



# The American Legion

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## FEBRUARY 2021



HOME POST OF PRESIDENT HARRY S TRUMAN  
CHARTERED MAY 1, 1921

**BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS: MON-WED 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**ADJUTANT OFFICE HOURS: MON – TUE 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**Due to COVID-19, Office & Adjutant hours will vary.**  
**Thank you for your understanding**



### Food Pantry Request List

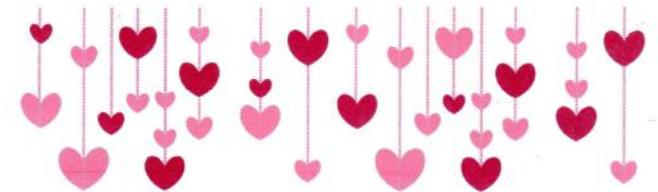
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| <b>Ketchup</b>      | <b>Soups</b>          |
| <b>Syrup</b>        | <b>Boxed Potatoes</b> |
| <b>Paper Towels</b> | <b>Pancake Mix</b>    |
| <b>Dried Beans</b>  | <b>Salad Dressing</b> |

Please bring all items to the post please. The Post is open Monday and Tuesday from 9 am till 9 pm. Friday and Saturday from 5 pm till 9 pm.

### Moved or Moving?

New Address:

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Add your new address above. then cut out this page and return it to the Post at the address listed on the upper left side of this page



## VALENTINE'S DANCE

Make plans now to spend Valentine's eve at the American Legion Post 21 listening and dancing to the **Reddymen**



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 PM – 10:00PM

ADMISSION - \$10 P/P



## THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



There will be no meeting in February. Will try to plan on one in March which is the first Wednesday at 6 PM The SAL renewals are due, please send dues to American Legion Post 21 office.

Daryl Wimmer.....Commander

A man went to a shop to buy a gift for his daughter. He asked the shop assistant: - "How much does a Barbie doll cost?"

The shop assistant replied: - "Barbie Goes to the Gym costs \$10, Barbie Goes Shopping costs \$10, Barbie Goes to the Beach costs \$10, Barbie Goes Skiing costs \$10, and Divorced Barbie cost \$200"

Surprised the man asked: - "Why does Divorced Barbie cost \$200 when all the other ones just cost \$10?"

The shop assistant replied: - "That's because Divorced Barbie comes with Ken's house, Ken's car and Ken's boat".

**Stimulus Check.** To determine the status of your second stimulus \$600 check go to <https://sa.www4.irs.gov/irfof-wmsp/status>. If the second Economic Impact Payment was sent to an account that is closed or is no longer active the financial institution must, by law, return the payment to the IRS, they cannot hold and issue the payment to an individual when the account is no longer active. The IRS advises people that if they don't receive the full Economic Impact Payment they should file their 2020 tax return electronically and claim the Recovery Rebate Credit on their tax return to get their payment and any refund as quickly as possible.

## Military Humor

**1. How many Air Force pilots does it take to change a light bulb?** One. He just holds it while the world revolves around him.

**2. How do you play Air Force Bingo?** "A-10... B-52... F-16!"

**3. What's the difference between God and an Air Force pilot?** God doesn't think he's a fighter pilot.

**4. Emergency management:** "Always remember that if one engine fails on a dual-engine plane, you'll still have enough power to safely reach the scene of the crash."

**5. Air Force Fact:** The only time you can have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

**6. An Airman and a Marine walk into the restroom at the same time.**

\* The Airman finishes up and heads out.

\* When the Marine is finished, he washes his hands and then catches up to the Airman.

\* "Hey, buddy. In the Marines, they teach us to wash our hands after we take a leak.

\* "The airman responds, "In the Air Force, they teach us not to pee on our hands."

**7. What do pilots and air traffic controllers have in common?** If pilots screw up, they die. If air traffic controllers screw up, pilots also die.

**8. It's 1955 at a SAC B-36 base and an F-86 pilot is requesting landing instructions.**

\* He is low on fuel and asks for priority.

\* The tower tells him he is second in line behind a B-36 with an engine out.

\* The Jet pilot's response, "Ahh, the dreaded 9 engine landing."

**9. How do you know when your date with a fighter pilot is half over?** He says, "Enough about me. Want to hear about my plane?"

**10. An F-16 comes careening down the runway.** It's anything but smooth — fishtailing and leaving a line of burnt rubber and sparks behind it.

Tower: "Need any assistance, Airman?"

Pilot: "I don't know, Tower, we're not done crashing yet!"

## THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Members and Patrons of Tiry J. Ford, American Legion Post 21,

Good news! We are going to start moving toward getting our post open, but we need your help to make it successful. Your participation in these events is vital for their survival. I will try to outline what we have planned so that you can plan as well.

For the month of February 2021:

Tuesdays (Starting Feb. 2nd, 2021): Taco Tuesdays. Lounge open 4-9pm, Tacos served 5-7pm.

Thursday, Feb. 4th: Post Business Meeting.

