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POST EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING - January 31st

****POST MEETING - FEBRUARY 1st @ 7:00 PM****

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****ALR MEETING - FEBRUARY 8th @ 6:30 PM****

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING Every Monday @ 7:00 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 15th @ 7:00 PM

5th DISTRICT MEETING FEBRUARY 28th

THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE IN FEBRUARY See Page 7

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in FEBRUARY - See Page 3

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

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THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



February 2018

POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander	Mike Feliciano
1st Vice Commander	Ed Murray
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	OPEN
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 7:00 PM, 4 Jan 18, at the Post Home.

Commander Feliciano conducted the opening ritual.

1st Vice Commander Ed Murray placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain Bob Settles gave the opening prayer.

There were 8 officers and 27 members present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner read the Finance Report for the month of Dec. A motion was made by Mark Clark to accept the Finance Report as read. 2nd by Jim Davis. Motion carried. A copy of the last report is posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from Dec. were read. Early bird program was discussed. A motion was made by Mark Clark to approve the Executive Committee minutes as read. 2nd by Jim Davis. Motion carried w/one nay.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made by Jim Davis to accept the new members and transfers. 2nd by Rene Peterson. Motion carried.

There were 2 deceased members for the month of Dec.

· The Adjutant read correspondence.

· Committee Reports:

Bingo None however Bingo donated \$6000.00 to the Post. No dance report.

Officer Reports:

Bob Ford gave the ALR report.

Mike Sweeney gave the Service Officer report. The Post helped 2 families this month.

New Business:

For the good of the American Legion:

Mike Sweeney made a motion that Post 21 donate \$250.00 for the hospitality room at the Department Conference in February. 2nd by Mark Clark. Motion carried with 21 yeas and 5 nays.

Mark Clark made a motion to accept Ed Murray as 1st Vice Commander. 2nd by Mike Sweeney. Motion carried.

The 1st Vice Commander 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 7:45 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 1 Feb. 2018, at 7PM.



RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '17 -'18

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

My name is Dennis Carroll and I am the Location Manager of both the McGilley & Sheil Funeral Home and the Newcomer's Noland Road Chapel. I am a third generation funeral director and been associated with the funeral business most of my life. I would like to share with you some of the death benefits afforded to veterans who have been honorably discharged. To access these benefits the funeral director will need the veteran's DD 214 to accompany the necessary forms that the funeral home needs to complete. For those who have that document, share with your loved ones where it can be located, such as a lock box at the bank or a file cabinet at your home, etc. For those that do not have that document the Military Archives Center located in St. Louis can be contacted to attain a copy of that document.

When a family comes to the funeral home to make final arrangements for their loved one it can be a tedious process. There are many questions and many details that need to be addressed. When the question regarding military service is asked, many times the family has no idea about what is available to them nor do they have any idea where or what the DD 214 document is. Once they are made aware of death benefits they clearly understand its importance. ***I cannot stress to you enough to know where this document is located. It is required to access these death benefits.***

The benefits that are commonly utilized by the veterans that I have provided services for include burial of the veteran or spouse at most National Cemeteries. The burial space, opening and closing of that space, the burial vault, the marker and perpetual care of the space are all provided for veterans. This is valued at approximately \$5000 to \$7000, so the DD 214 document plays a very important and valuable role. In addition to these benefits the DD 214 will also allow the funeral director to request the flag that is to be used at the service and to request Military Honors for the veteran the day of the service. My advice to you is to know where that document can be found when the time comes.

I want to thank all the members that attended the Post January membership meeting. It was also nice to see the fellowship in the lounge after the meeting. It's very important for members to attend the Post 21 monthly meetings. In the months ahead membership will decide how Post 21, will be investing the revenue from the cell tower agreement. We will bring in financial professionals to speak at our monthly meetings to present their recommendations to our membership. I will count on Dennis Mooney and John Falske to recommend upgrade/improvement projects for Post 21. We are currently accepting bids for upgrading restrooms and replacing Post 21 information sign with an electronic LED sign.

Commander Mike Feliciano

NEW MEMBERS

Charles Crouthamel

TRANSFERS:

***George Burton, Clarissa Douthit, George Jones,
Steven Kellis, Joe Ketterlin, Harold Miller
Larry Moluf, Roland Norris, Rex Oldham
Donnie Weaver***



TAPS



PHILLIP R PAPPAS, EMORY C PARKS

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





AUXILIARY NEWS

February is turning into a busy month. We have our Department Spring Conference in Jefferson City on Saturday the 17th and Sunday the 18th. Spring Conference is focused on National Security and is a more informal meeting. Please try to attend as we plan on having great speakers and the Oratorical contest will decide who will represent Missouri as the winner moves forward.

