

**TIREY J FORD POST 21
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JANUARY 2022



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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Members Helping Members - - GET INVOLVED!

In order for the Tuesday night snack bar/Taco Tuesday to continue, we need kitchen volunteers for the 1 st , 2nd and 3 trd Tuesdays. An ideal situation would be 3 separate teams so no one is overwhelmed every week. Plus, we are not saying that everyone has to be a member to volunteer. These opportunities of volunteering do not just include cooking.

There are many needs for food prep.

We also are needing a fry cook for the Saturday dance snack bar.

Without volunteers stepping forward, the only alternative we have is to close the kitchen on Tuesday nights.

Please contact Dorothy at 816-373-0221 or alpost21manager@gmail.com or Tom Tanner at adjutantpost21@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you to help us all keep the Post active in 2022.

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January 2022

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING



NO INFORMATION SENT

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, December 2, 2021, at the Post Home.

Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual.

2nd Vice Commander Regina Slade placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

There were 7 officers, and 17 members present. A quorum was present.

Finance Officer Sylvia gave the finance report for the month of August. A motion was made to accept the finance report as read. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

There was no Executive Committee meeting for November 2021.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made to accept the new members and transfers. There are 3 new member and 13 transfers to the post. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

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

Officer Report:

The Adjutant gave the membership report. As of December 2,2021, we have 825 members renewed.

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

ALR report was given by Randy Bray.

Tom Tanner gave a report on the food pantry.

Old Business:

New Business:

For the good of the American Legion:

Kerry Boardman discussed the up-and-coming MAVO Rally in Jefferson City, MO. It will be January 25, 2022, at 8:30 am.

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

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

Commander Ford conducted the closing ritual, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is January 6, 2022, at 7PM.

**SAL Commander
David Breedlove
816-996-1597**

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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Members and Patrons of Post 21,

Happy New Year! It is my hope that you had a joyous and safe Holiday Season. Hopefully you were able to participate in some of the things going on at your post this last month.

IF you have been at the post lately no doubt you have noticed that we have new doors and new carpet in the entry, The only items left to do are have the outer doors tinted and we are installing additional guards under the canopy to eliminate the chance of another break-in like we experienced.

2022 brings with it the same challenges as well as some new ones. We are still fighting the pandemic and ask that everyone do their part to help us mitigate it's spread among our post family. Let's all stay safe to protect ourselves and each other. Most of us are in the high-risk group.

We have serious challenges in staffing our kitchen for Mondays and Tuesdays. As I mentioned last month, we are in danger of losing our Taco Tuesdays without some help. We need volunteers or even paid help. We can't pay a high wage but if you would be interested in picking up a little pocket change, we might be able to work something out. As of now we only have Taco Tuesday covered for one Tuesday a month and that is only until April. Let us know if you can help. Think about family members and friends to get them involved with helping veterans. You do not have to be a member to volunteer to help us.

May your 2022 be a Blessing to each and everyone of you.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Commander.

Bob Ford
Commanderpost21@gmail.com



Christmas for Whiteman AFB

On December 3, 2021, members of American Legion Post 21 delivered clothes, toys, 15 brand new bicycles, and \$6970.00 worth of gift cards to the Airmen of the 442nd Fighter Wing stationed at Whiteman AFB. The Post began collecting these items in October. Through the generous donations of the Independence Police Department, American Legion Riders Chapter 21, Unit 21 Auxiliary, American Legion Post 189, United Health Care, NAPA and the Car Santa, Blue Springs Fitness Center, the 6th District of the Department of Missouri, John W. Luff Elementary School, East Side Baptist Church, USDA, and several private donations the drive was a huge success.

On the day of delivery to the Airmen, there were members from the Wing including several of the units First Sergeant's. Sara Montgomery is the Wings Liaison and was instrumental in coordinating the efforts of the Wing and the Post to insure everything went smooth. The Wing has recently returned from Afghanistan. Some of the Airmen returned to find out they no longer had their civilian jobs due to Covid.

Christmas is time for friends and family and because of the donations of those listed above these Airmen and their families will enjoy a very Merry Christmas.



