

TIREY J FORD POST 21 16701 E. 40 HIGHWAY INDEPENDENCE, MO 64055-5328 816-373-0221

MARCH 2018



HOME POST OF PRESIDENT HARRY S TRUMAN
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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 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

POST EVENTS FOR MARCH

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING - February 28th

POST MEETING - MARCH 1st @ 7:00 PM **AUXILIARY MEETING - MARCH 1st @ 7:00 PM**

ALR MEETING - MARCH 8th @ 6:30 PM

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING Every Monday @ 7:00 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING MARCH 15th @ 7:00 PM

5th DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 28th

THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE IN MARCH See Page 7

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in MARCH - See Page 3

BINGO - Mondays & Tuesdays at 6:00 - 10:00 PM-Doors and Snack Bar open 4:00 PM.

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2018 Spring Gun and Knife Show April 14-15, 2018



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Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack Bar open both days.

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Dance

THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



March 2018

POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander Mike Feliciano 1st Vice Commander Ed Murray 2nd Vice Commander Ed Witthar 3rd Vice Commander Noel Tyler Adjutant Tom Tanner Finance Officer Svlvia Tanner Wes Blake Judge Advocate Historian **David Cary** Service Officer Mike Sweeney Chaplain **Bob Settles** Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Orr Phil Greco Past Commander

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Americanism Chris Wehr
Athletic Boyd Lighthill
Bingo Marge Neal
Boy's State OPEN
Budget & Finance Denis Proctor
Cadet Patrol Norman D'Angelo

Home Improvement OPEN

Kitchen Cynthia Stephenson

Wayne Keller

Newsletter Editor Ed Murray
Oratorical Ralph Buchanan

Patriotic Council OPEN
R.O.T.C. Mark Clark
Salvation Army Tom Tanner
School Awards OPEN

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Lelia Brownfield Chairman, Michael Keene, Richard Conrad, Don Decker, James Neece,

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President Gayle Metzinger
Vice President Suzanne Proctor
Secretary Ann Orr
Treasurer Lana Butler
Historian Linda Clark
Chaplain Carolyn Blake
Sergeant-at-Arms Judy Settles

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Director Bob Ford Assistant Director John Wessel Secretary Suzanne Proctor Ed Witthar Treasurer Judge Advocate Jim Neece Historian **David Cary** Mark Clark Chaplain Sergeant-At-Arms Doug Stacer Road Captains Doug Vetter-Dennis Mooney Mark Clark Safety Officer

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Mike Feliciano called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, 1 Feb 18, at the Post Home.

Commander Feliciano conducted the opening ritual.

1st Vice Commander Ed Murray placed the POW/MIA Flag on

the empty chair.

Chaplain Mark Clark gave the opening prayer.

There were 10 officers and 34 members present.

The regular Business meeting was suspended at 7:05 pm for the following guests:

Mike Hamilton from USB.

Michael Braezal from Team Fidelis. Business meeting resumed at 7:40.

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

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 18 Jan. were read. Early bird program was discussed.

A motion to accept the new member recruiting program was made by Mark Clark. 2nd by Ed Witthar. Motion carried. A motion to accept the participation card was made by Mark

Clark. 2nd by Mike Sweeney. Motion carried.

A motion to allow minor children in the lounge until 1 hour past snack bar closing or 8:pm when the snack bar is closed by David Cary. 2nd by Mark Clark. Motion carried.

A motion to accept using colored chips for drinks at the bar was made by Mark Clark. 2nd by Ed Witthar. Motion carried.

A motion to buy 2 \$200.00 Bass Pro gift cards for the Gun show raffles was made by Ed Witthar. 2nd by Mark Clark. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Clark to approve the Executive Committee minutes as read. 2nd by Jim Davis. Motion carried. New members and transfers were read. A motion was made by Jim Davis to accept the new members and transfers. 2nd by Mark Clark. Motion carried.

There were 6 deceased members for the month of Jan.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

Committee Reports:

Bingo None however Bingo donated \$6000.00 to the Post.

Wes Blake gave the dance report.

Officer Reports:

Bob Ford gave the ALR report.

Mike Sweeney gave the baseball report. The post has a new junior baseball coach.

New Business:

Wes Blake made a motion to lower the number of members needed to make a quorum from 30 to 20. 2nd by Jim Davis. Motion voted on with 1 yea,42 nays and 1 no vote. Motion denied.

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 Feliciano conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 1Mar. 2018, at 7PM.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



MARCH 11th



Have you attended one of the Jam Sessions yet?

