



The American Legion

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JANUARY 2020



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

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
ADJUTANT OFFICE HOURS: MON - FRI 9:30 AM-3:00 PM
January Lounge Hours:
Sunday: 2 - PM to 6 - PM



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Happy Hour with ½ Price Appetizers

New Dinner Specials

Make sure you read your February Newsletter for more details.



THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Greetings, I hope that you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Want to thank everyone in the Post who has supported us so that we could provide assistance to Veterans and families in need.

As a SAL Commander, I want to thank all the "behind the scenes" people who organize things, help us out, and make things happen, donate toward our causes, support us and never get recognized. In this season of giving, we deeply appreciate who do all this without getting anything in return. Thank you so much for your kind hearts and everything you do!

The SAL wants to thank everyone that has come out on Sunday Football games. The Lounge will be open for the Playoffs and Super Bowl Sunday.

Here's some of the things we did to wrap up 2019: We provided Christmas and Thanksgiving dinner for 15 homeless Veterans living at Heroes Home Gate.

Provided 8 gift card from HyVee to the Bingo Players Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner. **Commander Daryl Wimmer**

Sent 4 Boys to Boys State in Warrensburg.

Donating money to Camp Valor, Patriot Express and Jimmy's Medals.

Sound system and 2-70 inch TV's in the Lounge

Have a great year in 2020.



**FREEDOM IS NOT
FREE**

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, Dec 5, 2019, at the Post Home.

Commander Clark conducted the opening ritual.

- 2nd Vice Commander Don Decker placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.
- Chaplain Doug Vetter gave the opening prayer.
- There were 9 officers and 25 members present. A quorum was present.
- Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of Oct 19. A motion was made by Don Decker to accept the finance report as read. 2nd by Doug Vetter. Motion carried.
- The Executive Committee meeting minutes were read for the month of Nov 19. A motion was made by Wayne Keller to accept the minutes. 2nd by Ken Wood. Motion carried.
- New members and transfers were read. A motion to accept the new members and transfers was made by Kerry Boardman. 2nd by Randy Silver. Motion carried.
- There were 5 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 Regina Slade. A check for \$4000.00 was given to the post.

Legion Rider report was given by Don Decker.

Officer Reports:

Old Business:

Tom Tanner discussed the food pantry. The certification test has been taken and shelves setup. Walk thru inspection with Harvesters has been scheduled. Projected opening will be in January 2020.

- 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 January 2,2020, at 7PM.

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

As you are reading this we have put the holidays of 2019 behind us, and we are marching into 2020 with hopes of a happy and healthy new year. At the Post we are treading water finding ways to save money and to attract our membership and the public into the post to generate revenue.

This past year we have tried to revive past traditions and to improve every aspect of our business operations. We have replaced our kitchen staff and increased the quality of our food. We have expanding our menu by listening to our members. We brought back the Past Commanders dinner and for the first time we included the Past Presidents of the Auxiliary, the Past Commanders of the SAL, and the Past Directors of our ALR Chapter. It was a great event and brought together in one room the leaders who have sustained our post over its 100 year history.

One of the traditional events we brought back last year was our monthly breakfast. This used to be a huge social event where members of the post brought their families, their neighbors, and members of their churches to breakfast. It was an event to look forward too and was always the best value you could find anywhere in the city. Unfortunately our members have not supported this effort this time around so we are debating whether to shut it down and not waste the time and money to hold it. Your executive committee has decided that if we don't get at least 70 customers for the January 11th breakfast we will discontinue this event. We hate to do this but we have volunteers getting up early to prepare a breakfast that few are taking advantage of. If you want us to keep this event going, we need you to bring your family and friends to the post for breakfast on January 11th. We hope to see you there.

As we march into this New Year, we need you now more than ever. We are only as strong and engaged as our membership makes us. This past year we have had an average of 35 members attending our monthly business meetings. These members are making all of the critical votes it takes to manage our Post and its presence in the community. For a Post of more than 1200 members that is a poor showing. The more members we have engaged in our processes, the better we will be. We need your voice and we welcome all ideas that will make us better.

This past year we have come together to improve our post and I am asking for more of you to come back and help us keep the improvements going. We are going to be adding appetizers to our happy hour, and expanding the menu in the kitchen. Everyone has to eat, so why not bring your family to the Post and enjoy a great meal at a great price?

As an executive committee we are doing all we can, but at the end of the day you are the deciding factor. If you as a member don't support your post's programs, then there is little the

elected officers can do. We need you so won't you come out and support your post?

It is an honor to serve as your commander and for all of the volunteers who helped us keep the doors open I want to say thank you! Your effort to make us better and to save us money is appreciated more than you know. Also, to our members who come out and take advantage of the great value our post offers, thank you! We do this for you and we appreciate you hanging in there with us as we work to improve operations.

As we enter this New Year I pray the Lord bless each of you and keep you safe, happy, and well. I hope to see you around the Post!

Commander Mark Clark!

2020 DUES ARE DUE



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IT'S CONVENIENT AND IT ELIMINATES
A STEP IN THE PROCESSING OF CARDS**

AUXILIARY NEWS

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Merry Christmas and blessing filled New Year



I hope you each take time to breathe deeply and enjoy this season. Sometimes our lives get so hectic at this time of year, we forget that simple way to relax.

