



The American Legion

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July 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
Due to COVID-19 office hours will vary.
Monday-Tuesday Club 21 Hrs: 3 PM
Closed Sundays



Bingo is back at Post 21!
Starting Monday, June 15th 2020
Doors open at 4pm

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the CDC, County and City guidelines the following will be strictly adhered to. We will relax restrictions as soon as we can.

- Social Distancing of 6' will be enforced
- Please wear a mask in the lobby, Kitchen Line, and Event Tabs for the safety of our volunteers.
- Only 125 players will be allowed to enter at this time.
- No reservation of tables.
- Families must sit in designated areas.
- Temperature will be checked before entering the bingo hall. (Must be below 99.5 degrees).
- If you are feeling sick, please do not enter the building.

Thank you and WELCOME BACK!

Your Bingo Committee

Moved or Moving?

New Address:

Add your new address above. then cut out this page and return it to the Post at the address listed on the upper left side of this page

HAPPY 4th of JULY

POST WILL BE CLOSED
JULY 3RD & 4TH

Here's the scoop...very hard to plan ahead as we do not know right now what the future holds for us and when we will be able to start dances and increase the # of people in the lounge to have live entertainment so we are strictly turning on a dime and using social media to keep the folks informed. Same thing is true about the meals.

Dorothy



JULY 2020

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Summer is Here to stay and I want to wisheveryone a safe Summer. Have a Safe July4th.

I want to thank the Sons of American Legion Members that have Volunteer for Bingo 50/50 and Kitchen helper the past year.

Bingo 50/50 is one of the ways SAL raise money for the Charities we donate through out the year.

June 3rd meeting Elected positions. Thank you for Stepping up and helping out for another year.

COMMANDER.....Daryl Wimmer

VICE COMMANDER.....Doug Savage

ADJUTANT.....Daryl Wimmer

FINACE OFFICER.....Walt Seigler

Historian.....Open

CHAPLAIN.....Michael Lapanne

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....James Stoneman

The Installation of Officers at the Post. Don't have a date yet when this was written. Will be held in the hall and the SAL Members are invited to the dinner and the Installing of Officers for the upcoming New Year of 2020/2021.

We are looking of ideas for how to raise money to help the Veterans and homeless Veteran this next Year 2020/2021.

Any ideas are accepted and would like to have many of the members to show up to our next meeting in August 5th.

We hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable summer as well as a fun filled and safe Independence Day Holiday.

Commander Daryl Wimmer

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Mark Clark called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, Jun 4, 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 22 members present. A quorum was present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of May 20. A motion was made by Kerry Boardman to accept the finance report as read. 2nd by Randy Bray. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from May 4, 2020 were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Ron Erickson. 2nd by Bill Nash. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion to accept the new members and transfers was made by Kerry Boardman. 2nd by Doug Vetter. Motion carried.

There were 18 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

Committee Reports:

Bingo Report was given by Daryl Wimmer. A check for \$2000.00 was given to the post.

Officer Reports:

Old Business:

Tom Tanner discussed the food pantry.

The response to the food pantry has been overwhelming. If you would like to volunteer contact the Adjutant.

There will be a Post Everlasting for all deceased members at the July meeting.

New Business:

Nomination of post officers for the year of 2020-2021:

Commander: Bob Ford

1st Vice Commander: Mark Clark

2nd Vice Commander: Don Decker

3rd Vice Commander: Regina Slade

Adjutant: Tom Tanner

Finance Officer: Sylvia Tanner

Judge Advocate: Kerry Boardman

Service Officer: Wayne Keller

Sgt-at-Arms: Brian Williams

Historian: Bruce Fisher

Chaplain: Doug Vetter motion to accept the slate as presented above by acclimation was made by Kerry Boardman.2nd by Randy Bray. Motion carried.

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 Clark conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is July 2 ,2020, at 7PM.



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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

A New Beginning

By the time you read this we will have reopened the Post and begun the slow march to recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic government shutdown. While the post was "closed" your executive committee was hard at work taking the necessary measures to keep our historic post viable and on good financial standing. When I was elected to serve as your Commander, I promised you that we would always put the best interest of our Post first and I feel like we made good on that promise.

During the post closure I applied for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan from the Small Business Administration that has allowed us to bring our furloughed paid staff back off of furlough and they have been integral in getting our food preparation and sales back up and running. This loan has allowed us to keep our head above water during a time of lost revenue and allowed us to function effectively without dipping into our strategic reserves. It is also a loan that we will not have to pay back as long as we follow the guidelines of the program. Our finance officer Silvia Tanner, our 1st Vice Commander Bob Ford, and our Business Office Manager Dorothy Ballew have been critical in making all of this happen.

