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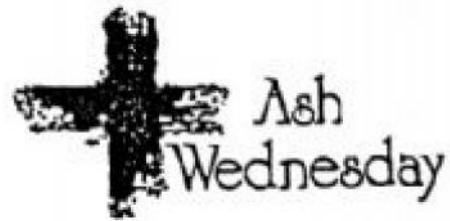
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BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
ADJUTANT OFFICE HOURS: MON - FRI 9:30 AM-3:00 PM
February Lounge Hours:
Mon-Sat: 2 - PM to 9 - PM
Sun Lounge Hrs: Closed - exception Feb 2nd Lounge opens @ 2 PM

FEBRUARY 26th



Fried shrimp, fried catfish filet or grilled fish filet with fries, slaw and hush puppies. Your choice for only \$10.00. Salad and dessert extra.



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 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



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 2nd 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, were starting our planning for next year.

Mark your calendars for March 29th. The SAL will be putting on another Rib Dinner and Music Bingo and will be having it in the Hall.

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, and 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, 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's to our next meeting on Wednesday Feb 5th at 7:00 pm.

Remember that the Dues were due in December and now all past memberships are delinquent. Still can make up the dues which are \$25 for adults and \$15 for 18 and younger.

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, 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 veterans family in need, a family with a member deployed that needs a little help. Let us know. We will do what we can.

Commander Daryl Wimmer

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Mark Clark called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, Jan 2, 2020, at the Post Home.

Commander Clark conducted the opening ritual. 1st Vice Commander Bob Ford placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain Doug Vetter gave the opening prayer. There were 9 officers and 31 members present. A quorum was present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of Nov 19. A motion was made by Bob Ford to accept the finance report as read. 2nd by Doug Vetter. Motion carried.

There were no Executive Committee meeting minutes. New members and transfers were read. A motion to accept the new members and transfers was made by Wayne Keller. 2nd by Ron Erickson. Motion carried.

There were 3 deceased members since the last Post meeting. The Adjutant read correspondence.

Committee Reports:

The Friday dance report were given by Wes Blake. The Saturday dance report was given by Wayne Keller. 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 1048 members renewed for the year.

Old Business:

Tom Tanner discussed the Salvation Army bell ringing season. The Post raised \$2638 this year.

New Business:

For the good of the American Legion: None

The 2nd Vice Commander removed the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair.

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

Commander Clark conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is February 6,2020, at 7PM.

-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
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THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

As Post Commander I often get asked why should I pay my dues if anyone can come into the lounge? The obvious first answer is the Lounge is not the Post. The lounge is just a one room in the Post that we use to meet with family and friends, invite new friends in for a good drink, or meal, in what I think is a first-class atmosphere. If you think the Lounge is the Post, then you are part of the problem we are trying to overcome.

Your American Legion Membership Card is not a secret pass into a secret room where only the handful of people you like get to meet. Your membership card is a visible representation of your membership in the greatest veterans' organization the world has ever known. For over 100 years Post 21 and The American Legion Family have been an integral part of the Independence community. That is because our loyal members who understand why we exist know we are not a bar, but a game changer in this community.

From helping local veterans who have fallen on hard times, to sponsoring Boys and Girls to Boys and Girls State where they learn to appreciate our form of government as a representative republic, to visiting veterans at the VA Hospital and Missouri Veterans Homes, to volunteering in our local schools teaching kids to respect our flag and our country, our members have represented us proudly in community projects both big and small.

The American Legion was responsible for the formation of the VA and continues to hold them accountable when they don't serve our nation's heroes well. The American Legion authored the GI Bill of Rights and saw to it that it was past and many of our members benefited from the education this benefit provided. The American Legion fought for and provided the final push so Vietnam Veterans could successfully file claims for Agent Orange exposure. The American Legion fought and won recognition of Gulf War Syndrome for our Gulf War Veterans. More recently they have demanded that the DoD and the VA recognized the ailments effecting War on Terror veterans from burn pit exposure. The VA was also the first veterans service organization to recognized and demand that women veterans get the healthcare they uniquely deserve. The list goes on and on and that is something we should all be proud of.

For 100 years The American Legion has led the fight for everything that most veterans take for granted, and most if not all of those benefits would never have been earned without the backing of The American Legion. This is why we belong. If you are looking for a bar

where only you and the people you know can get in, good luck. If, however, you are looking for an organization that represents your patriotic values that also has a first-class lounge where you can enjoy time with your friends and family, you need look no further than Post 21.

Having a nice bar is not why we are open. It is to support our community programs and to support the four pillars of our organization: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. That is why we belong and why you should be proud to call yourself a Legionnaire, an Auxiliary member, a Son of the American Legion, and an American Legion Rider.

It is a privilege to serve as your commander and I am asking each of you who has yet to pay your dues to stay with us. We need you and we want your ideas and energy to make us better. I hope to see you all at our next post meeting. Stay warm, be safe, and thank you for your continued service to our nation and Legion Family Members.

