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POST MEETING - NONE IN JULY
AUXILIARY MEETING - NONE IN JULY

SAL MEETING - NONE IN JULY

ALR MEETING - JULY 7th @ 6:30 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING IN JULY AFTER INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

STEAK NIGHT - NONE IN JULY-AUGUST BREAKFAST BUFFET -NONE IN JULY-AUGUST

THE POST WILL BE CLOSED JULY 3-4

NO BINGO ON THE 4th OF JULY

DANCES - 5 Dances in JULY- See Page 3

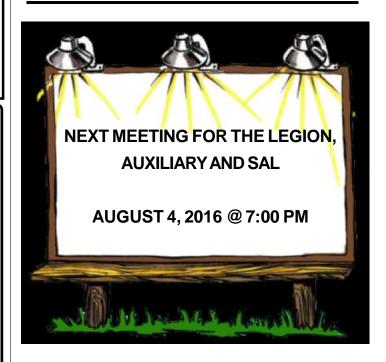
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JULY 29th AT 7:00 PM. THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. THERE WILL BE NO DINNER

THERE WILL NO MEETING IN JULY DUE TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION JULY 6-10 IN KANSAS CITY

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CINCINNATI AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 1



Salvation Army

School Awards

THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



JULY 2016

POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander Mike Feliciano 1st Vice Commander Ed Murray Noel Tyler 2nd Vice Commander 3rd Vice Commander Ed Witthar Adjutant Tom Tanner Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner Judge Advocate Wes Blake Historian **David Carv** Service Officer James Harris Chaplain Kerry Boardman Sergeant-at-Arms Chris Wehr Phil Greco Past Commander

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Americanism Chris Wehr Athletic Boyd Lighthill Bingo Marge Neal Boy's State David Bahan **Budget & Finance** Chris Wehr Cadet Patrol Norman D'Angelo Dance Wayne Keller Home Improvement Bill Nash Kitchen Bonnie Sweeney Newsletter Editor Ed Murray Oratorical Ralph Buchanan Patriotic Council Bill Liddle and Archie Hughes R.O.T.C. Mark Clark

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Mike Amerine

OPFN

Don Decker Dir. of Bldg. Oper, Bill Nash, Michael Keene, Dennis Mooney, and Tom Tanner

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President Gayle Metzinger
Vice President Suzanne Procter
Secretary Marsha Mooney
Treasurer Lana Butler
Historian Linda Clark
Chaplain Fran Myer
Sergeant-at-Arms Linda Vetter

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Vice Commander
Jim Williams
Adjutant
Keith Constance
Finance Officer
Lee Meyer
Historian
Daryl Wimmer
Chaplain
Kent Groom
Sergeant-at-Arms
Leroy Brugioni

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Director Robert Ford Assistant Director James Harris Secretary Suzanne Proctor Treasurer Ed Witthar Judge Advocate **Everett Ellis** Historian **David Cary** Chaplain Don Leming Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Orr

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Phil Greco called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, 2 Jun 16, at the Post Home. Commander Greco Conducted the opening ritual.

Chaplain Kerry Boardman gave the opening prayer.

1st Vice Ed Murray placed the POW/MIA Flag on the Empty chair.

There were 10 officers and 35 members present.

Finance Officer Chris Wehr read the Finance Report for the month of May. A motion was made by Mark Clark to accept the Finance Report as read. The motion was 2nd by Ed Witthar. The motion carried. A copy of the last report is posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 19 May 16 were read. Kerry Boardman made a motion to approve the Executive Committee actions. 2nd by Noel Tyler. Motion carried.

The meeting minutes for May were amended to read; Executive Committee meeting minutes actions were approved not the minutes. Motion was made by Mark Clark to accept the amended minutes. 2nd by Ed Witthar. Motion carried.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were approved as amended.

Officer Reports: None

Committee Reports:

No Bingo report was given, however Mike Sweeney stated that Bingo will donate \$5,000.00 to the Post. Dance report was given by Wes Blake. The dance profit for the month of May was \$4881.00.

James Harris presented the Post with \$460.00 proceeds from the Post sponsored car show.

Boys State departs Post at 1400 hrs. 18 Jun. We are sponsoring a boy from Central High School and the Post collected \$ 156.00 to aid him at Boys State.

