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Lounge Hours:
Monday - Saturday 2:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Sunday - CLOSED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

POST EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING -DECEMBER None

POST MEETING - DECEMBER 7th @ 7:00 PM
AUXILIARY MEETING - DECEMBER 7th @ 7:00 PM

ALR MEETING - DECEMBER 14th @ 6:30 PM

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING Every Monday @ 7:00 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 21st @ 7:00 PM

5th DISTRICT MEETING DECEMBER - NONE

THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE IN DECEMBER- See Page 7

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in DECEMBER - See Page 3

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

AUXILIARY UNIT 21 INVITES YOU

Friday evening, December 15, 2017 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Auxiliary Unit 21 will be honoring our Veterans and their families with a complimentary holiday meal. We hope you will join us for this special time. Traditional Christmas foods to include turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy & other favorites will be served as a thank you to our Veterans and their families until approximately 7:30 p.m. If you haven't been at Post 21 for quite some time, or if you come to the Post on a regular basis, we hope to see you for this festive evening. Know a Veteran who is not a member of Post 21, Auxiliary Unit 21 or SAL 21, invite them and let them know we welcome the children. Lastly, don't forget to have your picture taken by the Christmas tree with your family and friends.

Gayle Metzinger, President
Auxiliary Unit 21

Bonnie Sweeney, Community
Service Chairman



THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



DECEMBER 2017

POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Americanism	Chris Wehr
Athletic	Boyd Lighthill
Bingo	Marge Neal
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

Lelia Brownfield Chairman, Michael Keene, Richard Conrad, Don Decker, James Neece,

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

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

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

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Mike Feliciano called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:05 PM, 2 Nov 17, at the Post Home.

There were 8 officers and 20 members present. There was no quorum present.

Commander Feliciano stated the meeting for tonight would be informational only.

The Adjutant read the correspondence.

Tom Tanner discussed the upcoming Salvation Army Bell ringing in December. The dates are 2 and 16 December from 9am-4pm at the Hy-Vee on Noland Rd. There will be signup sheets in the lounge. Please come out and help.

Tom Tanner gave the membership report. We have 1116 members renewed for year 2018. That is 76.23% of our goal as determined by Department

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner read the Finance Report for the month of September.

Officer Reports: None

Committee Reports:

Wes Blake gave the Bingo report. Wes presented the Post with a \$5000.00 check.

The Dance report given by Wes Blake.

Bob Ford gave the ALR report.

For the good of the American Legion:

Jim Davis discussed the ongoing talks with Crown Castle for the sale of the tower lease.

Commander Feliciano adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be 7 December 2017 at 7:00 PM.



RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '17-'18

Have You Heard?

A lawyer, who had a wife and 12 children, needed his rental agreement renewed as it was terminated by the owner who wanted to reoccupy the home. But he was having a lot of difficulty finding a new house.

When he said that he had 12 children, no one would rent a home to him because they felt that the children would destroy the place.

He couldn't say he had no children, because he couldn't lie, we all know lawyers cannot and do not lie.

So he sent his wife for a walk to the cemetery with 11 of their kids.

He took the remaining one with him to see rental homes with the real estate agent.

He loved one of the homes and the price was right — the agent asked, "How many children do you have?"

He answered, "Twelve."

The agent asked, "Where are the others?"

The lawyer, with his best courtroom sad look answered, "They're in the cemetery with their mother."

MORAL:

It's not necessary to lie, one only has to choose the right words.

And don't forget, most politicians are unfortunately lawyers.

ATTENTION

All of you that have AOL email addresses


Please-Please send us your new email addresses so we can keep in contact with you.

THANK YOU

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

TAPS

**WILLIAM J BINGHAM,
DONALD E LYNN, ROGER R RILEY**



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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to American Legion, Post 21 family.

2018 will bring the same needs for the Post to be successful. Volunteers, we need help in the business office, and a replacement for Chairman of Post 21 Bingo. December Post 21 membership meeting will be a vote to accept or decline the cell tower agreement. Please attend and have your vote count.

Commander Mike Feliciano

Mowing at the Legion

Walt Seigler has volunteered for the 7th year to mow and trim the grass at the Post. Thank you Walt for taking time every week to keep our grass at the Post looking good.

