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**March 2020**



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MARCH 2020

## THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Spring is just around the corner and we are looking forward to warmer weather. We are looking at doing some bar b que at some venues. SAL will be working on a Car and Truck Show in the parking lot at the Post on a Sunday. Still working out some

details.

NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 4th IN THE MAIN HALL AT 7PM. SAL Meeting needs a good turn out in March. Everyone has busy schedules but will need to talk about the Future of the SAL since I "Daryl" have been commander for many years and it will be around the corner that I will be passing the position on to someone else or we will discontinue the program at the post. As of February, we have 50 members. Would be nice to see all the 50 plus members. Please come join us and bring ideas to help our SAL group move forward.

Due to the fact that our SAL group had a great year in 2019, we were able to pay \$2000 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.

A nominating committee is being formed to select SAL officers for the next year. If you are interested, please let us know at the meeting. We are also going to need some positions to be filled. We all work together and help each other, so come be a part of your SAL group!

Mark your calendar for March 29th, SAL will be having Music Bingo and Rib Dinner held in the Main hall at the Post. Watch for flyers and banners.

Adjutant needs up to date email addresses, there have been several being kicked back. Please send yours to saladjutant21@gmail.com.

**Commander Daryl Wimmer**

## MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

1st Vice Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, Feb 6, 2020, at the Post Home.

1st Vice Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual.

2nd Vice Commander Don Decker placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain Doug Vetter gave the opening prayer.

There were 8 officers and 25 members present. A quorum was present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of Dec 19. A motion was made by Don Decker to accept the finance report as read. 2nd by Kerry Boardman. Motion carried.

There Executive Committee meeting minutes from Jan 30 2020 were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Ron Erickson.

2nd by Doug Vetter. Motion carried.

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

There were 10 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

### Committee Reports:

The Friday dance report were given by Wes Blake.

The Saturday dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

Bingo Report was given by Daryl Wimmer. A check for \$4000.00 was given to the post.

Legion Rider report was given by Don Decker.

### Officer Reports:

#### Old Business:

Tom Tanner discussed the opening of the food pantry. The grand opening is scheduled for February 29 at 9 am. If you would like to volunteer contact the Adjutant.

#### New Business:

1st Vice Commander Bob Ford read the resolution for Distinguished Legionnaire Award for Mark Clark. A motion was made by Doug Vetter to accept the resolution. 2nd by Kerry Boardman. Motion carried.

#### For the good of the American Legion:

Tom Tanner discussed the upcoming 5th District revitalization on Feb 19. The hours are from 2:20-5:30 pm. If you would like to help just show up at the post.

Kerry Boardman discussed the chance of the National American Legion Convention being held in Kansas City in the year 2025. More to follow.

Ron Erickson discussed inviting some of the Post's baseball players and coaching staff to the post meeting.

The 2nd Vice Commander removed the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair.

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

1st Vice Commander Ford conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is March 5 ,2020, at 7PM.

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



## **THE COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Are You a Servant Leader?

As Mahatma Gandhi once famously said; "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others". Gandhi's understood that servant leaders inspire others to follow, and that by setting the proper example of service before self, one could change the world, or at least the organization they were part of.

At Post 21 we have many servant leaders that all too often we take for granted. For example, our Post Adjutant Tom Tanner does way more than his position calls for and he does so with a smile and enthusiasm. Our 1st Vice Commander Bob Ford, works in our business office several days a week and helps to keep our business operations running smoothly. Speaking of business operations, Dorothy Ballew came out of retirement to serve as our business manager and if that wasn't enough, she volunteers in many other capacities whenever our post needs her.

Our Post Service Officer and Dance Chairman Wayne Keller gives of his time and energy to manage our Saturday night dances which are critical to our financial wellbeing as a post. Every Saturday night you can count on Wayne to be there. He is also on call 24/7 should a veteran in need call seeking assistance. For this work we pay him exactly \$0.00. Wes and Carolyn Blake volunteer to run our Friday night dances and they do so because they are trying to grow our revenue to help the post. All three of these servant leaders are retired and could be living a life of leisure but instead they are committed to the Post and its future.

Our Bingo Chairman and SAL Commander Daryl Wimmer puts in countless hours volunteering at the post or in the community and when we need help with something he is one of the first to raise his hand. SAL Vice Commander Doug Savage organizes the best tailgate party in Kansas City every Sunday during the football season and leads a team of volunteers to put on the best experience possible. These activities are critical to sustaining our post and again we get them for the bargain price of \$0.00.

The ladies of our Auxiliary led by President Lana Butler and Department President Marsha Mooney organize one of the best bingo operations in the metro area and volunteer in more Post activities than I have time to list here. There is rarely an activity that our Auxiliary is not involved in, and they do all of these things because they love our Post and its members. You guessed it...\$0.00.

