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APRIL 2019

NST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 21

HOME POST OF PRESIDENT HARRY S TRUMAN

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BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM ADJUTANT OFFICE HOURS: MON - FRI 9:30 AM-3:00 PM Lounge Hours: Monday - Saturday 2:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Sunday - CLOSED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

POST EVENTS FOR APRIL

POST MEETING - APRIL 4th @ 7:00 PM **AUXILIARY MEETING - APRIL 4th @ 7:00 PM** ** SAL MEETING APRIL 3rd @ 7:00 PM** **ALR MEETING - APRIL 11th @ 6:30 PM** ** POST E-BOARD MEETING APRIL 18th @ 7:00 PM**

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES 3 IN APRIL See Page 7 SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in APRIL-See Page 7

BINGO - Mondays & Tuesdays at 6:00 - 10:00 PM-Doors and Snack Bar open 4:00 PM.

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GUN AND KNIFE SHOW



April 13-14, 2019

Buy-Sell-Trade Historical & Collectable Firearms, Ammunition, Knives, Military Memorabilia and Associated Items

> One and two day passes available Admission \$7/\$10 (ATM on Site) Discount for Veterans and 1st Responders with ID

> Saturday 8am-5pm Sunday 9am-3pm

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack Bar open both days.

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POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander	Ed Witthar	
1st Vice Commander	Mark Clark	
2nd Vice Commander	Bob Ford	
3rd Vice Commander	John Faelske	
Adjutant	Tom Tanner	
Finance Officer	Sylvia Tanner	
Judge Advocate	Bruce Butler	
Historian	Open	
Service Officer	Ron Erickson	
Chaplain	Bob Settles	
Sergeant-at-Arms	Dan Orr	
Past Commander	Mike Feliciano	

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Americanism	Mark Clark
Athletic	OPEN
Bingo	Marge Neal
Boy's State	Mark Clark
Budget & Finance	OPEN
Cadet Patrol	Norman D'Angelo
Dance	Wayne Keller
Home Improvement	OPEN
Kitchen	Open
Newsletter Editor	Ed Murray
Oratorical	Tom Tanner
Patriotic Council	OPEN
R.O.T.C.	Mark Clark
Salvation Army	Tom Tanner
School Awards	Mark Clark

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Dan Orr, Chair Doug Savage, Walt Sigler, Doug Vetter, Faye Zacharias

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
Secretary	Suzanne Proctor
Treasurer	Ed Witthar
Judge Advocate	Larry Harrison
Historian	Linda Clark
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

APRIL 2019

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Witthar called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford 21 to order at 7:00 PM, March 7, 2019, at the Post Home. Commander Witthar conducted the opening ritual. 1st Vice Commander Mark Clark placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain Bob Settles gave the opening prayer.

There were 8 officers and 31 members present. A quorum was present.

Guest Steven Boeck 5th District Commander talked about Legion business and selling raffle tickets for the 5th District.

Guest John Schwent from Camp Valor talked about what is happening at the camp. On 13 April there is a free CCW class. Please contact camp valor for more details and registration. On 17 April the spring Banquet is being held. It will begin at 6 PM. Let them know if you plan to attend. This is a great way to get to meet some of the warriors that attend the camp and visit the camp. Free to all. Veterans ride will be held in September. More info to follow. Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of Dec 18 and Jan 19. A motion to accept the finance report was made by Mark Clark. 2nd by Bill Nash. Motion carried. The Executive Committee meeting minutes were read for the months of Nov, Dec, Jan and Feb. A motion was made by Mark Clark to approve the minutes as read. 2nd by Everette Ellis. Motion carried. New members and transfers were read. A motion to accept the new members and transfers was made by Mark Clark. 2nd by Everette Ellis. Motion carried.

There were 14 deceased members since the last Post meeting. The Adjutant read correspondence.

Committee Reports:

The Friday dance report was given by Wes Blake. The Saturday dance report was given by Wayne Keller. Bingo Report None was given.