Plan a special Valentine's Day dinner with a special dinner here at the Post. The menu includes Shrimp boil, potato, corn on the cob and rolls. Please make a reservation. The Auxiliary will be conducting a candy sale. (Auxiliary ladies—we will be asking for your favorite chocolate donation) You can't lose with dinner and chocolate all in one place!

We still need volunteers to work Bingo. Please see Lana or Marsha if you want to help even if only one Monday a month. Our problem is that you would have to be a member for two years—the Bingo Commission rules, not ours. Linda Vetter is taking Sharon Grotjan's Monday as Sharon's mother and father need more care. Thank you, Linda.

February is Americanism month. Wear your red, white and blue with pride. Official Flag Flying Days are February 12th for Lincoln's birthday and February 19th for Washington's birthday (observed). Flying your flag is a form of showing your commitment to National Security.

5th District meeting is Feb. 21 at the DAV on 40 Hwy. Please see me for more information and reservation.

Executive meeting January 31st - Weather permitting

Thank you for being a part of the largest women's service organization in the world. Your work to support our military personnel is noticed and appreciated.

Gayle Metzinger Auxiliary 21 President

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Meryl Ott

Death: Maxine Crook

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

We are in the midst of very cold weather! Riders are spending more time in their cages (that's what we call our cars/trucks). Safety is always first when we head out. The families don't care if we ride or cage it to honor their loved one. What matters is that we are there.

December was slow again for us Riders. We only logged around 175 hours. We did several missions as well as our monthly burger night and a wedding for one of our members!

We once again had the honor and privilege to sponsor four needy veterans families this Christmas. We traveled to Clinton and Warrensburg to accommodate two of them. It is always a rewarding feeling to see the smiles on the children's faces when we show up. Again this year we had one of our Santa's (Santa Bob Kurth) along with the deliveries. That is a special treat for the children of all ages! (Bob Kurth is also our member who got married this month!)

I missed working Burger Night this past month as I was busy with my Santa duties. It was nice to see some of you as I (along with my Mrs. Claus) at the first Saturday the Riders did the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. I even saw some of you as I was working Santa at Bass Pro. You can be assured that I will be in the kitchen for the next Burger Night toasting your buns to perfection! Hope to see you all there.

Speaking of Salvation Army Bell Ringing, thank you to all the Riders as well as other Post members who came out for this worthy cause. It is always a good time and we usually raise more money because we are entertaining!

(This is repeated from 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



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Greetings Members.

Not much to talk about this month, attendance at the last meeting was rather scarce. The good thing is that we're still plugging away.

At the the time I'm writing this, Membership is up to 67 and all of the memberships have been processed and Membership Cards have been mailed. If you have renewed and have not received your card, please let me know by calling my cell (816) 728-0468, text message, or leave a message at the post. When you do call please verify your address, phone number and email address.

As part of the renewal process this year we do need to collect some additional information such Cell and/or Home phone number, DOB, and Email address. Envelopes and cards will be provided in the Lounge for you to update that information as you can.

Those of you that are eligible to be Dual Members are urged to sign up for SAL, It's less an issue about paying more and more about paying respect to your parents' or grandparents' service. The same goes for your male children and grandchildren.

We are still looking for someone to step up and be the Commander of the SAL. You will be doing a great service to the post, local charities, as well as yourself. (It also looks great on a resume.)

We are always looking for a way to make money for the SAL and the Post, if you have any ideas, please feel free to forward them to me. If any of you also have a favorite charity that is either Veteran, or Veteran Dependent related, we would like to consider donating to that cause.

Hope all of you have a great Valentines Day. Till next month.



