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POST EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING

- **POST MEETING - FEBRUARY 7th @ 7:00 PM****
- **AUXILIARY MEETING - FEBRUARY 7th @ 7:00 PM****
- **SAL MEETING FEBRUARY 6th @ 7:00 PM****
- **ALR MEETING - FEBRUARY 14th @ 6:30 PM****

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

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 IN FEBRUARY See Page 7

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in FEBRUARY- See Page 7

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

ST MICHAELS NAIFA LUNCHEON THUR FEB 28th >>>>>>



Veterans Luncheon

Hosted by NAIFA - Greater Kansas City
No charge for Members \$40 per guest - Reservation Required
Member and Guest Donations not required, but are greatly appreciated, make checks payable to: St. Michael's Veteran Center


February 28, 2019, 11:30 am
The American Legion
Trey J. Ford Post 21
16701 E 40 Hwy
Independence, MO 64055

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Featured Guest Speaker General Richard B. Myers



Retired U.S. Air Force General Richard B. Myers, a native of Kansas from Merriam, was the 15th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff serving in this position from 2001-2005. In this capacity, he served as the principal advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council. By law, he was the nation's highest ranking military officer. Prior to becoming Chairman, the general served as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for 19 months. General Myers joined the Air Force in 1965 through the ROTC program at Kansas State University. A command pilot, he has more than 4,100 flying hours, primarily in the F-4, F-15 and F-16, including 600 combat hours in the F-4. After retiring as a four-star general, he has returned to his home state and aims to serve as the 14th Kansas State University President.

Reservations
Members: Contact Jean Harrison 417.866.8006 or jean@clubmanagementervices.com
All Other: Contact Carl Kent 816.322.2059 or cwkent@comcast.net

Financial gifts from this event will assist homeless veterans at St. Michael's with basic apartment needs such as beds, sheets, towels, silverware, dishes, cookware, and on-site professional services.

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

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Dan Orr Chairman, Doug Vetter, Richard Conrad, Faye 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

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Treasurer	Ed Witthar
Judge Advocate	Larry Harrison
Historian	Linda Clark
Chaplain	Mark Clark
Sergeant-At-Arms	Doug Stacer
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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, January 3, 2019, at the Post Home.

Commander Witthar conducted the opening ritual.

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

1st Vice Mark Clark gave the opening prayer.

There were 8 officers and 21 members present. No quorum was present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of Nov 18.

- The Executive Committee meeting minutes were not read.
- New members and transfers were not read.
- There were 4 deceased members for the month of Dec.
- The Adjutant read correspondence.
- Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller. For the Month of Dec. 862 people attended the dances. A total of \$4241 was made. For the year 10,759 attended the dances and \$48,189 was made. Over the last 10 years the post has held dances 122,095 people have attended the dances and \$547,506 was made.

Bingo Report was given by Tom Tanner. A check for \$3000.00 was presented to the post by Bingo.

Don Decker gave the Legion Riders report. Don also mentioned the upcoming fundraising event For St. Michaels Veteran Center. It will be held on February 28, 2019 at 11:30 am. For reservations see the Business Manager.

Tom Tanner gave a membership report. As of 3 Jan 19 we have 1176 members.

Mark Clark discussed Boys State. The event will be held in June but it is not too early to get applications and or sponsor information turned in.

Mark Clark talked about the Post scholarship. This scholarship is available to a family member of a post member. See the finance officer or the Adjutant for an application.

Bob Ford presented \$322 to the post from the sale of memorial patches for Dennis Mooney made by Betty Ford.

- Officer Reports:
- Old Business:
- New Business:

For the good of the American Legion:

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

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

Commander Witthar conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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

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



We would like to thank all of
★ you for joining and
supporting our Sunday football
this year. We hope everyone
★ enjoyed it and had a great time!

★ ~ The Sons of the
★ American Legion



THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Legionnaires,

The holidays are now behind us, we should be looking forward to a great 2019! There are numerous events coming in the future, especially with this being the 100th anniversary of the American Legion!

The December and January meetings we were unable to vote on post business because we did not have the quorum required to do so! Without "U" there is no "US" and without "US" there is no "POST". Each and every one of you know of someone who needs a ride or would come to the meetings if they had transportation. Or even better hasn't been to a meeting in months! In February let's get our members to the meeting so that the post business can get completed and help get the Post moving forward!

Make plans to attend the St. Michael's luncheon on Feb 28th. More info will be passed at the Feb meeting!