Did You Know

Have you ever wondered what people say or think when they visit Post 21? I would like to share with you some of the comments we receive via our credit card reports for 2020 - 2021.

“Went to a show in the building. Social distancing and masks required. Nice and clean hall. Well lit. Had lunch in bar area. Temperature checked at the door. Friendly atmosphere...GO CHIEFS.” (11/03/20)

“Wonderful people that make you feel right at home. The car show was great with awesome cars and trucks. Had a great time!” (9/13/21)

Great time playing bingo. The staff is great and we also enjoyed the food.” (4/6/21)

Comedian, Donnie Baker was hilarious! Great place to have shows or events. Great staff, clean and spacious environment. Fun people to be around, patriotic and proud atmosphere. Love it” (7/20/21)

AMERICAN LEGIONRIDERS



Hello Post 21 Family! It is hard to believe but it is now 2022 and a new year is upon us. The temperatures are colder but that will not deter the members of ALR Chapter 21 who will continue to volunteer at the Post and represent us at various activities throughout our community. The winter is always a good time for ALR Members to do off-season maintenance to their motorcycles and to spend more time at the Post fellowshiping with each other. It is also a good time to focus on health and fitness so that when the riding season begins in the spring we are ready to ride. So get off that couch and keep moving, it does a body good!

As we move into the new year I am thankful for each of you who volunteer your time at Post 21. Without each of you dedicating your time and energy to help out at the Post, we would have had to close our doors several years ago. With the rising cost of goods and services we simply do not have the money to pay staff to fill the many positions it takes to keep a post of our size open and operating. I know sometimes we can all feel burned out from all of the hours spent at the post, but your efforts have kept us open so we can provide much needed services to the veteran community in the greater Kansas City area. I can't thank you enough for all of your hard work and dedication, it is truly inspiring.

As we move into the new year we will face many challenges but together we will overcome them and continue to write the proud and impactful history of our chapter. I am excited about the possibilities of the new year, and I hope you will continue to participate with the chapter and continue to support our post as we seek new ways to improve our operations and increase the footprint our post has in the community. I am proud to serve as your Chapter Director and I appreciate all that each of you bring to our post family.

Linda and I wish each of you a Happy & Healthy New Year and look forward to riding with you in 2022! God bless, be safe, and we will see you around the post.

Mark “Top” Clark
Director, ALR Chapter 21

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New:

Death: *Lena Lammers, Jean Tice*

Transfer: *Nikki Green, Tammi Hancock, Lori*

Suiter

JANUARY

American Legion Post 21 816-373-0221

Note: Food Served 5PM – 7PM (Carryout's Available)
 Club 21 opens @ 2PM (Mon, Tues, Fri & 3rd Wed)

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Open @ 11:30am Chiefs @ Noon	3 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	4 Taco Tuesday	5	6 Open @ 4PM Post & ALA Mtg – 7pm Joint Potluck Dinner 8:30 pm	7 Boiled & Fried Shrimp Grilled Chicken Breast Music by Mike: 7 – 9pm	8 Dance – 7pm
9 Coin Show Open @ Noon Chiefs @ 3:25pm	10 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	11	12	13 ALR Meeting 6:30pm	14 Chef's Surprise	15 Dance – 7pm
16 Closed	17 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	18	19 BURGER NIGHT 5 th District Meeting 7pm	20	21 Fried Catfish Grilled Chicken Breast Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 11:30 pm	22 Dance – 7pm
23 Closed	24 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	25 Taco Tuesday	26	27 E-board Mtg – 6pm	28 Ham and Beans Songs by Jamie 7pm- 9pm	29 Vet's Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:30am Dance – 7pm
30 Closed	31 Bingo Snack Bar Menu					

TAPS



**JAMES L BUTLER, JOHN R FERGUSON,
JOHN R FORD, OLIVER E SCRIVENER,
HOMER P SHERIDAN,**

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

JANUARY 2022 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 84 members with January birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

1@99, 1@98, 1@95, 1@93, 1@92, 3@90

The youngest will turn 39 this month.

