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#### **AUGUST 2017**



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#### POST EVENTS FOR AUGUST

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING - August 2nd @ 7:00 PM

POST MEETING - AUGUST 3rd @ 7:00 PM AUXILIARY MEETING - AUGUST 3rd @ 7:00 PM

SAL MEETING - AUGUST 1st @ 7:00 PM ALR MEETING - AUGUST 10th @ 6:30 PM

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 16th @ 6:30 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING AUGUST 17th @ 7:00 PM

5th DISTRICT MEETING AUGUST 30th @ 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DANCE IN AUGUST- See Page 7
Wed 8/2/2017 U-B-A STAR Karaoke 7-10 PM
SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in AUGUST - See
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### THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



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#### **POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Commander Mike Feliciano 1st Vice Commander Jim Harris Ed Witthar 2nd Vice Commander 3rd Vice Commander Noel Tyler Adjutant Tom Tanner Finance Officer Svlvia Tanner Judge Advocate Wes Blake Historian **David Cary** Dennis Mooney Service Officer **Bob Settles** Chaplain Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Orr Phil Greco Past Commander

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Chris Wehr Americanism Athletic Boyd Lighthill Bingo Gary Pace OPEN Boy's State **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**

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#### **AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

President Gayle Metzinger
Vice President Suzanne Proctor
Secretary Ann Orr
Treasurer Lana Butler
Historian Linda Clark
Chaplain Carolyn Blake
Sergeant-at-Arms Judy Settles

#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

CommanderDaryl WimmerVice CommanderJim NeeceAdjutantJim NeeceFinance OfficerWalt SeiglerHistorianOpenChaplainKent GroomSergeant-at-ArmsLeroy Brugioni

#### <u>AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICER</u>S

Director Bob Ford Assistant Director John Wessel Secretary Suzanne Proctor Treasurer **Fd Witthar** Judge Advocate Jim Neece Historian **David Cary** Chaplain Mark Clark Doug Stacer Sergeant -At -Arms Road Captains Doug Vetter-Dennis Mooney Safety Officer Mark Clark

#### Have You Heard?

#### Idle Observations | Leo and Frank

- 1. The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can be in a robe before you start looking like a mental patient.
- 2. My therapist said that my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. I'm pretty sure she was hitting on me.
- 3. My 70 year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 75 pounds I've gained since then.
- 4. I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters. Do they just give you a bra and say, "Fill this out?"
- 5. Denny's has a slogan, "If it's your birthday, the meal is on us." If you're in Denny's and it's your birthday, your life sucks!
- 6. If I join you for breakfast in bed, a simple "Thank you" is all I need; not all this talk about, "How did you get into my house?"
- 7. The pharmacist asked me my birth date again today. I'm pretty sure she's going to get me something now that I'm nearly 87!
- 8. On average, an American man will have sex two to three times a week. Whereas, a Japanese man will have sex only one or two times a year. This is very upsetting news to me. I had no idea I was Japanese.
- 9. I can't understand why women are okay that JC Penny has an older women's clothing line named, "Sag Harbor."
- 10. I think it's pretty cool how Chinese people made a language entirely out of tattoos. I wonder if Ms. CHU the Yale Dean who was just fired has any?
- 11. What is it about a car that makes people think we can't see them pick their noses?

## Money Contaminants Unsavory Substances Luring On Your Cash

The late, great comedian and actor Robin Williams once said, "Cocaine is God's way of saying you're making too much money." If that's the case, a lot of folks are raking in too much cash these days. Traces of cocaine are found

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# <u>DUES</u> ONLINE



#### **AUGUST 2017 BIRTHDAYS**

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 90 members with August birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1@99, 1@98, 1@90
The youngest will turn 29 this month.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Greald Alumbaugh, Robert Anderson, Robert Hazen

#### **TRANSFERS:**

Harvey Baldwin, James Mahoney, Steven Mitchell

#### TAPS

JERRY L GOLUBSKI, GEORGE W KONOMOS, WAYNE R LEFLER,

PAST COMMANDER RUSSELL "GARY" PACE,

LEO F PETE, CHARLES L SCRIVNER,

MICHAEL SCHROER

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

#### THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

I want to start by thanking all the volunteers that stepped up this past month of July. Noel Tyler made (with the HELP of post volunteers) the fire works stand a big success. Also included was the 4th of July barbeque of hamburgers, hotdogs and the firing of the cannon. Post member Ken Creech had that honor.

