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JUNE 2016

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HOME POST OF PRESIDENT HARRY STRUMAN

CHARTERED MAY 1, 1921

Dorothy Ballew, Director of Business Operations BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM ADJUTANT OFFICE HOURS: MON - FRI 9:30 AM-3:00 PM Lounge Hours: Monday - Saturday 2:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Sunday - Open 12:00-5:00 until September 2016

POST EVENTS FOR JUNE

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING -JUNE 1st @ 6:30 PM

POST MEETING - JUNE 2nd @ 7:00 PM

AUXILIARY MEETING -JUNE 2nd @ 7:00 PM

SAL MEETING - JUNE 2nd @ 7:00 PM

ALR MEETING - JUNE 9th @ 6:30 PM

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 15th @ 6:30 pm

POST E-BOARD MEETING JUNE 16th @ 7:00 P.M.

STEAK NIGHT - JUNE 3rd 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

BREAKFAST BUFFET –JUNE 11th 7:30 AM - 9 AM.

DANCES - 4 Dances in JUNE- See Page 3

BINGO - Mondays & Tuesdays at 6:30 PM-Doors and Snack Bar open 4:00 PM. New Address:

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Moved or Moving?

FLY THE FLAG



Remember D-Day June 6 Flag Day & Army Birthday June 14 Father's Day June 19

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

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CINCINNATI AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 1 NO BREAKFAST IN JULY OR AUGUST NO STEAK NIGHT IN JULY OR AUGUST





POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

	Commander	Phil Greco
	1st Vice Commander	Ed Murray
	2nd Vice Commander	Noel Tyler
	3rd Vice Commander	Ed Witthar
	Adjutant	Tom Tanner
	Finance Officer	Chris Wehr
	Judge Advocate	Wes Blake
	Historian	Open
	Service Officer	Deborah Eglich
	Chaplain	Kerry Boardman
	Sergeant-at-Arms	Mike Sweeney
	Past Commander	Mark Clark
	COMMITTEE CHAIRPERS	Chris Wehr
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	Athletic	Boyd Lighthill
ב	Bingo	Marge Neal
2	Boy's State	David Bahan
	Budget & Finance	Chris Wehr
2	Cadet Patrol	Norman D'Angelo
) 	Dance	Wayne Keller
	Home Improvement	Bill Nash
S	Kitchen	Bonnie Sweeney
20.0	Newsletter Editor	Ed Murray
Ś	Oratorical	Ralph Buchanan
20.1	Patriotic Council	Bill Liddle and
		Archie Hughes
ζ	R.O.T.C.	Mark Clark
	Salvation Army	Mike Amerine
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JUNE 2016

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Phil Greco called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:05PM, 5 May16, 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 42 members present.

The regular business meeting was suspended at 7:08 for the following: Post Everlasting Ceremony.

Business meeting resumed at 7:30.

Finance Officer Chris Wehr read the Finance Report for the month of April. A motion was made by Kerry Boardman to accept the Finance Report as read. The motion was 2nd by Wes Blake. The motion carried. A copy of the last report is posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 14 Apr 16 and 21 Apr 16 were read. Wes Blake made a motion to approve the Executive Committee minutes. 2nd by Everett Ellis. Motion carried.

Tom Tanner mentioned that the Post received many "thank you's" from Little Blue Elementary School for the flag donation.

The Adjutant asked for Delegates for the Department Convention being held 6-10 July. The Post gets a total of 30 delegates. If you would like to be a delegate please contact the Adjutant

Officer Reports:

None

Committee Reports: The Adjutant asked for Delegates for the Department Convention being held 6-10 July. The Post gets a total of 30 delegates. If you would like to be a delegate please contact the Adjutant

Bingo report was given by Mike Sweeney. The Post Bingo net profit for April was \$2672.00. Mike Sweeney presented a check to the Post for \$3000.00.

Dance report was given by Cdr. Greco. The dance profit for the month of April was \$6841.00.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made by Sylvia Tanner, 2nd by Everett Ellis and carried by voice vote to accept the new members.

There were 3 deceased members for the month of April.

The meeting minutes for April were accepted as printed.

Adjutant read correspondence.