During this time our veteran's food pantry led by our Post Adjutant Tom Tanner and his merry band of volunteers has remained open and has helped over 100 military and veteran families. Our Service Officer and Dance Chairman Wayne Keller has been busy working to get some of that junk out of our basement and is doing so in a way that will generate some much-needed revenue as we move forward.

Virtually every day since we closed our doors, one of your post officers or paid staff has been at work doing everything they can to make sure that when we reopened the post that we were ready to serve our members and our customers the best we possibly could.

I know this closure was hard on you all, but I promise you it will give us the opportunity to have a new beginning with new and exciting things to come. This is why it is important for each of you to renew your dues and to stick with us as we overcome this challenge together. As of this writing, we have more than 150 members who have not renewed their dues and honestly, we need that money right now. If you have not yet renewed your dues, please do so as soon as possible and bring in another veteran that you know from church, work, or within your community. We want to recapture the title "Largest Post in Missouri" and we are going to need your help to get there. I am counting on you and I know we can do it!

My time as your commander is winding down and our 1st Vice Commander Bob Ford will soon take the reins. I am excited for Bob as he begins his journey and I am committed to his success. Post 21 belongs to you the individual members and as an executive committee we have always put you first. I know Bob will continue this focus and with your help we can build the momentum going into a new Legion Year that will make our new beginning a great one.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me and for allowing me the privilege of serving as your commander once again. Serving as commander of our historic post is one of the greatest privileges of my life and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. I will remain on the executive committee to assist Bob and his leadership team the best I can.

As we launch our new beginning each of you will play a key role in its success. We need your energy, participation, and enthusiastic support of our programs in order to maintain the critical place we hold in the community. Many people in our community rely on us to provide a safe, fun, and supportive atmosphere and we intend to do just that as we begin anew in the Post COVID-19 era.

God bless, be safe, and I will see you all around the Post!

Commander Mark Clark!

**2021
DUES
ARE
DUE**



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AUXILIARY NEWS

WOW! Have you ever gone through anything like this pandemic? I certainly never have.

Despite the pandemic we have held a food pantry on the last Saturday of every month and two food drives. Food drives have been very successful and we have grown from serving 7 families on our first Saturday, to 40 families (112 people) in May. June will show more growth.

Our tiny home in Holden is almost complete. The pandemic really slowed things down there too. I hope, when we finally reach a dedication day, that several members will join me in Holden. We still need a name for the house.

We started bingo on June 15th. We had a good crowd. The hall was set up differently to accommodate social distancing, there were plastic drapes to protect the volunteers, gloves, masks, hand sanitizer and a touchless thermometer to take temperatures before anyone could enter the hall. We have limited attendance to 125 players maximum.

We need a budget committee to go over last year's budget and help make changes because we have lost three months income from bingo...12 weeks which equates to at least a \$6,000-\$8,000 loss. If things get back to normal (whatever that will be), we hope to get back on track with bingo, with our sew-a-thons, dances, dinners and meetings. Most of all, I am looking forward to getting back to seeing friends, sharing the camaraderie that is Unit 21 of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Take care and stay healthy.

Lana Butler, Unit 21 President
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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



In addition to our missions we will be taking more casual rides chasing down the best tenderloins in the area and maybe an ice cream to take the bite out of the Summer heat. Hopefully we will see you on those rides.

Our craft fair has been rescheduled for July 18th. Tell all your friends and neighbors to come check out the vendors in the hall. We will need a lot of volunteer support to have a successful event as well. Please try to come out and help us with our big fundraiser for the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Burger Night is also back on schedule on that Third Wednesday of the month. We need around eight folks to fulfill that mission each month. It's a direct give-back to our Post and it's always a big night in the building. If you can't help us, then please come out and eat with us and enjoy a cold drink. We need our Post and they need our support.

Congratulations to all the officers for 2020-21. I'm looking forward to another great year!

We still need a new Road Captain. Doug has done a great job for five years, but he is going to retire from the position and we really need someone to step into this role. If you are interested, please reach out to Doug or me soon. Doug can give you all the details on what it takes. Please consider this for the good of the Chapter.

Thank you all for your work with the breakfast and 40 Highway Clean-up in June! Your dedication to supporting your Post are essential to our future.