Our American Legion Riders led by Director Don Decker and Ride Captain Doug Vetter volunteer countless hours representing our post throughout the community. Our Riders touch everything that happens in our Post and are always the first to respond to a call to action.

Whether it is Bill and Judy Nash, Bob and Judy Settles, Linda Vetter, Ed Murray, Bruce Bulter, Randy Bray, Ed Hazen, David Cary, or the countless other volunteers, you can always find a servant leader giving of themselves to help keep our post open and active.

Mollie Marti once famously wrote; "A noble leader answers not the trumpet calls of self promotion, but the hushed whispers of necessity". In the case of our Post, truer words have never been spoken. It is no secret that our post is fighting a headwind of an aging membership, and decrease in participation by our members. If it were not for the servant leaders who have heard the hushed whispers, we would have locked our doors a long time ago.

We should all strive to be servant leaders to give back to our Post and community. Are you a servant leader? If so, come join us, because we could sure use your ideas and energy. I hope to see you around the Post.

**Commander Mark Clark!**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**2020  
DUES  
ARE  
DUE**



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IT'S CONVENIENT AND IT ELIMINATES  
A STEP IN THE PROCESSING OF CARDS**



## AUXILIARY NEWS

The grand opening of the food pantry was held on Saturday, February 29. American Legion Vice Commander Rich Heigert, Missouri Auxiliary President Marsha Mooney and other members and dignitaries were present. There will be an ongoing need for donations of non-perishable food products, hygiene products and paper goods. If you know of active military families or veterans who need a hand up, please tell them about the Post Pantry. What a great use for the former Commander's office. We will be working not only with Harvesters, but with Heroes Care and in-house donations to keep it stocked. It will be open on the last Saturday of each month. Volunteers are needed to help stock shelves, register and assist participants.

Our crowds at bingo have started to increase thanks to better weather. In the February meeting, Marsha Mooney went over an equipment upgrade requested by the Post and Auxiliary bingo chairpersons. It was moved and seconded that the Auxiliary bingo pay for half the computer upgrade needed. The computer currently in use hasn't been updated in a very long time, and we hope the upgrade gives us several more years of reliable service.

The first VA&R luncheon of 2020 will be held on Thursday, March 12 at 11:00 a.m. Please be ready to volunteer with side dishes and helping hands. Marsha Mooney, Linda Vetter and a great group of auxiliary members do an amazing job on these luncheons and they mean so much to the veterans who attend.

It is an exciting time for the Legion and the Auxiliary. With the passage of the Legion Act, membership to the Legion is open to ALL veterans serving since December 7, 1941. All spouses of veterans are eligible to join the Auxiliary. If you have friends who, because of the changes, are now eligible to join, invite them to a meeting, encourage them to visit the post, help your post and our auxiliary grow.

REMINDER: There have been no entries in the volunteer/community services book since June 2019. The binder is on the kitchen counter in the Auxiliary room. Please make a record of your service hours and help get this book up to date.

**Lana Butler, Unit 21 President**  
**816-507-3033**  
**LMLeitner@yahoo.com**

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Looking forward to Spring!

Nobody hates winter more than a motorcyclist so by now we are looking forward to some weather for riding!

We have kept ourselves busy with our regular missions and with volunteering around the Post. At the February Post breakfast, we represented 100% of the volunteer staffing and we had a good time getting that meal out to our hungry guests. We cooked everything in the house and those 80 customers enjoyed every bit of it. As we see the breakfast continues to grow, we will be needing more volunteers. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and to everyone who helped to spread the word to your friends and family so the Post can continue to offer breakfast.

The new Post menu will provide us with the opportunity to enjoy fried chicken before our meetings and I am looking forward to that. Plan to get to the Post in time to enjoy dinner before the meeting. See the newsletter for more details.

I hope to get our tenderloin rides rekindled as my personnel schedule opens a bit. Hopefully we will be able to ride!

Thank you all for everything you do. The ALR is an integral part of the Legion family and we represent the Post in everything that we do. If you ever have a question or concern, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

We will soon be nominations officers for the next Legion year so please consider how you can help lead your Chapter in to the next year. We need your help!