New Business:

A hat was passed among the members to help one of our bartenders while she is recovering from surgery. \$215 was collected.

Ride Captain

Tom Tanner

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• Cmdr Greco read the slate of officers for the 2016-2017 Legion year. The following officers were nominated:

- · Commander: Mike Feliciano
- 1st Vice Commander: Ed Murray
- · 2nd Vice Commander: Noel Tyler
- · 3rd Vice Commander: Ed Whittar
- Adjutant: Tom Tanner
- · Finance Officer: Sylvia Tanner
- Judge Advocate: Wes Blake
- · Historian: Mike Amerine
- · Service Officer: James Harris
- Chaplain: Kerry Boardman
- Sergeant at Arms: Chris Wehr

Cmdr Greco opened the floor for nominations of officers. The following nomination was made:

Historian: David Cary. A motion was made by Dennis Mooney to accept the nomination of David Cary as Post Historian. 2nd by Ed Whittar.

No other nominations were made.

Cmdr Greco closed nominations.

An election will be held at the June Post meeting for the office:

Historian: between Mike Amerine and David Cary

Mike Sweeney made a motion to elect the uncontested officers by acclamation. 2nd by Everett Ellis. Motion carried. Congratulations to all newly elected officers.

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 April.

Dennis Mooney presented the Post with a check for \$1015 from the craft fair.

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 8:45 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 2 June 2016, at 7PM.

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Nominations for officers were held at the past meeting. A fine slate of volunteers has been elected with the exception of the Historian position, and we will vote on that one at the next meeting. I encourage all our members to attend our post meetings. For those of you that don't regularly attend, I think you would be surprised at all that goes on here at the post. We have to be the most active post in Missouri.

We could always use your help as volunteers. We need members to help in all sorts of activities and functions. There are so many things to do no matter what your physical limitations might be. Also, the feeling of helping out fellow veterans is so satisfying to the soul. Volunteers are the life blood of any non-profit. No charitable organization could run without volunteers. The only way our post could ever strive to help veterans is by having a vibrant, motivated corps of volunteers. Our post is blessed with dozens of dedicated members who spend many hours making sure that we achieve our goals.

Whether you are a Legionnaire, Auxiliary, SAL or Legion Rider you bring a unique set of talents and skills that make our Legion family stronger and make Post 21 the great place it is to call our home. Thank you for what you stand for and for your continued service to America and the communities we so proudly serve.

Be thinking about our State Convention coming up in July. It is being held here in Kansas City and it would be a wonderful opportunity to participate in the Legion and its activities.

> Phil Greco Post 21 Commander



JUNE 2016 DANCE SCHEDULE

- 4 Dixie Cadillacs
- 11 Reddymen
- 18 Ranger
- 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

TAPS

Kenneth R Wilson

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

AUXILIARY NEWS



Auxiliary Unit 21 ladies held our May meeting on May 5, 2016 following a joint pot-luck dinner with the Legion family. We welcomed a new member and a guest. Reports were given by several Committee Chairpersons to include reports by Dorothy Ballew for membership & Cheer. A report was given

regarding the Spaghetti Dinner which was held in April and was a huge success again. Suggestions were put forth on how we could help the Post out of the proceeds from this fundraiser.

Our nominating committee which consisted of seven auxiliary members presented a slate of officers for the 2016-2017 Auxiliary year. Nominations from the floor were also taken, however, there were no nominations from the floor. Auxiliary officers for the 2016-2017 Auxiliary year are: President, Gayle Metzinger; Vice-President, Suzanne Proctor; Secretary, Marsha Mooney, Treasurer, Lana Butler; Historian, Linda Clark; Chaplain, Fran Myer and Sergeant-at-Arms, Linda Vetter. Since there were no nominations from the floor these officers were elected by acclamation.

Gayle Metzinger, Chairperson of the Auxiliary Constitution & Bylaws committee read proposed Constitution & Bylaw changes. These proposed changes are printed elsewhere in this newsletter. Please take time to review the proposed changes. They will be discussed at our Executive Board Meeting on June 1st and voted upon at the Auxiliary membership meeting on June 2, 2016.