Please remember those members whose health has started to get the best of them. It seems each and every day someone new is needing our support and prayers as they fight to overcome what ever it is getting them down. Our hearts go out to each and every one of them and their families during this time! God be with you all!

Thanks for all You Do!

Commander Ed Witthar

Semper Fi!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



*FREEDOM IS NOT
FREE*

NEW MEMBERS

TRANSFERS:

FEBRUARY 2019 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 100 members with February birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

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

The youngest will turn 36 this month.

TAPS



**VERN E AULT, ALLEN B BAGSHAW,
CARROLL C DAVIS, JACK E GANT**

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



AUXILIARY NEWS

NOT AVAILABLE

Marsha Mooney Auxiliary 21 President

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New:

Transfer:

Death:

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Happy New Year Post 21 Family,

The ALR has been busy. Our members played a significant role in supporting the Christmas Party at the Ozark Road Armory where we supported activity tables for the children and ran the raffle sales for the unit. Additionally we helped provide stock for the food pantry there at the armory supporting all local veterans. This was a very rewarding project for the entire Legion Family and we thank everyone who supported it.

We had our customary Christmas Party during our meeting on December 13th. Everyone enjoyed a relaxed atmosphere and catered barbeque dinner. Thank you to everyone who helped to pull that off and for all of those who made it out.

By the time you read this message we will have had the first of our Tenderloin Rides. We are going to sample and rate the best tenderloins in the local area and we will provide the results later in the year.

Post Burger Night will be February 20th and we hope to see you. The ALR provides the volunteer labor and the Post keeps all of the money. We are putting out some terrific burgers so plan to come out between 5 and 7 that evening and enjoy dinner in the lounge!

Until Next Month!

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LE-



We hope all of our members are starting to look forward to spring like we are. The football season is winding down, but since we are writing this in early January can't say for sure but hope the Chiefs made it. Either way there will be a huge tailgating party in the lounge Feb 3rd with Hot Dogs and Brats and lots of food and drink specials, come on down and root for your team!

January was a pretty slow month for the SAL. After an extremely busy November and December, we're starting our planning for next year.

Here are a few things we are considering:

This year we will be making regular donations to Heroes Home Gate, Boys State, Camp Valor, ROTC, the Boy Scouts. Run for the Wall but are looking for more ways to both collect funds and distribute funds. Your input is welcome.

We are looking for new ways to make money for our charities, either by raffles or cookouts. We are 100% volunteer supported and 100% of the funds we raise goes towards our selected charities. That said, we could sure use your help time and again. Please feel welcome to bring yourselves, and your ideas to our next meeting on Wednesday Feb 6th at 7:00 pm.

The newsletter is online, along with the calendar of events, and the latest news and updates. You can access them 24/7 on the Legion Web page at <http://www.moalpost21.org>. If you would prefer to receive your copy via email, please make sure we have your email address. Send an email to the SAL Adjutant, Keith Constance, at saladjutant21@moalpost21.org, with your current info. Please include your latest phone number as many members have dropped their land lines and have gone 100% mobile.

Know a veteran's family in need or a family with a member deployed that needs a little help? Let us know. We will do what we can.

Commander Daryl Wimmer

The Irish Divorce

A man in Ireland calls his son in London the day before Christmas Eve and says, "I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough".

"Dad, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer", the father says. "We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Leeds and tell her".

Frantically, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone, "Like hell, they're getting divorced", she shouts, "I'll take care of this".

She calls Ireland immediately and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Done! They're coming for Christmas - and they're paying their own way."

FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR FEBRUARY

Monday from 5pm to 7pm

2/4 Chili	\$6.00
2/11 Country Fried Chicken	\$9.00
2/18 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese	\$6.00
2/25 Tenderloin Night	\$7.00

Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm

2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26	
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

2/6 Wing Night	
2/13 Chili Dog Night	
2/20 ALR Burger Night	
Bacon Cheese /Mushrooms, Swiss burger, Fries. Tots, or Onion Rings	\$8.00

2/27 Garlic Ham & Cheese

Thursday

2/28 St Michaels NAIFA Luncheon

Friday from 5pm to 8pm

2/1 Bone in Pork Chops	\$16.00
2/8 Chicken Alfredo	\$15.00
2/15 Valentine Dinner	
Prime Rib	\$23.00
2/22 Seafoodd Night	\$15.00

