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April 2020



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APRIL 2020

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 signing.

There will not be an April meeting for the SAL. There are not much going on to have a meeting.

The Son's are planning the nominations for the upcoming year. We are needing to fill a lot of positions. All Positions will be elected in June meeting. If anyone would like to fill any Positions, Please get ahold of Daryl or Doug.

Son's will be donating \$100 to the Child Welfare Foundation in May.

Want to welcome aboard Mike Garza to the Son's. We would love to sign up more Son's so if you know of anyone that served in the wars, Their children are eligible.

Youth Baseball is getting ready to start and the Son's are looking to donate some money to a team to help support. Also looking for a Boy Scout troop to donate to help a Boy to go to Scout camp. If anyone knows of either team or Scouts please contact Keith or myself Daryl.

Commander Daryl Wimmer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Mark Clark called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, Mar 5, 2020, at the Post Home.

Commander Clark conducted the opening ritual.

1st Vice Commander Bob Ford placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain Doug Vetter gave the opening prayer.

There were 9 officers and 31 members present. A quorum was present.

The regular business meeting was suspended at 7:05 for Melissa Hickman from All of Us program.

Business meeting resumed at 7:13.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of Jan 20. A motion was made by Kerry Boardman to accept the finance report as read. 2nd by Bruce Butler. Motion carried.

There Executive Committee meeting minutes from Feb 27, 2020 were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Randy Bray. 2nd by Ron Erickson. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion to accept the new members and transfers was made by James Riley. 2nd by Ron Erickson. Motion carried.

There were 10 deceased members since the last Post meeting. The Adjutant read correspondence.

Committee Reports:

The Saturday dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

Bingo Report was given by Regina Slade. A check for \$4000.00 was given to the post.

Legion Rider report was given by Doug Vetter.

Officer Reports:

Old Business:

Tom Tanner discussed the opening of the food pantry.

The response to the food pantry has been overwhelming If you would like to volunteer contact the Adjutant.

New Business:

Bruce Butler discussed the upcoming Veterans Salute for Camp Valor October 10, 2020. More to follow.

-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 Clark conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is April 2, 2020, at 7PM.

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
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FROM THE POST 21 STAFF



THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Making a Difference

Last month I wrote about the servant leaders that keep our post operational and why volunteerism is the key to our long-term survival. It literally takes a village to make an American Legion Post successful, and as I pointed out last month, we have a solid core of servant leaders who give of their time and treasure to keep our doors open. This runs in stark contrast to the "why should I pay my dues" crowd and we should all thank God for our loyal members and volunteers who push past the noise and make a difference in our post and in our community.

Keeping our doors open and making our Post financially viable has been the singular focus of our leadership team this year, and so far, we are seeing great progress in that regard. In fact, last year at this time, we were -\$33,000 in the red, but so far this year we are operating in the black. That turnaround is a result of deliberate efforts to improve everything we do, and those efforts will continue every day until we get the Post where we want it.

Why is this important? It is important because of the difference our post makes in our community through our Americanism, Children & Youth, and Veteran outreach and support programs. A couple of weeks ago, we opened a Military & Veteran Family Food Pantry to provide much needed support to our fellow veterans. This is a huge deal for our post and our community, and it is something we should all be proud of. We visit patients at the KCVA to brighten their day and remind them that their service is remembered and appreciated. We sponsor two American Legion Baseball Teams, we send Boys to Boys State, and our Auxiliary sends Girls to Girls State where they learn how to form a representative republic. We sponsor medals for military and academic excellence to JROTC Cadets in Independence Schools, and we provide emergency assistance to local veterans in need.

These are just a few of the things we do to make a difference and why we have been the one constant people have been able to count on for over 100 years. If you would like to learn more about what you can do help us make a difference, we would love to hear from you. For the "why should I pay my dues" crowd, it is because without your membership we would not be able to support the worthy causes outside of our post walls that deserve our time and effort.

If you have not yet paid your dues for the 2020 legion year, I hope you will join us in our renaissance so that we can continue to make a difference. Our membership honors every Post 21 member that came before us. It is there legacy we inherited and it up to us to write the next great chapter in our historic posts story. Your loyalty to our future ensures the work of our past will not have been in vain. I am counting on you to join us and I know you won't let me down.

It is an honor to serve as your commander and I am humbled by the confidence you have in me. I look forward to seeing you around the Post and in working with you to keep our post moving forward.