Truman Days were held on May 7th & May 8th. Once again, Dorothy Ballew did a great job of organizing this event. A large number of people attended the reception and luncheon. Everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship.

Thank you for your continued support and for everything that you do for our Veterans, Active Military, and our Community.

Bonnie Sweeney Auxiliary Unit 21 President



Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: JULIANN M MATHIESEN, ELLA STEPHENSON

Transfers:

Deaths:

<u>AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS</u>



Greetings to All,

We had 19 major events in May, I hope that you all enjoyed them. In June we will be holding our

elections, so come out and support your new officers. They will be sworn in to office in July.

The State Ride Captain has put together another 3 day in state Legacy Run June 24 thru 26. So come out and join the ride that raises funds for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

The State Convention will be held July 8th thru 10th at the Embassy Suites Hotel off of Tiffany Springs Parkway in Kansas City. They will announce how much money was raised during the ride. Our Chapter will present a check at the convention for the Scholarship fund. The Legion Rider meeting will be held on Saturday so we would like to have as many members as possible attend to show their support. Most of you have not been to a convention so this is your chance since it is here in Kansas City.

There are a lot of missions coming up so keep an eye on your emails. Stay safe and we will see you on the next one.

Dennis Mooney - ALR Director





SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



The proposed slate of SAL officers for the upcoming year is as follows:

Commander - Daryl Wimmer

Vice Commander - Jim Williams

Adjutant- Keith Constance

Financial Officer - Lee Meyer

Chaplain - Kent Groom

Sergeant at Arms - Leroy Brugioni

If you are interested in being an officer (we still need a Historian), please come to the June meeting.

In memory of John J. Williams, we will be going to the Korean War Veterans Memorial service on June 14 (Flag Day) to commemorate the personalized Paver that was purchased by the SAL group and is being placed at the Memorial in his name. A group of the SAL will be escorting his wife there that day. If you are interested in attending, the service is at 10 a.m. at Main & W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

During Convention in July, the SAL is planning to attend the meetings to seek input and ideas from other SAL groups on growing our group. It's a struggle to engage new members and we are looking to constantly improve the Post 21 SAL group. The SAL also donated \$250 toward the Post 21 Convention Hospitality Room, so stop by and enjoy!

Looking back on this year, I want to thank all our members who have contributed their time to make our projects and fund-raisers successful. Each of you should be proud of all the SAL has accomplished due to your efforts!

......Mike Lapanne, SAL Commander



FOOD SERVICE MENUS FOR JUNE

Ivion	<u>day 5:00 till 7:00 P.W.</u>	
6/6	Smothered Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes	S
	& Gravy, Green Beans & a Dinner Roll	
		\$8.00
6/13	Country Fried Steak or Tenderloin,	
	Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn & a Dinner Roll	\$8.00
6/20	Fried Shrimp, served with Choice of Baked	
	Potato or Baked Sweet Potato, Sautéed Veggies a Croissant	&
		\$8.00
6/27	Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,	
	Corn & a Roll	\$8.00
	ABOVE MEALS INCLUDE SALAD BAR	
<u>Tuesc</u>	day 5:00 till 7:00 P.M.	
6/7	Reuben Sandwich served with Potato Salad	
	& Cookies	\$6.50
6/14	Open Face Hot Beef Sandwich/Mashed Potato	es/
	Gravy	\$6.50
6/21	Ground Beef or Chicken Taco Salad served wit	h
	Fresh Fruit	\$6.50

6/28 Bacon Cheeseburger, Fries & Fresh Fruit \$6.50

SNACK BAR MENU ALSO AVAILABLE ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS

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

6/8	Bacon Cheeseburger or Mushroom Swiss			
	Burger with Fries, Tater Tots or Onion Rings	\$5.75		

6/15 Tenderloin, Chicken Fritter or Fish Sandwich with your choice of Fries, Tater Tots or **Onion Rings** \$5.75

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

6/3	<u>STEAK NIGHT</u>
	8 oz. KC Strip \$11.00
	Shrimp \$9.50
	Fried Chicken \$9.00
	Above meals include Baked Potato or Fries & Salad Bar

6/17 1 Lb. Baby Back Ribs, Steak Fries, Slaw & Baked Beans \$9.00

Saturday

6/11 7:30 A.M. until 9:00 A.M. Buffet breakfast to include Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Fried Potatoes, Hash Browns, Grits, Fruit, Biscuits & Gravy, Coffee & Orange Juice \$7.00 Per Person

Proposed changes to Tirey J Ford Auxiliary Unit 21 Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules

Constitution Article IV, Section B

Remove Section B referring to Step-relatives as being eligible for membership. According to the National Auxiliary if it is customary in your Department and Unit to allow this it is acceptable but cannot be listed.