Commander Mark Clark!

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AUXILIARY NEWS

February Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and try to attend. We will be discussing plans for the Dessert Bar fundraiser, get updated on the Food Pantry, Girls' State and more. Please attend and make your voices heard.

The painters' union reworked the drywall, mudded and painted the tiny homes in Holden. They did a wonderful job. Next up, installing the cabinets, ceiling and bath fixtures. I hope that I will have a wishlist from Major Schwent that covers needs/wants for finishing the home and getting it ready for our first veteran.

The Post will be sponsoring a fried shrimp dinner on Valentine's Day. The auxiliary will be hosting a Dessert Bar fundraiser. Contributions for the Dessert Bar need to be delivered to the Post by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14th. Let's make this a great event for our Post and Auxiliary.

There will not be a VA&R luncheon in February. Be ready to volunteer and help in March. Linda Vetter has done a great job helping Marsha while Marsha is fulfilling her state President's duties.

There have been no entries in the volunteer/community services book since June 2019. It is the green binder on the counter in the Auxiliary room. Please make a record of your service hours and help get this book up to date.

At the January meeting we voted to sponsor a fish dinner the evening of Ash Wednesday, February 26. John Cuezze and Fred Denney will do the cooking and it will be delicious and reasonably priced. Come in and support your Auxiliary and have a great dinner. All proceeds minus food costs will be donated to the Auxiliary



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VALINTINE'S DAY FRIED SHRIMP DINNER AND DESSERT BAR FUND RAISER

DESSERT BAR



THE Marine Corps Genesis 1 Version — In the beginning was God, and all else was darkness and void, and without form. So God created the heavens and the Earth. He created the sun, and the moon, and the stars, so that light might pierce the darkness. The Earth, God divided between the land and the sea, and these he filled with many assorted creatures.

And the dark, salty, slimy creatures that inhabited the murky depths of the oceans, God called sailors. And He dressed them accordingly. They had little trousers that looked like bells at the bottom. And their shirts had cute little flaps on them to hide the hickeys on their necks. He also gave them long sideburns and shabby looking beards. God nicknamed them "squids" and banished them to a lifetime at sea, so that normal folks would not have to associate with them. To further identify these unloved creatures, He called them "petty" and "comodore" instead of titles worthy of red-blooded men.

And the flaky creatures of the land, God called soldiers. And with a twinkle in His eye, and a sense of humor that only He could have, God made their trousers too short and their covers too large. He also made their pockets oversized, so that they may warm their hands. And to adorn their uniforms, God gave them badges in quantities that only a dime store owner could appreciate. And He gave them emblems and crests... and all sorts of shiny things that glittered...and devices that dangled. (When you are God you tend to get carried away.)

On the 6th day, He thought about creating some air creatures for which he designed a Greyhound bus driver's uniform, especially for Air Force flyboys. But He discarded the idea during the first week, and it was not until years later that some apostles resurrected this theme and established what we now know as the "Wild-Blue-Yonder Wonders."

And on the 7th day, as you know, God rested.

But on the 8th day, at 0730, God looked down upon the earth and was not happy. No, God was not happy! So He thought about His labors, and in His divine wisdom God created a divine creature. And this He called Marine. And these Marines, who God had created in His own image, were to be of the air, and of the land, and of the sea. And these He gave many wonderful uniforms. Some were green; some were blue with red trim. And in the early days, some were even a beautiful tan. He gave them practical fighting uniforms, so that they could wage war against the forces of Satan and evil. He gave them service uniforms for their daily work and training. And He gave them evening and dress uniforms... sharp and stylish, handsome things... so that they might promenade with their ladies on Saturday night and impress the hell out of everybody! He even gave them swords, so that people who were not impressed could be dealt with accordingly. And at the end of the 8th day, God looked down upon the earth and saw that it was good. But was God happy? No! God was still not happy! Because in the course of His labors, He had forgotten one thing: He did not have a Marine uniform for himself. He thought about it, and thought about it, and finally God satisfied Himself in knowing that, well... not everybody can be a Marine!