***FREEDOM IS NOT
FREE***

FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR FEBRUARY

Monday from 5pm to 7pm

- 2/5** Ham, potato broccoli casserole, roll **\$7.50**
- 2/12** Open faced roast beef sandwich w/mashed potatoes **\$8.50**
- 2/19** Chili w/all the fixins, cornbread **\$6.50**
- 2/26** Chicken noodle soup, salad bar **\$7.50**

Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm

- 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27**
- Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each
- or 4 for **\$5.00**
- Pulled Pork Burrito or pork nachos **\$5.00**
- Taco Salad **\$5.00**

Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm

- 2/7** Potato soup, salad **\$7.50**
- 2/14** Shrimp boil w/corn on cob & red potatoes **\$12.00**
- 2/21** ALR COOKS
- Bacon Cheese Burger night, fries, tots or onion rings **\$7.00**
- 2/28** Lasagna, garlic bread w/salad bar **\$8.50**

Thursday

NO FOOD SERVICE ON THURSDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Friday from 5pm to 7pm

- 2/2** Kyles Fried Chicken
- 2/9** Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy veggie and roll **\$8.50**
- 2/16** Snack bar menu
- 2/23** Whole catfish, cole slaw, hush puppies **\$12.00**

Saturday from 7:30am to 9am

- 2/10** Post breakfast **\$8.00**



PLEASE GO TO :
www.moalpost21.org
To see the new kids snackbar menu

VA Child Care Subsidy H.R.95

Caring For Our Veterans Act of 2017

Legislation pending in Congress would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide short term child care for veterans receiving mental health care at its medical facilities. The bill, the Veterans Access to Child Care Act, passed the House but is awaiting action in the Senate Armed Services Committee. U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), ranking member of the committee, said he would be pushing for the bill's passage and considering "all available options" such as passing it as a provision in a larger legislative package, which includes reform of the VA's Choice program, making its way through the full Senate. "We should invest in the children of our vets who often sacrifice even though they are not the ones in uniform because their parents need medical care resulting from normal illness or wounds suffered in service," Blumenthal said.

If passed, the VA would provide subsidies for child care, on-site care or direct payments to service providers. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the bill, if implemented, would cost \$96 million over the next five years. The Connecticut chapter of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America is soliciting input from Connecticut vets regarding the bill. A VA survey found that nearly a third of vets were interested in child care services and that more than 10 percent of veterans surveyed had to cancel or reschedule their VA appointments due to lack of child care.

Jason Walton, 33, of Middletown, a single father who served in the Marines for five years, said he tries to schedule his appointments while his 5-year-old daughter is at school. The bill would mean "one less stressor" for vets, he said. Walton, who said he has a service-connected disability, has three or four appointments per month between the primary care at the VA facility in Newington and mental health services at his local Vet Center. Occasionally he's had to bring his daughter with him to appointments and said that there are issues that vets might not want to talk about in front of their children.

"For veterans who are their children's primary caregiver, lack of childcare can keep them from accessing medical care at the VA. Especially for veterans with mental healthcare needs requiring regular appointments, this can have drastic consequences. The majority of veteran suicides are among those not utilizing the VA, so anything that we can do to get vets in the door can save lives," said Steve Kennedy, Connecticut team leader for IAVA, in an emailed statement. He pointed out that child care falls disproportionately on women, so providing child care could help to close the gap between women and men using the VA.

Women will make up 10 percent of the veteran population by 2020 and 9.5 percent of all VA patients, according to the VA, though Kennedy pointed out child care is not an issue exclusive to women. "We've heard from across our membership, moms, dads, and grandparents, that they would use the VA if they could bring their kids," he said. [Source: The Day | Julia Bergman | December 17, 2017 ++]

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Membership renewals are still coming in; however, the renewal pace has slowed. The Post is at 84.01% of the goal as set by National. That gives us approx. 1229 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. We have sent out renewal reminder letters to all members that have not renewed their dues. 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.

I have tried several times to ensure all email addresses are correct and I still get emails kicked back to me as undeliverable. Therefore, any and all emails that are kicked back will be deleted from the email lists. This will mean that you will not receive notices of happenings at the Post or the newsletter.

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 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.

If you have not checked out the new updated Post web site feel free to do so; the web address is moalpost21.org.

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**

FEBRUARY 2018 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 87 members with February birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

1 @95, 4 @94, 1 @93, 2 @92, 2 @91, 2 @90

The youngest will turn 41 this month.

The Results of the December 2017 Pool Tournament



1st Place
Gary Cordell - Jerry Tinsley



2nd Place
Pat Hillen - Joe Genrich



3rd Place
Bill Spotts - Gerald White



4th Place
Kenny Goad - Ron Bloomfield



FEBRUARY 14TH 7-10PM Mike Perez
FEBRUARY 28TH 7-10PM Mike Perez

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Mark your calendar for **FEBRUARY** Thursday night dance **4th Thursday** for February .
Oasis will be performing **Classic Rock and Country** so come on out and show your moves.

Wes Blake



FEBRUARY 2018 DANCE SCHEDULE

3	Country Oasis
10	Reddymen
17	Sweet Water
24	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

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