Commander Mark Clark!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



LAP BLANKET SEW ALONG

In February, 6 sewing machines and 9 ladies worked 4 hours on a Saturday, creating lap blankets for our veterans in the Warrensburg and Camron Homes. As a result of the first meeting, about 22 blankets were created, complete with a large pocket to warm hands and store small items. That sounds like a big accomplishment, but wait! There is more! The GOAL is to make 225 of these blankets, which cost about \$8.00 each in materials. So far, the ladies of the post Family have generously donated their own supplies to do this. All members are invited to participate in the Sew Along, cutting, trimming, turning the layers or by making monetary donations. Non-members are also invited to join the fun!

If shopping is your talent, each blanket needs 1 yard of flannel and 1 yard of fleece fabrics. Contact Linda Clark, lindabquiltin@comcast.net for more detailed info.





AUXILIARY NEWS

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



It's Springtime and that means the ALR will be out and about representing the Post. Keep an eye out for motorcyclist as your travel through the Spring. Look twice and save a life.



I want to thank everyone that has helped with Burger Night and 50/50. We have a dedicated core group of volunteers that make these things happen. The 50/50 is a big contributor to our operations budget and many of our programs revolve around it's success. Burger Night is a give-back to the Post. We provide the labor and all of that profits go straight to the Post. It's a good night for the Post and in February we set a new record for burgers served. If you can not help us in the kitchen then come check out the food and tell your friends to meet you at Club 21!

As we approach the end of another fiscal year we will be selecting the leaders for the next year. We will nominate officers in May and vote in June. If you would like to be a part of the leadership team and help grow this Chapter then please let me know. I would love to discuss the various positions with you including Director! We know for certain that we will need a new Secretary and we have been searching for a Road Captain for a couple of years. Give some consideration to this and see if you think you can help lead us forward.

Thanks to everyone who has helped with the Food Pantry as well. This has been a great project for the Post and it will continue to be an important program for years to come with the support of all the Legion family at Post 21! #21proud.

Until next month!

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director

The food pantry opened for business on March 28th. When the word gets out hopefully we will have a larger turnout According to the volunteers it was a success

Lana Butler, Unit 21 President
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Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths
New: DIANA BRAY, KATIE J CURTISS, ROSEMARY FRIEND, JEANNE A PORTER, KATHY L WALTON
Death: PEGGY NEGER




2020 DUES ARE DUE



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LEONARD L STEPHENSON, GARLAND B WHITSITT,
JAMES E WILLIAMS

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

APRIL 2020 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 60 members with April birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1@100, 1@99, 1@96, 3@95, 3@94, 1@92, 1@90
The youngest will turn 48 this month.

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

As of 5 March 2020, we have 1090 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. As of 5 March 2020, we have 138 members that have not renewed. If you have not renewed or know someone that have not renewed please talk to them and have them contact the post and renew their dues.

I would like to thank everybody that came out to volunteer to help in the food pantry last month. We are still in need of volunteers. If you would like to help, there will be a sign up book available at the bar. We will need at least 8-10 volunteers each month. The pantry is open the last Saturday of each month.

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
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to help in the Post food pantry, please sign up at the bar. We need help with sign in, monitors, and escorts. There is a sheet for each position needed. The next food pantry will be APRIL 25, 2020 from 9-noon.

Thank you for volunteering

Tom Tanner
Food Pantry coordinator

NEW MEMBERS
Joshua P Hollingshead

TRANSFERS
Paul H Chastain, Robert N Kennedy

APRIL 3rd 6:30-8:30
 TUNES by FRANK
 APRIL 10th 7-9pm
 Michelle Hawkins
 APRIL 17th 7-10pm
 Karaoke by Barbie



Jam Session
 Thursday, April 24th
 7:00PM til 10:00PM

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.



APRIL 2020 DANCE SCHEDULE

- 4 Steel Country
- 11 Reddymen
- 18 Sweetwater
- 25 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



First Place
 Don Katowitz - Rick Graff



Second Place
 Andy Gatchel - Pat Hillen



Third Place
 Bob Weihe - Bill Spotts

Another quarterly pool tournament in the can. Fun was had
 by all as well as Pizza from our favorite shop, Tim's Pizza.



ON FRIDAY NIGHT

APRIL 17TH

BARBIE - 7 - 10 PM

WEB SITE

TO OBTAIN DD-214

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

Post 21 Website: www.moalpost21.org

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