We have Kerry Boardman, Mark Clark and Marsha Mooney seeking higher position in the Dept. of Missouri. We wish all the best of luck. It's with sadness to inform all members of the passing of our past Commander Gary Pace July 2, 2017, Gary also was the past 5th District Commander. He loved Post 21 like many

Commander. He loved Post 21 like many of us do. Gary was helping, volunteering through pain and Gary was a great help to this Commander.

American Legion, Post 21 will only grow with the support of our post membership. We need members to get involved and come to our post meetings. The post meeting is where great ideas should be shared, not the post lounge. Finally, I want to thank Gayle Metzinger, Auxiliary Unit 21 President and all Auxiliary members for their support this past year.

There are no easy answers, but there are simple answers. We must have the courage to do what we know is morally right. - Ronald Reagan

Commander Mike Feliciano

#### AUGUST 2017 DANCE SCHEDULE

- 5 Dixie Cadillacs
- 12 Reddymen
- 19 Ranger
- 26 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**

It's already August! This is the beginning of our Auxiliary year and I am sure it will be a great one. Our goals are simple—increase membership and provide assistance and support

to our veterans and their families. As an individual or as a Unit we can contribute and support the emotional and social needs of active. reserve and transitioning military service members and their families by:

- · Providing assistance to service members and their families directly affected by current conflicts.
- · Becoming more informed about issues affecting a military family's home life, such as PTSD, TBI, domestic violence, financial problems and other issues.
- Support active-duty military families by working with an installation Family Readiness Group (FRG) contact person.
- Greet service members and families as they deploy or as they return from a deployment.
- · Volunteer at area VA Hospitals or Veterans Homes.
- · Work with Legion posts to honor ROTC and JROTC cadets by hosting dinners and recognizing their accomplishments. Supply medals to outstanding cadets.

The main point is that service members and their families should be the focus. If they feel their needs are being met, then our country will be secure.

Our mission statement has not changed in almost 100 years:

In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support the American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

That is who we are. We must put personalities aside and strive for the betterment of our veterans. It is a new year after all.

May God bless you and your families and our great country.

Gayle Metzinger
Auxiliary Unit 21 President

#### **Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths**

New: Transfer: Death:

#### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

The installation Dinner for new officers was Friday July 21, 2017. New officers for the Post, Auxiliary, Riders and SAL are now in place. Time to get to work for the next year. I am not planning any sweeping changes this year. Last year we made some amendments to the By-Laws, I added extra Road Captains and created (or brought back) an appointed office for Safety Officer.

The Fireworks tent was a lot of work this year. I want to thank all who helped make it possible. Riders once again stepped up to help make it possible. Thank you to the Riders that helped. Some of you went above and beyond in helping out. I won't try to name names because I will miss someone.

The heat has set in and hydration is the key. The missions get especially hard this time of year. It's important to hydrate BEFORE you get in the heat. It does not work to try to catch up after the fact. I speak from experience on this.

Volunteers needed! I know that I put this in my article every month but it is just as important this month as it was last month. If more members could put in as little as 4 hours a month when needed then those that do volunteer won't get burnt out. If that happens then we have even fewer volunteers. See Commander Mike, Adjutant Tom Tanner, myself, or any post member to see where you can help. Please give us a few hours.

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

Bob Ford - ALR Chapter 21 Director



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.

Enjoy the music and fun!

#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Greetings to all SAL Members. Hope everyone is having a safe Summer. I want to welcome the New Officers for 2017-2018. Daryl Wimmer - Commander, Jim Neece - Vice Commander and Adjutant, Walt Seigler - Financial Officer, Kent

Groom - Chaplain, Leroy Brugioni - Sergeant at Arms.

Some of the SAL Members went to Conference in July and learned new ideas to help us reach out to the community. With new leadership comes some change and fresh ideas. Ideas are always welcome to help the SAL Members grow and help in other areas of the Post

The new year is here, and its time to pay your dues for 2018. We are updating our data base so if you have moved, changed your phone number or email address, please let us know. Our goal is to have many new members this new year. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Please come to the August 2nd meeting and give us your ideas on fund raisers and other activities

......Daryl Wimmer, SAL Commander

#### **Notes of Interest**

**USA.** The Army is expected to have more than 1 million troops after adding about 28,000 soldiers to its active and reserve components by the end of September. The growth will allow the Army to create new units, keep some units marked for deactivation active, and fill vacancies in existing units.

