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DECEMBER 2021



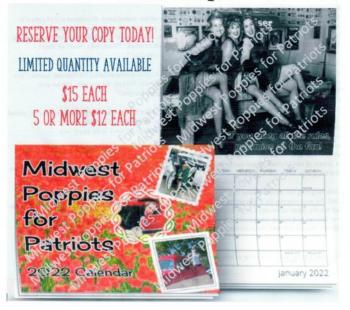
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Join the Poppies for the unveiling of their 2022 calendar on Friday, December 10, starting at 5pm.

They will be selling and signing the calendars during the Post's weekly dinner in the lounge.





Warm and Friendly Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year!

Rene, Linda, Melissa, Gayle and Dorothy





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	December 2021			
THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION	MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING			
	Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly meeting of the			
NONE OF	Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, November 4, 2021, at			
	the Post Home.			
	Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual.			
ALCONT AND A LONG AND A	Service Officer Wayne Keller placed the POW/MIA Flag on the			
- Miter	empty chair.			
	Chaplain gave the opening prayer.			
	There were 8 officers, and 21 members present. A quorum was			
	present.			
	Finance Officer Sylvia gave the finance report for the month of			
NO INFORMATION SENT	August. A motion was made to accept the finance report as read. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.			
Sti	The Executive Committee meeting minutes for October 2021			
	were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read.			
	The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.			
NA.	New members and transfers were read. A motion was made to			
Rh	accept the new members and transfers. There are 1 new mem-			
, (0'	ber and 3 transfers to the post. The motion was 2nd. Motion			
	carried.			
N	There were 4 deceased members since the last Post meeting.			
4	The Adjutant read correspondence.			
	Officer Report:			
	Service Officer Wayne Keller gave a report on the Veterans we			
	helped this month.			
	Committee Reports:			
	Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.			
	Bingo report was given by Kerry Boardman.			
	Tom Tanner gave the ALR report.			
	Tom Tanner gave a report on the food pantry.			
	Old Business:			
	New Business:			
	The 5th District revitalization will be November 13, 2021, from 9			
	am through Noon. The annual Salvation Army Bell ring for the Post will be Decem-			
SAL Commander	ber 11, 2021, at The Hy-Vee on Noland Rd. and 40 Highway. We			
David Breedlove	will be there from 9 am through 3 pm. Sign-up sheets are in the			
816-996-1597	lounge.			
810-990-1397	For the good of the American Legion:			
	The Service Officer removed the POW/MIA flag from the empty			
	chair.			
	The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.			
	Commander Ford conducted the closing ritual, and the meeting			
	was adjourned at 7:34 pm.			
	The next regular scheduled meeting is December 2, 2021, at -Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant			
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THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Members and Patrons of Post 21,

As you have seen if you have been at your post we are waiting on new doors. They should be in soon. Once they are installed, we will get the carpet replaced in the entry and we will have a warm welcoming look for you and our visitors. Thank you for your patience as we work through this.

I know you are tired of hearing this, but we are reaching a critical point concerning our kitchen. We have worn out our few volunteers and they need a break. We need volunteers to man our kitchen on Monday night to serve the Bingo crowd and Tuesday night to continue our Taco Tuesday tradition. The bottom line is this. If we can't find anyone to help us out, we will be forced to close our kitchen on Monday and Tuesdays. Club 21 will still be open, but we will not have any food service. It's not a matter of hiring help. We have posted job opening multiple times, received a few resumes, made appointments for interviews and 100% of those were no shows for the interview. Just look at restaurants and fast-food businesses in our area. They can't have dine-in service because they cannot find help. Folks this is critical to our operation. Please consider helping to keep your post open.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Commander.

> Bob Ford Commanderpost21@gmail.com

Text Message Scams

Update 01: Wrong Number? Don't Even Text Back

A new text message scam seems so innocent that it's tempting to reply. But con artists are using phony "wrong number" texts to lure victims into conversation and falling for a scam.

How the scam works

* You receive a text that reads something like this: "Hey is this John? It's Amanda. We chatted on Tinder before when I came to visit my cousin but we never met irl. I'm back in town if you want to meet up this time, are you free?"

* If you reply to a text like this, even with a polite, "Sorry, wrong number," the stranger responds anyway, seemingly ignoring your answer. Usually, you'll receive a few compliments and some photos of "Amanda," who appears to be a scantily clad blonde woman. However, as the word gets out about this scam, scammers will change up the names, backstory, and photos.

* If you continue to engage with the stranger, who is really a chat bot, it tries to trick you into registering for dating or adult websites. Your new "friend" will encourage you to sign up for a specific website to see more explicit photos, which may involve offering up your credit card number. Considering the dubious nature of this scam, if you hand over your credit card information at any point, you could be putting yourself at risk for fraudulent charges and identity theft.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



DID YOU FORGET?