Don Decker gave the Legion Riders report

Mark Clark talked about the Post scholarship. The scholarship for this year is being awarded to Raegan Mountain, her great grandfather is Post member Keith Zimmerman. Congratulations to Raegan. Bob Ford discussed the upcoming gun show. It is almost sold out. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know. The gun show is April 13 & 14.

Officer Reports:

Post Commander Ed Witthar discussed the operation of the fireworks tent for this year. If you would like to volunteer to help please let us know.

1st Vice Commander Mark Clark discussed the lack of participation at the Post. Mark stated we need the members to come out to the various events at the Post and support the Post.

Post Adjutant Tom Tanner discussed the revitalization being held on March 9.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

For the good of the American Legion: None

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 8:15 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 4 April 2019, at 7PM.

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

Leroy Brugioni

VA Medical Marijuana Update 59 H.R.1151/S.445 | Veterans Medical Marijuana Safe Harbor Act

Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA reintroduced legislation to let Veterans Affairs doctors prescribe medical marijuana in the 33 states where it's legal. The bill also would direct VA to research how medical marijuana might help manage chronic pain and reduce opioid misuse. "There is now abundant evidence that, where medical marijuana is available, opioid abuse goes down," Schatz previously told POLITICO's Sarah Owermohle.

"When I asked the VA administrator about that question, I was expecting resistance but I got the opposite — he agreed and believed that it was worth further study." The bill has a chance to pass Congress: The Veterans Medical Marijuana Safe Harbor Act, (116) / H.R. 1151 (116), is also backed by numerous veterans organizations and pain groups. "It will be difficult for even the most ardent cannabis opponents to deny veterans access to cannabis, especially considering worries about opioid addiction," Cowen analyst Vivien Azer wrote in a note to investors late last year.

[Source: POLITICO Newsletter | February 14, 2019 ++]



THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Thank God the weather is breaking to allow folks to get out and enjoy the activities once again. This winter has been one of the toughest ones in 20 years. This is having an effect on all organizations. Your Post is in need of some badly needed updates/ repairs. I would just like to remind everyone of the building fund program. Donate \$100 or more and your name will be placed on the plaque in the main entrance to the right of the entry way. These funds will be used towards areas like:

Hall ceiling tiles and floor repair.

Lounge ceiling tiles.

Kitchen sink area.

All post restrooms.

Other areas that arise daily.

With these upcoming events at the post these face lifts are needed. To date we have three (3) wedding receptions booked and to keep this type of activity up we need to show case our establishment in a better way. Lets take pride in our home so that it can be a focal point in the community so that we may continue to support our veterans. Rebecca is planning a "Spring Fling." More information on this event is forth coming. Something we have never done before, should be a lot of fun! We are also looking into the possibility of a round up program. What this will allow you to do at the post is round up your bill with the round up amount being put into the building fund. Example: your tab is \$7.80, round up per your request to \$8.00 with the .20 going to the building fund. More info on this in the future. Thanks for what everyone does for our veterans and Post 21.

Commander Ed Witthar

Semper Fi!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

APRIL 2019 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes" We have 78 members with April birthdays. We hope you enjoy your special day! 1@99, 1@98, 1@95, 32@94, 3@93, 1@92, 1@91 The youngest will turn 47 this month. TAPS



HAROLD W BURDICK, PAUL W CRITES, WILLIAM L HARMON, THOMAS D HIGHT, CHARLES R PEYTON

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

AUXILIARY NEWS

Thank goodness the weather's getting better, and we were able to have a meetng in March. Major (Retired) John Schwent from Camp Valor visited with us and presented us with a very special

award. Many of you are aware that they are starting Tiny Homes for Veterans in Holden, Mo. Our Auxiliary was the first contributor to their program, and we have donated enough money for an entire house. When the weather cooperates, our house will be the first to be built. The award presented was made from the brass of a round of ordinance from a C130 gunship. It is beautifully etched with Camp Valor's logo and the projectile is hand turned in wood. We are very proud to be the first in Missouri to receive this award.We had a good crowd for the meeting it was wonderful to see so many attending. After the meeting we joined the Legion to celebrate the 100th Birthday of the American Legion. The Auxiliary provided them with a Birthday Cake.We have had many Bingo Mondays cancelled this year, but we hope with the weather turning we will be back to our regular weekly schedule. Hope to see you at the next meeting