Cadet Patrol nominees for this year were 6 and all got into the program.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made by Kerry Boardman, 2nd by Mike Alexander and carried by voice vote to accept the new members.

There were 3 deceased members for the month of May.

David Cary and Mike Amerine were nominated for the post of Historian. Mike Amerine withdrew his name from contention. A motion was made by Mark Clark to elect David Cary to the post of Historian by acclamation. 2nd by Ed Witthar. Motion carried.

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Kerry Boardman made a motion to accept the list of delegates for the Department Convention. 2nd by Mark Clark. Motion carried.

Adjutant read correspondence.

New Business: None

For the good of The American Legion: ALR Director Dennis Mooney gave a report on what the Legion riders have participated in for the month of May. Dennis Mooney gave the numbers for the chapter for the year. They are as follows:

- Volunteer hours 10785
- Miles ridden 128557
- · People attending missions 1339
- Money donated/raised \$58,953
- Dennis Mooney presented the Post with a check for \$250.00 for the hospitality room at Convention.

Mark Clark presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Post from the National Commander for our participation in the revitalization program.

The Post presented all Vietnam Veterans with a special 50th anniversary pin and proclamation signed by the President of the United States for their service to this Country.

Cmdr Greco presented Mike Sweeney and Tom Tanner with membership recruiting pins for 2016.

The 1st Vice removed the POW/Mia Flag from the empty chair.

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

Commander Greco conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 4 August 2016, at 7PM.



POST 21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
3RD THURSDAY EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM
AUXILIARY UNIT 21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING: NONE IN JULY

TAPS

Lloyd E Jones, Raymond L Schiefelbein, Kenneth R Wilson, Richard L Wilson,

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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings to all my fellow Legionnaires.

Well this is my last article as Commander. I am so honored to have served this Post for two terms.

Not one day has gone by that I haven't marveled at the spirit, generosity, and the work ethic that our Legion Family members provide this Post.

We have made progress slowing down the cash outflow from the post, but we still need to cut expenses everywhere we can and to find ways to increase participation and membership.

Mike Feliciano will be taking over as Post Commander at the end of the month. I know Mike will do a great job as Commander. We are working to provide a seamless transition. In June we had a joint old/new Eboard meeting to let the new members of the board observe the process.

In closing, God Bless you all and thanks for your support and friendship these past two years.

> Phil Greco Post 21 Commander

I'm so old

that I have actually dialed a rotary phone before, while listening to an 8 track, next to a black and white TV with aluminum foil on its rabbit ears.

JULY 2016 DANCE SCHEDULE

- 2 Dixie Cadillacs
- 9 Reddymen
- 16 Sweetwater
- 23 Reddymen
- 30 Ranger

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

AUXILIARY NEWS



Auxiliary Unit 21 held their latest meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2016 with a good turnout of members present along with a guest. Dorothy Ballew, membership chairman, invited the new members who had joined our Unit since August 1,

2015 to the annual initiation ceremony. These new members received a flag, a pamphlet on flag etiquette, a copy of the Unit's Constitution & Bylaws, a poppy and their membership pin. All the work Dorothy did to prepare and send out the invitations and plan the ceremony is greatly appreciated. Thank you Dorothy.

The proposed Constitution & Bylaw changes submitted by Gayle Metzinger, Chairman of the Constitution & Bylaws committee, were read and discussed. The proposed changes were also printed in the June newsletter. The changes to Unit 21's Constitution & Bylaws were voted upon and passed by all.

Delegates for our state convention were signed up. The State Convention will be held here in Kansas City at the Embassy Suites Hotel by the airport beginning on July 8th and ending on July 10th. Even if you did not sign up to be a delegate, please take time to visit the convention. We believe you will be pleasantly surprised with how much fun you will have and how many wonderful people you will meet.

Monica Whitman Geiger gave a report on Stand Down which was just held and how good it turned out. Monica also gave a report on the coupons our unit sends to the commissaries overseas. Thank you everyone who clips the coupons and brings them into us. Monica does a wonderful job of packaging the coupons and mailing them to the various commissaries. Thank you Monica.

Judy Nash, chairman of our Poppy committee gave a report on Poppy Days. Judy and all of the volunteers who worked on this program did a great job as usual. Thank you Judy, Faye, Maxine and all of the other numerous volunteers for taking time to work this project.

