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### POST EVENTS FOR JANUARY

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING -JANUARY 3rd

POST MEETING - JANUARY 4th@ 7:00 PM  
AUXILIARY MEETING - JANUARY 4th @ 7:00 PM

ALR MEETING - JANUARY 11th @ 6:30 PM

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING Every Monday @ 7:00 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING JANUARY 18th @ 7:00 PM

5th DISTRICT MEETING JANUARY 24th

THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE IN JANUARY See Page 7

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in JANUARY - See Page 3

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

**CHILI COOK OFF SATURDAY JAN 20, 2018 IN THE LOUNGE. BRING IN YOUR BEST CHILI AND SEE WHO MAKES THE BEST. \$5.00 DONATIONS TO TASTE THEM ALL. 1ST,2ND,AND 3RD PLACE WINNERS. STARTS AT 2 PM AND RUNS TILL 6PM**

**LINDA ANDERSON**





### POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander	Mike Feliciano
1st Vice Commander	Open
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	Marge Neal
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, 7 Dec 17, at the Post Home.

Commander Feliciano conducted the opening ritual. Chaplain Bob Settles placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain Bob Settles gave the opening prayer.

There were 8 officers and 40 members present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner read the Finance Report for the month of Nov. A motion was made by Jim Davis to accept the Finance Report as read. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Everette Ellis. Motion carried. A copy of the last report is posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from Sep, Oct, and Nov were read. There were several issues voted on and passed. A motion was made by Everette Ellis to approve the Executive Committee minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rene Peterson. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made by Jim Davis to accept the new members and transfers. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerry Boardman. Motion carried.

There were 16 deceased members for the month of Sep, Oct, and Nov.

- The Adjutant read correspondence.
- Committee Reports:None

### **Officer Reports:**

Tom Tanner discussed the door key card situation. We are working on improving/updating the door card system. Don Decker made a motion to spend not more than \$1200 to improve the door card system. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerry Boardman. Motion carried.

Wes Blake gave the Bingo report. Wes presented the Post with a \$6000.00 check.

The Dance report given by Wes Blake.

Bob Ford gave the ALR report.

Mike Sweeney gave a report on the baseball teams.

Currently we have no managers for either team.

Cdr. Feliciano stated that we are going to use one week of the dance 50/50 pot monthly to help support St.

Michael's food pantry.

**New Business:**

Jim Davis made a motion for the Commander to sign the documents to proceed on the sale of the tower. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Everette Ellis. Motion was voted on by show of hands: yes-37, no-5 Motion passed.

Wes Blake made a motion to lower the number of members for a quorum from 30 to 20, and to be published in the Jan newsletter, and voted on at the Feb post meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Keene. Motion was voted on by show of hands: yes 23, no 12. Motion carried.

- For the good of the American Legion:

Mike Sweeney made a motion that Post 21 buy \$100.00 worth of 5<sup>th</sup> District raffle tickets. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rene Peterson. The Chaplain 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 8:38 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 4 Jan 2018, at 7PM.



**NEW MEMBERS**

Jack Crodsen, George Gray, Robert Gutjhar, Joseph Rogers, Justin Willig

**TRANSFERS:**

Edward Adams, William Arnold, Gary Bryant, Paul Chapman, Walter Crawford, Charles Graham, Jerry Fisher, John Gross, Kenneth Karl, John Kilgore Robert Peters, Kenneth Spring, Lex Swofford, James Thoms

**TAPS**



SAMUEL L BRIDGES, JACK CREEK,  
FRED DINWIDDIE,  
CHARLES J GREGOVICH,  
OLIVER W MULLIES, VERN D SCOTT,  
DONALD J SEIWALD, HOLLIS H SMITH

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

**THE COMMANDER'S CORNER**

The names on page 6 have problematic e-mails. It's imperative that this problem be corrected as soon as possible.

Please contact the Adjutant's office before the end of January 2018

(816) 373-0221.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Also, I want to thank the 40 members that attended the December meeting.

Gentlemen, this is your Post and by giving us your input you help us run it efficiently and profitable.

Grousing about all the things that are wrong doesn't help anyone.