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Carly Beard, Riley Beard, Reagan Craig, Martha F Aquino

Death: Billie Jean Sampson

February

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Club 21 Opens @ 2PM		2	Chicken Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Biscuit - \$9	3	Tacos & Potato Bar	4	<u>SAL Mtg. -- 7PM</u>	5	<u>Post & ALA Mtg. -- 7PM</u>	6	Boiled Shrimp, Red Skinned Potatoes, Corn on Cob, Roll - \$11	7		8				BBQ Hickory Smoked Ribs w/choice of (2) Freedom Fries, Cole Slaw or Beans - \$14	
		9	Chicken Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Biscuit - \$9	10	Tacos & Potato Bar	11		12	<u>ALR Mtg. -- 6:30 PM</u> Chef John's Fried Chicken Dinners \$10/\$13	13	<u>Valentine's Day</u>	14		15				BBQ Hickory Smoked Ribs w/choice of (2) Freedom Fries, Cole Slaw or Beans - \$14	
Club 21 Closed		16	Chicken Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Biscuit - \$9	17	Tacos & Potato Bar	18	ALR Burger Night \$8	19		20		21		22				BBQ Hickory Smoked Ribs w/choice of (2) Freedom Fries, Cole Slaw or Beans - \$14	
		23	Chicken Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Biscuit - \$9	24	Tacos & Potato Bar	25		26	<u>E- Board Mtg -- 6:30 PM</u> <u>Jam Session -- Club 21 --</u> <u>6PM</u>	27		28		29				BBQ Hickory Smoked Ribs w/choice of (2) Freedom Fries, Cole Slaw or Beans - \$14	
Club 21 Closed								<u>Ash Wednesday</u>											Sat Dances 7 - 10:30PM
			Bingo - Mon & Tuesday Doors Open @ 4:30 PM Bingo Starts @ 6:30 PM																Fri Dances - 7 - 10 PM Cover Charge - \$7 Karaoke - 8:30 - 12:30 Club 21

ALL MEALS ARE SERVED 5PM - 7PM

Snack Bar menu available Mon - Tue & Fri - Sat (5PM - 7PM) Fri Night Dance Times 7PM - 10PM (\$7.00) Sat Night Dance Times 7PM - 10:30PM (\$7.00)

Military Humor

Who Is Going to Afghanistan First?


Boudreaux, the smoothest-talking Cajun in the Louisiana National Guard, got called up to active duty. Boudreaux's first assignment was in a military induction center. Because he was a good talker, they assigned him the duty of advising new recruits about government benefits, especially the GI insurance to which they were entitled.

The officer in charge soon noticed that Boudreaux was getting a 99% sign-up rate for the more expensive supplemental form of GI insurance. This was remarkable, because it cost these low-income recruits \$30.00 per month for the higher coverage, compared to what the government was already providing at no charge. The officer decided he'd sit in the back of the room at the next briefing and observe Boudreaux's sales pitch.

Boudreaux stood up before the latest group of inductees and said, "If you has da normal GI insurance an' you goes to Afghanistan an' gets youself killed, da government pays you beneficiary \$20,000. If you takes out da supplemental insurans, which cost you only t'irty dollars a mons, den da government' gots ta pay you beneficiary \$200,000!"

"Now," Boudreaux concluded, "which bunch you tink dey gonna send ta Afghanistan first?"

TAPS



DAVID E BROOKS, ERNEST SCHAFER

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

FEBRUARY 2020 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 61 members with February birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1@97, 2@96, 1@95, 2@94, 2@92, 1@91
The youngest will turn 51 this month.

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

As of 2 Jan 2020, we have 1048 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. As of 1 Jan 2020, we have 183 members that have not renewed. If you have not renewed or know someone that have not renewed please talk to them and have them contact the post and renew their dues.

With the new year upon us I would like to invite all members of the post to do a Buddy Check. Everyone knows of a member that they have not seen or heard from in a while. Try to contact that member, find out if they are ok, invite them to attend a post meeting or a dinner at the post.

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.

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
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NEW MEMBERS

Durward Allen, Kevin Cochrane,
James Dillenschneider, Don Golden
Stephen Maginness, Jonathan Saxon

TRANSFERS:

William Carroll, Richard Carver, Steven Schrader,
Larry Trowbridge,

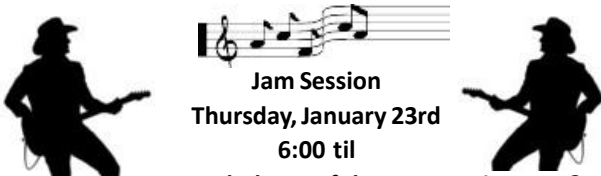


**FEBRUARY 2020 FRIDAY
ROCK & ROLL DANCE SCHEDULE**

February 7: Back River Band
February 14 Supermatics
February 21: Route 66
February 28: Hedz Up

\$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



Jam Session
Thursday, January 23rd
6:00 til

Have you attended one of the Jam Sessions yet?
If not, why not?
Come out and listen to some very talented musicians
sharing their talents with you.



FEBRUARY 2020 DANCE SCHEDULE

- 1 Route 66
- 8 Reddymen
- 15 Sweetwater
- 22 Reddymen
- 29 Selle Bros

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

SAVE THE DATE!
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
Rib Dinner & Music Bingo
Sunday, March 29, 2020
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Watch for details in the March newsletter




Do to circumstances beyond our control this will be delayed
Keep watching this news clip for further information

Happy Hour with 1/2 Price Appetizers
New Dinner Specials


Make sure you read your future newsletter for more details.

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