# The American Legion —

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

#### **MAY 2017**



HOME POST OF PRESIDENT HARRY STRUMAN CHARTERED MAY 1, 1921

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 - 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM

#### POST EVENTS FOR MAY

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING - MAY 3rd @ 7:00 PM

POST MEETING - MAY 4th @ 7:00 PM AUXILIARY MEETING - MAY 4th @ 7:00 PM

SAL MEETING - MAY 3rd @ 7:00 PM

ALR MEETING - MAY 11th @ 6:30 PM

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 17th @ 6:30 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING MAY 18th @ 7:00 PM 5th DISTRICT MEETING MAY 24th @ 6:00 PM

DANCE LESSONS EVERY FRIDAY @ 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DANCES 3 IN MAY- See Page 7

FRIDAY DANCES 4 Dances in May - See Page 3

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#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

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**CRAFT FAIR** 

#### PROCEEDS FUND VETERANS PROGRAMS

9:00AM - 3:00PM

Tirey J Ford American Post 21 16701 E 40 Hwy, Independence, MO 64055

> Snack bar WiFi

#### **Crafters Wanted**

Only 1 vendor from each company will be participating

Our October fair had 61 vendors & crafters & over 500 shoppers

For information call Linda Clark @ 816-503-8520

Email alrcraftfair@gmail.com



#### THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



#### **MAY 2017**

#### **POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Americanism Chris Wehr Boyd Lighthill Athletic Bingo Gary Pace **OPEN** Boy's State **Budget & Finance** Denis Proctor Cadet Patrol Norman D'Angelo Wayne Keller Dance Home Improvement **OPEN** 

Kitchen Cynthia Stephenson
Newsletter Editor Ed Murray
Oratorical Ralph Buchanan
Patriotic Council Archie Hughes
R.O.T.C. Mark Clark
Salvation Army Tom Tanner
School Awards OPEN

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Don Decker Dir. of Bldg. Oper, Blake Herdman, Michael Keene, Dennis Mooney, Chuck Wilhelm

#### **AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

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

#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

CommanderDaryl WimmerVice CommanderJim WilliamsAdjutantKeith ConstanceFinance OfficerLee MeyerHistorianDaryl WimmerChaplainKent GroomSergeant-at-ArmsLeroy Brugioni

#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

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

#### 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, 6 Apr17, at the Post Home.

Commander Feliciano conducted the opening ritual.

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

Chaplain Mark Clark gave the opening prayer.

There were 9 officers and 42 members present.

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

Mark Dodson, He spoke on sponsoring the summer child food program.

Business meeting resumed at 7:13- pm.

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

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 16 Mar were read. A motion was made by Mark Clark to approve the lease agreement with the Auxiliary. 2nd by Noel Tyler. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Clark to approve the Executive Committee minutes. 2nd by Noel Tyler. Motion carried.

 New members and transfers were read. A motion was made by Mark Clark to accept the new members and transfers.
 2nd by Noel Tyler. Motion carried.

There were 6 deceased members for the month of March.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

Officer Reports: None

Committee Reports:

Gary Pace gave the Bingo report. Gary presented the Post with a \$4000.00 check.

The Dance report was given by Wes Blake.

Mark Clark gave a report on JROTC awards scheduled for 17 Apr 17 @7pm at Van Horn High School.

Bob Ford gave the ALR report.

**New Business:** 

Tom Tanner presented \$400 to the Post for the scholarship program from sales of bracelets.

For the good of the American Legion:

Tom Tanner discussed needing members for delegates for the upcoming Department Convention to be held in Jefferson City in July. Please Contact the Post Adjutant if interested in being a delegate.

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### Colorectal Screening Is It time for One?

