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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 - 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM

POST EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING - NONE IN DEC.

POST MEETING - DECEMBER 1st @ 7:00 PM AUXILIARY MEETING -DECEMBER 1st @ 7:00 PM SAL MEETING - DECEMBER 1st @ 7:00 PM

ALR MEETING - DECEMBER 15th @ 6:30 PM

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 21st @ 6:30 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 22nd @ 7:00 PM

DANCES - 3 Dances in December- See Page 3

BINGO - Mondays & Tuesdays at 6:30 PM-Doors and Snack Bar open 4:00 PM.



Salvation Armv

School Awards





POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 2016

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Mike Feliciano called the regular monthly meeting Commander 1st Vice Commander Ed Murray of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, Noel Tyler 2nd Vice Commander 3 Nov. 2016, at the Post Home. Commander Feliciano 3rd Vice Commander Ed Witthar conducted the opening ritual. Adjutant Tom Tanner Chaplain Kerry Boardman gave the opening prayer. Sylvia Tanner Finance Officer Judge Advocate Wes Blake 1st Vice Ed Murray placed the POW/MIA Flag on the Empty Historian David Cary chair. Service Officer James Harris There were 10 officers and 42 members present. Chaplain Kerry Boardman Sergeant-at-Arms Chris Wehr The regular business meeting was suspended at 7:05 pm for the following guests: Phil Greco Past Commander COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS Jim Davis who discussed the Judge Vincent Baker Highway Chris Wehr signs and highway dedication and donated a check of \$750 to Americanism Athletic Boyd Lighthill the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. Bingo Boy's State **Budget & Finance** Cadet Patrol Dance Home Improvement Kitchen Newsletter Editor Oratorical Patriotic Council R.O.T.C.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Don Decker Dir. of Bldg. Oper, Bill Nash, Michael Keene, Dennis Mooney,

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

| President | Gayle Metzinger | |
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| Vice President | Suzanne Procter | |
| 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 | OPEN | |
| Finance Officer | Lee Meyer | |
| Historian | Daryl Wimmer | |
| Chaplain | Kent Groom | |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Leroy Brugioni | |

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

| Director | Bob Ford |
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| 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 |

Mike Feliciano

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| | Gary Pace OPEN | The Sons of the American Legion donated a check to the post | |
| | OPEN | for \$350. | |
| | Norman D'Angelo | Business meeting resumed at 7:10 pm. | |
| | Wayne Keller | Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner read the Finance Report for the | |
| | OPEN | month of Oct. A motion was made by Kerry Boardman to accept | |
| | OPEN | the Finance Report as read. The motion was 2nd by Everett Ellis | |
| | Ed Murray Ralph Buchanan | The motion carried. A copy of the last report is posted on the | |
| | Archie Hughes | bulletin board in the Lounge. | |
| | Mark Clark | The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 20 Oct 16 were | |
| | OPEN | read. Mike Sweeney made a motion to approve the Executive | |
| | OPEN | Committee actions. 2nd by Everette Ellis. Motion carried. | |
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Chuck Wilhelm

Adjutant Tom Tanner gave the member ship report: as of 3 Nov 16, 1119 members have renewed giving the Post a 68.99% of the goal as per Department.

Bob Ford gave the Riders report.

Committee Reports: Gary Pace gave the Bingo report. Gary presented the Post with a \$5000.00 check.

No Dance report was given.

Officer Reports:

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made by Mike Sweeney to accept the new members and transfers. 2nd by Everette Ellis and carried by voice vote to accept the new members.

There were 2 deceased members for the month of Oct.

Adjutant read correspondence.

New Business: NONE

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 7:35 PM.

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

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

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR 2017 DUES THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER YOUR LEGION MAGAZINE WILL STOP AND YOUR LOUNGE CARD WILL BE DEACTIVATED

AS OF JANUARY 1, 2017 YOUR DUES ARE DELINQUENT

ATTENTION

Starting in January 2017 the menu will no longer be printed in the newsletter.

We have other options that are going to be implemented.

They are as follows: The calendar will be emailed to every member, the calendar is already on the web site that can be printed, copies available in the lounge, and when you enter the post there is a TV with a rolling menu that runs 24 hrs.



Help desperately needed for Tuesday night bingo. We need volunteers to work as callers. <u>Two years membership</u> in the Post is required to work bingo. Bingo helps support the Post, members of the Post need to help support bingo.