Marsha Mooney Auxiliary 21 President

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



They say that nobody hates winter more than someone with a motorcycle in their garage. That's true for our Chapter. We have now had two stops in our Great

Tenderloin Hunt but both had to be completed in our fourwheeled vehicles. We are looking forward to changing that very soon.

Burger Night is a night where we volunteer our time and talents to the Post each month on the 3rd Wednesday. It's a great opportunity for the Post to make some money because it's all volunteer labor. Everyone loves our burgers and we really would like to have you come out and enjoy them, too!

The Chapter is planning some more fun rides this Spring including, at least, one overnight trip. Mother Natures owes us a really nice Summer and we plan to take full advantage of it. We will provide updates here and on our Facebook Page. Look for American Legion Riders, Chapter 21 and like our page to keep up to date with everything we have going on.

See you at Burger Night!

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director



Sunday April 21

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Natividad Edwards

Transfer: Death: Linda Hahn



NEW MEMBERS

Gregory Bacon, Adrial Benavides, Herbert Early, Joseph Hesman, Raymond Hesse, Bruce Krueger, Jana Morris, Angela Perdicaro, James Rains, Harold Schuh, Kathern Stimpson

TRANSFERS:

Thomas Beltz, John Bristow, Michael Ciolek, Patrick Morrow, Michael Nuzzi, Darren Shepherd Ronald Wood

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Greetings to All! Hope you all are enjoying the nice weather and the flowers popping up, listening to the birds singing.

The Sons are planning the nominations for the upcoming year of 2020. We are needing to fill a lot of positions. The Commander and Adjutant are a couple of positions that need filled. In order to keep the Sons running, these positions will need to be filled for 2020. They will be elected at the June meeting. So the Sons are in need to find Committee Members at the April meeting. If anyone would like to fill any positions, please get in contact with Daryl or Doug.

The Sons have 65 new and renewal members as of March meeting and have 8-10 members that show up to all the meetings each month. Everyone has a busy life and schedules, but in order to keep the Sons running smoothly, the Sons needs more members to participate during the meetings and other activities. Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm in the hall.

There are 3 ways of getting the Monthly Newsletter. Newsletter can be received by Mail, email or viewing it online. Please send an email to **saladjutant21@gmail.com** to what you prefer. The Monthly newsletter is available 24/7 on the Post website **http://**www.moalpost21.org.

Sons will be voting on \$100 donation to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation in April that Sons donate to each year.

We would love to sign up more Sons, so if you know of anyone that served in the Wars, their children and grandchildren are eligible.

Youth Baseball is getting ready to start and the Sons are looking to help Support a team in the Independence area. Also looking for a Boy Scout troop to donate by helping a boy go to Scout camp. If anyone knows of either team or Scouts please contact Daryl or Doug.

Commander Daryl Wimmer

SPORTS FANS LET'S PARTY

April 7 - NASCAR April 13 - NASCAR April 28- NASCAR

FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR MARCH

Monday from 5pm to 7pm4/1 Biscuits and Gravy\$5.004/8 Wing Night\$.754/15Italian Fried Steak Dinner\$7.004/22 Tenderloin w/side\$7.004/29 Fish Sandwich w/side\$7.00

Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm

4/2, 4/9 , 4/16, 4/23, 4/30	
Tacos Tuesday \$2.00 each	
or 4 for	\$5.50
Pork Burrito	\$5.50
Taco Salad	\$5.50
Chips & Salsa	\$5.50

Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm

4/3 Snack Bar	
4/10 Snack Bar	
4/17 ALR Burger Night	\$8.00
Bacon Cheese /Mushrooms, Swiss burger, Fries.	
Tots, or Onion Rings	\$8.00
4/24 Snack Bar	

<u>Thursday</u>

\$10.00
\$10.00
\$12.00
\$

Saturday from 7:30 am to 10 am 4/13 Post Breakfast

All of the information found in this newsletter can be found on the following: The Post Web Page, Post Facebook or Next Door 40 South Digest.