If your American Legion Auxiliary card does not say 2022, it is time for you to renew. YOU will be delinquent December 31, 2021. Please renew your membership and help us continue our mission of helping the veterans and their families. Dorothy Ballew, Vice President



<u>AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS</u>



Hello Post 21 ALR Family! The holidays are upon us and the weather is turning colder but ALR Chapter 21 is still making a difference in our community and in our Post. We are not riding as many missions as the

temperatures are dropping but we are still standing in honor of our nation's fallen heroes and supporting community activities whenever we are asked. It is important to remember that everything that happens at Post 21 is because of our dedicated group of volunteers. ALR Chapter 21 volunteers have for years been a critical part of our volunteer staff and thankfully they continue to do so. As we enter the holidays I want to personally thank every ALR member who has stepped up to lead and has step in whenever and wherever the post needed them. Without you, we would have had to close our doors a long time ago.

If you have not yet paid your American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, or ALR dues, please do so before December 31st so your membership does not expire. Each of you are important to us and we need all-hands on deck as we continue to recover from the pandemic and build momentum heading into the new year.

Linda and I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. God bless, be safe, and thank you for all you do!

Mark "Top" Clark Director, ALR Chapter 21

Thought of the Day

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New:

Death: Transfer: If you don't do anything stupid when you're young, you won't remember something funny when you're old...

— Unknown

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Saturday	d Dance – 7pm	11 Dance – 7pm	18 Vet's Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:30am Dance – 7pm	25 Christmas Day		
Friday	3 Boiled & Fried Shrimp Grilled Chicken Breast Music by Mike: 7 – 9pm	10 Spaghetti/Meatballs Garlic Breadstick Karaoke with Dee 7:30 – 11:30 pm	17 Fried Catfish Grilled Chicken Breast	24 Closed Christmas Eve	31 Closed New Year's Eve Dance Doors open @ 6:30 pm Band: õpm-Midnight	
Thursday	2 Open @ 4PM Post & ALA Mtg ~ 7pm Joint Potluck Dinner 5:30 pm	9 ALR Meeting 6:30pm	16 Open @5pm Chiefs @ 7:20pm E-board Mtg - 6pm	23	30	
Wednesday	~	Ø	15 BURGER NIGHT 5" District Meeting 7pm	22	29	
Tuesday		7 Taco Tuesday	14 Taco Tuesday	21 Taco Tuesday	28 Taco Tuesday	nut's Available)
Monday		6 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	13 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	20 Bingo Shack Bar Menu	27 Bingo Shack Bar Menu	Note: Food Served 5PM - 7PM (Carrvout's Available)
Sunday		5 Coin Show Open @ 5pm Chiefs @ 7:25pm	12 Open @ 11:30am Chiefs @ Noon	19 Closed	26 Open @ Noon Chiefs @ 3:25pm	ote: Food Served

TAPS

JACK G GREGG, DENNIS M HUFFMAN, JERRY NIKAS

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

DECEMBER 2021 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes" We have 67 members with December birthdays. We hope you enjoy your special day! 1@100, 1@98, 1@97, 1@93, 3@92, 3@90 The youngest will turn 34this month.

NEW MEMBERS

James Brines

TRANSFERS

Donald Besette, Paul Burford, Billy Griffin

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

If you have not paid your dues yet, now is the time to do so. If you know of someone that has not paid their dues, PLEASE ask them to do so. Remember, as of December 31, 2021, your membership is considered expired. Please avoid this from happening by renewing your dues. Thanks.

As of November 12, 2021, we have 761 members renewed. There are several ways to renew your dues, first is to pay online at https://www.legion.org/ second is to mail them to the post or visit the post and pay them in person.

Do you have neighbors near you flying an American flag? Would you like to receive a membership recruiting pin from the National Commander? Stop by the Post and pick up a packet of door hangers, hang one on the door of someone flying a flag. Make sure that you put your name in the recruiter spot on the membership application on the door hanger. It's that simple. If you get 3 members to sign up, you will receive a pin.

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.

The holiday season is upon us. I want to wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a very happy and safe New Year.

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

Burial.

Sens. John Hoeven and Kevin Cramer are calling on the Department of Veterans Affairs to open eligibility of state veteran cemeteries to members of Reserves and the National Guard.



FLY THE FLAG



Christmas Day, December 25

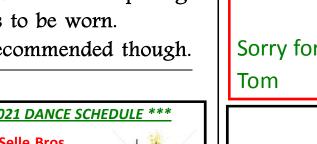


At this time we are not requiring masks to be worn.

It is highly recommended though.



Admission to Saturday Dances \$10.00



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Do you know a veteran or service member who could use a hand? Our food pantry is open to them on the last Saturdayof each month.

From 8:30- 10:30

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we will NOT be bell ringing this year for the Salvation Army. Our scheduled date was December 11,2021.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

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

Post 21 Website: www.moalpost21.org

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

The business below donates to and supports our Legion programs

Stoned Sylly Bead Weaving, Bead Art & Bead Jewelry Sylvia Tanner Cell # 816 305-0283 Stonedsylly@juno.com Legion Member	Fair Winds and following Seas Courtesy of a Navy Vet HY-VEE SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN LEGION 14170 East Highway 40 (at Noland Rd.) 1525 E 23rd St S Independence, MO 64055	With 40 Plus Years Experience With 40 Plus Years Experience "THE ADVANTAGE IS YOURS!" 18161 836-0893 Bruce Watkins Repair or Replacement of Doors & Openers
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