Thank you again for your continued support,

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New:

Death: *Delores (Dee) Underwood*

1917 Stats

The year is 1917 ... One hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the Year 1917 in America:

- * The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
- * Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.
- * Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub.
- * Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone.
- * The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- * The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
- * The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.
- * The average US worker made between \$200 & \$400 per year.
- * A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year.
- * A dentist \$2,500 per year.
- * A veterinarian between \$1,500 & \$4,000 per year.
- * And, a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
- * More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.
- * Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as “substandard.”
- * Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen, and Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
- * Most women only washed their hair once a month, and, used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- * Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.
- * The American flag had 45 stars ...
- * The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30.
- * Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.
- * There was neither a Mother's Day nor a Father's Day.
- * Two out of every 10 adults could not read or write, and, only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.
- * Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at local corner drugstore. Back then pharmacists said, “Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach, bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health!”
- * Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help...
- * There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.!

HAVE YOU HEARD

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love?'

You know, the one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

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Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he'd didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'



**Don't Forget - - ALR Burger Night 3rd
Wednesday of the month.**

See you there!

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 THERE YOU WILL FIND MORE POST 21 VET-
 ERAN HAPPENINGS AND A HOST OF OTHER
 INFORMATION FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE
moalpost21.org



FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

As of 4 June 2020, we have 1129 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. As of 4 June 2020, we have 122 members that have not renewed. If you have not renewed or know someone that has not renewed please talk to them and have them contact the post and renew their dues. The new dues year will soon be upon us. There is NO increase in dues for the upcoming year. Renewal notices should begin sometime in July. Please renew as soon as you receive your notice.

I would like to thank everybody that came out to volunteer to help in the food pantry last month. We are still in need of volunteers. If you would like to help, there will be a sign up book available at the bar. We will need at least 8-10 volunteers each month. The pantry is open the last Saturday of each month.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TAPS

- MIKE ALEXANDER, ROBERT L BLOOM,
- JOHN H BUSH, ELWYN L CADY,
- RUDY D CHUNING, JOHN F CLARKE,
- DONALD COMBS, ROGER L DILLEE,
- VERNON EASTWOOD, ALEXANDER J FETTERS,
- VICTOR M GRAHN, WILLIAM GRIFFITH,
- HAROLD E KLOTE, MARVIN J MOORE,
- RALPH E NOLAN, KENT I PALMER,
- WILLIAM E RODGERS, BILLY R SALYER,
- PAUL W SCHNAKENBERG,
- CHARLES E SLATTERY, JOHN R SMITH,
- WILLIAM A SPENCER, PAUL E STUFFLEBEAN,
- DON TONER, ROBERT TRUSTY, JAMES W WOLFORD



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

JULY 2020 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 90 members with July birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

- 1@100, 1@98, 1@96, 1@95, 2@94, 1@93, 2@92,
- 1@91, 1@90

The 2 youngest will turn 35 this month.

NEW MEMBERS

TRANSFERS

GEORGE CARPENTER

NO DANCES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

<u>JULY 2020 DANCE SCHEDULE</u>	
4	
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.

The first time I heard the phrase “social distancing”, I thought how is this going to work? How does a gregarious social person stay away from people? Well, just like all of you I quarantined, wore a mask to the grocery store and watched too much TV the first two weeks. Then I slowly went back to my “normal” routine minus my American Legion family.

When we began our Phase 1 reopen with carryout orders in May, little did we know that so many of YOU were missing the delicious food from the kitchen. I want to thank you so much for supporting the Post. Little did we know that many of YOU were also missing your American Legion family also. So what did you do but: order carryout and tailgate with your friends in the parking lot. And then with the generosity of some of our entertainers, they started coming up and performing in the parking lot also. Who would have ever guessed, we would have a 100 people having a great time together enjoying food, fellowship and entertainment on Post 21 parking lot!

As we entered our 2nd month of carryout’s, the June heat forced us into the main hall while still practicing social distancing – 6FT apart.

By the time, you read this we will have resumed bingo on Monday and Tuesday nights with Club 21 and the kitchen open. I challenge all of you to come out and enjoy a meal and support Post 21.

We are taking baby steps and making sure we are adhering to the CDC guidelines. The one thing I have learned through this is experience is there is no manual on how to maneuver a reopen of the Post. My go to phrase has been, “you have to be flexible”. Before this pandemic, we were doing great things and our business was growing every month. I have an extraordinary team and we will be back on top again! Hope to see you soon.

Dorothy Ballew
Business Manager

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LANA BUTLER-AUX**

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JULY THE 4TH

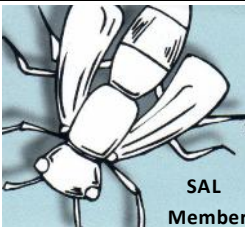



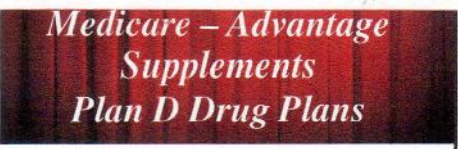
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