



# The American Legion

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**DECEMBER 2019**



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Please come and join us for the  
Post Family

## HOLIDAY DINNER

**Wednesday, December 18th**

**6:00 PM**

### Menu

Prime Rib – Salad – Baked Potato

Roasted Brussel Sprouts – Dinner Roll

Dessert

**\$14.00**

Reservations and payment must be made by December 13th



# WREATHS — across — AMERICA

Missouri State Cemetery  
Higginsville, MO

December 14, 2019, 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers needed to lay wreaths.

Register at [www.wreathsacrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org)



### THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



December is going to be a busy month for the SAL. We have a lot of things planned for the upcoming holidays.

SAL are supporting Heroes Home Gate, which provides housing for homeless Veterans, last month we helped purchase a Thanksgiving meal and have decided to help them for a Christmas Dinner.

We look forward to working together with all the groups here at the Legion in order to move our Post forward and accomplish some great things! We are always open to suggestions and appreciate everyone who has given their money and time to the Posts activities.

SAL wants to say Thank You for showing up to all the Football Games in the Lounge. We have had a great time supporting the Lounge.

We are processing 2020 membership renewals, to renew your membership either come by the post anytime and give your cash or check for \$25 to the bartender or one of the office staff, or you can mail it to the office.

We plan showing our thanks to our Bingo supporters again this year by providing a number of Hy-Vee gift cards as part of our Monday 50/50 raffle items December 16th. Its a way to say thank you to the Bingo Players who have donated through out the year.

**Have a Safe and Happy Holidays!**

**Commander Daryl Wimmer**



*FREEDOM IS NOT  
FREE*

### MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

2nd Vice Commander Decker called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, Oct 3, 2019, at the Post Home.

2nd Vice Commander Decker conducted the opening ritual.

3rd Vice Commander Regina Slade placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain Doug Vetter gave the opening prayer.

There were 6 officers and 25 members present. A quorum was present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of Sep 19. A motion was made by Ron Erickson to accept the finance report as read. 2nd by Randy Silver. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes were read for the month of Oct 19. A motion was made by Ken Wood to accept the minutes. 2nd by Doug Vetter. Motion carried.

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

There were 5 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

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#### Committee Reports:

The Friday and Saturday dance report were given by Wes Blake.

Bingo Report was given by Daryl Wimmer. A check for \$4000.00 was given to the post.

Legion Rider report was given by Don Decker.

#### Officer Reports:

Tom Tanner gave the membership report. We have 955 members renewed as of Nov 7. That is 70% of the goal we need to achieve for the year.

#### Old Business:

Tom Tanner discussed the food pantry. It is still a work in progress.

#### New Business:

#### For the good of the American Legion: None

The 3rd Vice Commander removed the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair.

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

2nd Vice Commander Decker conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is November 5,2019, at 7PM.

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant  
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DUES  
ARE  
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IT'S CONVENIENT AND IT ELIMINATES  
A STEP IN THE PROCESSING OF CARDS**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Join us in the lounge for football**

**Sunday 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29**

**Bring your favorite dish and participate in potluck.**



**Brats and hot dogs provided by the  
SAL**

It is hard to believe but Christmas and the New Year are just around the corner. As we prepare for the holiday season, I am thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed upon our post family in 2019. Our post family has come together and infused new energy into our post and our community and for that I am thankful. The past six months have been a challenging period, but we have stuck together and made the tough decisions necessary to put our post back on sound financial footing. We still have much work to do, and there will be other hard decisions to make, but this holiday season things are looking much brighter than they were this time last year.

The new year will bring new challenges and new opportunities for us to once again rise to the occasion and I am counting on you to be part of our future. The one area we still struggle with is getting enough volunteers to help with the various activities we count on to fund our post operations, so I am once again asking you to consider volunteering to help where you can. If enough of us raise our hands to help, no one person or group will have to carry the water for the rest of the post. Won't you join us by volunteering some of your time and energy to make us better? I sure hope so.

The Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion starts with the words "For God and Country", and no post in America lives out those ideals better than ours. Our members do God's work every day with little fanfare or recognition, because they put their heart into making a difference. From visiting and bringing cheer to patients in the KCVA Hospital, to building tiny homes for homeless vets, to providing emergency financial assistance to those in need, to providing final honors to our nation's heroes, our members make a difference every day. For over 100 years God has blessed our post, and in return our members have blessed our community, and we should all take great pride in that.

As we enter the holidays, I want to thank the hardest working executive committee I have ever had the pleasure of being part of. Your post officers led by 1st Vice Commander Bob Ford have poured their hearts into our post and its programs, and I will be eternally grateful for their hard work this past six months. I would also like to thank our SAL Commander Daryl Wimmer for helping us get our kitchen and bingo operations stabilized to the point we can now work on improving those operations moving forward. I am also thankful for the professionalism and stability that Dorothy Ballew has brought to our business operations. Our American Legion Riders touch everything we do within the post and in the community and I am thankful for their energy and passion. Lastly, I want to thank President Lana Butler and our fantastic Auxiliary for all they do. The ladies of the Auxiliary are true partners in all we do and I am thankful for their continued commitment to our post family.

Linda and I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! We pray the Lord bless each of you with good health as we enter the new year and that your holidays are filled with family, friends, and fun. Thank you for sticking with us and for giving me the honor of serving as your commander. God bless, stay warm, be safe, and I will see you around the Post.

**Commander Mark Clark!**

## AUXILIARY NEWS

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Reflecting on Veteran's Day and my family tree. My grandfather served in WWI and became Statistician for the Port of Baltimore. My father served in WWII, became a professor and helped



build lives for 35 years. I have no doubt that some of his students are still building and changing lives and communities. Sister Judi served as an army nurse, became a trauma/ER nurse. She was the best diagnostician I've ever had contact with. My brother Lance served Vietnam Era and built a life surrounded by and working on cars (Porsche and Volkswagen). My husband Bruce, served in Vietnam during Tet, came home to an airport filled with hatred. He went on to a career as a carpenter,

working on so many projects that not a day goes by we don't drive past something he worked on. Veterans return and build. They build families, communities, homes, businesses. I hope all of you took time to reflect, honor and thank the veterans in your lives. There is no way we can ever thank them enough for their sacrifice, courage, determination and contribution to our lives. God bless and protect them.

Turnout for the potluck and meetings was a bit on the light side. One attendee said she remembered when there would be 150 people there, we had about 1/3 of that. I hope that the next time we do one, the response will be greater. Everyone in attendance seemed to really enjoy themselves and the food.

Heroes Care and the Post will be working together on a food pantry in the old Commander's office. Fresh food will come from Harvesters and food drives and donations will stock the shelves with non-perishables, paper goods, diapers, etc.

I wish I had wonderful things to report on the Christmas party, but plans seem to be on hold until Tom can get answers from the Armory on Crysler. Hard to make plans when people won't return phone calls. We will need all the help we can get to pull this off. Please contact me if you can volunteer some time, contribute, shop for toys, etc. Helen Hatz mentioned that the VA had a list of about 30 veterans who would be alone for the holidays. Perhaps, if we can't get the Armory's participation, we could thank these veterans for their service with a dinner and party. Worth thinking about. Your thoughts and suggestions are needed.

Finally, thank you to all of the volunteers who help make bingo a successful fundraising event for the auxiliary. You all work so hard and your dedication is deeply appreciated.

