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POST EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING

- **POST MEETING - DECEMBER 6th @ 7:00 PM**
- **AUXILIARY MEETING - DECEMBER 6th @ 7:00 PM**
- **SAL MEETING DECEMBER 5th @ 7:00 PM**
- **ALR MEETING - DECEMBER 13th @ 6:30 PM**

POST E-BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 20th @ 7:00 PM**

THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE NONE IN DECEMBER See Page 7

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in DECEMBER - See Page 7

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

NO BINGO ON THE 24TH AND 25TH OF DECEMBER





POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander	Ed Witthar
1st Vice Commander	Mark Clark
2nd Vice Commander	Bob Ford
3rd Vice Commander	John Faelske
Adjutant	Tom Tanner
Finance Officer	Sylvia Tanner
Judge Advocate	Bruce Butler
Historian	Open
Service Officer	Ron Erickson
Chaplain	Bob Settles
Sergeant-at-Arms	Dan Orr
Past Commander	Mike Feliciano

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Dan Orr Chairman, Doug Savage, Walt Seigler, Doug Vetter, Fay Zacharias

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Marsha Mooney
Vice President	Suzanne Proctor
Secretary	Antoinette Denny
Treasurer	Lana Butler
Historian	Linda Clark
Chaplain	Linda Vetter
Sergeant-at-Arms	Judy Settles

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Director	Don Decker
Assistant Director	Dan Orr
Secretary	Suzanne Proctor
Treasurer	Ed Witthar
Judge Advocate	Larry Harrison
Historian	Linda Clark
Chaplain	Mark Clark
Sergeant-At-Arms	Doug Stacer
Road Captains	Open
Safety Officer	Open

SAL OFFICERS

Commander	Daryl Wimmer
Vice Commander	Doug Savage
Adjutant	Keith Constance
Finance Officer	Walt Seigler
Chaplain	Kent Groom
Sergant-at Arms	Leroy Brugioni

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Witthar called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, 1 November 18, at the Post Home.

Commander Witthar conducted the opening ritual. 1st Vice Commander Mark Clark placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Mark Clark gave the opening prayer. There were 6 officers and 27 members present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of Oct 18. Mark Clark made a motion to accept the finance report as read. 2nd by Bob Ford. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 18 Oct 18 were read. A made a motion to accept the Exec. Board Minutes as read. Motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made to accept the new members and transfers. Motion 2nd. Motion carried.

There were 5 deceased members for the month of Sep.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

Officer Reports:

Don Decker gave the ALR report.

Old Business:

Certificates of Appreciation were given to Bob Ford, Dan Orr, Bob Settles and Sylvia Tanner for their participation with the fire works tent. More to follow.

New Business:

Denis Proctor discussed the angel tree is set up in the hallway for the kids of the National Guard Armory we are adopting for Christmas. Denis made a motion to donate \$500.00 for the Kids Christmas. 2nd by Bill Nash. Motion carried.

Commander Witthar also pledged an additional \$500.00 form the Commanders helping hand fund.

Commander Witthar announced that there are two vacancies on the Executive Board. Bruce Butler was appointed as Judge Advocate and Ron Erickson was appointed as Service Officer to fill the vacancies.

Mark Clark made a motion to affirm the appointments. 2nd by Bob Ford. Motion carried.

For the good of the American Legion:

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

The 1st vice gave the closing prayer.

Commander Witthar conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 6 December 2018, at 7PM.

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
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**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING
HY-VEE 40 Hwy and Noland Rd**

**12/1/2018 9AM-3 PM
12/15/2018 9AM-3PM**

VA Pension Poachers

Crooked Financial Planners Target Elderly Vets

The VA is adding more protections to strengthen aging veterans from scammers who target their pensions and push them to apply for benefits they aren't eligible to receive. Known as "pension poachers," the scammers pose as "advisors" who then try to make an easy buck by selling elderly vets unnecessary financial services and products they don't need while convincing them to apply for VA benefits they probably will never see. The regulations that went into effect 18 OCT guarantees the "Aid and Attendance" benefit for pensions will stay out of the hands of crooked financial planners.

Oregon Democrat Sen. Ron Wyden commended the move by the VA. "These changes are long overdue but a welcome step forward in the fight to protect our veterans from greedy scammers," he said in a statement. "It is imperative that veterans who need this benefit have access." The issue was brought to Wyden's attention after a 2012 [undercover investigation](#) by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) identified more than 200 organizations nationwide that advised potential pension claimants to go after unnecessary benefits, and charged the targets as much as \$10,000 along the way.

VA regulations include a provision from Wyden that requires a three-year glance at an applicant's financial history when applying for the pension. In extreme cases, the VA rejected the targeted veterans for the benefit, but only after the poachers tucked away the assets in places that aren't easily assessable money-wise. This type of dishonest business guiding can impact a senior vet's ability to qualify for Medicaid and other government assistance programs. [Source: [Conectingvets.com](#) | Matt Saintsing | October 22, 2018 ++]

NEW MEMBERS

Scott Bartels, Matthew Brown, James Laird, John Strapac

TRANSFERS:

Glenn Albin, Keith Roseware, John Shockey

DECEMBER 2018 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 94 members with December birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

1@100, 1@97, 1@96, 1@95, 3@94, 3@93, 1@91,
3@90

The youngest will turn 31 this month.