With the proper screening, you could avoid colorectal cancer. Unfortunately, many people avoid or delay screenings because they are unsure about what to expect or are afraid that the screening might be harsh or painful. The American Cancer Society reports that regular screening is one of the most powerful weapons for preventing colon cancer. Screening can identify colon cancer or rectal cancer early when it is easier to treat, or even prevent it altogether. If polyps are found during routine screenings, they can usually be removed before turning into cancer. If they are cancerous they can be treated at the early stages. Possible symptoms of colorectal cancer include:

- \* A change in bowel habits, such as diarrhea, constipation, or narrowing of the stool that lasts for more than a few days
- \* A feeling that you need to have a bowel movement that is not relieved by doing so
- \* Rectal bleeding, dark stools, or blood in the stool
- \* Persistent cramping or stomach pain

If you experience any of these symptoms you should talk with your primary care provider right away. The average risk is for those between 50 and 85. TRICARE covers colorectal cancer exams based on certain criteria. Visit the Colorectal Cancer Exams page at <a href="https://tricare.mil/CoveredServices/IsItCovered/ColorectalCancerExams">https://tricare.mil/CoveredServices/IsItCovered/ColorectalCancerExams</a> to learn about the type of care available to you and your family. [Source: TRICARE Communications | March 29, 2017 ++]

#### **Your Attention Please**

Any one of you 16 members named Harold that would be
interested in a used blue medium size Legion jacket with
your name embroidered on it. Contact the adjutants office.

First come, first served

#### THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

This is the time of the year that the Post will have many wonderful activities. We need many more Volunteers to help keep our labor cost down and increase the benefit of membership here at Post 21. Please contact Anne Orr for time or date that you can help out. SEND EMAIL TO-alpost21office@gmail.com

American Legion, Post 21 will be having a Community Health Fair May 25, 2017. Opens at 10:am and closes at 5:00pm Many vendors will be present from Home Health, Hospice, Estate Planners. We need VOLUNTEERS!!!

The car show is back Memorial weekend. This one of our most popular events and a great turnout is expected again. Lounge and snack bar will be open all weekend we hope to see you out at the Post.

Commanders cookout-Monday May 29th Memorial day

The Post will be hosting a members only Memorial Day cookout from 1-4pm, we will have burgers, brats, and hotdogs for only \$5 per member, hope to see you there!

**Commander Mike Feliciano** 

There will be a barrel in the entry for diapers and household paper goods for the KC National Guard Armory Pantry.

Reminder that May will be a potluck before the meeting.

#### **TAPS**

DAVID V BROWN, THOMAS J DAWSON,
ROBERT W ELGIN, LOUIS M JOHNSON,
JOSEPH T RASPERGER, JAMES C RENEAU,
GARY G WILLIAMS

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

#### **MAY 2017 DANCE SCHEDULE**

6 Dixie Cadillacs

13 Reddymen

20 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

#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

May is shaping up to be a busy month with opportunities to be of service to our Veterans and their families! We start off the month with Truman Pilgrimage, a reception

on Sunday May 7 @6p.m. We lay the wreaths on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> and afterwards a luncheon held at the Post. The Auxiliary will be hosting our Central Division Vice President Carolee Junge during this Pilgrimage. Please come to meet her.

Poppy distribution will be May 19-20 at both HyVee stores. There will be a sign up sheet in the lounge. If everyone takes just two hours we will have covered the stores.

The indoor/outdoor Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. This is Armed Forces Day. The Craft Fair is a lot of fun and we need to see Auxiliary members attend as well as Riders, SAL, and Post members. It's never too early to shop for Christmas!

Girls State briefing is May 21<sup>st</sup>. This is open to everyone. We usually have around 60 girls and about 75 parents attend. If your Unit is sending a young lady to Girls State this briefing is a good place to meet them and talk to them personally.

Don't forget Cinco de Mayo with specials in the lounge. Mothers Day is May 14<sup>th</sup> and Memorial Day is May 29<sup>th</sup>. District 5 will meet on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 at the DAV 8787 Old Santa Fe Road (87<sup>th</sup> and Blue Ridge Cutoff.

We will have an executive board meeting on May  $3^{rd}$  at 7 p.m.

Official Flag Flying days are: May 8<sup>th</sup> VE Day, May 14<sup>th</sup> Mothers Day, May 20<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day, and May 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day. Fly your flags high and show your pride for our American heroes serving our country. May God bless our United States of America.