Constitution Article IV

Add new Section B-The female spouse of a member of the American Legion is eligible to join the Auxiliary regardless of the sex of the American Legion member. If she is a widow of veteran who served during the mandated periods of eligibility, then she is also eligible to join regardless of the sex of her spouse.

Add new Section C-The Auxiliary is incorporated as an all-female organization; males are not eligible for membership. Gender is determined by the gender specified on the person's driver license or other legal document verifying gender at the time the ALA applicant's membership eligibility is determined. A person's genderspecific physical body parts determine gender. If the person has not undergone the complete sex-change medical/surgical transformation and there are no official documents attesting the person's gender at the time of application, then the person is not yet eligible for membership. The person becomes eligible for membership at such time as the gender transformation is completed and, other ALA membership eligibility criteria having been met, the person can produce documentation attesting that the person is legally classified a female.

Article V, Unit Officers

(a) The President of Unit 21 may hold the office for 2 consecutive terms. After her 2 terms are over she may serve again after a break of no less than 1 term.

By-Laws, Article III, Section 1

Delete current Section 1 from By-Laws and replace with current Section 2.

<u>New Section 1-A member failing to pay annual dues including the</u> Unit, Department, District, State and National assessments for the fiscal year shall be dropped from the membership rolls and may be reinstated only by paying all back dues, or by reestablishing her eligibility.

Section 3-delete Section 3 from By-Laws

Standing Rules

Add Standing Rule #26-

The Annual Membership Dues of this Unit will raise to Thirty Dollars (30.00) as of July 1, 2016 which shall include the National, Department and Fifth District per capita, payable annually.

(a) The annual dues for Juniors in this Unit shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00), this to include all assessments of Unit, District, State and National.

Standing Rule #4

Delete the last sentence of Standing Rule #4-The Unit shall give twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to each delegate to use at Girls State.

Submitted by:

Gayle Metzinger, Unit 21 Constitution & By-Laws Chairperson

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Membership for the Post is at 93.11% 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 are only 2 months left until National begins sending out 2017 renewal notices. Beginning with the new Legion year, which begins 1 Aug. there will not be an early bird breakfast. It was voted on by the membership to discontinue the early bird breakfast for September 2016.

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

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 9 May 16 we have a total of 605 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

WILLIAM D FRISTOE, STEPHEN M UNTRIF

TRANSFERS

CHARLES D ZIMMERMAN

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,

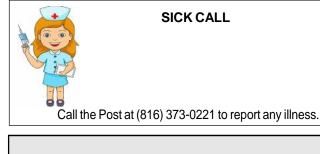
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RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '16

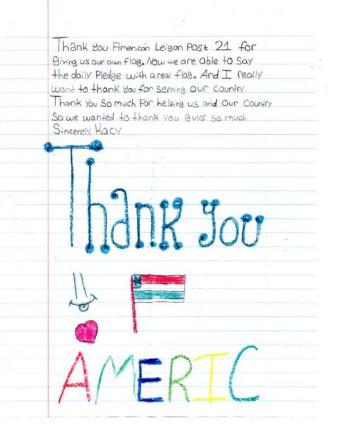


"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 78 members with June birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1 Centenarian, 1@98, 2@95, 1@94, 2@ 93, 1@92, 1@ 91, 1@ 90
The youngest will turn 42 this month.



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Note: This is just one of very many cards that we received thanking us for the flag donation that was made to Little Blue Elementary. This is a 4th grade student saying THANK YOU. The letter A in America is on the original in light yellow that didn't copy. Go on line to see this in color. Thank you Riders for making this happen.

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