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Very busy month ahead of us in December! Glance at the calendar and see all the activities ahead! Need your support so that we can continue to do what we do! Hats off to all that made the MNG Christmas Party a success! This was a complete group effort for all Our Family members. From the Ladies, Riders, Sons and the Post! All should be proud and thanks for a job well done!

Tremendous support and turn out for Marsha and the Mooney family. Please remember them during this healing process! In remembrance of Dennis and his love of youth and the scholarship fund, until Jan 10th 2019, \$2.00 from every sale of drinks from the "Mooney Mug" we will make a contribution to the scholarship fund in Dennis' name!

Thanks goes out to our newly appointed Post Officers. Ron Erickson, Service Officer and Bruce Butler, Judge Advocate. Let's give each our support as they step into these positions!

Planning is still going on for the Members Appreciation Night in January, more details to follow on this event. Steak night is back! By popular request, so come out and support this event! As the holidays come upon us, let's remember all of those that are deployed protecting our freedom and way of life. Remember all of those that are ill during this season! Reach out and let them know that we are still thinking of them!

As the new year approaches and we begin our 100th year as an American Legion Family let's start gathering our thoughts as to how we want to celebrate this moment in our history! It will be upon us before we know it!

May each and everyone have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season!

Commander Ed Witthar

Semper Fi!

TAPS



Gerald L Kendrick,
William D Lunnon,
Dennis E Mooney,
Joseph Pils, Robert L Piper

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



AUXILIARY NEWS

The year has really been speeding along and it is time for our annual Christmas Party at our December meeting. We will have a very short meeting followed by our Party. Please bring your favorite Holiday treat to share and if you wish to bring a gift (\$10.00) to exchange we will have a gift exchange. You are not obligated to participate in the gift exchange. The Christmas Gift Shop at the Kansas City Veterans Hospital will be Wednesday, Dec. 12th. If you wish to help come on down to the KCVA and we will put you to work. We have been hard at work gathering gifts for the children and food and paper goods for the families of the Kansas City Ozark National Guard Armory, we will also be helping with their Christmas Party at the Armory.

If you haven't renewed your dues they are due Dec. 31st and will be considered delinquent after that date so please renew by the end of the year. We have a lot of activities at the Post, check your newsletter calendar and come join us for a good time. I would like to thank all the ladies who made the Fall Fun Fest possible. I know I am going to be in trouble if I try to list everyone who cooked, worked, baked cakes and just came and had a good time. Thank You all very much.

Marsha Mooney Auxiliary 21 President

The family of Dennis Mooney would like to thank The American Legion Family of Post 21 for their help and kindness during their time of loss. The help and support you gave us was overwhelming and we could not have made it through without you.

MOWING

We want to thank Walt Seigler for volunteering his time to mow the grass and take care of those pesky weeds every week in the summer.

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New:

**Transfer:
Death:**

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



NOT AVAILABLE

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Hey short column this time.

Christmas is here, feel the cheer!

The holidays are fast approaching, this year we plan to support Heroes Home Gate again with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, Christmas Angels, many others, and generous additions to the Raffles during Monday Bingo. Look for

Turkeys and Gift cards during our November and December Bingo 50/50 raffles.

One of our chosen charities this holiday season is Missouri National Guard and will be supplying Candy to 160 Kids that are Active Duty personnel December 2nd

The SAL is still supplying free hot dogs and Brats on Sundays in the Lounge for Sunday football. It's Pot Luck so please bring a side dish if possible. Come early as the seats have been filling up fast.

The SAL meets every month on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Main Hall. You are welcome to attend.

Presumption

The wedding ceremony came to the point where the minister asked if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom. The moment of utter silence was broken when a beautiful young woman carrying a child stood up. She starts walking slowly towards the minister. The congregation was aghast - you could almost hear a pin drop. The groom's jaw dropped as he stared in disbelief at the approaching young woman and child. Chaos ensued. The bride threw the bouquet into the air and burst out crying. Then the groom's mother fainted. The best men started giving each other looks and wondering how to save the situation. The minister asked the woman, "Can you tell us why you came forward? What do you have to say?" There was absolute silence in the church. The woman replied, "We can't hear you in the back."

And that illustrates what happens when people are considered guilty until proven innocent.

