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POST EVENTS FOR APRIL

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING

POST MEETING - APRIL 6th @ 7:00 PM
AUXILIARY MEETING - APRIL 6th @ 7:00 PM

SAL MEETING - APRIL 5th @ 7:00 PM

ALR MEETING -APRIL13th @ 6:30 PM

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 19th @ 6:30 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING APRIL 20th @ 7:00 PM
5th DISTRICT MEETING APRIL 26th @ 6:00 PM

DANCE LESSONS EVERY FRIDAY @ 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DANCES 2 IN APRIL- See Page 7

DANCES 4 Dances in April- See Page 3

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

OFFICERS AND STAFF WISH YOU





APRIL 2017

POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander	Mike Feliciano
1st Vice Commander	Ed Murray
2nd Vice Commander	Noel Tyler
3rd Vice Commander	Ed Witthar
Adjutant	Tom Tanner
Finance Officer	Sylvia Tanner
Judge Advocate	Wes Blake
Historian	David Cary
Service Officer	James Harris
Chaplain	Kerry Boardman
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chris Wehr
Past Commander	Phil Greco

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Americanism	Chris Wehr
Athletic	Boyd Lighthill
Bingo	Gary Pace
Boy's State	OPEN
Budget & Finance	Denis Proctor
Cadet Patrol	Norman D'Angelo
Dance	Wayne Keller
Home Improvement	OPEN
Kitchen	Cynthia Stephenson
Newsletter Editor	Ed Murray
Oratorical	Ralph Buchanan
Patriotic Council	Archie Hughes
R.O.T.C.	Mark Clark
Salvation Army	Tom Tanner
School Awards	OPEN

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Don Decker Dir. of Bldg. Oper, Blake Herdman, Michael Keene, Dennis Mooney, Chuck Wilhelm

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Gayle Metzinger
Vice President	Suzanne Proctor
Secretary	Marsha Mooney
Treasurer	Lana Butler
Historian	Linda Clark
Chaplain	Fran Myer
Sergeant-at-Arms	Linda Vetter

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander	Daryl Wimmer
Vice Commander	Jim Williams
Adjutant	Keith Constance
Finance Officer	Lee Meyer
Historian	Daryl Wimmer
Chaplain	Kent Groom
Sergeant-at-Arms	Leroy Brugioni

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Director	Bob Ford
Assistant Director	James Harris
Secretary	Suzanne Proctor
Treasurer	Ed Witthar
Judge Advocate	Everett Ellis
Historian	David Cary
Chaplain	Don Leming
Sergeant-at-Arms	Dan Orr

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

2nd Vice Commander Noel Tyler called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, 2 Mar 17, at the Post Home. Vice Commander Tyler conducted the opening ritual.

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

Chaplain Kerry Boardman gave the opening prayer.

There were 9 officers and 31 members present.

The regular business meeting was suspended at 7:05pm for the following guests: Aaron Love, Greg Love, and John Flessner, They spoke on the benefits of Right at Home.

Business meeting resumed at 7:18 pm.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner read the Finance Report for the month of Feb. A motion was made by Kerry Boardman to accept the Finance Report as read. 2nd by Mark Clark. Motion carried. A copy of the last report is posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 23 Feb were read. A motion was made by Mark Clark to approve a pay raise for Linda Anderson. 2nd by Everette Ellis. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Clark to approve the Executive Committee minutes. 2nd by Everette Ellis. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made by Kerry Boardman to accept the new members and transfers. 2nd by Mark Clark. Motion carried.

There were 10 deceased members for the month of Feb.

The Adjutant read correspondence. None

- Officer Reports: None
- Committee Reports:

Gary Pace gave the Bingo report. Gary presented the Post with a \$6000.00 check.

There was no Dance report given.

Mark Clark gave a report on Boy's State. The Post is sponsoring 6 boys for Boy's State.

Mark Clark gave a report on Cadet Patrol. There are 9 Applications submitted from the District.

- New Business:

Noel Tyler stated Rock and Roll dance is set for the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday in April. More info to follow soon.