If not, why not?

Come out and listen to some very talented musicians sharing their talents with you.

Enjoy the music and fun!

NEW MEMBERS

Glenn Cherry, Donald Friedrich, Javier Guzman, Kiley Horton, Mark Humphrey, Damion Morgan, Donald Muelle, Louis Vaughan, James York

TRANSFERS:

Rick Graff

TAPS



Archie F Hughs, Jack E Morgan, Harry A Mosby, Leslie H Neal, Henry L Rice, Joe D Smith, Frank D Payne

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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness

Wise men speak because they have something to say; fools because they have to say something

Plato

Commander Mike Feliciano



RICH CATES IN THE LOUNGE MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '17 -'18

AUXILIARY NEWS

Spring is in the air and the Unit 21 Auxiliary is rolling up our sleeves and getting busy to serve our veterans and their families. On March 17th Cynthia will be serving corn beef and cabbage in on of St. Patrick's Day

celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

We had a disappointing tail-gating due to weather conditions and a boycott to NFL. We will evaluate our program and plan accordingly for next year.

Lana and Marsha are doing a great job as Bingo Co-chairs. We have been having good attendance on Monday nights. We still need help from the auxiliary to work just one Monday a month. Please see Lana or Marsha for details.

We begin daylight savings time on March 11th Spring forward!

First day of spring is March 20th.

Good Friday is March 30th

We are @ 78.6% of membership goal. As a reminder, If you have not paid your dues as of January 1, you are delinquent. National sent out late notices in January so please take care of your membership dues if you have not done so. We want you to keep your continuous years of membership and other benefits as provided through Auxiliary membership.

We have started setting up Poppy distribution with HyVee (details to follow) and Marsha has begun working on Girls State. Both of these pillars are important to National Security as related to Children and youth and providing support to our Veterans.

5th District will be March 21st at the new DAV building on 40 Hwy. Try to attend one meeting soon.

"Bless your little heart and every other Irish part." Irish Blessing quotes.

Old Irish Blessing

May the road rise
up to meet you May the wind be
always at your back May the sunshine warm
upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon
the fields, and until
we meet again,
May God hold you
in the palm of
his hand

Gayle Metzinger Auxiliary 21 President

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths
New: Pamela Evans, Martha Finley, Kathy Palermo,

Penny Vaughn, Sandra Witthar

Death: Jeanne Craig, Rose Schlipp

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

January was a slow month for us. That is not all bad news. That means we lost fewer

veterans. We put in 393.5 hours, drove/rode 4490 miles, 13 missions and 3 other events.

We continue to run the 50/50 at Tuesday night Bingo. That has slowed down as well through the holiday months and the cold weather.

I't is our hope that you are enjoying the new chairs that we purchased for the hall. We replaced 100 of the torn chairs. Just another step in getting the hall updated and looking nicer.

Our February Burger night was busy, but not as busy as it has been. Again the weather has been cold and it seems to be holding down participation. Come on in March 21st when we will once again be serving our famous burgers 5:00pm to 7:00pm. RIDERS, WE HAVE MADE THIS OUR MONTHLY DINNER RIDE/DRIVE FOR MARCH. LET'S MAKE A GOOD SHOWING! I look forward to you all keeping us busy in the kitchen!

Several Riders participated in the Military Appreciation Night at the Mavericks Hockey games over the weekend of January 26th and 27th. Several Vietnam Vets were pinned including some out on the ice during a period break. We also had a table set up distributing information on The Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders.

(This is repeated form last month and is still applicable) Riders, some of you I only see once a month at the meeting. I'm asking all of you to do a self examination of your participation. Ask yourself "What have I done this last year to help the Riders and the Post?" If your answer is I attended the meetings then maybe its time to do a little more. Even something as simple as having a couple meals a month at the post to help raise funds. And above all else consider VOLUNTEERING! (There's that "V" word again).

Thank you Riders who participate for all that you do. You make me look good.

Bob Ford - ALR Chapter 21 Director



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Greetings All.

Depending on whether you were a Patriots fan or an Eagles fan, the Superbowl was a great game. Many of us ended up staying home to watch it due to the 1-3" of snow that wasn't forecast.

Hope all of you had a great Valentines as well.

Membership is currently at 68 with several new members and a few that have dropped off the list. Again, if you have renewed and have not received your card, please let me know by calling my cell (816) 728-0468, text message the same, or leave a message at the post. When you do call please verify your address, phone number and email address.