There will not be a meeting in July. The next regular Auxiliary Unit 21 meeting will be held on August 4th at 7:00 P.M. Please make plans now to attend this meeting and support our new officers. Your new President is Gayle Metzinger. If you do not know Gayle, this will be your opportunity to meet her. Thank you for letting me serve you for the past two years.

Bonnie Sweeney
Auxiliary Unit 21 President

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Clara Baker, Mary Ann Creech, Elaine Dodson, Shelley L. Starr.

Transfers:

Deaths: MIYO EDWARDS

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings to All, July is the end of the Legion year with State Convention and Installation of next year's Officers. The last has passed so fast and we have

accomplished a lot. We have submitted our Consolidated Report for the last year. The totals were 10,785 hours, money and in kind donations \$58,953, 128,557 miles, 1,236 bikes and 1,339 people. We have been on the go all year long.

It has been an honor to have served you as Director the last 2 years. The job is not hard when you have the support of the members. Remember one can move a stone, but many can move a mountain.

We have a great group of new officers coming in and they will continue to lead our Chapter on as we continue our mission to help veterans, military and their families.

Thank you all for your support,

Dennis Mooney - ALR Director

VA Luncheon will be held Thursday, July 14th. Our main dish will be Lasagna. We will also need side dishes and desserts. Please call Mary Smith at 816-350-3602 if you can contribute.

Marsha Mooney



It is that time of year again when grass is growing and with all the rain this year, it is great that we have Walt Seigler to keep it mowed for us. Walt(a SAL member) volunteers his time and mowers to keep our Post looking nice. If you see Walt "thank him" or if he is zipping along on his mower give him a wave. Also Lee Meyer (a SAL member) weedeats the part of the grass that the mowers can't get to. We appreciate both of you giving your time in keeping our Post looking good. Also, a "thank you" to Judy Roberts who donated and planted perennials in the front flower beds. We hope to have some other projects going to make our Post looking good.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



As my term comes to an end, I am proud to be a part of a small group of people who stepped up to make all this year's SAL events successful. We could not have done it without you! I will continue to support our SAL efforts in the upcoming year, as we work to support our Veterans.

Our membership for the year is up slightly, so we achieved our goal. However, it is still a struggle to get new members who participate. We hope everyone will share Post membership info any time you can.

On Flag Day, the SAL attended a ceremony at the Korean War Memorial to place John Williams' commemorative brick. We escorted his wife, Eva Mae, there and were proud to memorialize our SAL member in this manner.

A special thanks to Jim Williams, who has served as our Adjutant for the last couple of years. As he steps down, we wanted to be sure he knows how much his efforts at membership and keeping the member records straight was appreciated! Another special thanks goes to Jim Coldwell, who was our Finance Officer for many years. We also appreciated his great bookkeeping and recordkeeping!

I want to say a special thanks to the Hy-Vee manager, Paul Hoppman, who repeatedly supported the SAL and Post 21 in our fundraising efforts over the last several years. He is moving to another state and he will be missed.

Have a great 4th of July holiday!

......Mike Lapanne, SAL Commander



FOOD SERVICE MENUS FOR JULY

Monday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M.

7/11 Country Fried Steak or Tenderloin,

Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Steamed Veggies & a Roll \$8.00

7/18 Brisket Sandwich, Fries & Baked Beans \$8.00

7/25 Smothered Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes,

Gravy, Green Beans and a Dinner Roll \$8.00

ABOVE MEALS INCLUDE SALAD BAR

Tuesday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M.

7/5 No Special – Snack Bar Menu Available

7/12 Ground Beef Tacos \$1.00 each; Refried Beans \$1.00

Nachos & Cheese \$2.50

7/19 3 Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy &

Green Beans \$6.50

7/26 Bacon Cheeseburger, Fries & Fresh Fruit \$6.50

SNACK BAR MENUALSO AVAILABLE ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS

Wednesday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M.

7/13 Bacon Cheeseburger or Mushroom Swiss Burger with

your choice of Fries, Tater Tots or Onion Rings \$5.75

7/20 Tenderloin or Fish Sandwich with your choice of Fries,

Tater Tots or Onion Rings \$5.75

7/27 Taco & Hot Dog Buffet – All You Care To Eat

Build your own Tacos, Taco Salad, Nachos,

Refried Beans & Hotdogs/Chili \$6.50

Come on out to the lounge on Thursday, July 21st and enjoy listening to the jam session from 6PM - 9PM. Bring a friend.

