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MARCH 2016

HUNDRARY COMMANDER CIMMANDER 21

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 - Closed February 14th until September 2016

POST EVENTS FOR MARCH

POST MEETING - MARCH 3rd @ 7:00 PM POST E-BOARD MEETING MARCH 17th @ 7:00 P.M.

AUXILIARY MEETING -MARCH 3rd @ 7:00 PM

SAL MEETING - MARCH 3rd @ 7:00 PM

ALR MEETING - MARCH 10th @ 6:30 PM

STEAK NIGHT - MARCH 4th 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

BREAKFAST BUFFET – MARCH 12th 7 AM - 9 AM.

DANCES - 4 Dances in MARCH- See Page 3 <u>ATTENTION:</u> THERE ARE NO MORE FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES

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

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POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chris Wehr

Marge Neal

Chris Wehr

David Bahan

Wavne Keller

Bill Nash

Ed Murray

Mark Clark

OPEN

Norman D'Angelo

Bonnie Sweeney

Ralph Buchanan

Bill Liddle and

Archie Hughes

Mike Amerine

Boyd Lighthill

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 CHAIRPERSONS		

Americanism Athletic Bingo Boy's State Budget & Finance Cadet Patrol Dance Home Improvement Kitchen Newsletter Editor Oratorical Patriotic Council

R.O.T.C. Salvation Army School Awards

HOUSE COMMITTEE

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

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Bonnie Sweeney			
Vice President	Dorothy Ballew			
Secretary	Marsha Mooney			
Treasurer	Lana Butler			
Historian	Judy Nash			
Chaplain	Fran Myers			
Sergeant-at-Arms Faye Zacharias				
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION				
Commander	Mike Lapanne			
Vice Commander	Daryl Wimmer			
Adjutant	Jim Williams			
Finance Officer	Jim Coldwell			
Historian	Daryl Wimmer			
Chaplain	John Winfield			
Sergeant-at-Arms	Leroy Brugioni			
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS				
Director	Dennis Mooney			
Assistant Director	Mark Clark			
Secretary	Marsha Mooney			
Treasurer	Wes Blake			
Judge Advocate	Robert Ford			
Historian	David Cary			
Chaplain	Don Leming			
Sergeant-at-Arms	Dan Orr			
Ride Captain	Tom Tanner			

MARCH 2016

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Phil Greco called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00PM, 4 Feb 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 11 officers and 46 members present. Finance Officer Chris Wehr read the Finance Report for the month of January . A motion was made by Mark Clark to accept the Finance Report as read. The motion was 2nd by Kerry Boardman. The motion carried. A copy of the last report is posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 21 Jan 16 were read.

Officer Reports:

Wes Blake Read the proposed changes to the Post Constitution and By-laws. A notice will be put into the next Newsletter and the changes will be voted on at the March Monthly meeting.

Committee Reports:

Bingo report was given by Mike Sweeney. The Post Bingo net profit for January was -\$968.47.

Dance report was given by Cdr. Greco. The dance profit for the month of January is \$6807.05.

Don Decker gave a report on the meeting with liquor control office. We have to do some online mandatory training prior to 15 Feb. No decision has been made as to whether we will receive any further actions.

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

•There were 4 deceased members for the month of January. •The adjutant gave the membership report. There are 1442 members as of 4 Feb 16 for an 88% of our yearly goal. •The meeting minutes for Jan were accepted as printed.

·Adjutant read correspondence.

New Business:

Cdr. Greco read a Resolution to consider Kerry Boardman for the office of Zone II Vice Commander. George Scarborough made a motion to accept the resolution. Mike Sweeney 2nd. Motion carried.

Tom Tanner discussed the proposed Eagle scout project for the main hall. We are still in discussions with the scouts and hopefully will know something in a few weeks.

Tom Tanner announced that the web site is now up and running. The new web address is:

moalpost21.org. If you have any comments or suggestions for the site please let us know.

Mike Alexander presented Frank Krohn with a special made cane.

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 January. Kerry Boardman informed all members of the Department Convention being in the Kansas City area on July 6-10 2016. Tom Tanner invited all Post members to the Legion riders meeting 11 Feb for a special flag presentation.

Sylvia Tanner held a door prize drawing for the Post members. 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 8:05PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 3 March, 2016, at 7PM.

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

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Page 3.

ARTICLE VI -FINANCE

Section 2. Remove italicized, underlined word "<u>the</u>" and replace with Times New Roman standard type.

Page 4.

ARTICLE XI-AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Section 1. Remove the word "recognized", and replace with the word "recognizes".

ARTICLE I-MANAGEMENT

Section 2. Fifth sentence , remove Roman numeral IX and replace with Roman numeral V. Sentence will then read: Nominations will be made from the floor, except as stated in Article V, Section 9 of the Constitution"

Page 6.