**Airbags.** Is yours defective? Go to https://www.airbagrecall.com/ en and enter your license plate or VIN number to see if there has been a recall on your car's airbags.

**Snipers**. A Canadian sniper set what appears to be a record, picking off an ISIS fighter from some 2.2 miles away, and disrupting a potentially deadly operation by the terror group in Iraq. Shooting experts say the fatal shot at a world-record distance of 11,316 feet underscores how stunningly sophisticated military snipers are becoming. The feat, pulled off by a special forces sniper from Canada's Joint Task Force 2, smashed the previous distance record for successful sniper shots by some 3,280 feet, a record set by a British sniper.

**Sub Detection.** Chinese scientists claim to have made a major breakthrough in magnetic detection technology that could bring unprecedented accuracy to the process of finding hidden metallic objects –from underground minerals to underwater submarines.

**Tornados.** The U.S. has more than all the rest of the world combined. We average a 1,000 per year whereas Canada at roughly the same land mass average only 100 per year. The rest of the world gets only100 to 200 per year.

**Alaska.** If you live there for 190 days a year and you aren't a convicted felon, you get an annual check from the state of Alaska just for not leaving.

#### FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR AUGUST

Monday from 5pm to 7pm	
8/7 Beef Stroganoff, salad, roll	\$8.00
<b>8/14</b> Sausages w/peppers	\$8.00
8/21 Enchilada bake w/veggie	\$8.00
8/28 Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes/gravy	
veggie, roll	\$8.00
Tuesday from 4pm to 7pm	
<b>8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29</b> Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each	
or 4 for \$5.00	¢F 00
Post 21 Burrito	\$5.00
Taco Salad	\$5.00
Chips and Salsa	\$5.00
Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm	
<b>8/2</b> Burgers and brats w/fries or tots	\$7.50
<b>8/9</b> BLT and fries	\$7.50
8/16 ALR COOKS	
Bacon Cheese Burger or Mushroom Swiss	
Cheese Burger	\$6.00
8/30 Fish and Chips and Slaw	\$7.50
Friday from 4pm to 8pm	
8/4 Pork chops w/dressing and corn	\$8.50
8/11 Special Dinner	4
Baked Ham, scalloped potatoes, veggie, desert	\$12.00
<b>8/18</b> Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, veggie	
<b>8/25</b> Pulled pork on bun/fries and slaw	\$8.50
Saturday from 7:30am to 9:30am	
<b>8/12</b> Post Breakfast	
Biscuts & Gravy, Sausage, eggs & Fried Potatoes	\$8.00

Come to the Post and play cards on Thursdays from 1:30 to 4:00 Everyone welcome

### Selective Service System Update 25 New Women Draft Attempt Shot Down

House lawmakers on 28 JUN turned aside a new attempt to require women to register with the Selective Service, arguing that any changes should wait on a review of the entire draft system. The move came as part of the House Armed Services Committee's debate on the annual defense authorization bill. Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) pushed for the amendment to add women to the military draft as an issue of fairness. "It's time to stop delaying the inevitable with parliamentary gymnastics," she said. "If it does come to a draft, men and women should be treated equally."

Under current law, all men ages 18 to 26 are required to register for possible involuntary military service with the Selective Service System. Women have always been exempt, and past legal challenges have pointed to restrictions placed on their military service as a reason for their exclusion. But in the last year defense officials have opened up numerous combat jobs to women, which advocates say eliminates the need for exempting women from the draft.

The committee approved similar language last year during its authorization debate, but Republican leaders stripped the language from the measure on the House floor. Senate planners supported the idea but dropped the issue during negotiations between the two chambers. House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry (RTX) said he opposed Speier's latest push because lawmakers last year did include language requiring a review of the entire Selective Service System, arguing those findings could render any other changes irrelevant. [Source:

MilitaryTimes | Leo Shane III | June 28, 2017 ++]



#### FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

I would like to thank the over 1400 members for their support of the recent fireworks booth.

The 2018 membership year is here. Please renew your dues as soon as possible.

