



# The American Legion

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## JANUARY 2019



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**Monday - Saturday 2:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**  
**Sunday - CLOSED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

### POST EVENTS FOR JANUARY

#### AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING

- \*\*POST MEETING - JANUARY 3rd @ 7:00 PM\*\***
- \*\*AUXILIARY MEETING - JANUARY 3rd @ 7:00 PM\*\***
- \*\*SAL MEETING JANUARY 2nd @ 7:00 PM\*\***
- \*\*ALR MEETING - JANUARY 10th @ 6:30 PM\*\***

**POST E-BOARD MEETING JANUARY 17th @ 7:00 PM\*\***

**FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES 3 IN JANUARY See Page 7**

**SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in JANUARY- See Page 7**

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

**NO BINGO ON THE 24TH AND 25TH OF DECEMBER**

# JANUARY 24TH

# MEMBER APPRECIATION

# DOORS OPEN

# @

# 5:00 PM



### POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Dan Orr Chairman, Doug Savage. Walt Seigler, Doug Vetter, Fay 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

Director	Don Decker
Assistant Director	Dan Orr
Secretary	Suzanne Proctor
Treasurer	Ed Witthar
Judge Advocate	Larry Harrison
Historian	Linda Clark
Chaplain	Mark Clark
Sergeant-At-Arms	Doug Stacer
Road Captains	Open
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 Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, 6 December 18, 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 7 officers and 20 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 from 15 Nov 18 were read

- New members and transfers were read.
- There were 10 deceased members for the month of Nov.
- The Adjutant read correspondence.
- Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

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

Dan Orr gave a House Committee report.

Don Decker gave the Legion Riders report.

- Officer Reports:

- Old Business:

- New Business:

PA system amp broken. A replacement on the way.

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 8:00 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 3 January 2019, at 7PM.

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



We had 20 members show up to the meeting out of 1004 pd. That wasn't enough for a quorum. So in consequently, the ones who did come out couldn't participate in a business meeting. This is the most pathetic thing I've seen in years here in the Post. In essence, 30 members control how the Post is going to be run and the money spent. I've heard complaining from folks I've never seen at a meeting. (Stepping down from soap box!)

**Editor**



**1st Place**  
**Bob Long - Ernie Crews**



**2nd Place**  
**Gary Cordell - Andy Gatchell**



**3rd Place**  
**Ron Bloomfield - Bob Lane**



**4th Place**  
**Boyd Williams - Bill Spots**

Results of the December pool tournament. There were 16 contenders. Pizza served from Tims Pizza.

Pat Hillen

**NEW MEMBERS**

**TRANSFERS:**

**JANUARY 2019 BIRTHDAYS**

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 100 members with January 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.

**THE COMMANDER'S CORNER**

The holiday season is behind us! Hopefully everyone had a joyful holiday season!

All the events that we have had the past couple of months could not have been a success without the help from everyone! This was a complete family effort and everyone needs a heart felt THANK YOU!

Plan on attending the Membership Appreciation Night in Jan. More details to follow and will be posted. Lots of recognition to be presented so come out and enjoy!

We are still in need for some people to come forward and help in some positions the post needs YOUR help with. Areas like bingo, finance, kitchen, historian and others.

As we move into our centennial year let's make it one of the best we have ever had, it will take us all!

Thanks for Everything You Do!

**Commander Ed Witthar**

**Semper Fi!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



***FREEDOM IS NOT  
FREE***

**TAPS**



BILL CHESHIRE, JERRY W EVANS,  
LINUS E DREES, ROBERT R JONES,  
JAMES P KUHN, JOHN B NORMAN,  
AUDLEY L O'DELL, CLARENCE SLEDD,  
KENNETH STORMS, ROBERT L WILSON

*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: Karen Gibson**

**Death: Ann Medlin**

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**



**NOT AVAILABLE**

*Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director*



NOTE: POST CLOSED JANUARY 1 NEW YEARS DAY

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**



Greetings to All. This year will be a busy year with a lot of activities at the Post and helping other Organizations. The Son's have been helping the Legion working in the Kitchen and maintaining the Post. Want to Thank All Son's who have stepped up to make this happen. Takes a family of the American Legion to come together to make this Post a success.

Join us for the Football Playoffs in the Lounge. Come and enjoy the game with Hot Dogs and Brats supplies by the SAL and pot luck by the Legion family.

The SAL is doing a New Dinner Theater Restaurant raffle and tickets will be available at the Monday 50/50 and also with the SAL members.

We are processing 2019 membership renewals. To renew your membership either come by the post anytime and give your cash or check for \$20 to the bartender or one of the office staff, or you can mail it to:

**Tirey J Ford Post 21**  
**16701 E 40 Highway**  
**Independence MO 64055-5328**

**Attn: SAL**

SAL is wanting help with ideas to help support Veterans and other Organizations. Please bring Ideas to the January 2nd meeting.

**Commander Daryl Wimmer**



**FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR JANUARY**

**Monday from 5pm to 7pm**

<b>1/7</b> Meatloaf	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>1/14</b> Chili/Cornbread	<b>\$6.00</b>
<b>1/21</b> Italian Fried Steak	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>1/28</b> Soup & Salad	<b>\$6.00</b>

**Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm**

<b>1/1</b> CLOSED, <b>1/8</b> , <b>1/15</b> , <b>1/22</b> , <b>1/29</b>	
Tacos Tuesday \$1.50 each	
or 4 for	<b>\$5.00</b>
Pork Burrito	<b>\$5.00</b>
Taco Salad	<b>\$5.00</b>
Chips & Salsa	<b>\$5.00</b>

**Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm**

<b>1/2</b> Snack Bar Menu	
<b>1/9</b> Philly Steak Sandwch	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>1/16</b> ALR Burger Night	
Bacon Cheese /Mushrooms, Swiss burger, Fries.	
Tots, or Onion Rings	<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>1/23</b> Liver & Onions	<b>\$9.00</b>
<b>1/30</b> Snack bar Menu	

**Thursday**

**1/24 Member Appreciation Night - Doors open @ 5**

**Friday from 5pm to 8pm**

<b>1/4</b> Chicken Fried Chicken	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>1/11</b> Prime Rib	<b>\$23.00</b>
<b>1/18</b> Spaghetti Dinner	<b>\$9.00</b>
<b>1/25</b> Catfish Dinner	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>1/5</b> Snack bar Menu	
<b>1/12 Saturday from 8:30 am to 10am</b>	
<b>Post BREAKFAST</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>1/19</b> Snack bar menu	
<b>1/26</b> Snack bar Menu	

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**PLEASE GO TO :**

**www.moalpost21.org**

**To see the new kids snackbar menu**



**RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '18 -'19**

## DoD Lawsuit | Bad Paper Discharges

### Update 01 Federal Court Ruling | Proceed

Veterans forced from the Navy and Marine Corps for what they say were undiagnosed mental health problems will be able move ahead with a class-action lawsuit against the military asking for denied benefits, a federal court ruled 15 NOV. The move could affect thousands of so-called “bad paper” veterans who allege Defense Department officials unjustly ended their careers rather than deal with their military-related injuries. “This decision is a victory for the tens of thousands of military veterans suffering from service-connected PTSD and TBI who are denied the support of VA resources because of an unfair discharge status,” Tyson Manker, an Iraq War veteran and plaintiff in the case, said in a statement 16 NOV.

He called the court’s favorable ruling “further evidence of the Department of Defense’s disgraceful violation of the legal rights of the men and women who have served their country.” The issue of improper military dismissals has grown in prominence in recent years as studies show that veterans with limited access to military benefits face greater rates of homelessness and suicide. Veterans covered in the new lawsuit’s class would have little or no access to Veterans Affairs health care services, education benefits or other support resources because of their less-than-honorable discharge status. However, many of those veterans argue that the infractions that led to the end of their military careers were linked to undiagnosed post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, or other service-related mental health problems. They have argued that if supervisors properly treated those issues, they may still be serving today.

Between 20 and 30 percent of troops who served in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars have dealt with post -traumatic stress, according to Defense Department estimates. The new ruling will allow veterans advocates an easier path in demanding relief from the Navy, the service’s review boards and other related agencies. Last year, Pentagon officials ordered that those review boards use more discretion in evaluating veterans’ discharge status appeals when those cases involved “conditions resulting from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, sexual assault or sexual harassment.” Officials have said the goal is to make sure missed medical problems don’t result in lost benefits or support services. But advocates for those veterans say those corrections remain slow and erratic.

The National Veterans Council for Legal Redress, which is party to the lawsuit, said that in 2017, while more than half of cases to come before the Army and Air Force review boards were granted discharge upgrades, only 16 percent of cases before the Navy board received the same consideration. That has raised concerns from both advocates and the federal court that authorized the class action. More information on the lawsuit is available through the Yale Law School Veterans Legal Services Clinic, which is also involved in the suit. [Source: MilitaryTimes | Leo Shane III | November 16, 2018 ++]

## FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Post membership is at 1004 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. I have as of the end of October deleted 44 bad email addresses from the email list. 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 now 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**

**KEY CARDS WILL BE DEACTIVATED JAN 1 FOR DELIQUENT DUES**

**2019  
DUES  
ARE  
DUE**

## ALS Update 14 Many Vets With ALS Were Underpaid By VA in 2017

Almost half of veterans submitting healthcare claims for ALS through the Department of Veterans Affairs received the wrong benefits during part of 2017, an investigation found. VA Inspector General Michael Missal released the findings of his investigation 20 NOV, and they point to several problems for the agency that has been bogged down with controversies in recent years:

\* "The OIG found that [the Veterans Benefits Administration's] claims processing involving service-connected ALS needs improvement," the report's summary reads. "About 45 percent of ALS claims completed from April through September 2017 had erroneous decisions.

\* "These errors resulted in estimated underpayments of about \$750,000 and overpayments of about \$649,000 to a total of 230 veterans. These errors were due to the complexity of these claims. . . . Also, the OIG determined that VBA staff generally did not tell veterans about additional SMC benefits that may be available

\* "Without information about SMC benefits, veterans with ALS may not know about benefits available to them, or they may not be sure they are receiving the correct SMC benefits."

Looking at the numbers more closely, 430 of the 960 claims that were investigated had problems of some sort. The issues involved the VA either paying not enough money to veterans suffering from the disease, which was mostly the case, or doling out too much. According to The Washington Post, veterans with ALS can receive financial benefits of anywhere from \$36,000 to \$100,000 per year. [Source: NewsMax | Jason Devaney | November 20, 2018 ++]



January 2nd 7-10PM Mike Perez  
 January 9th 7-10PM Mike Perez  
 January 16th 7-10PM Mike Perez  
 January 23rd 7-10PM Mike Perez  
 January 30th 7- 10PM Mike Perez

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 TO OBTAIN DD-214

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

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 3381 Hours of operation 9:00 - 3:00 PM M-F



Beginning January 11, 2019 the Thursday night rock & roll dance will be moved to every Friday of the month. Throughout the year we have eight very good bands scheduled to play.

### JANUARY 2019 FRIDAY ROCK & ROLL DANCE SCHEDULE

January 11: Route 66  
 January 18: Full Moon  
 January 25: 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



### JANUARY 2019 DANCE SCHEDULE

5	Country Oasis
12	Reddymen
19	Sweetwater
26	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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