ARTICLE III-DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 5. Remove one space after word "require".

Section 6. Remove second period after third sentence. Remove second period and two spaces after fourth sentence.

Pages 8 &9.

ARTICLE V-APPOINTMENTS

Section 3. Replace the sentence "No person shall be appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee who, at the time of his/her appointment, is a member of the Executive Committee"; with sentence "No member of the Executive Committee shall be a member of the Budget and Finance Committee."

Section 4. Remove the word "the" from second sentence. Sentence will then read: "The House Committee shall be responsible for providing recommendations to the Executive Committee pertaining to the hiring, discharging and supervision of the Business Manager."

Change the third sentence to read: "The Business Manager shall be responsible for providing recommendations to the Executive Committee pertaining to the hiring, discharging and supervision of all other employees."

Remove one period and three spaces at end of fifth sentence.

Add Section 12. Prior to making any monetary expenditures, above normal operating expenses, all committees shall be required to obtain approval for those expenditures by the Executive Committee, and the Post membership.

ARTICLE VI-MEETINGS

Correct spelling of word "ATICLE" to "ARTICLE".

This will be voted on at the March 3rd meeting

WEB SITE

TO OBTAIN DD-214

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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings to all my fellow Legionnaires.

I hope we are all looking forward to spring! We have had a relatively mild winter though but it will be nice to get outdoors more.

Things are already picking up at the post and planning for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner is underway. Also on the planning table is a spring version of the Riders Craft Show which was a big success and should be even bigger with better weather. Applications for Boy's State and Cadet Patrol are starting to roll in and we'll be busy sorting them all out. It's always a pleasure meeting and talking with these youngsters and you always come away with respect for the younger generation.

By the time you get this, our spring conference in Jefferson City will be over but I will let you know what goes on there. Membership is going great. Thanks to Tom Tanner and Ed Murray we are at 90% of goal. But that last 10% is always the toughest so make a great last effort to sign up a fellow vet to push us over the top.

On March 1st Tom will be getting his Veteran Volunteer Award from Lt. Gov. Kinder in Jefferson City. I plan on being there to see Adjutant Tanner receive this prestigious award.

Please attend the March meeting as we will be voting on some important issues. As always keep safe and be charitable to all.

Phil Greco Post 21 Commander



Do you pick? Do you sing? Maybe you just listen and grin. Jam sessions are starting up again in the lounge on Thursday, February 25th from 6PM - 9PM. Come out and enjoy the fun.

MARCH 2016 DANCE SCHEDULE

- 5 Dixie Cadillacs
- 12 Reddymen
- 19 Sweet Water
- 26 Reddymen

Doors open at 5:30 P.M.

Beverage & Snack Bars Open at 5:30 P.M. Both Dance Times - 7:00 P.M.-10:30 P.M. Admission to Friday & Saturday Dances \$7.00

AUXILIARY NEWS



Auxiliary Unit 21's February meeting was fun. We had lots of Valentine treats to share and many of the officers and committee chairpersons gave informative reports. Judy

Nash reported that the Poppies for Poppy Days will arrive soon and will be ready for fluffing at our next meeting in March. So ladies, please offer to take some home with you and help us prepare for Poppy Days in May. All of the donations collected during Poppy Days are in turn donated to Veterans programs and to help Veterans in need. Closer to time, please get with Judy and sign up to help us pass the Poppies out at HyVee.

Thank you to everyone who supports Auxiliary Unit 21's fundraisers. Our Bingo is going well. We miss Linda Mitchell, our Chairman, and wish her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, we thank Suzanne Procter, Marsha Mooney, Gary Pace, Lana Butler and all of the other Legion Family Members who help us out each week several times throughout the month.

Our next regular business meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3rd. See you then.

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

> Bonnie Sweeney Auxiliary Unit 21 President



Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Linda G. Finley, Barbara A. Grace,
Annel A. Jones, Donna M. Klehr,
Cynthia D. Stephenson, Kelsey D. Springs-Davis
Cheer: Lelia Brownfield, Linda Mitchell, Lela White

<u>AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS</u>



Greetings to all,

The last few weeks have been cold and windy but we still managed to put in some

wind therapy. Last month we put in 211 man hours, rode or caged 2,369 miles and had 141 participants over 9 different missions. Over all that is not bad for February. We did manage to get in a fun ride around some lakes in our area, lots of curves, 90 degree turns, lunch and a good time. Thanks to all that made the ride.

Mark your calendar for March 11th, ALR Hockey night at the Missouri Mavericks. If you have not made your reservations with Marsha make sure that you do so. Tickets are \$16.00 per person. It should be a fun time.