TAPS

CHARLES W BREWER, DONALD F DEKAT, GERALD E GRACE, TIRA J LANGFORD

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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well it's been four months since the installation and I'm sure membership has noticed some changes. Many thanks for the Post 21 Auxiliary for purchasing an AC unit, heating unit and covering the cost of the carpet cleaning. Many thanks also to the Sons of the American Legion for purchasing a food steamer for the kitchen and sponsoring a chicken dinner night and donating the proceeds to the American Legion general fund. I'm sure we all have had the chance to welcome Sarah back to the American Legion family. I want to thank Larry Egan, for his Jam sessions in the lounge they were a big success. Look forward to the Jam sessions restarting in January 2017. Stay alert. The House Committee and the Executive Committee are trying their best to have as many events as possible in the lounge and hall space. The dances are doing great, Bingo numbers are up for Monday and Tuesday nights. A new Business Manager will be selected December 1st, 2016.

It takes volunteers for the American Legion, Post 21 to be successful. I want to thank the many folks that have stepped forward. What we need is a Volunteer Coordinator that can schedule the volunteers needed per event. If that's you, please step forward. There's been a change to the Bingo Chairperson. Legion member Gary Pace has stepped forward and accepted the Bingo Chairperson position. Be safe this Holiday Season, MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.....

Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values. - Thomas S. Monson

Commander Mike Feliciano

LINE DANCING & BASIC BALLROOM

Dance lessons 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Free with dance price of admission.

DECEMBER 2016 DANCE SCHEDULE3Dixie Cadillacs10Reddymen

- 17 Sweetwater
- 24 NO DANCE

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

Season's Greeting to the American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Riders and to your families! The elections are finally over. No more commercials, robo calls and much less mail to

throw away. No matter if your candidate won or lost, we must come together as a family to ensure a seamless transfer of power. In the words of Rosie the Riveter, "We can do it!"

Please take an angel from the tree in the lobby and purchase a gift for our adopted families. Wrap the gift and attach the tag to the outside of the item. We will wrap the gift for you if you prefer. Also, we are collecting food items in the barrel to divide among our families.

There will be no Executive Board meeting in December.

Our meeting in December will be a Christmas party. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift @ \$10.00. Bring your favorite dessert, candy or cookies for all to enjoy.

The Happiest of Holiday Seasons May your days be better than the best you ever had Your wrinkles from laughs not frowns Your nights bring dreams that make you glad And your joys be mountains, not mounds. A gift can't be valued by measure nor pound Nor counting the coin it cost; A tune from a fiddler is a mighty sweet gift But tain't long left the bow it is lost; The ear lost the music, but the heart held the sound And contained all the goodness it meant, T'was a gift it doesn't cost the giver a cent. Love is a giver of gifts, with friendship his lucky mate It's the slices of heart that you get with a gift That gives any gift its weight!

> Written by Charlie Russell, Cowboy Artist Winner at Creative Arts Festival

> > Gayle Metzinger Auxiliary Unit 21 President

<u>AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS</u>



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS The holidays are here. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. Christmas season is now in full swing.

We have adopted three families for this Christmas season. We need the help of everyone to make this happen. Please take a paper ornament off the tree in the front lobby and purchase a gift. We also will be receiving donations for food. All this gets delivered on Christmas Eve day. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you were with us last year, you could witness how thankful these families are to be able to have Christmas for their families. Santa will be with us again this year for our deliveries.

We will be ringing the Salvation Army Bell at HyVee on 40 Highway again this year. We will be there 9am to 3pm December 3rd and the 17th. This is open to everyone so sign up in the lounge for a time slot. I have it on good authority that Santa and Mrs. Claus may pay a visit to help on December 3rd from around 10am to 12pm.

Several Riders stepped up to escort our American Legion National Commander late in October even though St. Joseph was as close as he got to our post. This resulted in 14 hours in the saddle and 500 miles for each Rider that participated. That's how we roll going above and beyond to get things done. Thank you to those who participated in that day as well as all the wonderful Riders who helped with all of our missions. You are truly appreciated by me and more importantly the families that are so appreciative of our presence.

The paragraph above is why once again we received the award for Largest Riders Chapter in Missouri again this year. Way to go ALR Chapter 21! You all sure make me look good! Check out our wall in the main hall to see this award as well as the many others that we have received.

Thank you all for your help!

Bob Ford - ALR Chapter 21 Director

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Cindy Ayres, Kathleen Jackman, Emma Wimmer

Death: Mildred Holsworth

Transfer: Margaret Wessing

ONLY A BIKER KNOWS WHY A DOG STICKS HIS HEAD OUT THE WINDOW

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Thank you to everyone who supported our Party Wagon fundraiser. It was a success and we are thinking of new fundraisers to help support our Veterans and Homeless Veterans.

There are at least 1600 homeless Vets in the Kansas City area. We have been supporting the Hero's Home Gate which is Downtown Kansas City and this year we are planning on reaching out to more Organizations. If anyone knows of any, please contact me Daryl Wimmer or the SAL Adjutant. We are happy to give some thing to those who served our Country and need a little extra help in their lives.