I have printed off some renewal envelopes that are in the Adjutant's office as well as behind the bar in the lounge. Please use them when you renew in person so we can collect the additional information we need for National.

We are still, STILL, looking for someone to step up as officers of the SAL. You will be doing a great service to the post, local charities, as well as yourself.

We are always looking for a way to make money for the SAL and the Post, if you have any ideas, please feel free to forward them to me. If any of you also have a favorite charity that is either Veteran, or Veteran Dependent related, we would like to consider donating to that cause.

The SAL has approved the following donations for the February-March time period.

We donated \$250.00 to the Independence School District to purchase needed items for the less fortunate children in the district.

We are sponsoring 4 young men to go to Boys State this year for a total of \$1660.00.

We are donating \$500 again this year to Camp Valor to help in the rehabilitation of veterans with PTSD.

Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the main hall, your attendance is appreciated.

Hope you all have a great month.

Keith Constance, Adjutant

SAL Officers

Commander: Vacant

Vice Commander: Vacant

Adjutant: Keith Constance

Finance Officer: Walt Ziegler

Chaplain: Kent Groom

Sgt at Arms: Leroy Brugioni

Historian: David Cary

Keith Constance - Adjutant

FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR FEBRUARY

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Monday from 5pm to 7pm 3/5 Ham and beans w/cornbread 3/12 Snack Bar Menu	\$6.50
3/19 Sausage and potatoes w/peppers 3/26 Snack Bar Menu	\$7.50
Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27	
Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each or 4 for \$5.00	
Pulled Pork Burrito or pork nachos Taco Salad	\$5.00 \$5.00
Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm 3/7 BBQ Ribs, potato salad, cole slaw 3/14 Pork roast, roasted potatoes, broccoli, apple	\$9.50
sauce and roll	\$8.50
3/21 ALR Burger Night Bacon Cheese/Mushroom Swiss burger night, fries,	
tots or onion rings 3/28 Chicken breast grilled w/rice and salad bar	\$7.00 \$8.50
Thursday 3/1 Lasagna, garlic bread, salad bar	\$8.50
Friday from 5pm to 7pm 3/2 Kyles Fried Chicken	
3/9 Meatloaf w/mashed potatoes and gravy, veggie and roll	\$7.50
3/16 Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes /w gravy, veggie & roll 3/13 Spagnetti & meathalls, garlis bread and salad	\$8.50
3/23 Spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread and salad bar3/30 Pork Chops, Augratin potatoes, veggies & roll	\$8.50 \$8.50
Saturday from 7:30am to 9am	30.30

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3/3 Snack Bar Menu

3/10 Post breakfast \$8.00

3/10 Evening Meal - Burnt ends, cheesy potatoes,

baked beans

3/17 St Patricks Day Corned beef & cabbage or

Reuben sandwich \$10.00 3/24 Snack Bar menu

3/31 Snack Bar menu



PLEASE GO TO:

www.moalpost21.org
To see the new kids snackbar menu

Entrenching Tool Weapon of Last Resort

In 1951, Medal of Honor recipient U.S. Army 1st Lt. Benjamin F. Wilson found a weapon of last resort in the entrenching tool. His unit had come upon a much larger enemy force in wach'on-Myon, Korea. Wilson dashed into enemy fire to assist members of his unit who were pinned down and he killed four enemy

fighters with his rifle and grenades. Wilson then "led a bayonet attack, which ... killed approximately 27 hostile soldiers," according to his Medal of Honor citation. But enemy forces launched another counterattack. "First Lieutenant Wilson, realizing the imminent threat of being overrun, made a determined lone-man charge, killing seven and wounding two of the enemy, and routing the remainder in disorder."

A third assault ensued, prompting Wilson to resort to fighting with his entrenching tool. "Unhesitatingly, First Lieutenant Wilson charged the enemy ranks and fought valiantly, killing three enemy soldiers with his rifle before it was wrested from his hands, and annihilating four others with his entrenching tool," his award citation read. "His courageous delaying action enabled his comrades to reorganize and effect an orderly withdrawal. While directing evacuation of the wounded, he suffered a second wound, but elected to remain on the position until assured that all of the men had reached safety."

The value of the entrenching tool, or "etool," which is a shovel issued to soldiers and Marines, has come back into the spotlight in recent days after Command Sgt. Maj. John Troxell used it to rally forces over the holidays and via Twitter. Troxell challenged Islamic State fighters to surrender or die and said that U.S. troops could kill them "by beating them to death with our entrenching tools." Troxell is the senior enlisted adviser to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Gen. Joseph Dunford. The Military Times Hall of Valor includes many citations for medals and awards that U.S. service members have earned for relying on their entrenching tool as a weapon of last resort.