Sunday Feb. 7th: SuperBowl Tailgating. (Pending approval from SAL)

Wednesday, Feb. 10th: Legion Riders Famous Burger Night, Lounge 4-9pm, Burgers 5-7pm

Fridays Starting Feb. 5th: Lounge open 4-9pm or later if warranted, Dinner Specials 5-7pm.

Saturday, Feb 13th: Valentines Dance with the Reddymen, 7-10pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 17th: Ash Wednesday Fish Fry, Lounge 4-9pm, Dinner 5-7pm

For the most current information please monitor our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/alpost21](http://www.facebook.com/alpost21))

Or check out our Post Calendar on our webpage at [www.moalpost21.org](http://www.moalpost21.org)

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, your best way to contact me is through email at [CommanderPost21@gmail.com](mailto:CommanderPost21@gmail.com). I will get back with you as soon as I can. You can also contact the following Eboard Members or call Dorothy in our office, (816)373-0221. (Limited office hours, so leave a message if she is not there).

Senior Vice Commander Mark Clark,  
[mandlclark@comcast.net](mailto:mandlclark@comcast.net)

2nd Vice Commander Don Decker,  
[dondecker525@gmail.com](mailto:dondecker525@gmail.com)

Adjutant Tom Tanner, [tatanner2003@gmail.com](mailto:tatanner2003@gmail.com)

**Bob Ford**  
[Commanderpost21@gmail.com](mailto:Commanderpost21@gmail.com)

### NEW MEMBERS

### TRANSFERS

DAVID TRUE

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It seems like everything I do now days forces me to change how I had been doing things. If I want to go a store, I must wear a mask, 6ft social distance, and if I see a friend, NO hugs. For those of you who know me well, the hugs have been the toughest for me. If there is one thing that I have learned through life is change is as inevitable as rain in the spring. Some of us just accept it better and we put on our raincoats and splash forward. What we forget sometimes is change can be WONDERFUL. People improve their appearance, improve their marriage, get great new jobs, or receive good news. But here's the kicker, it doesn't matter whether you like change or not. Change will be taking place all the time with or without your participation.

Your E-board has had to make some tough business decisions during this unprecedented journey. They are trying very hard to get us back to some symbolism of business without breaking the bank.

My favorite go-to word in times like this is flexible. You see it is a mindset. I am not really changing. I am becoming flexible to the situation.

I am hoping with our new soft phase of reopening the Post, YOU will be flexible and participate.

Dorothy Ballew – Business Manager



MAKE THE  
RIGHT CALL...  
JOIN US FOR THE  
**BIG GAME**  
**SUPER BOWL**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7  
CLUB 21 OPENS @ 3PM

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SNACKS TO SHARE WITH YOUR TABLE

Being challenged in life is inevitable, being defeated is optional  
**Roger Crawford**



### AUXILIARY NEWS

As of January 6, 2021, our membership was at 76.28 percent.

Goal	Senior	Junior	Total	Percent
371	273	10	283	76.28%

If you haven't submitted your dues yet, please do. Dorothy is doing her best to keep up with the membership with the Post closed and I appreciate all she is doing.

Our February meeting will be held on February 4 at 7:00 p.m. The Post will be opening slowly, with meals, Super Bowl tailgate, and other events beginning with a Taco Tuesday event on Tuesday, February 2. Volunteers are needed in the kitchen, to help serve, clean up, etc. It will take the entire Post family, working together to get the post going again. The Post Calendar should highlight the upcoming events. Check it out, plan to attend and help the Post get back on its feet. Any meals shown will be available for carry out if you aren't comfortable staying at the Post yet.

We will not be starting bingo yet. I hope that we will be able to start back up in March. A lot depends on Jackson County and their rules and restrictions. We know that other halls have started back up, with tales of how many players have had Covid and what they went through.

Our primary concern is the health and safety of our volunteers and players. We want to open back up, we want to start making money for our veterans' projects, but we want to do it in a safe and healthy way.

We had an extremely successful food drive for the pantry on January 16. The pantry will be held on January 30.

Lana Butler, President

816-507-3033 or LMLeitner@yahoo.com

**MIDWEST POPPIES for PATRIOTS**  
*Serving those who served our country so faithfully*  
**2021 Calendar**

#### Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New:

Death:

Transfer:

### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



**NO INFORMATION SENT**

*Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director*

### FLY THE FLAG



**FEBRUARY 12TH LINCOLNS BIRTHDAY  
3RD MONDAY IN FEBRUARY WASHINGTONS BIRTHDAY**



# February

# 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <b>OPEN</b> Taco Tuesday	3	4 <i>Post &amp; ALA Meeting</i> 7PM	5 <b>OPEN</b> Special Menu to be announced	6
7 <b>OPEN</b> <b>Super Bowl Party</b> Club 21 3PM	8	9 <b>OPEN</b> Taco Tuesday	10 <b>OPEN</b> <b>Burger Night</b>  BaconCheese or Mushrmswiss	11 <i>ALR Meeting</i> 6:30 PM	12 <b>OPEN</b> Special Menu to be announced	13 <b>Dance</b> 7 - 10PM \$10 <b>Reddymen</b>
14	15	16 <b>OPEN</b> Taco Tuesday <i>E-Board Mtg</i> 6:30 PM	17 <b>OPEN</b> <b>Seafood Menu</b> Ash Wednesday	18	19 <b>OPEN</b> Special Menu to be announced	20
21	22	23 <b>OPEN</b> Taco Tuesday	24	25	26 <b>OPEN</b> Special Menu to be announced	27 <b>Food Pantry</b> 9AM - Noon
28						

Notes: Club 21 opens @ 4PM Food is served 5PM – 7PM  
 --Carry outs available - - 816-373-0221

**TAPS**



**PHILIP J GRECO, BILLY R VICKERY**

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

**FEBRUARY 2021 BIRTHDAYS**

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 58 members with February birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

1 @97, 1 @95, 2 @93, 2 @92, 2 @90

The youngest will turn 52 this month.

**FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK**

As of January 15, 2020, we have 938 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.

I am putting together a list of all members that have not renewed their dues for the 2021 membership year. Volunteers would be appreciated in calling these members to renew their membership.

With the up and coming reopening of the Post, if you have any ideas on events or activities you would like to see the post have feel free to let us know.

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.

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

Teacher: Why are you late?

Student: There was that old man who lost a hundred dollar bill...

Teacher: Were you helping him to search for it? How nice of you.

Student: Actually I was sitting on it, waiting for him to give up searching and leave.

**2021  
DUES  
ARE  
DUE**

**THE POST BUSINESS OFFICE SELLS OUTDOOR FLAGS  
ONLY \$25.00 FOR A 3X5 U.S. MADE FLAG  
OTHER SIZES CAN BE ORDERED.  
SUPPORT YOUR FREEDOM... FLY A FLAG**



### How the Scam Works

\* You post an item for sale online (BBB is seeing a lot of recent scam reports that mention Facebook Marketplace, but this applies to other services, as well). It might be clothes, a vehicle, electronics, or another item. You are contacted by a buyer who seems trustworthy, nice even. They offer you more money than what you are asking for. The reasons vary. The scammer may claim they want to cover shipping or other fees for you "because you've been so helpful." Or they may overpay through a digital wallet, such as PayPal or Cash App, claiming it's a policy of the service. Or they may mail a check for more than the asking price and then insist it was by mistake.

\* In any case, once you are overpaid, the buyer will ask for their extra funds back. After you've returned their money, you'll likely find the initial payment was false – the check will bounce or the buyer's online payment will be denied. You will have lost the money you "returned" along with the item you sold.

Do you know a veteran or service member who could use a hand? Our food pantry is open to them on the last Saturday of each month from 0900-1200.



**MASK**



**REQUIRED**

### **\*\*\*FEBRUARY 2021 DANCE SCHEDULE\*\*\***

6  
13 REDDYMEN  
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27

Doors open at 5:30 P.M.  
Dance Time - 7:00 P.M.-10:30 P.M.  
**Admission to Saturday Dances \$10.00**



**WEB SITE  
TO OBTAIN DD-214**

[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)**

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

 <p><b>Stoned Sylly</b> Bead Weaving, Bead Art &amp; Bead Jewelry</p> <p>Sylvia Tanner cell # 816 305-0283 <a href="mailto:stonedsylly@juno.com">stonedsylly@juno.com</a> Legion Member</p>	<p><b>TIM'S PIZZA</b> 816-478-0777 17201 E 40 HIGHWAY WE SUPPORT OUR VETERANS</p>	<p><b>ADVANTAGE PLUS OVERHEAD DOOR</b> With 40 Plus Years Experience "THE ADVANTAGE IS YOURS!" <b>18161 836-0893</b> Bruce Watkins Repair or Replacement of Doors &amp; Openers</p>
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<p><b>McGilley &amp; Sheil Chapel</b> 47th &amp; Blue Ridge Blvd. KCMO 816 353 6555 <b>WE HONOR VETERANS</b></p>  <p>Rich Carroll, Location Manager BMC Ret. USCG Res. Legion Member</p>	<p><b>WHERE THE HEART IS</b></p>  <p>Legion Member <b>Dan O'Neill - Realtor</b> 816-786-0317 REECE NICHOLS - EAST 5000 NE Lakewood Way Lees Summit, Mo 816-373-9292 Legion Member</p>	<p>Legion Member</p>  <p><b>JONES AUTO SERVICE</b> 9227 Truman Road Independence, MO 64052-1720 Serving Our Customers Since 1953 <b>PHONE: 816-833-1580</b></p>
<p><b>HY-VEE</b> SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN LEGION 14170 East Highway 40 (at Noland Rd.) 1525 E 23rd St S Independence, MO 64055</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$65.00</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$130.00</p>
<p><i>Medicare – Advantage Supplements Plan D Drug Plans</i></p>  <p><b>JOHN C. MARTIN</b> LEGION MEMBER</p> <p>P.O. Box 6783, Lee's Summit, MO 64064 Phone: 816-246-4840 Fax: 816-326-9025 Email: <a href="mailto:jmartininsure@gmail.com">jmartininsure@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.martininsuranceagencyltd.com">www.martininsuranceagencyltd.com</a></p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$130.00</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$65.00</p>
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