Until next time,

**Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director**

### Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

**New: Sue A Meyer**

**Death: Barbara McKiddy, Dorothea Young**

# March

2020

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Tacos & Potato Bar	<b>SAL Mtg. -- 7 PM</b>	<b>Post &amp; ALA Mtg -- 7 PM</b>	Boiled Shrimp -- \$ 10.50/\$14 Catfish Fillet - \$9/\$11	BBO Ribs -- \$8/\$14 Pulled Pork - \$7.50/\$10	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Club 21 Closed	Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner - \$9 Chicken Sandwich - \$5	Tacos & Potato Bar	<b>ALR Mtg. -- 6:30 PM</b>	Boiled Shrimp -- \$ 10.50/\$14 Catfish Fillet - \$9/\$11	Breakfast - \$7 7:30 PM BBO Ribs -- \$8/\$14 Pulled Pork - \$7.50/\$10 \$10	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Club 21 Closed	Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner - \$9 Chicken Sandwich - \$5	<b>St Patrick's Day</b> Corn Beef/Cabbage Dinner - \$10 Served 2PM -- 7PM		Boiled Shrimp -- \$ 10.50/\$14 Catfish Fillet - \$9/\$11	BBO Ribs -- \$8/\$14 Pulled Pork - \$7.50/\$10	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Club 21 Closed	Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner - \$9 Chicken Sandwich - \$5	Tacos & Potato Bar	ALR Burger Night \$8	<b>E- Board Mtg -- 6:30 PM</b> Jam Session 6PM	Boiled Shrimp -- \$ 10.50/\$14 Catfish Fillet - \$9/\$11	Chef's Special
29	30	31				
Club 21 Closed Rib Luncheon & Music Bingo - Noon	Chicken Fried Chicken, Dinner - \$9 Chicken Sandwich - \$5	Tacos & Potato Bar				
	Bingo -- Mon & Tuesday Doors Open @4:30 PM					Karaoke -- 8:30 -- 12:30 Club 21

ALL MEALS ARE SERVED 5PM - 7PM - Club 21 Appetizers are 1/2 price (3 PM - 6 PM) on Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat

**American Legion – Post 21 in Independence, MO**  
 16701 E Us Highway 40, Independence, MO 64055

# Rib Luncheon & Music Bingo!

*(hosted by the Sons of the American Legion)*

Fundraiser to benefit homeless, disabled & disadvantaged veterans

**Sunday, March 29, 2020**

**Lunch is served 12 pm – 1:30 pm**

*(or until the ribs are gone)*

**Music Bingo Starts at 1:30 pm**



- Details:** Four hickory smoked baby back ribs, fries & beans \$12
- GAMES:** 9 Games
- COST:** \$15\* to play two cards for each of the 9 games (minimum package per person, must buy package to play)  
 \$2.50 for each additional card and must be played by person who purchased first package

Gift cards will be presented to winners. In case of a tie, cards will be cut to determine top winner. Consolation prizes will be given to other winners (with lower cards).

Prizes include the following: Walmart (\$75) ♦ QT (\$50) ♦ Texas Roadhouse Gift Basket & Dinner for Two (\$50) ♦ Cosentino's Price Chopper (\$25) ♦ Smoke House BBQ (\$25) ♦ Saints Pub (\$25) ♦ Hy-Vee (\$25) ♦ Big Biscuit (\$20) ♦ Perkins Breakfast for Two (\$20) and more!

**Bring a friend & come out for a fun time!**



## TAPS



*ROBERT L BLOOM, RUDY D CHUNING,  
 ROGER L DILLEE, ALEXANDER J FETTERS,  
 HAROLD E KLOTE, CHARLES E SLATTERY,  
 WILLIAM A SPENCER, PAUL E STUFFLEBEAB,  
 ROBERT TRUSTY*

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

## MARCH 2020 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 61 members with March birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

1 @98, 1 @96, 2 @95, 1 @94, 4 @92, 4 @91, 1 @90

The youngest will turn 43 this month.

## NEW MEMBERS

*Kiven Moise, Erich Phillips*

## TRANSFERS

*William Blanchard, Jack Goold, Tom Rash, Kieth Shoemake  
 William Wheeler*

## FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

As of 10 Feb 2020, we have 1082 members renewed. There are several ways to renew your dues, first is to pay on line at <https://www.legion.org/> second is to mail them to the post, or visit the post and pay them in person. As of 10 Feb 2020, we have 158 members that have not renewed. If you have not renewed or know someone that have not renewed please talk to them and have them contact the post and renew their dues.

The Post is opening a Veteran's ONLY food pantry. The grand opening is scheduled for February 29, 2020 at 9 am. The grand opening is open to all that would like to attend. If you would like to volunteer to help in the pantry, please contact me. If you would like to donate to the food pantry, we will accept any nonperishable items. If you would like to make a monetary donation, make checks out to the Post. Thank you for support.

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**


**FRIDAY ROCK & ROLL DANCE S**

**HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED**

**DUE TO THE LACK OF INTREST**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE**

Wes Blake



Jam Session  
Thursday, March 26th  
6:00 til

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.



**MARCH 2020 DANCE SCHEDULE**

7	Ranger
14	Reddymen
21	Sweetwater
28	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

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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**



**MARCH 8 2020**

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[www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/)

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