Gayle Metzinger Auxiliary Unit 21 President

#### Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

**New:** Terry Beemer, Sharolyn Harms, Amy Hill, Angelita Neece

**Death:** Frances L D'Angelo

#### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

We can finally put the heavy leathers and heated gear away and ride more comfortable. It's much easier and safer to ride when you are not restricted with all the winter gear. I still encourage everyone to dress appropriately for safe riding. I use the term "Dress for the Slide not the Ride". Sounds gruesome but it reminds me to wear the proper gloves and other gear for protection.

Riders stepped up and cooked the steaks for Steak Night at the post on April 21st. We probably had more fun than we should have but it sure made for a great evening. I hope your steak was cooked to perfection, if not than it was Jim Harrison's fault!

We continue to sell 50/50 tickets to our Bingo patrons on Tuesday nights. We use this to add to our ability to help our fellow vets. We are also proud to help out with the bathroom remodeling supplying needed funds to complete the project.

A reminder to Riders it's time to start thinking about running for a position on the eboard. Please consider volunteering to take an office. We also need a nominee for 5th District ALR Director. I am encouraged that a couple of you have come forward with an interest in running. Still I would like to see more of you step up. Please come and see me and tell me you would like to run!

Volunteers needed! We need volunteers in all areas at Post 21. Please consider donating some time. Talk to Commander Mike, Kevin our new office manager, Tom Tanner, Marsha Mooney, Me or anyone to see where you can help. If we can get several to commit to 4 hours a month that would help a lot. Please don't just read this and move on. Think about giving some time. Thank

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

Bob Ford - ALR Chapter 21 Director



#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Greetings to all, Spring is finally here and along with it our elections for officers for the next year. We will have nominations at our next meeting Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00 if you are interested in applying for any position. We currently have no candidates for Adjutant and Vice Commander.

It is important to keep the Post 21 SAL going. While we have over 90 members, only 10-15 members come to the meetings and show support. We are in dire need of Officers. We don't want to see this group fold for the lack of Support.

The 44th annual Truman Pilgrimage will be May 7th and 8th. On Sunday night May 7th there will be a reception in the Main Hall. We will have guests from out of town so please come to help welcome them to our Post. On May 8th we will once again be laying a wreath on Truman's Grave.

Several of the Son's and other post members are going to be riding from California to Washington D.C on the 2017 Annual Run for the Wall. On May 22nd, many members of the post and their families will be standing on the I-70 Lee's Summit Rd overpass to cheer them on, current ETA is around 10:00 AM. The post will be supplying flags, but if you have them, bring zip ties. The police actually shut down I-70 for this event, it's something you really should see. Best parking is at the church just north of the intersection.

The SAL is making a \$500 Silver Sponsor Donation to 3rd Annual Camp Valor's fundraiser which takes place on May 13th. We urge everyone to come participate in a fun filled day with a huge silent auction, group motorcycle ride, and live music by Scott Scorfina originally of REO Speedwagon. The Vietnam Veterans Ceremony is at 1 pm. The proceedings will be in downtown Holden.

The SAL has donated a \$200 HyVee gift card for the family of Independence Police Officer Tom Wagstaff. If you remember the news, Tom was shot in the head while responding to a home invasion in late March.

The SAL is also donating \$450 to Independence Boy Scout troop 201 to help 6 young men go to Scout Camp at H Roe Bartle in Osceola this summer.

Numbers are everything, so if you donate any time or money to Veterans or other functions that represent the Legion, including volunteering in the kitchen, please send that information to the Commander Daryl Wimmer so it can be included in his annual report due in late June. .