The SAL provided Thanksgiving dinner to four needy families from our Community. Thanks to Lee Meyer and Jim Neece for helping me deliver the meals to make this a happy holiday for those families.

We have donated \$500 to Camp Valor for the wounded warriors. Camp Valor recognizes and honors the wounded and their families with the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities like hunting, sport shooting, ATV rides, nature walks and wildlife, etc. With hunting season starting, we wanted to help this organization with these great activities for the Veterans.

SAL members are going to be delivering a Christmas dinner to Hero's Home Gate which houses 11 Veterans. Special thanks to Jim Neece for helping deliver the meal.

SAL members are donating to the Christmas Tree Families that is in the Legion Hall. There is a plastic barrel in the hall for perishable canned goods that will go to the Families.

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday

......Daryl Wimmer, SAL Commander





FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR DECEMBER

| Monday 5:00 till 7:00 P. M. | |
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| 12/5 Cheesy Southwest Chicken, Rice, Salad Bar | \$8.00 |
| 12/12 Baked spiral cut Ham, Potatoes au Gratin, | Ç 0.00 |
| Green Bean Casserole | \$10.00 |
| 12/19 Fish and Chips | \$7.00 |
| 12/26 Ham 'n Beans, Cornbread, Salad Bar | \$7.00 |
| Tuesday 5:00 till 7: P.M. | <i>ç</i> , |
| 12/6 TACO TUESDAY PLUS | |
| Post Tacos | \$1.50 ea. |
| 21 Burrito | \$ 3.00 |
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| Post Tacos | \$1.50 ea. |
| 21 Burrito | \$3.00 |
| 12/20 TACO TUESDAY PLUS | 4 |
| Post Tacos | \$1.50 ea. |
| 21 Burrito | \$3.00 |
| 12/27 TACO TUESDAY PLUS | 4 |
| Post Tacos | \$1.50 ea. |
| 21 Burrito | \$3.00 |
| Wednesday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M. | 4 |
| 12/7 1/4 Pound Hot Dog or Chili Dog w/Fries | \$6.50 |
| 12/14 Roast Pork Loin w/Roasted Potatoes | |
| & Carrots | \$8.00 |
| 12/21 Fish, Tenderloin or Chicken Fritter Sandwich, | |
| Fries, Tots or Rings. <i>ALR Cooks</i> | \$6.00 |
| 12/28 Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, | 4 |
| Green Beans | \$8.50 |
| Thursday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M. | 4 |
| 12/1 Chicken Pot Pie, Salad Bar | \$7.50 |
| 12/8 Bacon Cheeseburger or Mushroom | 4 |
| Swiss Burger, Fries, Tots, or Rings | \$6.00 |
| 12/15 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Roll | \$8.00 |
| 12/22 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, | 40.00 |
| Gravy, Green Beans, Salad & Roll | \$8.00 |
| 12/29 Shepherds Pie, Salad, French Bread | \$8.00 |
| Friday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M. | |
| 12/2 Chef John Cooks! | <i></i> |
| Southern Fried Chicken Dinner | \$11.00 |
| 12/9 Beef Stew, Salad Bar | \$7.50 |
| 12/16 Chef John Cooks! Prime Rib: | ć |
| Regular Cut | \$23.00 |
| Ladies Cut | \$16.00 |
| Turkey Dinner | \$13.50 |
| 12/23 Bacon Cheeseburger or | ¢c 00 |
| Mushroom Swiss Burger, Fries, Tots, or Onion Rings | \$6.00 |
| 12/30 Chef John Cooks! | ć11 00 |
| Southern Fried Chicken Dinner | \$11.00 |
| Saturday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M. | |
| 12/10 Guest Chef | |
| Burnt Ends, Slaw, Baked Beans, Roll PAY BY DONATION to | |
| Commander's Helping Hand Fund | |
| | |

12/31 Chef John Cooks! New Years Eve Dance Party

The Man Without A Country

The protagonist is a young United States Army lieutenant, Philip Nolan, who develops a friendship with the visiting Aaron Burr. When Burr is tried for treason (historically this occurred in 1807), Nolan is tried as an accomplice. During his testimony, he bitterly renounces his nation, angrily shouting, "I wish I may never hear of the United States again!" The judge is completely shocked at this announcement, and on convicting him, icily grants him his wish: he is to spend the rest of his life aboard United States Navy warships, in exile, with no right ever again to set foot on U.S. soil, and with explicit orders that no one shall ever mention his country to him again.