**Commander Mike Feliciano**



**RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '17 -'18**

NOTE: POST CLOSED JANUARY 1 NEW YEARS DAY



### AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy New Year! It is a new beginning and time for us to knuckle down and serve our military personnel and their families. Our duty to serve is not just a Christmas concentration but a year-round opportunity to give our best. The Christmas families expressed their utmost thanks for the gifts they received. Food and gifts for the children were the most important items the families asked for. As a soldier would, they asked nothing for themselves but only for the children. We are honored to be of assistance.

January is also the time for reports as it is our mid-year point. Auxiliary members please get your committee reports to me. Our reports determine the course of funding from Congressional Committees. You may think that the four hours you spent distributing poppies does not amount to anything, however, there are 240 Units across the state of Missouri. If each Unit reported four hours, then that would equal 960 hours in service to our Veterans. Every hour counts. Every hour matters. See me if you have any questions.

We will begin our executive meetings as of January 3rd, weather permitting. We will leave a message on the answering machine for cancellations. Please check if you are unsure. January is the month we recognize Legislation and National Security. We will have a short presentation at our regular meeting.

Fifth District meeting is January 17th at 11:30 at the new DAV on 40 Hwy. By being a member of a Unit, you are automatically a member of the Fifth District. Please come to one of our meetings. We have a nice lunch followed by a short business meeting. Reservations are required. Call Helen Hatz at 361-4374 or 806-5358.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is January 15. We honor him for his work toward the civil rights of his fellow man. Dr. King gave his life fighting for the rights not only for African Americans but also for all Americans. I remember exactly where I was when he was assassinated. Do you?

Rejoice in this New Year where anything is achievable and may all your dreams come true.

**Gayle Metzinger Auxiliary 21 President**

#### Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

**New:**

**Death: Dorothy Van Hoy**

### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

Seasons Greetings! This is in the January Newsletter but I'm sure you will get this long before the Holiday Season has passed.

November was a slow month for us compared to our regular schedule. That is not all bad. Fewer missions mean that we lost fewer Heroes.

The Riders along with our Auxiliary have picked up 4 families this year. Two of them are out of town, Clinton and Warrensburg. The plan is to deliver the out of town families the day before Christmas Eve, then the remaining on Christmas Eve. I hope some of you can join us. It is such a rewarding experience. The families are always so grateful.

We continue to have a great turnout for our monthly Burger Night. We seem to be on a run of selling close to 90 burgers each month. Dennis Mooney cooks a mean burger and uses a secret method to get that cheese just right! If you haven't had one yet come early cause the tables fill up fast.

(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 to all, and I hope everyone has a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Sons of the American Legion is still in need of a Commander and Vice Commander. We hope someone will step up and apply. Truth is, the Adjutant (me) and the Finance Officer (Walt) do all the work.

This month we donated \$100 to Heroes Home Gate, and \$250 to the Christmas tree angels to buy a bed for a young boy, as well as presents from whatever was left.

Marc Brock, the Western Missouri Vice Commander for the SAL attended our meeting and gave a presentation on the history of the SAL and its importance. ""

For those that don't know, the Sons of the American Legion was Chartered after World War I, the war to end all wars, to continue the legacy of our forefathers. It was believed then that there wouldn't ever be another war, and we would continue the legacy of our forefathers.

Since then we have been continually helping veterans, veteran causes, and their families, as proud members of our ancestor's legacy.

**Keith Constance (Adjutant)**



**FREEDOM IS NOT  
FREE**

**FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR JANUARY**

**Monday from 5pm to 7pm**

- 1/1 POST CLOSED
- 1/8 Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, veggie & roll **\$8.50**
- 1/15 SNACK BAR MENU
- 1/22 Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes, veggie & roll **\$8.50**
- 1/29 SNACK BAR MENU

**Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm**

- 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30
- Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each or 4 for \$5.00
- Pulled Pork Nachos **\$5.00**
- Pulled Pork Burrito **\$5.00**
- Taco Salad **\$5.00**

**Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm**

- 1/3 Turkey Pot Pie **\$7.50**
- 1/10 Sausage & potatoes w peppers & onions **\$7.50**
- 1/17 ALR COOKS
- Bacon Cheese Burger night, fries, tots or onion rings **\$7.00**
- 1/24 Homemade chicken noodle soup & choice of grilled sandwich **\$8.50**
- 1/31 Lasagna w/garlic bread & salad **\$8.50**

