 7:00 PM

SAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 1st @ 7:00 PM

ALR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 8th @ 6:30 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 15th @ 7:00 PM STEAK NIGHT - SEPT 2 5:00 - 7:00

DANCES - 4 Dances in - See Page 3

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THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2016

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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, 4 Aug 2016, at the Post Home. Commander Feliciano conducted the opening ritual.

Chaplain Kerry Boardman gave the opening prayer.

1st Vice Ed Murray placed the POW/MIA Flag on the Empty chair.

There were 11 officers and 42 members present.

The meeting was suspended at 7:05pm for the following guests: Nancy Cramer: author of Unheard voices Untold stories.

Mark Widner and Lauran Allen: Jackson County Emergency Preparedness team.

Tori Scarborough Post Legacy Scholarship Recipient Shane Amerine: received 50th Anniversary Vietnam Commemorative Pin in his father's name.

Business meeting resumed at 7:35 pm.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner was absent. Chris Wehr read the Finance Report for the months of June and July. A motion was made by Mark Clark to accept the Finance Report as read. The motion was 2nd by Kerry Boardman. The motion carried. A copy of the last report is posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 16 Jun and 29 Jul 16 were read. Mark Clark made a motion to approve the Executive Committee actions. 2nd by George Scarborough. Motion carried.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant Tom Tanner gave member ship report: as of 4 Aug 16 839 members have renewed giving the Post a 54.83% of last year's membership numbers.

Committee Reports:

Marge Neal gave the Bingo report for Jun and Jul. Marge presented the Post with a \$4000.00 check.

No dance report was given.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made by George Scarborough. 2nd by Noel Tyler and carried by voice vote to accept the new members.

There were 8 deceased members for the month of Jun and Jul. Adjutant read correspondence.

New Business:

Polly Harris presented a memorial to the American Legion Riders.

For the good of The American Legion: ALR Director Bob Ford gave a report on what the Legion riders have participated in

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for the months of Jun and Jul.

Cmdr. Feliciano read resolution for Kerry Boardman for Senior Vice Commander for the Department of Missouri. A motion was made to accept the resolution by Mike Sweeney. 2nd by Shane Russell. Motion carried with one nay.

Mark Clark made a motion to allow the use of the kitchen by a non-member provided there are members present. 2nd by Kerry Boardman. Motion carried.

50/50 pot was won by Bob Ford.

The 1st Vice removed the POW/Mia Flag from the empty chair.

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

Commander Feliciano conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 1 September 2016, at 7PM.

A big thanks to the following volunteers for stepping up to the plate during our transition in the kitchen: Marsha & Dennis Mooney, Keith Constance, Dan Orr, Linda Vetter, Wayne Ballew, Steve Williams, Jan & Joe Colton and Bryan Norman.

Also, a big thanks to Marsha Mooney and Pam Bybee for helping out at the Bar in the lounge.

Do you have a few hours YOU could donate a month? Call the business office (373-0221), to see what our needs are. Thanks in advance for your contribution.

Dorothy

My apologies to Robert L White He called Tom Tanner and told him that he wasn't deceased.

POST 21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
3RD THURSDAY EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM
AUXILIARY UNIT 21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING:



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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

The first thing I want to acknowledge is our American Legion Riders. This past week I witnessed the professionalism of our American Legion Riders at our fellow Legion member Mike Amerine's funeral. Membership should stand proud, when speaking of our American Legion Riders they are second to none in the State of Missouri.

I want to thank everyone that attended the installation of officers, it was a wonderful night, and now its back to the business of our goal not only to be the largest post in the State of Missouri, but be financially sound. I want to thank the members that have stepped forward to volunteer for to support our future events. It's full steam ahead for American legion Post 21.

Be happy with what you have and are, be generous with both, and you won't have to hunt for happiness. - William E. Gladstone

Commander Mike Feliciano

FLY THE FLAG



Labor Day
September 5

Patriot Day

(half-staff) September 11

Constitution & Citizenship Day

September 17

Air Force Birthday

September 18

Gold Star Mother's Day

September 25

SEPTEMBER 2016 DANCE SCHEDULE

3 Dixie Cadillacs 10 Reddymen 17 Sweetwater 24 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



Greetings from the Auxiliary! We are looking forward to another great year with many projects to better serve our military and their families. We still need someone to Chair Girls State and Poppy Committee. Please join us and remember, we will help you with these important duties.

September is building up to be a busy month. Many of us will be returning home from the National Convention being held in Cincinnati on the 1st and 2nd. Independence will be inundated with thousands of visitors flocking to Santa-Cali-Gon days September 2-5. Wear your Auxiliary shirts this weekend to show your pride in being a member of the largest women's service organization in the world.