We've had a very busy holiday season so far. We sent out 70 large boxes to Missouri Guard members deployed overseas. The post family group that gathered to accomplish that task was amazing. Thank you to those volunteers and thank you to everyone who brought in donations.



**NO INFORMATION SENT
TO BE PUBLISHED**

The food pantry is coming together and we will need volunteers to help from the Auxiliary. A few hours a month is all we need, so if you are interested in helping with this Post family project, please talk to Tom or Dorothy. They will be using the former Commander's office with access through the back door of the post.

What would you like the Auxiliary to accomplish in the coming year? What volunteer opportunities would you participate in? As always, we need a few more volunteers for bingo. Just asking for 3-5 hours a month. We will need volunteers in the near future to paint the interior of our tiny home in Holden. Bruce and I went down and spent a few hours mudding drywall. The heat is on, so it is very comfortable no matter what the temperature outside. Camp Valor Outdoors honored the Auxiliary at their Sponsor Appreciation Dinner in November. What an honor to meet the warriors associated with that group, and they are so appreciative of our contributions to their efforts.

Wreaths Across America was held on December 14th at the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Higginsville. Honoring those who have passed is always a deeply moving experience and witnessing the expanse of the cemetery decorated in wreaths and gratitude is very special.



I wish you each a wonderful holiday season and hope the New Year is filled with joy.

Lana Butler, Unit 21 President
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LMLeitner@yahoo.com

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths
New:
Transfer:
Cheer
Death:

NEW MEMBERS
ROBERT LAMBERT
TRANSFERS:
JOHN AQUINO, STEVEN MCCROSSON

The Post Business Office and Lounge will closed Jan 1st

JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 POST CLOSED	2 7:00 PM AL Meeting AUX Meeting	3	4
5 9 AM Coin Show 2 PM -Lounge	6	7 Taco Tuesday & Potato Bar	8 7 PM SAL Meeting	9 6:30 PM ALR Meeting Fried Chicken Dinners, served w/potatoes, country gravy, green beans & biscuit \$10-\$13	10	11 7:30-9:00 Post Breakfast \$7 BBQ-Hickory Smoked Ribs served w/choice of (2) French Fries, Cole Slaw, or Baked Beans & Pi cles/Bread-\$14
12 2 PM-Lounge	13 Chicken Fried Chicken w/ pota- toes, Country Gravy, Green Beans, & Bread-\$9	14 Taco Tuesday & Potato Bar	15 5-7 PM ALR Burger Night \$8	16	17 Karaoke w/Barbie: 7pm - 10pm	18
19 2PM-Lounge	20	21 Taco Tuesday & Potato Bar	22	23 6:30 E-board Meeting 6PM Jam Session	24 Boiled Shrimp in our special blend of spices served with red skinned potatoes, cob corn & garlic bread \$13	25
26 2 PM-Lounge	27	28 Taco Tuesday & Potato Bar	29	30	31	

Friday & Saturday Night Dance Information On page 7
Saturday Night 8:30-12:30 Karaoke in Lounge
Bingo Mon & Tue W/ Snack Bar—Doors open @ 4:30

ALL MEALS ARE SERVED 5PM - 7PM



The Elf on the Shelf (Commander Mark Clark) jumped off the shelf and visited Post 21 December 7th to escort Santa & Mrs. Claus (1st Vice Bob Ford & Betty) as they stopped by the dance on Saturday night for photo ops. You know the Elf reports to Santa whether you've been naughty or nice. So give this some thought to this if you came up short on the presents during the holiday season.

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

As of 5 Dec, 19 we have 983 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.

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
adjutantpost21@gmail.com**

TAPS



LARRY D BELCHER, RAY T COX,
LOUIS M GARCIA, ELLIS C STORMS

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

JANUARY 2020 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 88 members with January birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

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

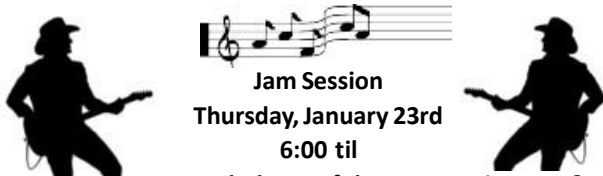
The youngest will turn 36 this month.

JANUARY 2020 FRIDAY
ROCK & ROLL DANCE SCHEDULE



January 3: SUPERMATICS
 January 10 LEGACY
 January 17: ROUTE 66
 January 24: OASIS
 January 31: SOULDED OUT
 \$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.



JANUARY 2020 DANCE SCHEDULE

4 Steel Country
 11 Reddymen
 18 Sweetwater
 25 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

The December pool tournament was attended by 16 of the best pool players in the region. Beer and Pizza from our favorite pizza shop were served. Below is a picture of the entire group as well as the winners.



1st Place

Ron Bloomfield-Jim Williams



2nd Place

Rick Graff-Pat Hillen



3rd Place

Andy Gatchell-Bob Long



4th Place

Bill Spotts-Gary Cordell

WEB SITE

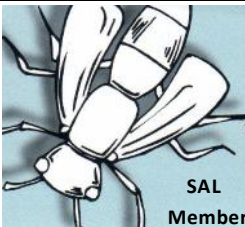





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www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/

Post 21 Website: www.moalpost21.org

VA AL Service Officer @ VA Medical Center, Ron
 McBee, (816) 922-2883 Phone or Fax (816) 922-
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