**Thursday**

**NO FOOD SERVICE ON THURSDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

**Friday from 5pm to 7pm**

- 1/5 Spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread and salad **\$8.50**
- 1/12 Open face roast beef sandwich w/mashed potatoes & brown gravy **\$8.50**
- 1/19 Italian steak sandwich w/salad bar **\$8.50**
- 1/26 Chicken Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies & roll **\$8.50**

**Saturday from 7:30am to 9am**

- 1/13 Post breakfast **\$8.00**

**Saturday from 2:00pm to 6:00pm**

- 1/20 Chili Cook-Off Donation **\$5.00**

**PAY**  
**DUES**  
**ONLINE**

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**SECOND NOTICE**

**The following emails are still a problem. They are being kicked back for a number of reasons. It's imperative that this problem be corrected.**

**Please contact the Adjutant's office as soon as possible. (816) 373-0221. When the recording starts immediately PRESS 5. That takes you to the office phone.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

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

LAWRENCE ANTHES

ALLEN BAGSHAW

BOBBY BENEDICT

WALT BLANKENSHIP

KEVIN BRINDLEY

DONALD BROWN

ROBERT BURKE

ANTHONY DISTASIO

OTIS ENGLAND

DEAN FALCONER

GAIL FASSE

EDWIN GARDNER

GEORGE HERTLEIN

LYNDON HOFFMAN

CHAD JETER

ROBERT LAWRENCE

JOHN MARTIN

EDMOND McELLIGOTT

MARK MOON

JERRY NIKAS SR

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MATTHEW TRUSSEL

HERMAN WESTPHAL

ROBERT WILKINSON

WILLIAM WOODSIDE

LARRY YOUNG

**FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK**

Membership renewals are still coming in however the renewal pace has slowed. The Post is at 79.15% of the goal as set by National. That gives us approx. 1158 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.

We have been sending out email notices for some of the events happening here at the post but we have been getting a lot of the emails returned. I ask that if you feel you are not receiving email messages please check your spam settings to ensure correct delivery of the emails. If you have changed your email address or have not provided the post with an email address, please send it to me.

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**

**JANUARY 2018 BIRTHDAYS**

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 109 members with January birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

2@96, 3@95, 4@94, 3@93, 2@92, 3@91, 2@90

The youngest will turn 34 this month.



## HAVE YOU HEARD

### A MAN WHO KNOWS HIS MATH

I was riding to work yesterday when I observed a female driver, who cut right in front of a pickup truck, causing the driver to drive onto the shoulder to avoid hitting her. This evidently angered the driver enough that he hung his arm out his window and gave the woman the finger. 'Man, that guy is stupid,' I thought to myself. I ALWAYS smile nicely and wave in a sheepish manner whenever a female does anything to me in traffic, and here's why:

- \* I drive 48 miles each way every day to work. That's 96 miles each day.
  - \* Of these, 16 miles each way is bumper-to-bumper.
  - \* Most of the bumper-to-bumper is on an 8 lane highway.
  - \* There are 7 cars every 40 feet for 32 miles. That works out to 982 cars every mile, or 31,424 cars.
  - \* Even though the rest of the 32 miles is not bumper-to-bumper, I figure I pass at least another 4000 cars. That brings the number to something like 36,000 cars that I pass every day.
  - \* Statistically, females drive half of these. That's 18,000 women drivers!
  - \* In any given group of females, 1 in 28 has PMS. That's 642.
  - \* According to Cosmopolitan, 70% describe their love life as dissatisfying or unrewarding. That's 449.
  - \* According to the National Institute of Health, 22% of all females have seriously considered suicide or homicide. That's 98.
  - \* And 34% describe men as their biggest problem. That's 33.
  - \* According to the National Rifle Association, 5% of all females carry weapons and this number is increasing especially in California. That means that EVERY SINGLE DAY, I drive past at least one female that has a lousy love life, thinks men are her biggest problem, has seriously considered suicide or homicide, has PMS, and is armed.
- Give her the finger? I don't think so.**

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[www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/)

**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**



Mark your calendar for JANUARY

Thursday night dance 3rd Thursday for January Oasis will be performing Classic Rock and Country so come on out and show your moves.

Wes Blake



JANUARY 10TH 7-10PM Mike Perez

JANUARY 24TH 7-10PM Mike Perez

#### JANUARY 2018 DANCE SCHEDULE

6	Ranger
13	Reddymen
20	Sweet Water
27	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

**Post 21 Website: [www.moalpost21.org](http://www.moalpost21.org)**

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