NEW MEMBERS

Rocco Argento, Ray Brown, James Easton

TRANSFERS

**Lloyd Bermond, Charles Kriha, Dennis Martin,
John McQuillan, Russell Meiser, Tuitoga Moe,
Chester Renshaw, Fred Schlie, Fredrick Searcy,
Jack Shawver, Robert Shouse, Andre Sidney,
James Watkins**

From the Food Pantry

The food pantry for the Post has been in operation for almost 2 years. During this period, we have been able to assist over 700 families with food to supplement any shortfalls in food. This year alone we have helped over 350 families. All of this could not happen without the generous donations of our post members, dance and bingo players, United Health Care, Heroes Care and Harvesters. This year the pantry received from Harvesters 7569.86 pounds of food to distribute to those in need. The total cost of the food received from Harvesters this year is \$420.60, so you can see this food goes a long way.

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

If you have not paid your dues yet, now is the time to do so. If you know of someone that has not paid their dues, PLEASE ask them to do so. Remember, as of December 31, 2021, your membership is considered expired. Once your membership has expired your name will be removed from the Post mailing list. Please avoid this from happening by renewing your dues. Thanks.

As of December 2, 2021, we have 825 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.

Do you have neighbors near you flying an American flag? Would you like to receive a membership recruiting pin from the National Commander? Stop by the Post and pick up a packet of door hangers, hang one on the door of someone flying a flag. Make sure that you put your name in the recruiter spot on the membership application on the door hanger. It's that simple. If you get 3 members to sign up, you will receive a pin.

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.

Interested in being a Post Officer? Give it some thought. Before you know it Post Officer nominations and elections will be upon us. If you would like to be an Officer contact Commander Bob Ford or Adjutant Tom Tanner. This is a great way to help support your post and insure it is still here for the next generation of Legionnaires.

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
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**2022 DUES
ARE
DELINQUENT**



Tuesday December 9 2021 Pool Tournament



1st Place

RICK GRAFF - PAT HILLEN



2nd Place

RON BLOOMFIELD - JOE PULLY



3rd Place

BOYD WILLIAMS - ED WITTHAR



At this time we are not requiring masks to be worn.
It is highly recommended though.

***JANUARY 2022 DANCE SCHEDULE ***



8	Reddymen
15	Sweetwater
22	Reddymen
29	Steel Country

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



Saturday December 18, 2021, American Legion Post 21 along with Santa presented gifts to a family that has fallen on hard times. The family recently moved from Arizona back to Missouri. The week prior the patrons of the dance were informed of the family's situation, and they donated \$600 to assist the family. One of the dancers acted as Santa's elf and shopped for all the gifts. The gifts ranged from a bicycle, to dolls, to stuffed animals. On the positive side, during this hard time the daughter managed to acquire a job and continue to be a role model to her 2 daughters. Merry Christmas to all

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2022

WEB SITE

TO OBTAIN DD-214

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) 922-3381 Hours of operation 9:00 - 3:00 PM M-F

The business below donates to and supports our Legion programs

 <p>Stoned Syllly Bead Weaving, Bead Art & Bead Jewelry</p> <p>Sylvia Tanner cell # 816 305-0283 stonedsyllly@juno.com</p> <p>Legion Member</p>	 <p>Fair Winds and following Seas Courtesy of a Navy Vet</p>	<p>ADVANTAGE PLUS OVERHEAD DOOR With 40 Plus Years Experience "THE ADVANTAGE IS YOURS!" 18161 836-0893</p> <p>Bruce Watkins Repair or Replacement of Doors & Openers</p>
	<p>HY-VEE 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 \$65.00</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$65.00</p>
<p>McGilley & Sheil Chapel 47th & Blue Ridge Blvd. KCMO 816 353 6555</p> <p>WE HONOR VETERANS</p>  <p>Rich Carroll, Location Manager BMC Ret. USCG Res.</p> <p>Legion Member</p>	<p>WHERE THE HEART IS</p>  <p>Legion Member Dan O'Neill - Realtor 816-786-0317 REECE NICHOLS - EAST 5000 NE Lakewood Way Lees Summit, Mo 816-373-9292</p> <p>Legion Member</p>	<p>Legion Member</p>  <p>JONES AUTO SERVICE 9227 Truman Road Independence, MO 64052-1720 Serving Our Customers Since 1953</p> <p>PHONE: 816-833-1580</p>