DECEMBER 2017 DANCE SCHEDULE

2	Dixie Cadillacs
9	Reddymen
16	Ranger
23	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

Season's Greeting to the American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Riders and to your families!

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. Without a doubt this may be a lifeline for 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 a gift that you would like to have. Bring your favorite dessert, candy or cookies for all to enjoy.

As you sit down to a bountiful table this Christmas day, pause for a moment in silent reflection of our military personnel serving overseas. It is by their sacrifices that we are free to live the way we do. Remember to pray for their safety and bring them home as soon possible.

The following poem speaks for the women we are:

THE SILENT RANKS


 I wear no uniforms, no blues or greens.
 But, I am in the military, in the ranks rarely seen.
 I have no rank upon my shoulders. Salutes I do not give.
 But in the military world is where I live and am rarely seen.
 I am not in the chain of command, orders I do not give or get.
 But my husband is the one who does, this I can not forget.
 I am not the one who fires a weapon, Who puts his life on the line.
 But my job is just as tough, I'm the one who is always left behind.
 My husband is a patriot, a brave and pride filled man.
 And the call to serve his country not all can understand.
 Behind the lines, I see things needed to keep this country free.
 My husband makes the sacrifice, but so do my kids and me.
 I love the man I married. The military is his life.
 So I pledge to support my hero
 and stand among the silent ranks known as
THE MILITARY WIFE.


Gayle Metzinger Auxiliary 21 President

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New:

Death:

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

October was a cooler month for us. Once again we had numerous missions and other activities resulting in hundreds of miles and hundreds of hours logged.

Our Craft Fair went well. The weather did not cooperate though. High winds forced us to try to move as many outdoor vendors inside as we could. Only 2 vendors elected to stay out side. We seemed to have a steady stream of shoppers throughout the day. Thank you again Linda Clark for leading us to a successful event!

We had our Burger Night on Oct. 18th. We have had a great turnout for these and appreciate everyone who comes out to enjoy the "Best Burger in Town". We seem to be on a run of selling close to 90 burgers each month. Dennis Mooney cooks a mean burger and uses a secret method to get that cheese just right! If you haven't had one yet come early cause the tables fill up fast.

(This is repeated form last month and is still applicable) Riders, some of you I only see once a month at the meeting. I'm asking all of you to do a self examination of your participation. Ask yourself "What have I done this last year to help the Riders and the Post?" If your answer is I attended the meetings then maybe its time to do a little more. Even something as simple as having a couple meals a month at the post to help raise funds. And above all else consider VOLUNTEERING! (There's that "V" word again).

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

Bob Ford - ALR Chapter 21 Director





**IT'S A SAD DAY FOR
THE SAL SQUADRON
NO ONE CARED ENOUGH
TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE
TO KEEP IT ACTIVE.
THIS IS THE LAST COLUMN
FOR THEM**

Editor

MISSOURI WELCOMES

NATIONAL AUXILIARY PRESIDENT DIANE DUSCHECK

Fifth District American Legion Auxiliary, along with Tirey J Ford Unit 21 is pleased to join in welcoming National President Diane Duscheck to Missouri. National President Duscheck is from Markesan, Wisconsin and is a member of Unit 282. She is an ALA member for 56 years and is eligible for membership through her father Ronald Duscheck, a World War II Army veteran, who was a survivor of the Battle of the Bulge.

Please join us in welcoming National President Duscheck by meeting her on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. We will be hosting a Meet & Greet in the Auxiliary Room at Post 21 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Refreshments to include sandwiches, cheese & crackers along with a delicious fruit tray, coffee & iced tea will be served.