The results of the Dick Williams Memorial Pool Tournament that was held May 11, 2016. A great time was had by all.

Thank you Pat for setting this up.



1st Place PAT HILLEN-BOB WEIHE



2nd Place RON BLOOMFIELD-BOB LONG



3rd Place BILL SPOTS-BOYD WILLIAMS

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Membership for the Post is at 93.71% of the goal as set by National. We still have a long way to go to reach 100% of our goal before the end of the Legion year. If you have not paid your dues yet they are now delinquent. The new dues rate is \$45.00. There have been some questions as to why the dues are overdue/delinquent in December. The Legion operates on a fiscal year. The start of the Legion year is 1 Aug and ends on 31 Jul the following year. There is only 1 month left until National begins sending out 2017 renewal notices.

The Department Convention is being held in Kansas City area this year. It will be at the Embassy Suite Hotel near the airport. The date of the Convention is 6-10 July. Please come out to the convention and enjoy being with other legion members from all over the state.

I am in the process of updating our data base and I need to have the following information from all members:

Date of Birth, current phone number and email 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 would like to receive your Monthly newsletter via e-mail please let me know and I will include you on the newsletter list. To date we only have 86 members receiving their newsletters by email. As of 6 Jun 16 we have a total of 591 members on the Post e-mail list. It would be greatly appreciated if you have an e-mail address, please forward it to me so it can be included on the list. The e-mail address for Post is adjutantpost21@gmail.com.

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

NEW MEMBERS

Edwin H. Shelton II, Richard W. Stigall Jr., Carl J. Yonkers

TRANSFERS

William J. Cussimanio, Bertran G. Hays, Patrick Martens, Richard C. Moone

VA Clothes Closet

Thank you for your donations. They were greatly appreciated. We are at the point where we need to switch seasons in our Clothes Closet. We will need jeans, shirts, belts, everyday shoes (not dress shoes), new underwear and socks as well as the usual needs that we have. Please bring your donations to the post and I will make sure that they are taken to the Hospital.

Thank you for your help,

Marsha Mooney, Unit 21
VA & R Chairman



RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '16 -'17



"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 75 members with July birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
2@96, 1@95, 2@94, 2@92, 3@ 90
The youngest will turn 44 this month.

Automatic Renewal

Members now have the option of setting their online-account for annual automatic renewal. Once a member sets their account, their dues will automatically be charged to their debit/credit card on or about July 15th of each new membership year.

Just tell your members to go to www.legion.org/renew ... click "Renew Now" and follow the directions. It's fast and easy!

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Poppy Days

We want to thank our wonderful volunteers for giving their time at the Hy-Vee stores in May. There were poppies also given out Spaghetti day, Craft show, Saturday breakfast and Saturday dance. It was chilly and windy at at the Hy-Vee stores but the volunteers put on their warm smile to give out the poppies.

We were so glad to see so many people take the poppy and could see them wearing the poppy in the stores. That is what we like to see, people wearing the poppy in remembrance of our veterans.

We collected over \$2,600.00 this year for our veterans programs. Barbie has put pictures on the American Legion website. We hope to see you back next year and if you haven't volunteered before for this project maybe you will join us next year.

Poppy Chairman

Judy Nash, Faye Zacharias, Maxine Strobel

A special thank you to Kristie Gargotto and her team of cut-ups for their strong support for the Auxiliary Coupon Collection. Always sorted and packaged to perfection!

At the American Legion Tirey J. Ford Post 21 meeting on June 2, 2016, the three lucky winners of FREE door prizes were: Earl Pregge, Carl Yonkers and Robert B. Svoboda. Each received a Cold / Hot Therapy Bag, made of recycled denim and uncooked rice. We all can use a little comfort! Members are encouraged to come to all monthly meetings for a chance to win one, too!

Prizes were made and donated by Sylvia Tanner of Stoned Sylly.

Sylvia Tanner

It is with pleasure that we inform you our Lottery income is up \$4,000 for the first three quarters of this year. And — due to the efforts of Wayne Ballew, our expenses have declined by \$2,000 in the same time period — thereby increasing our net profit from the Lottery by \$6,000. A big thank you to Wayne for his efforts!

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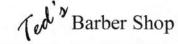
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