I am also going to ask that if anyone is interested in volunteering to help in the post to please contact me and let me know when and where you can volunteer. We are in need of volunteers for BINGO, the kitchen, the office and other positions. PLEASE HELP!!!!!

In order to have a complete data base I ask that every member send me the name of your spouse, emergency contact information, email address, date of birth, correct phone number, branch of service and war era. 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.

Effective 1 Jul 17 all members that have an email address will be receiving the monthly newsletter via email only. The post sends out over 1700 newsletters a month which is very costly. The post has 1431 members and I only have email addresses on 513 members. If you have not already done so please send me your email 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.

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

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



RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '17 -'18

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on nearly 80 percent of dollar bills, The Conversation reports, citing scientific studies. Not a fan of cocaine? Not to worry. Several other illicit substances linger on our banknotes, although not as commonly as cocaine. Germs and DNA are also in circulation. Perhaps this should come as no surprise, considering the range of bacteria that have been found to coat airplane tray tables and rental-car steering wheels and shifters.

Still, the array of uninvited hitchhikers riding our hardearned cash is impressive. Studies show these clingers include:

**Drugs**: In addition to cocaine, drugs found on our cash include heroin, methamphetamine, amphetamine and morphine.

**Bacteria**: More than 100 strains have been found on dollar bills in New York City alone. They often include the acne-causing bacteria *Propionibacterium acnes* and *Streptococcus oralis*, bacteria found in our mouths. The dreaded infection-causing methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA, has been found on banknotes in the U.S. and Canada. Foodborne illness-causing strains like salmonella and *E.coli* can survive on both coins and ATM machines.

**DNA**: Traces from both humans and pets have been found in circulation. The DNA left behind on ATMs has even shown researchers how diets vary among residents of different New York neighborhoods. For example, folks in Harlem have a heftier hankering for chicken than folks in Flushing or Chinatown, where fish and mollusks are preferred.

Before you freak out, know that no major disease outbreak has been traced back to ATMs, and monetarily transmitted disease is rare, according to The Conversation's report. Just consider this news a reminder to wash your hands more often. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention describe hand-washing as a "do-it-yourself vaccine" that can save your life. The federal agency explains: "Regular hand-washing, particularly before and after certain activities, is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of germs to others." [Source: MoneyTalksNews | Karla Bowsher | June 23, 2017 ++]

# WEB SITE TO OBTAIN DD-214

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

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DANCE IS GETTING REMODELED!!! Starting in September Wednesday night dance is moving to the last Thursday of each month through the Fall and Winter months. So mark your calendars

starting in September that the last Thursday of the month is THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE with OASIS. With the Wednesday Night dance not drawing the crowd that it should be to justify staying open, Thursday shows less outside resources that can affect the numbers of participation and bring the numbers up to where it should be. The Dance is still structured as a mix of Country and Rock.

**3rd Vice Commander Noel Tyler** 

#### **FIREWORKS TENT**

Finally the fireworks tent is gone. Sorry for the inconvenience that the tent may have caused, but the tent is finally gone. For twelve days the tent has been up making it a challenge to get around the parking lot and park. The idea of the fireworks was 1) make money, 2) attract more people to the post, 3) attract more membership. So how did we do? Well first off before I get ahead of myself, I really want to thank all the members, Auxiliary, ALR, and the Sons for their contributions and assistance in running the tent. A special hats off and a salute goes out too these personnel who went above and beyond the call of duty to make this a success.

Sylvia Tanner and her guard dog Sofie. Charlie DeMoss and Mike Merritt. Three past post Commanders Dennis Mooney, Mark Clark, and Mike Sweeney. Commander Mike Feliciano. American Legion Rider's Director Bob Ford and ride captain Doug Vetter. ALR John Faelske. SAL Jim Neece.

Also, a special thanks goes to Wes Blake, and to our newest post member Jaco. Thank you for your involvement in making this idea a successful reality.

Also, want to thank the Junior League baseball team and the local hospice care center for their help. Without you all for taking the time out of your busy day this first attempt at having a fireworks tent would not have been a success, so again THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

So how did we do? As for getting new membership, that will take several months to determine as for how long it takes the applications to process from filling out to sending off to Nationals. Attracting people to the post? More people are now aware of the activities that POST 21 provides. How much did the post make? That amount will be announced at the August Post meeting, so please attend.

**Noel Tyler 3rd Vice Commander** 

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