It's time for the Kansas City Chiefs! September 11th San Diego Chargers will be in town and will play at noon. An away game with the Houston Texans at noon on September 18th. Then on September 25th, the New York Jets will be coming to lose in KC at 3:15 pm. Join us in the lounge for the best tailgating party in town. It is \$40 to park at the stadium this year so look at all the money you will be saving by coming to the Post for the game!

Our Department President, Cathy Goth, will be holding her homecoming in Clinton on September 17th. Please see me for more information. I hope many of you will be in attendance to show our support for Cathy's year as President.

The 5th District meeting will be on September 21st at the DAV building on 87th and Blue Ridge Cutoff at 11:30 am. By being an Auxiliary member you are automatically a member of the Fifth District. Women come from all over the District to share ideas and progress in our Auxiliary's goals. Lunch is \$8.50 but, if you have not been to a 5th District meeting before, I will buy you lunch! See, there is really a free lunch with no strings attached! I need to make reservations and will need your name to reserve a place for you by September 18th.

Bingo is going strong on Monday nights. Come and play one Monday night and see what Bingo is all about. We need your support both as a player and as a volunteer. See Lana or Marsha for more information.

Have a great September! I am open for any ideas or policy changes. I believe mistakes are part of a learning process and I am sure I will be learning lots and lots this year. Remember our troops in prayer.

Gayle Metzinger Auxiliary Unit 21 President

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Diane Day, Barbara Dinkel, Doris Murphy, Patty Murphy, Terri Robinette, Rebecca Smith, Brenda Totty

Transfers:

Cheers: Tootsie Creech, Arline Sasser

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

July has passed and we were busy as usual. We attended PGR missions, charity rides, did a flag presentation, visitations and presented proclamations. We endured several events that were in extreme heat. Thank you to all who participated in honoring our veterans.

One correction I would like to make from last month's report is that Jim Rosenberg is the American Legion Rider Director for the State of Missouri , not the State Road Captain. Jim has contacted me a few times now and he really is enthused about his position. I'm sure he will be great for the Riders of Missouri. I look forward to working with him.

I have no indication that our August will be any slower or cooler. Please help us out all you can. Some of you I only see once a month at the Riders Meeting. I would like to get better participation from Riders at Post and Rider functions. The Post needs our support. Consider trying to get up there a couple times a month for a meal. We really have a good time when we assemble, plus it helps the Post continue its mission. We may be Riders but we are first Legion members (Including Auxiliary and SAL). I am usually there at least a couple times a week. It is a good chance to get some face time with me if you need to talk about your ideas and thoughts on our direction.

That being said, I encourage all of you to help me continue the fine work of the previous officers. I will listen to what you have to say. I will even entertain complaints but if you have a complaint bring a possible solution along with that.

At the writing of this, I am looking for volunteers for the following:

- Coordinate 50/50 schedule on Tuesday nights
- 2 Road Captains to work with Doug
- · Commander Mike is setting up a committee with a member from each Department, (Riders, Aux., SAL, etc.). I need someone to volunteer for that position.

Thank you all in advance for your help!

Bob Ford - ALR 21 Director



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



It's hard to believe that summer is almost over, kids are back to school, and the Chiefs are back on the field.

It's been a busy last few months, with the new officers of the SAL, and charity work. We are hard pressed to keep up.

The monthly newsletter is now online, so you can access it, and previous month newsletters, whenever and wherever you want from a PC or Mobile device. Go to http://moalpost21.org and select Newsletter from the American Legion Post 21 drop down list. The Post calendar with the kitchen menu, activities, etc., is also available.

You can help the Post save money, paper, and printing cost by opting out of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter in the mail each month. If you would no longer like to receive the newsletter in the mail, please contact the SAL Adjutant at **saladjutant21@gmail.com** and he will be happy to take you off the mailing list.

2017 SAL Membership cards are here! Even though there's no free "early bird" breakfast this year, you can still get a head start by renewing your membership now.

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Post in the back room across from the Ladies Auxiliary room. We also have an executive meeting at 6:30 in the post lounge. All members are welcome to attend. If you can't make it, but have some input or ideas for how to grow our membership, gather funds for our selected charities, or need to solicit funds for a valid charitable reason, please contact me at salcommander21@gmail.com

If you are a current SAL member, Post member, or Ladies Auxiliary member, please consider inviting anyone you know whose parent or grandparents were in the service to join the Sons of the American Legion. Current membership for adults and renewals cost \$20, children under 18 cost \$10. This helps our Post and keeps the Post thriving.

We would like to Welcome two new members - George Mosbauer and John Dodson. We thank them for their support!

This last month the SAL donated \$100 dollars to the Special Olympics Missouri JIMMIE'S Miles for Medals Motorcycle Dice Run that was on August 20th, many of our members that ride motorcycles attended and donated their time and money as well. Many members also participated in the Missouri Patriot Express Dice Run August 28th.

Also, this last month we participated in laying a wreath at the Vietnam Memorial wall.