We will be hosting a Spring Craft Fair on April 23rd. If you know anyone who would like to participate, please contact Linda Clark at <u>alrcraftfair@gmail.com</u> for information. Mark it on your calendar to come out and enjoy the Craft Fair. This will be an indoor/outdoor event and we will have food and drinks for sale. Volunteers will be needed to help setup and the food and drinks to make this fundraiser a success.

It is that time of the year to start thinking about officers for next year. If you have any questions about being an officer or think you might be interested please let one of your current officers know. Nominations will be at the May meeting.

Keep your eyes on the road and the wind in your face and be safe.

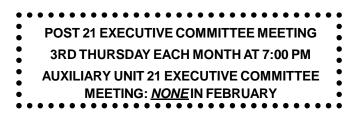
Dennis Mooney - ALR Director

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



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Spring is just around the corner and we are looking forward to warmer weather! On February 17th, we gave away half of the money raised during our Lollipop Contest. We had a WIDE variety of guesses - and we certainly appreciate all who played! It was fun watching everyone

measure and calculate the number of lollipops in that odd shaped jar! The actual number of lollipops in the jar is posted in the Lounge on the poster.

Camp Valor is hosting their annual fundraiser on May 14, 2016. They host their Patriots Ride and Silent Auction that day. You can come out to tour their facilities and learn how they have assisted over 750 wounded veterans and their families through adaptive outdoor activities. If you are interested, check out their website at www.campvaloroutdoors.org.

Summer Convention is going to be held here in Kansas City on July 6-10 at the Embassy Suites (by the KC Airport). If you are interested in attending, the Sons of the American Legion will be housed at Homewood Suites, 7312 NW Polo Dr., KC MO. To reserve a room, please call 800.225.4663; be sure to mention you are with the American Legion.

Due to the fact that our SAL group had a good year, we were able to pay \$1660 for 4 boys to attend Boys State. Boys State provides opportunities for high school students to enhance their knowledge of Missouri state government. It's a "learning by doing" method of teaching leadership and citizenship. We are proud to provide these young men this valuable experience.

We have secured the Post Hall on a Friday night (date to be determined). We are looking for some new and different ideas of things we, as the SAL, could do at the Post to bring in a good crowd and have some fun! All ideas are appreciated! If you have seen any entertainment that you think would be good, or if you know anyone who does any type of act that we would enjoy, please contact me. Share anything you can think of....!

A nominating committee was formed to select SAL officers for next year. If you are interested, please let us know. We are also still in dire need of someone to be next year's adjutant. If you are good with details and numbers, please consider this! We all work together and help each other, so come be a part of your SAL group!

If you have never attended a SAL meeting, think about coming! We have a great group of guys! Our meetings are at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Hope to see you there!

......Mike Lapanne, SAL Commander



FOOD SERVICE MENUS FOR MARCH

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

3/7	Smothered Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes	
0,1	& Gravy, Green Beans & a Dinner Roll	
		\$8.00
3/14	English Style Battered Cod & Clam Strips,	
	Baked Potato, Creamed Peas & Hush Puppies	\$8.00
3/21	Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn	•
•	& a Dinner Roll	\$9.00
3/28	Country Fried Steak or Tenderloin,	
	Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Steamed Veggies & Roll	
		\$8.00
<u>ABOV</u>	E MEALS INCLUDE SALAD BAR	
<u>Tuesd</u>	ay 5:00 till 7:00 P.M.	
3/1	Ham & Beans, Fried Potatoes & Cornbread	\$6.50
3/8	Open Face Hot Beef Sandwich/Mashed Potatoes	
	& Gravy	\$6.50
3/15	Baked Pork Chop in Dressing, Baked Sweet Potat	0,
	Baked Beans & a Dinner Roll	
		\$6.50
3/22	Brisket, Steak Fries, Slaw & Garlic Bread	
		\$6.50
3/29	Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing,	4
	& Green Beans with a Dinner Roll	\$6.50
<u>SNAC</u>	K BAR MENU ALSO AVAILABLE ON MONDAYS	
-	esday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M.	
3/9	Bacon Cheeseburger or Mushroom Swiss	
240	Burger with Fries, Tater Tots or Onion Rings	\$5.75
3/16	Tenderloin, Chicken Fritter or Fish Sandwich	
	with your choice of Fries, Tater Tots or	לר סר
Thurs	Onion Rings	\$5. <u>75</u>
<u>Thursday 2:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.</u> 3/17 St. Patrick's Day		
	d Beef or Ham both served with Cabbage,	
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	Potatoes, Carrots & Marbled Rye Bread	\$8.00
<u>Friday 5:00 P.M 7:00 P.M.</u> 3/4 STEAK NIGHT		
5/4	STEAK NIGHT	
	8 oz. KC Strip \$11.00 Shrimp \$9.50	
	Shrimp \$9.50 Fried Chicken \$9.00	
	Above meals include Baked Potato or Fries & Sa	alad Par
3/18	TACO BUFFET - \$6.50 Per	
5/10	Tacos, Taco Salad, Nachos, Refried Beans,	reison
	Black Beans & Hot Dogs, Plus all the Toppings	
	Karaoke with Barbie 6:00 until 9:00	
3/25	1 lb whole catfish or Meatloaf, Macaroni & Ch	2000
5/25	Slaw & Cornbread	\$8.00
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3/12	7:30 A.M. until 9:00 A.M.	
5,12	Buffet breakfast to include Eggs, Bacon, Sausage,	
	Fried Potatoes, Hash Browns, Grits, Fruit, Biscui	