\$8.00

Webpage: www.moalpost21.org. Facebook access is on page 6. If you need help getting on Next Door 40 South the Business Manager can help you with it.

Let's use the tools handed to us.

Need a calendar? See the bartender, business manager or the Adjutant

PLEASE GO TO : www.moalpost21.org To see the new kids snackbar menu

BULLETIN BOARD

SUNDAY APRIL 7 COIN SHOW/NASCAR @NOON SUNDAY APRIL 14 GUN SHOW 9AM-3PM NASCAR/POTLUCK - NOON SUNDAY APRIL 21 EASTER/CLOSED SUNDAY APRIL 28 NASCAR-NOON CAMPFIRE 5PM-10PM THURSDAY APRIL 25 MEDICARE SEMINAR POST MEMBERS 6:30 PM-9PM FRIDAY APRIL 5 BROADWAY BILL - LOUNGE FRIDAY APRIL 12 MICHELL HAWKINS - LOUNGE NO FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE FRIDAY APRIL 19 BILL MEARS - LOUNGE FRIDAY APRIL 26 JASON CRAIG - LOUNGE SATURDAY APRIL 13 GUN SHOW 8AM - 5PM

QUOTABLE QUOTES

~ Robin Hall

Lawyers believe that a man is innocent until proven broke.

~ Jean Rostand

Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror.

~ Arthur C. Clarke

I don't believe in astrology. I am a Sagittarius and we're very skeptical.

~ Steven Wright

If toast always lands butter-side down and cats always land on their feet, what happens if you strap toast on the back of a cat?

~ Doug Hamwell

America is so advanced that even the chairs are electric.

~ Johnny Carson...

If life were fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead.

~ Jimmy Durante...

Home cooking. Where many a man thinks his wife is.

~George Roberts...

The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone.

~ Jonathan Winters...

If God had intended us to fly he would have made it easier to get to the airport.

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Post membership is at 1232 members renewed for the year. We have a long way to go to reach our goal of 1399 members for the year. If you have not renewed your dues for the year, PLEASE do so. 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.

The time for electing new post officers is here. If you would like to be a post officer, please let me know so we can get your name on the roster. To be a post officer you MUST be a member for at least 2 years, and to be post commander you MUST be a member for 4 years.

The Department Convention is being held from July 11-14 in St Louis. If you would like to be a delegate to the convention let me know so I can get you added to the delegates list. I also have information on hotel reservations.

Emails are still a problem. WE now have 740 email addresses for our members. There are still many emails being kicked back and those emails will be removed from the email list. If you have not sent me your email address, PLEASE do so. If you stop receiving notifications via email, then it is up to you to ensure I have your correct email address.

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





April 3rd 7-10PM Mike Perez April 10th-10PM Mike Perez April 17th 7- 10PM Mike Perez April 24th 7-10PM Mike Perez

WEB SITE

TO OBTAIN DD-214

www.archives.gov/veterans/military-servicerecords/

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

APRIL 2019 FRIDAY ROCK & ROLL DANCE SCHEDULE

April 5: Legacy **April 12: NO DANCE** April 19: Full Moon April 26: Oasis \$7.00 Admission Doors Open 5:30 PM Beverage & Snack Bars Open 5:30 PM Dance Time 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Join Us & Have a Blast

Wes Blake



MARCH 2019 DANCE SCHEDULE

- 6 Route 66
- 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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