The sentence is carried out to the letter. For the rest of his life, Nolan is transported from ship to ship, living out his life as a prisoner on the high seas, never once allowed back in a home port. Though he is treated according to his former rank, nothing of his country is ever mentioned to him. None of the sailors in whose custody Nolan remains is allowed to speak to him about the U.S., and his newspapers are censored. Nolan is unrepentant at first, but over the years becomes sadder and wiser, and desperate for news. One day, as he is being transferred to another ship, he beseeches a young sailor never to make the same mistake that he had: "Remember, boy, that behind all these men... behind officers and government, and people even, there is the Country Herself, your Country, and that you belong to her as you belong to your own mother. Stand by her, boy, as you would stand by your mother... !" On one such ship, he attends a party in which he dances with a young lady he had formerly known. He then beseeches her to tell him something, anything, about the United States, but she quickly withdraws and speaks no longer to him.

Deprived of a homeland, Nolan slowly and painfully learns the true worth of his country. He misses it more than his friends or family, more than art or music or love or nature. Without it, he is nothing. Dying aboard the USS Levant, he shows his room to an officer named Danforth; it is "a little shrine" of patriotism. The Stars and Stripes are draped around a picture of George Washington. Over his bed, Nolan has painted a bald eagle, with lightning "blazing from his beak" and claws grasping the globe. At the foot of his bed is an outdated map of the United States, showing many of its old territories that had, unbeknownst to him, been admitted to statehood. Nolan smiles, "Here, you see, I have a country!"

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Membership renewals are still coming in however the renewal pace has slowed. The Post is at 68.99% of the goal as set by National. That gives us approx. 1119 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.

December 3rd and 17th we will be ringing the bell for The Salvation Army. We will be at Hy-Vee on Noland Rd. and 40 Highway. The bell ringing will be from 9-3 pm both days. Signup sheets are in the lounge. Please come out and join us in this endeavor.

We are beginning to collect nonperishable food items for our Christmas families. There is a barrel in the hall for the items. Help us to fill it several times. There will also be an angel tree set up for presents for our families. Please come and help make Christmas for these families a memorable one.

We have been sending out email notices for some of the events happening here at the post but we have been getting a lot of the emails returned. I ask that if you feel you are not receiving email messages please check your spam settings to ensure correct delivery of the emails. If you have changed your email address or have not provided the post with an email address, please send it to me.

If you have moved within the last 6 months would 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 me 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.

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

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

NEW MEMBERS

Michael C Millett, Susan E Morton

TRANSFERS

Warren Denham, Ronald K. Franklin, Paul G. Glum,

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Clarence A. Hill, Robert E. Schrankler

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The dying man asks desperately to be told the news of American history since 1807, and Danforth finally relates to him almost all of the major events that have happened to the U.S. since his sentence was imposed; the narrator confesses, however, that "I could not make up my mouth to tell him a word about this infernal rebellion." Nolan then asks him to bring his copy of the Presbyterian Book of Public Prayer, and read the page where it will automatically open. These are the words: "Most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favor to behold and bless Thy servant, the President of the United States, and all others in authority." Nolan says: "I have repeated those prayers night and morning, it is now fifty-five years." Every day, he had read of the United States, but only in the form of a prayer to uphold its leaders; the U.S. Navy had neglected to keep this book from him.

This is the supreme irony of the story. Nolan asks him to have them bury him in the sea and have a gravestone placed in memory of him at Fort Adams, Mississippi or at New Orleans. When he dies later that day, he is found to have drafted a suitably patriotic epitaph for himself: "In memory of PHILIP NOLAN, 'Lieutenant in the Army of the United States. He loved his country as no other man has loved her; but no man deserved less at her hands.""

I wonder if this E. E. Hale's 1863 story is still included in today's educational curricula. If not, It should be.

[Source: "VFW Post 10132 | Rich McMeekin | October 25, 201



"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes" We have 72 members with December birthdays. We hope you enjoy your special day! .1@98, 1@95, 2@94, 1@93, 2@92, 4@91 and 1@90 The youngest will turn 29 this month.

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



CHIEFS FANS - LET'S TAILGATE

Unit 21 Auxiliary invites you to join in on the fun and tailgate with your friends and fellow Veterans

in the Lounge on the following dates during November. We have a great menu for the tailgate season which we hope you will enjoy. And if you would like to see some additional items added to the menu, please let Marsha or Bonnie know and we'll see what we can do. 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, December 4th Noon game at Atlanta vs Falcons

Sunday, December 18th Noon game at home vs Titans Thank you for your support.

Auxiliary Unit 21

2016 NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE TICKETS

Tickets go on sale, Saturday, November 5th in the Auxiliary room at 7:00 PM in the lounge. Tickets are \$35 per person. Evening includes Hors d'oeuvres Music by The Reddymen - Party Favors Champagne toast – Midnight Breakfast Doors open at 6 PM **NO REFUNDS**



WEB SITE TO OBTAIN DD-214

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

<u>Post 21 Website: www.moalpost21.org</u> <u>Webmaster Barbie Daum</u>

The business below donates to and supports our Legion programs