Lana Butler, Unit 21 President  
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**NO INFORMATION SENT  
TO BE PUBLISHED**

*Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director*

The Post Business Office and Lounge will closed December 24th, December 25th, December 31st. and Jan 1st

### Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New:  
Transfer:  
Cheer  
Death:

### NEW MEMBERS

Marshall Beecher, Larry Green, Dennis Postel

### TRANSFERS:

Leslie Caw, Marlon Caw, Augustine Creonte,  
Peter Enna, William Harris, Thomas Hess, Michael Hutton,  
Jason Montgomery, Roger Moore, Clyde Wallace

# DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9 AM Coin Show  11:30-Lounge Chiefs-Raiders	<b>2</b> 6:30—BINGO Chef's Special \$7.00	<b>3</b> Taco Tuesday + Chicken Quesadilla \$7.00 Potato Bar 6:30 PM-BINGO	<b>4</b> 7 PM SAL MEETING	<b>5</b> 7PM Post Meeting Aux Meeting	<b>6</b> Chicken Marsala, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread—\$10 6:30-8:30 PM Michelle Hawkins SNACK BAR	<b>7</b> Lasagna, Salad, garlic Bread \$9 8:30-12:30 Lounge Karaoke  SNACK BAR
<b>8</b> 11:30—Lounge Chiefs-Patriots	<b>9</b> 6:30—BINGO Chef's Special \$7.00	<b>10</b> Taco Tuesday + Chicken Quesadilla \$7.00 Potato Bar 6:30 PM-BINGO	<b>11</b> 5-7 PM ALR Burger Night \$8	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM ALR Meeting	<b>13</b> Pork Medallionn, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Bean Almondine \$10  6:30—8:30 PM Michelle Hawkins SNACK BAR	<b>14</b> 7:30-9 AM Post Breakfast \$7 Pot Roast, Potatoes & Carrots, Salad, Din- ner Roll \$9 8:30-12:30 Lounge Karaoke SNACK BAR
<b>15</b> 11:30—Lounge Chiefs-Broncos	<b>16</b> 6:30—BINGO Chef's Special \$7.00	<b>17</b> Taco Tuesday + Chicken Quesadilla \$7.00 Potato Bar 6:30 PM-BINGO	<b>18</b> Post Family Christ- mas Dinner \$14 (SEE FLYER IN NEWSLET- TER)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Chicken Fried Chicken, Mashed Pota- toes/Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll—\$9 6:30-8:30 PM Michelle Hawkins SNACK BAR	<b>21</b> Italian Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Sweet Car- rots, Dinner Roll-\$9 8:30-12:30 Lounge Karaoke SNACK BAR
<b>22</b> 11:30—Lounge Chiefs-Bears	<b>23</b> 6:30—BINGO Chef's Special \$7.00	<b>24</b> POST CLOSED	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY POST CLOSED	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Rib Eye Steak, Salad, Baked Potato, Dinner Roll—\$12 6:30-8:30 PM Michelle Hawkins SNACK BAR	<b>28</b> <b>NO DANCE</b> 8:30-12:30 Lounge Karaoke SNACK BAR
<b>29</b> 11:30—Lounge Chiefs-Chargers	<b>30</b> 6:30—BINGO Chef's Special \$7.00	<b>31</b> POST CLOSED New Years Eve Party In Main Hall— Reservation Only			<b>FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE</b> LISTINGS ON PAGE 7	<b>SATURDAY NIGHT</b> DANCE LISTING ON PAGE 7

ALL MEALS ARE SERVED 5PM - 7PM

## Military Humor

My high school assignment ( was to ask a veteran about World War II. Since my father had served ( in the Philippines during the war, I chose him. After a few basic questions, I very gingerly asked, "Did you ever kill anyone?"

Dad got quiet. Then, in a soft voice, he said, "Probably. I was the cook."

When I lost my rifle, the Army charged me \$85. That's why in the Navy, the captain goes down with the ship.

During basic training at Fort Leavenworth, our sergeant asked if anyone had "artistic" abilities. Having been an architectural draftsman in civilian life, I raised my hand. Then the sergeant announced that everyone would get a three day pass except me. I would stay behind and neatly print each soldier's name onto his Army-issued underwear.

We were inspecting several lots of grenades. While everyone was concentrating on the task at hand, I held up a spare pin and asked, "Has anyone seen my grenade?"

## FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

With the upcoming holidays just around the corner, membership renewals have slowed down. You can expect to receive at least one notice from National between now and the end of the year if you have not yet paid your dues. As of 7 Nov, 19 we have 955 members renewed. There are several ways to renew your dues, first is to pay on line at <https://www.legion.org/> second is to mail them to the post, or visit the post and pay them in person.

It is time for the Salvation Army Bell ringing. We will be at Hy-Vee on Nolan Rd. on December 7 and 14 from 9am-3 pm. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet at the bar. Please come out and help us raise money for this worthy cause.

At the end of every Legion year I submit a list for the National Commander's recruiting pin. It seems like every year I submit the same 2 names. My challenge to you is, you drive thru your neighborhood everyday and I am sure you see the American Flag flying at several houses. Stop in my office at the post and I will give you door hangers and the next time you drive thru the neighborhood stop and put a door hanger on their door. You only must recruit 3 new members to receive the pin.

If you have moved recently please let the post know your new address. In order to have a complete and working data base for all post members I need the following information to complete the data base, Phone number, email address, date of birth, branch of service and the war era in which you served.

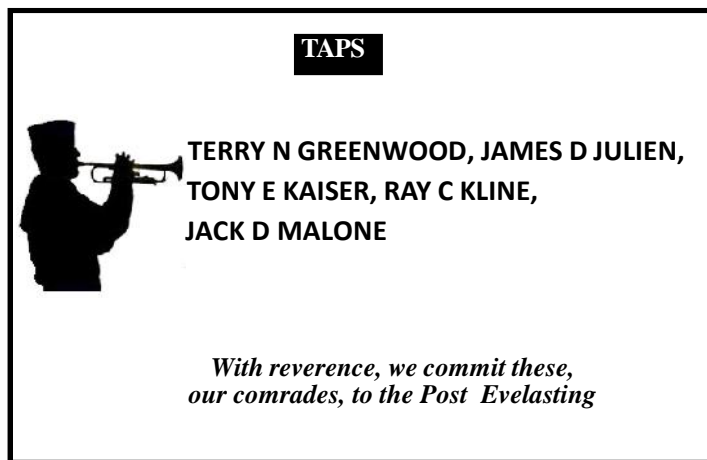
We are getting several emails being kicked back. If you have provided an email and are not receiving your newsletter or you feel you are not receiving emails from the post, please verify your email address with me to insure I do have the correct email address.

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.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The e-mail address for Post is [adjutantpost21@gmail.com](mailto:adjutantpost21@gmail.com).

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant  
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## DECEMBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 86 members with December birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

1@101, 1@98, 1@97, 1@96, 2@95, 1@94, 2@91,  
3@90

The youngest will turn 50 this month.

**DECEMBER 2019 FRIDAY**

**ROCK & ROLL DANCE SCHEDULE**

December 6: LEGACY  
December 13: ROUTE 66  
December 20: BACK RIVER BAND  
December 27: NO DANCE  
\$7.00 Admission  
Doors Open 5:30 PM  
Beverage & Snack Bars Open 5:30  
Dance Time 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
Join Us & Have a Blast!



Wes Blake



MO Lottery will be sponsoring a Keno Party in the Lounge on Tuesday, December 10th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Come out and enjoy the fun. Spin the wheel and win a prize. Who knows...YOU might be a winner.

**DECEMBER 2019 DANCE SCHEDULE**

7      Route 66  
14     Reddymen  
21     Sweetwater  
28     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



Warmest Thoughts and  
Best Wishes for a  
Wonderful Holiday and a  
Very Happy New Year!

Dorothy, your friendly bartenders and the  
kitchen staff



Don't Forget - - ALR Burger Night moved  
from 3rd Wednesday to 2nd Wednesday  
this month. See you there!

**WEB SITE**

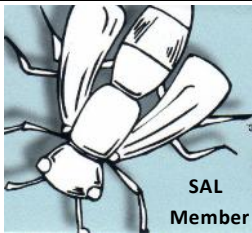




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[www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/)

**Post 21 Website: [www.moalpost21.org](http://www.moalpost21.org)**

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