* In 1969, Silver Star recipient U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Lewis Grover was without his weapon in Quang Nam Province, Vietnam, when he spotted a lone Viet Cong fighter in a bunker. Grover, a rifleman with Company H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, was tasked to refill all of the canteens for his unit when he spotted the enemy. Grover pretended not to notice the fighter, then quietly picked up an entrenching tool he found on the river bank. "He then maneuvered to a position from which he could approach the bunker entrance unseen. When an enemy soldier carrying an automatic weapon came out of the bunker, Private First Class Grover, armed only with the entrenching tool,

unhesitatingly attacked the Viet Cong," his award citation reads.

* Finally, there is Medal of Honor recipient U.S. Army Pfc. Anthony T. Kaho'ohanohano. In 1951, Kaho'ohanohano was out of ammunition, wounded and determined to provide cover for retreating friendly forces in Chup'a-ri, South Korea. Kaho'ohanohano was in charge of a machine gun squad

supporting Company H, 2nd Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, when the unit was overrun by a much larger enemy force. "Private Kaho'ohanohano fought fiercely and courageously, delivering deadly accurate fire into the ranks of the onrushing enemy," his award citation read. "When his ammunition was depleted, he engaged the enemy in hand-to-hand combat until he was killed. His heroic stand so inspired his comrades that they launched a counterattack that completely repulsed the enemy. Coming upon Private Kaho'ohanohano's position, the friendly troops found 11 enemy soldiers lying dead before it and two in the emplacement itself, beaten to death with an entrenching shovel."

[Source: MarineCorpsTimes | Tara Copp | January 11, 2018 ++]

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

The Post is at 88.38% of the goal as set by National. That gives us approx. 1293 members renewed for the New Year. We have a long way to go to reach 100% of our goal before the end of the Legion year. We have sent out renewal reminder letters to all members that have not renewed their dues. I have also started sending out letters to all of the Post 1000 members in an effort to transfer them to the post. If you know anyone that has not paid their dues please get them to come and pay their dues.

I have tried several times to ensure all email addresses are correct and I still get emails kicked back to me as undeliverable, therefore any and all emails that are kicked back will be deleted from the email lists. This will mean that you will not receive notices of happenings at the Post or the newsletter.

If you have moved within the last 6 months would you please provide me with your new 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 have not checked out the new updated Post web site feel free to do so; the web address is **moalpost21.org**.

Mark your calendars for April 14 and 15, the post is hosting a Gun and Knife show. If you have a gun to sell, contact me here at the post.

The monthly Post meetings attendance has been low. Come out and attend a meeting to see what is going on in your Post. Snacks will be available after the meeting.

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.

The e-mail address for Post is adjutantpost21@gmail.com.

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

MARCH 2018 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 79 members with March birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1@96, 1@95, 1@94, 1@93, 2@92, 4@90
The youngest will turn 41 this month.

HAND & FOOT CARDS

-Learn a new game, make new friends!

Where: Lounge

When: Wednesdays 1:00PM

Contact: Cylestt Sabrowsky 816-886-6401

REMEMBER

An army first sergeant and his wife were in a busy shopping center getting things for their youngest child's upcoming engagement announcement. The wife suddenly noticed that her husband was missing and as they had a lot to do, she called him on his cell and said "Where are you, you know we have lots to do."

He said "You remember the jewelers we went into when we were stationed here about 10 years ago, and you fell in love with that diamond necklace? I could not afford it at the time, and I said that one day I would get it for you?" Little tears started to flow down her cheek and she got all choked up... "Yes, I do remember that shop." she replied. "Well, I'm in the gun shop next door to that."



MARCH 7TH 7-10PM Mike Perez MARCH 14TH 7-10PM Mike Perez MARCH 21ST 7-10PM Mike Perez MARCH 28TH 7-10PM Mike Perez

WEB SITE TO OBTAIN DD-214

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

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



Mark your calendar for MARCH Thursday night dance <u>5th</u> Thursday for March.

Oasis will be performing Classic Rock and Country so come on out and show your moves.

Wes Blake



MARCH 2018 DANCE SCHEDULE

3 Ranger

10 Reddymen

17 Sweet Water

24 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

Post 21 Website: www.moalpost21.org

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