SPORTS FANS LET'S PARTY

Dec 2nd 11:30

Dec 9th 11:30

Dec 16th 11:30

Dec 23rd 11:30

Dec 30th 11:30

FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR OCTOBER

Monday from 5pm to 7pm

12/3 Chicken & Noodles, Mashed potatoes **\$8.00**

12/10 Lasagna, garlic bread, salad **\$8.50**

12/17 Grilled Cheese & soup **\$6.00**

12/24 CLOSED

12/31 NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm

12/4, 12/11, 12/18,

Tacos Tuesday \$1.50 each
or 4 for **\$5.00**

Pork Burrito **\$5.00**

Taco Salad **\$5.00**

Chips & Salsa **\$5.00**

Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm

12/5 Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes, corn **\$9.00**

12/12 Beef Stew, roll, salad **\$9.00**

12/19 Italian Fried Steak, baked potatoe, green beans **\$8.50**

12/26 Beef Pot Pie, Salad **\$8.00**

Thursday

NO MEALS ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

Friday from 5pm to 8pm

12/7 NO MEAL

12/14 Steak Night, Baked Potatoes , Salad **\$16.00**

12/21 Seafood night **\$15.00**

12/28 Fried Chicken night **\$12.00**

12/8 Saturday from 7:30am to 10am

POST BREAKFAST \$8.00

The breakfast in December will be the Dennis Mooney Memorial pancake breakfast.



PLEASE GO TO :

www.moalpost21.org

To see the new kids snackbar menu



RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '18 -'19

Military Coffee Cups

USAF Spent \$1,280 Apiece to Replace 25 In-Flight Reheating Cups

The Air Force, under fire for throwing down \$1,280 apiece to replace in-flight reheating cups after their handles break, is pledging to use 3-D printing to get that replacement cost down to 50 cents. But Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA) is still wondering why these pricey water heaters are necessary in the first place, and plans to keep pushing the Air Force to find cheaper ways to warm up their coffee. The cups, which plug into outlets on cargo planes to reheat liquids such as water or coffee, have a faulty plastic handle that easily breaks when the cups are dropped. And because replacement parts for the cup are no longer made, the Air Force has had to order a whole new cup when the handle breaks.

In a 2 OCT letter to Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson, Grassley said that 25 replacement cups, each costing roughly \$1,280 each, have been bought this year alone, for a total of roughly \$32,000. The 60th Aerial Port Squadron at Travis Air Force Base in California spent nearly \$56,000 to replace broken cups over the past three years. And the price is rising. Grassley noted that Travis said each cup cost taxpayers \$693 in 2016. "Paying nearly \$700 for a single cup is bad enough, but it's simply beyond reason to continue to pay ever-increasing prices for something as simple as a coffee cup that is so fragile that it needs to be constantly replaced," Grassley said. "This latest example of reckless spending of taxpayer dollars gives me no confidence that the Air Force is taking real steps to reduce wasteful spending practices."

In a 17 OCT letter to Grassley, Wilson said that "it is simply irresponsible to spend thousands of dollars on manufactured parts when we have the technology available to produce them ourselves," once a supplier either stops producing those parts or goes out of business. Wilson said that in July, she ordered a new Air Force Rapid Sustainment Office to be created to find ways to develop and deliver parts at a fraction of the cost of traditional manufacturing methods. This office has recently shown it can 3-D print replacement handles for the reheating cup for about 50 cents each.

Wilson told Grassley that this cup is specially manufactured to plug into aircraft systems, and because it connects to the aircraft, the replacements need to be certified as airworthy by the FAA. This has driven up the cost of buying 391 of these cups since 2016 to \$326,785, Wilson said, or about \$836 apiece. The water heaters are used on 59 KC10s, 52 C-5s, and 222 C-17s, Wilson said. But with planes aging, and the average KC-10 at 34 years old, it's harder and harder to find replacement parts for those aircraft, she said. And the price tag for raw materials for those parts is also increasing, Wilson said, with copper and chrome plating costs have increased 180 percent since 2016.

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Post membership is at 1004 members renewed for the year. We have a long way to go to reach our goal of 1399 members for the year. If you have not renewed your dues for the year, PLEASE do so. This is the 100th Anniversary of both the American Legion and the Post. What a better way to help celebrate both by renewing your membership and achieving 100% membership renewal.

We are in need of volunteers for BINGO, the kitchen and other positions. PLEASE HELP!!!!

Emails are still a problem. I have as of the end of October deleted 44 bad email addresses from the email list. If you stop receiving notifications via email, then it is up to you to ensure I have your correct email address.

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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FLY THE FLAG



PEARL HARBOR DAY
DECEMBER 7TH

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Wilson told Grassley that she and Chief of Staff Gen. Dave Goldfein have ordered the new sustainment office to look for items in the procurement process that it can self-produce, or other overpriced items that it can stop buying without hurting the Air Force's mission. Grassley was dissatisfied with Wilson's response, and said he will keep digging. "It leaves me with more questions," Grassley said. "While I appreciate that the Air Force is working to find innovations that would help save taxpayer dollars, it remains unclear why it cannot find a cheaper alternative to a \$1,280 cup. Government officials have the responsibility to use taxpayer dollars efficiently. Too often, that's not the case." [Source: AirForceTimes | Stephen Losey | October 22, 2018 ++]



December 5th 7-10PM Mike Perez
December 12th 7-10PM Mike Perez
December 19th 7-10PM Mike Perez
December 26th 7-10PM Mike Perez

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TO OBTAIN DD-214
www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/

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**NO DANCE
DECEMBER 27TH**

Wes Blake



DECEMBER 2018 DANCE SCHEDULE

1	Country Oasis
8	Reddymen
15	Sweetwater
22	Reddymen
29	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

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