2/9 Saturday from 7:30 am to 10am

Post BREAKFAST \$8.00



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www.moalpost21.org

To see the new kids snackbar menu



RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '18 -'19

Military Recruiting Update 12
Recruiters Banned From 1100 High Schools

The booming economy is creating a major headache for military recruiters charged with signing up qualified applicants for America's all-volunteer force, and a good number of U.S. high schools are making the problem worse, according to Pentagon leaders. Last week the Navy Secretary Richard Spencer complained to Congress that local school districts containing more than 1,100 high schools have banned recruiters from campus, thwarting access to a prime target group: 18-year-olds with a high school degree and no immediate job prospects. This makes it all the more frustrating that hundreds of high schools see military recruiters as a danger to high schoolers, rather than a help to find a rewarding career in service to their country.

"There's an excess of 1,100 schools in school districts that deny access to the uniformed members to recruit on their campuses," Spencer said in testimony before a joint session of two Senate subcommittees. "They're all throughout the country; preponderance up in the Northeast and Northwest," he said. "Whatever help anyone could do in helping us get the message out would be greatly appreciated." The Army failed to make its recruiting goal this year for the first time in more than a decade, falling short by 6,500 soldiers. The other services made their goals, but they are finding it tougher. "Any time you have a unemployment rate below 4.1 percent, historically, trouble looms on the horizon for both recruiting and retention," said Adm. William Moran, the vice chief of naval operations at the same hearing. "It's at about 3.8 percent, I think, now, so we are all expecting this market to get more difficult than easier."

The economy isn't the only problem. Many high school seniors have no interest in enlisting in the military, and of those who do, 70 percent aren't physically fit enough or are otherwise unqualified for military service. "It's getting harder. We used to make [our recruiting goal] before the third week of the month was out, now some places you're making it the last day of the month," said Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller. "[It is] not just the propensity of young men and women — do they want to serve in the military — but the percentage that are qualified for us to even talk to them, and that number is right around, or slightly below, 30 percent."

In response to a request for the "naughty list" of school districts where recruiters are not welcome, the Navy declined to specify which schools Spencer was referring to. "The Navy values its relationship with the various educational institutions around the country to include those cited in the numbers you queried about," said Lt. Christina Sears, a Navy spokesperson at the Pentagon. "Because their decision to allow recruiters on campus is part of ongoing discussions, it would be inappropriate to provide a list of these schools." [Source: Washington Examiner | Jamie McIntyre | December 16, 2018 ++]

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

I have been receiving lots of calls and visits in relationship to renewal notices. National sends out about 8 renewal notices a year. Approximately 30 days prior to the notices going out National sends the names of members that have not renewed to the printers. If you think you have paid your dues and you receive a notice, double check your membership card and ensure it is for the current membership year. The Legion membership year is from July 1 to June 30. If your card is for the current year, then simply throw away the renewal notice. We also get a lot of members that will send in a check to pay their dues when they have already done so, so we return the checks to them. The key is to double check your membership card. We are in Legion year 2019 now. Legion year 2020 will begin on July 1 2019. I hope this will help clear things up a little.

Post membership is at 1176 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 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. WE now have 740 email addresses for our members. If you have not sent me your email address PLEASE do so. 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 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

2019
DUES
ARE
DUE

TO THE LEGION MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 1176 paid members, but we can't get a quorum to take care of Legion business.

I can't figure out why there were so few Riders at the meeting. There were a handful (you know who you are) and thank you.

I challenge that pool room full of pool players on Wednesdays to come to at least 1 meeting every quarter. The reason you have the privilege of a place to play is:

1. You are a member
2. The membership from years back made it happen.

Guys, we have business that needs to be taken care of such as getting new members voted into the Post, financial problems to be solved and numerous other items of importance.

If feeding you after a meeting is your primary objective to make it to a meeting we.....ll what can I say?

EDITOR



February 6th 7-10PM Mike Perez
February 13th 7-10PM Mike Perez
February 20th 7-10PM Mike Perez
February 27th 7- 10PM Mike Perez

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FEBRUARY 2019 FRIDAY ROCK & ROLL DANCE SCHEDULE

February 1: Legacy
February 8: Route 66
February 15: Full Moon
February 22: Oasis
\$7.00 Admission
Doors Open 5:30 PM
Beverage & Snack Bars Open 5:30 PM
Dance Time 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Join Us & Have a Blast

Wes Blake



FEBRUARY 2019 DANCE SCHEDULE

2	Country Oasis
9	Reddymen
16	Sweetwater
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

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