The 1st Vice Commander removed the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair.

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

Vice Commander Tyler conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 6 Apr. 2017, at 7PM.

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
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NO INFORMATION SENT IN

5th District Commander Mark Clark presenting Lorinda Ruz with a \$600 gift card.

Lorinda is the 2017 Department of Missouri Oratorical champion.

Lorinda is a Truman High School student. Her next step is at national in Indianapolis.

She is also on the debate team heading for Washington DC

Commander Mike Feliciano

TAPS

JAMES L BIERIG, JEFF BOURNS,
PAUL H COWIN, WILLIAM ECKSTEIN,
EDDIE L HARDY, RICHARD HOLM,
GERALD F JOHANSEN, JOHN W MEADOWS,
RAYMOND K PHILLIPS, HARRY E SYMPSON,
THOMAS F WALSH

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

APRIL 2017 DANCE SCHEDULE

1	Dixie Cadillacs
8	Reddymen
22	Reddymen
29	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

Spring is in the air, although we will probably get a light snow before spring is here to stay.

Unit 21 Auxiliary is 79.40% in membership goal. Please get the membership in as soon as possible. Do you have a daughter, granddaughter, great granddaughter who is not yet a member? Sign them up. Membership is a living memorial to your veteran.

The Auxiliary is having a fund raiser with Dove chocolate. There are items such as chocolate coffee, bbq sauce, drink mixes, cakes, brownies and much more. We will have tables set up during special events. Stop by and take a look!

Ann Orr reported that we are on track to surpass \$75,000 in coupons sent overseas. Thanks to everyone who takes the time to cut coupons in service to our military personnel.

The Post will be hosting dances on Wednesday beginning in April. The dances are scheduled for the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday and the 5th Wednesday, if available. The Auxiliary will be having a 50/50 raffle during the dances. I will have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting.

If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically, please see Suzanne or Adjutant Tom Tanner.

District 5 meeting is April 19th at the DAV 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. (87th and Blue Ridge Cutoff).

Please support the activities held at the Post. We need help at BINGO. Come have dinner as Cynthia and Chef John prepare great meals. Participate in fundraisers—Paddle Auction, Craft fairs, or help distribute poppies. We need volunteers for all activities!

May God bless the United States of America.

Gayle Metzinger
Auxiliary Unit 21 President

Auxiliary New Members. Transfers. Deaths

New: Amy Hill, Jane Nash, Angelita Neece, Sharon White

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

Happy Spring to all! The weather is getting warmer and we look forward to another busy season.

March saw the Riders return to our escort of PTSD patients to the post for the wonderful meals put on by our Auxiliary. They do such a great job and the veterans really enjoy their time with us. This takes place on the same day as our monthly meeting on the second Thursday and then on Friday of that week we do our monthly visit to the KCVA to visit our vets and check on them. Rarely do we get any complaints on how they are being treated at the KCVA. Looks like we are lucky to have a good VA hospital here in town to rely on.

On March 3rd we attended the Missouri Mavericks Hockey game. It was Military Appreciation Weekend. We were invited to ride our bikes up and park them at the entrance to the Silverstein Events Center for all to see. It was a very physical game which is always the case when the Mavericks play their rival the Allen Americans. Unfortunately they were not able to score a win but none the less it was very entertaining.

On March 30th we hosted the Second Annual Veterans Appreciation Day here at Post 21. It was very successful considering this is only the second year. Thank you to Leslie Tuttle and committee who worked so hard to make this possible. There was a LOT of work involved in pulling this off. The committee consisted of Post 21 and other AL Post members. A great joint effort for the American Legion!

Riders it's time to start thinking about running for a position on the eboard. Please consider volunteering to take an office. We also need a nominee for 5th District ALR Director. Please come and see me and tell me you would like to run!

Volunteers needed! We need volunteers in all areas at Post 21. Please consider donating some time. Talk to Commander Mike, Kevin our new office manager, Tom Tanner, Marsha Mooney, me or anyone to see where you can help. If we can get several to commit to 4 hours a month that would help a lot. Please don't just read this and move on. Think about giving some time. Thank you.