The SAL raises money for different organizations and will be donating throughout this year. We are always looking for other organizations we can help in our community. We focus on helping the Veterans family, especially children's and special needs organizations.

There have been recent changes in the kitchen, and the SAL has been asked to step up and assist in providing meals for post events. We are actively looking for volunteers to help us out in any way possible. If you like to cook, you are welcome, we will even assist in getting you any permits, etc., required.

Tailgating for the Chiefs games will be starting at the post on September 11th, please join us and the rest of the Legion for a fun filled day with drink specials, food, touchdown shots, raffles, and games.

GO CHIEFS!

......Darvl Wimmer, SAL Commander

FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR SEPTEMBER

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

9/5 Potluck - Eat at 5:30 P.M.

9/12 Shrimp Fettucine, Garlic Bread & Salad Bar \$8.00

Snack Bar also available

9/19 Country Fried Steak,

Mashed Potatoes/Gravy,

Mixed Veggies, Roll & Salad Bar \$8.00

9/26 Pork Chop & Dressing, Green Beans,

Roll and Salad Bar \$8.00

Tuesday 5:00 till 7: P.M.

9/6 Snack Bar Menu

9/13 Snack Bar Menu

9/20 Snack Bar Menu

9/27 Snack Bar Menu

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

9/7 Bacon Cheeseburger or Mushroom Swiss Burger

with Fries, Tater Tots or Onion Rings \$5.75

9/14 Fish, Tenderloin or Chicken Fritter Sandwich

with Fries, Tater Tots or Onion Rings \$5.75

9/28 Taco & Hot Dog Buffet

Tacos, Taco Salad, Nachos, Refried Beans & Hot Dogs \$6.50

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

9/2 Steak Night

KC Strip - \$11.00

Shrimp - \$9.50

Fried Chicken - \$9.00

Meals include Salad Bar & Baked Potato or Fries

9/9 SPECIAL EVENT

Chicken Parmesan or Italian Sausage with Pasta,

Salad & Garlic Toast \$13.50

9/23 SPECIAL EVENT

Lasagna, Salad & Garlic Toast \$13.50

Some IDs invalid at stateside Air Force bases

Staff report 2:50 p.m. EDT August 8, 2016

Beginning Aug. 15, identification cards or driver's licenses issued by Minnesota, <u>Missouri</u>, Washington state or American Samoa will no longer get people past the gate at Air Force installations.

The Air Force <u>said Aug. 4</u> that those identifications don't meet the security and data-collection guidelines required by the Real ID Act. That law aims to improve the reliability of state-issued identification documents, and help stop people from using fake IDs.

People with cards from those states and American Samoa can use an alternate form of identification, such as a valid passport, an employment authorization document with a photograph, or an ID card issued by other federal, state or local government agencies that includes a photo and biographic information.

Individuals without a DoD ID card will be subject to a background check. Anyone who does not have the required documentation will not be able to come on base without an escort.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS INSIDE OUT



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FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

The new Legion year has begun and membership renewals are coming in fast and furious. The Post is at 54.83% of the goal as set by National. That gives us approx. 839 members renewed for the new year. We have a long way to go to reach 100% of our goal before the end of the Legion year. If you have not renewed your membership yet please do so.

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

Date of Birth, current phone number and email address.

If you have moved within the last 6 months could you please provide me with your new 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.

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. To date we only have 86 members receiving their newsletters by email. As of 6 Jun 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

NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Bedsworth, Charles Campbell, Gary Campbell,

James Fleischer, Douglas Hall, Mark Hope, Barry Robinette,

Gerald White

TRANSFERS

Paul Cavanaugh, Andrew Lowery, Patrick Martens,

Walker Poston



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Automatic Renewal

Members now have the option of setting their online-account for annual automatic renewal. Once a member sets their account, their dues will automatically be charged to their debit/credit card on or about July 15th of each new membership year.

www.legion.org/renew ... click

"Renew Now" and follow the directions. It's fast and easy!



"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 87 members with September birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1@ 101, 1@98, 1@97, 1@96, 2@95, 1@94, 3@92, 1@91, 5@90

The youngest will turn 34 this month.

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Jam Session Thursday, September 22nd 6PM – 9PM

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.

CHIEFS FANS – LET'S TAILGATE

Unit 21 Auxiliary invites you to join in on the fun and tailgate with us in the Lounge on the following

dates during September. We have a special menu for the tailgate season which we hope you will enjoy. We'll also be having a 50-50 pot each game. Proceeds from these fund raisers help support the Veterans' programs that Unit 21 donates to. Invite a friend or new member and let's cheer for our Kansas City Chiefs.

Sunday, September 11th Noon game at home vs San Diego Chargers

Sunday, September 18th Noon game at Houston, TX vs Houston Texans

Sunday, September 25th 3:25 PM game at home vs New York Jets

Remember, if the KC Chiefs have a NOON game, the Lounge door will open at 11:30 A.M.

Thank you for your support.

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