Gravy, Coffee & Orange Juice

\$7.00 Per Person

House Committee Updates

We are pleased to announce that the Executive Board and membership have approved a more aggressive discount policy for hall rentals. All future hall rentals to members of the Post, Auxiliary or SAL will be at a 50% discount. If you would like to rent the hall please contact the Business Manager for more details.

As you may have heard we had an issue in the lounge with a sale to a minor. Training of the bartenders has been updated and we are making every attempt to keep this from happening again in the future. We also need your help.

If you as a member allow someone into the lounge, you should ask if they are a member. If they are not then you have two choices. Either tell them that the lounge is for members only and ask that they come back during business hours for the Adjutant or Business Manager to show them around, or you can take them on a tour yourself. In no case should you allow them to simply stay in the lounge. This will help the bartenders identify nonmembers.

We also need volunteers in a variety of capacities. If you would like to volunteer time to the Post to help us reduce costs or to assist with a project please reach out to the business manager or to me directly and we will try to match you with volunteer opportunities. This is your Post and we appreciate that you are willing to help make it better!

Don Decker

House Committee Chairman

dondecker525@gmail.com

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Membership for the Post is at 86.74% 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.

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. As of 7 Jan 16 we have a total of 501 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 <u>adjutantpost21@gmail.com</u>.

Just a reminder the Spring Conference will be 19-21 Feb 16. The conference will be in Jefferson City.

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



TAPS

James H Christensen, Edward E Diesko, Albert Darling, Joseph B Staihr

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



"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes" We have 78 members with March birthdays. We hope you enjoy your special day! 2 at 95, 1 at 94, 1 at 93 and 3 at 92 The youngest will turn 42 this month.

NEW MEMBERS

Allen B. Borne, Robert L. Jones, Calvin D. Spradley, Steven L. Williams

TRANSFERS

David A. Foland, David C. Francis, George L. Perry, Edmond P. Stiegemeyer, Gregory L. Tyrrel, Cecil W. Wyrick Keith D. Zimmerman At the February meeting, free door prizes were given to John McKinney, Rich Carroll and Wes Blake. The donated hot/cold therapy bags were made by Sylvia Tanner, who says more will be available for three lucky winners at the March meeting. We can all use a bit of comfort, so come to the meeting for a chance to win!

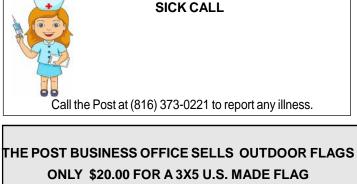
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OTHER SIZES CAN BE ORDERED. SUPPORT YOUR FREEDOM... FLY A FLAG

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

WHY DO WE ASK YOU TO SHOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

CARD?

Because doing so maintains our rights as a private organization.

I know that showing your membership card before making a purchase can be a point of irritation for members. *"Fifteen years I've been a member here; why in the world should I* have to show my membership card?"

Let me pose 3 questions in return:

- Many people who travel are also members of AAA or AARP - both which have programs enabling their members reduced rates at hotels nationwide, When you check in, you have to show your AAA or AARP card to receive the reduced rate. *Does this irritate you?* The hotel clerk is just doing their job, After all, you have paid a membership fee to receive these benefits.
- Your bank hires a new teller. She has no clue that you have been a customer of the bank for 30 years. You request to withdraw some money from your account and she requests your ID. *Does this irritate you?* After all she is just doing her job and providing security to you that no one is trying to use your account.
- You're a golfer and have a three years' membership to an exclusive golf club. When you walk into the clubhouse with a guest and are asked to show your card, **do you roll your eyes and groan?** - - or do you relish the chance to pull that card from your wallet?

Your American Legion family membership card says several things about you:

It says:

- You give troop support for U.S. service members.
- You support programs that benefit our veterans.
- *You* believe in the youth of America.

So the next time you are in the lounge and you are asked to show your membership card – SHOW IT WITH PRIDE!

Dorothy Ballew Director of Business Operations



The business below donates to and supports our Legion programs