Thank you Riders for all that you do. You make me look good

Bob Ford - ALR Chapter 21 Director



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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. We are needing to fill a lot of positions. All Positions will be elected in June meeting. The Committee Members are Jim Neece and John Winfield. If anyone would like to fill any positions, please get in contact of Jim and John.

The Sons donated \$450 to the Missouri Cadet Patrol. They are high school students that go to Jefferson City in June to learn about Highway Patrol training. What an honor to send a Cadet.

April 6th is National Centennial Commemoration at Liberty Memorial. President of the United States, Congressional Leadership, Cabinet Members, State Governors, U.S Military Leaders, Veteran Organizations are some that will be at Liberty Memorial. All are welcome to attend. Parking will be away from the Memorial. They are saying to park down town and ride the rail car to the Memorial.

Sons are going to be looking for a 12-15 passenger van for Hero's Home Gate to help assist in transportation. If anyone knows of a nice van please contact myself, Daryl or Keith. The guy that is in charge of Hero's Home gate uses his personal van which is a mini van. We are wanting to see them get out of the House and attend the activities daily or monthly.

Sons also donated \$100 to the Child Welfare Foundation in March.

We want to welcome aboard Jason Hill and Art Dillinger to the Sons. We would love to sign up more Sons so if you know of anyone that served in the wars, their children are eligible.

Youth Baseball is getting ready to start and the Sons 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.

.....Daryl Wimmer, SAL Commander

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. 'Careful,' he said, 'CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the! salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!' The wife stared at him. 'What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?' The husband calmly replied, 'I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving.'

FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR APRIL

Monday from 5pm to 7pm

4/3 Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Side Salad	\$8.50
4/10 Open-Faced Roast Beef Sandwich, Mashed potatoes	\$8.50
4/17 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies	\$8.50
4/24 Pork Chops, Dressing, Salad, Roll	\$8.50

Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm

4/4 Taco Tuesday \$2.00 each or 2 for \$3.00 Burrito	\$5.00
4/11 Taco Tuesday \$2.00 each or 2 for \$3.00 Burrito	\$5.00
4/18 Taco Tuesday \$2.00 each or 2 for \$3.00 Burrito	\$5.00
4/25 Taco Tuesday \$2.00 each or 2 for \$3.00 Burrito	\$5.00

Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm

4/5 Burger Night, Burger and Fries 2 for	\$10.00
4/12 Burger Night, Burger and Fries 2 for	\$10.00
4/19 Burger Night, Burger and Fries 2 for	\$10.00
4/26 ALR Cooks Bacon Burger Night: Burger and Fries 2 for	\$10.00

Thursday from 5pm to 7pm

4/6 Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Veggies, Roll	\$8.50
4/13 Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Roll	\$8.50
4/20 Open-Faced Roast Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes	\$8.50
4/27 Brisket, Potatoes Au Gratin, Veggies, Sliced Bread	\$8.50

Friday

4/14 Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:00 pm	
4/21 Steak Night 5:00 - 9:00 pm	

Saturday

4/8 Post Breakfast 7:30 till 9:30	\$8.00
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NOTE: As an alternative to choice of each listed dinner we will have chili @ \$6.00.

Wounded Warrior Assistance Update 04

Top 10 Unmet Needs

After a year of extensive roundtable discussions in 2016, a group of community leaders and experts identified 10 of the most prevailing issues facing wounded, ill, and injured troops (WII) over the next five years. The discussions provided a forum to help MOAA and interested stakeholders work toward a common goal of improving the overall health and well-being of wounded warriors and their families. Below are the priorities identified during the discussions:

- ① Amplify communications and outreach efforts to improve government and public awareness of the WII population and their needs.
- ① Create a dedicated online forum for nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) to provide updates and improvements to manage and maintain a robust, real-time National Resource Directory.
- ① Establish a centralized and uniform process and format for government memorandums of understanding/agreements to maximize partnerships with NGOs and leverage resources and capabilities to respond rapidly to changing demands and real-time needs of those WII to help fill gaps in government support programs.
- ① Leverage organizational platforms to advocate for a coordinated government research effort on toxic exposure and other service-connected illnesses and diseases.
- ① Collaboration between the VA and DoD regarding caregiver support, including seamless transition between VA and DoD programs designed to support family caregivers.
- ① Expand long term care and support service capability within the DoD and VA health systems.
- ① Establish a short- and long-term integrated federal and civilian health network of care coordination.
- ① Review the effectiveness of current DoD and VA disability evaluation systems.
- ① Review the effectiveness of current DoD, military service, and VA WII Programs.
- ① Evaluate and mitigate disruption in care and benefits for WII among various federal medical benefits, integrating systems where possible, and strengthen collaboration, cooperation, and communications among the agencies.

Many of these are issues The Military Coalition, and other veteran service organizations and roundtable partners have worked for many years “Thanks to the hard work of the roundtable participants, they were able to identify specific areas in which governmental and non-governmental

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Membership renewals are still coming in however the renewal pace has slowed. The Post is at 86.19% of the goal as set by National. That gives us approx. 1398 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 have also started sending out letters to all of the Post 1000 members in an effort to transfer them to the post. If you know anyone that has not paid their dues, please get them to come and pay their dues.

We are converting to a new data base to be used to help track our membership. In order to have a complete data base I ask that every member send me the name of your spouse (1519), emergency contact information, email address(997), date of birth(201), correct phone number(91), branch of service(148)


The numbers in parenthesis indicate the number of missing information for each. If you have moved within the last 6 months would you please provide me with your new address.

Emails are still a problem. I have been getting a lot of emails bounce back to me for whatever reason. If you feel that you are not receiving emails from the Post PLEASE check your spam settings to ensure correct delivery of the emails. **If your spam settings are correct please ensure I DO have your correct email address. If you have changed your email address or have not provided the post with an email address, please send it to me. If you would like to receive your monthly newsletter by email please let me know. We would like to increase the number of newsletters sent out by email rather than by regular mail. The post sends out over 1700 newsletters a month which is very costly.**

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.

The e-mail address for Post is adjutantpost21@gmail.com.

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



SICK CALL
PHIL GRECO

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organizations could address these unmet needs," said MOAA's director of government relations for veterans and wounded warrior care, Cmdr. René Campos, USN (Ret). "We can't let current fiscal uncertainties facing our government prevent us from continuing the progress made in caring for our most vulnerable heroes over the last decade," Campos said.

Readers are requested to ask their lawmakers to do their part in resolving these crucial issues by implementing the solutions outlined in the above list. One way to do so is to forward your legislators the preformatted message provided at <http://capwiz.com/moaa/issues/alert/?alertid=75547626>. [Source: MOAA Leg UP | February 17, 2017 ++]

NEW MEMBERS

Kevin Buchanan, Frederick E. Denney

TRANSFERS:

Dennis T. Alt, Michael Brightwell, Milo M. Farnham, Victor Grahn, Gerald Knauf, David L. Martin

MARCH 2017 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 78 members with April birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

1 @97, 1 @96, 1 @95, 2 @94, 2 @93, 3 @92, 4 @91, 1 @90

The youngest will turn 32 this month.

WEB SITE

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

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It's back.....and what might that be? Wednesday night dance is back at the American Legion Post 21 with Classic Rock of the 60's and 70's. So put on your calendars the second and third Wednesday of every month DANCE NIGHT at The AMERICAN LEGION POST 21. In May we will also be having a third dance on the last Wednesday of that month (May 31st) with the band Loose Change. OASIS will be the band of choice on April 12th while MICHELLE HAWKINS with KID SISTER will be performing on April 19th. Dance will be from 7-10pm, cost is \$6 at the door. Come on out and take a moment into the past with the music that moved America. From the British Invasion to the Psychedelic Rock to Southern Rock. Come on out and have a good time.

Noel Tyler 2nd Vice Commander

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● I'm asking for the cooperation of the Ladies Auxiliary and the SAL
● It will help us cut down on the newsletter mailings if you would create an email mailing list of your respective members.
● Thank you.
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