Bonnie Sweeney,
5th District ALA President

Gayle Metzinger,
Tirey J Ford Unit 21 President

FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR DECEMBER

Monday from 5pm to 7pm

- 12/4 SNACK BAR MENU
- 12/11 SNACK BAR MENU
- 12/18 SNACK BAR MENU

Tuesday from 4pm to 7pm

- 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26
- Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each
or 4 for \$5.00
- Pulled Pork Nachos (12/12 & 12/26) Only \$5.00
- Pulled Pork Burrito (12/5 & 12/19) Only \$5.00
- Taco Salad \$5.00

Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm

- 12/6 Chicken & Rice, salad & roll \$7.50
- 12/13 Lasagna, salad, garlic bread \$7.50
- Mike Perez Karaoke 7-10
- 12/20 ALR COOKS
- Bacon Cheese Burger night, fries, tots
or onion rings \$7.00
- 12/27 Pineapple ginger ham w/roasted potatoes
sweet corn \$7.50
- Mike Perez Karaoke 7-10

Thursday from 2pm to 5pm

**NO FOOD SERVICE FOR THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER**

Friday from 4pm to 8pm

- 12/1 Ham & beans w/cornbread \$6.50
- 12/8 Kyles fried chicken
- 12/15 Aux Community service dinner 4-8pm
- 12/22 Snack Bar Menu
- 12/29 Stuffed green peppers, salad & roll \$7.50

Saturday from 5pm to 7pm

**NO FOOD SERVICE FOR
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**

PAY
DUES
ONLINE

VA ID Card Update 11

Must Obtain New Photo Cards Online

Honorably discharged veterans of all eras who want a new identification card from the Department of Veterans Affairs will be able to apply online by registering with the VA and uploading a photo, officials said. Officials had previously told Military.com that the process will include an online application, but offered no further details. A 2015 law requires the VA to issue a hard-copy photo ID to any honorably discharged veteran who applies. The card must contain the veteran's name, photo and a non-Social Security identification number, the law states. To apply for the card, veterans must register with www.Vets.gov, a process that authenticates users through the ID.me system, VA officials told Military.com on 16 OCT.

Doing so requires users to upload a copy of a valid government photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, and provide their Social Security number, among other information. To complete the card application process, users will then upload a recent photo to the VA site that can be printed on the ID card, according to a lawmaker who introduced the legislation requiring the IDs. The cards will be directly mailed to the veteran. No further information was available as to when in November applications will open, the DD214, which contains sensitive personal information such as veterans' Social Security numbers. The new IDs will not, however, qualify as official government-issued identification for air travel or other uses. "Every veteran — past, present, and future — will now be able to prove their military service without the added risk of identity theft," said Rep. Vern Buchanan, a Florida Republican who introduced the ID card legislation in 2015. "These ID cards will make life a little bit easier for our veterans."

Vets who receive health care from the VA or have a disability rating can get a photo ID VA health card, also known as a Veteran Health Identification Card. Military retirees also hold an ID card issued by the Defense Department. Veterans are able to get a proof of service letter through the VA's ebenefits website.

And some states will include a veteran designation on driver's licenses if requested. The new VA ID card program begins as the military exchange system opens online shopping to honorably discharged veterans of all eras. That benefit, which will officially launch on Veterans Day, requires veterans to first be verified before they can shop. The benefit does not allow shopping at brick and mortar exchange stores or the

commissary and does not include base access. [Source: Military.com | Amy Bushatz | October 16, 2017 ++]

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

The 2018 membership year is here please renew your dues as soon as possible. As of Nov we have 415 members that have not renewed their dues for 2018. As of 1 Jan 18 all members that have not renewed their membership will be considered delinquent. This will result in your door card being deactivated and you will not receive the monthly newsletter. Please renew your membership before this happens.

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!!!!

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 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

DECEMBER 2017 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 101 members with December birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

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

The youngest will turn 49 this month.

2017 NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE TICKETS

Tickets go on sale, Wednesday, November 1st
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



CHIEFS FANS – LET'S TAILGATE

Football Schedule For 2017

ALL GAMES MEMBERS BRING POTLUCK

Sun, Dec 3 @ Jets 12:00 PM

Sun, Dec 10 vs Raiders 12:00 PM

Auxiliary Halloween party

Thanks to everyone's participation and support for the Halloween party. The games, cake walk, food and costume contest were a huge success We raised \$564.00 for the Auxiliary.

Faye Zacharias, Judy Roberts and Judy Nash

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



Thursday night dance last Thursday of the month.
Mark your calendar for December 28th.
Oasis will be performing Classic Rock and Country so
come on out and show your support.

3rd Vice Commander Noel Tyler












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