......Daryl Wimmer, SAL Commander



#### **FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR MAY**

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Monday from 5pm to 7pm	
<b>5/1</b> Open-Faced Roast Beef Sandwich,	
Mashed potatoes/gravy	\$6.50
1/2 lb Patty Melt w/fries	\$7.50
5/8 Open-Faced Roast Beef Sandwich,	
Mashed potatoes/gravy	\$6.50
Pasta w/meat sauce	\$5.50
<b>5/15</b> Open-Faced Roast Beef Sandwich,	
Mashed potatoes/gravy	\$6.50
Double cheesburger w/fries	\$6.00
<b>5/22</b> Open-Faced Roast Beef Sandwich,	
Mashed potatoes/gravy	\$6.50
Chili Dogs	\$2.75
5/29 Snack Bar Menu if we are open	
Tuesday from 4pm to 7pm	
<b>5/2</b> Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each or 4 for \$5.00	
Pork Burrito	\$5.00
Taco Salad	\$5.00
<b>5/9</b> Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each or 4 for \$5.00	
Pork Burrito	\$5.00
Taco Salad	\$5.00
<b>5/16</b> Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each or 4 for \$5.00	
Pork Burrito	\$5.00
Taco Salad	\$5.00
<b>5/23</b> Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each or 4 for \$5.00	
Pork Burrito	\$5.00
Taco Salad	\$5.00
<b>5/30</b> Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each or 4 for \$5.00	
Pork Burrito	\$5.00
Taco Salad	\$5.00
Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm	_
5/3 Meatloaf w/mashed potatoes/gravy & veggie	\$7.50
5/10 Meatloaf w/mashed potatoes/gravy & veggie	\$7.50
5/17 ALR COOKS	
Bacon Cheese Burger or Mushroom Swiss Cheese Burger	\$?.??
<b>5/24</b> Meatloaf w/mashed potatoes/gravy & veggie	\$7.50
<b>5/31</b> Meatloaf w/mashed potatoes/gravy & veggie	\$7.50
Thursday from 5pm to 7pm	
5/4 Chicken Fried Chicken w/mashed potatoes/	4
gravy and veggie	\$7.50
5/11 Chicken Fried Chicken w/mashed potatoes/	4
gravy and veggie	\$7.50
5/18 Chicken Fried Chicken w/mashed potatoes/	4
gravy and veggie	\$7.50
5/25 Chicken Fried Chicken w/mashed potatoes/	40.50
gravy and veggie	\$8.50
Friday from 4pm to 8pm	444.00
5/5 "Chef John" Famous Fried Chicken Dinner From	\$11.00+
5/12 Mothers Day Buffet 2pm to 7pm Ladies eat free	46.00
Men	\$6.00
5/19 ????	
5/26 "Chef John" Chicken Parmesan Dinner or	
Italian Steak Parmesan Dinner Both Served w/Pasta	ć12 oo
Garlic Toast and Salad	\$13.00
Saturday from 8:00am to 9:30 am	ć0 00
<u>5/13</u> Post Breakfast 7:30 till 9:30	\$8.00

### THE WINNERS FROM THE MARCH MADNESS POOL TOURNAMENT HELD ON THE 15TH OF MARCH



1st Place LARRY EAGAN - TOM LYNCH

2nd place
KEN GOAD - BILL SPOTTS





3rd Place RON BLOOMFIELD - JOE GENRICH

4th Place
JOE PULLEY - BOB LONG

#### **POPPY DAYS**



Volunteers will be needed to distribute Poppies on that the HyVee at

Noland Rd. and 40 Hwy, and the HyVee at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Lee's Summit Rd. Also, volunteers will be needed to distribute poppies at the ALR craft fair on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Post 21, and at the May 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday night dance. Signup sheets will be in the lounge starting April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Carolyn Blake at 816-427-6079

#### A Lesson on UP

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is 'UP'. It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep], [adj.], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand **UP**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP**?

At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP**, and why are the officers **UP** for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss **UP**) and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report?

We call **UP** our friends, brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver, warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen.

We lock **UP** the house and fix **UP** the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP** excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed **UP** is special.

#### FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Membership renewals are still coming in however the renewal pace has slowed. The Post is at 87.24% of the goal as set by National. That gives us approx. 1415 members renewed for the New Year. We have 153 members that have not renewed their membership for Legion year 2017. If you know anyone that has not paid their dues please get them to come and pay their dues

We are converting to a new data base to be used to help track our membership. In order to have a complete data base I ask that every member send me the name of your spouse, emergency contact information, email address, date of birth, correct phone number, branch of service and war era. If you have moved within the last 6 months would you please provide me with your new address.

The Annual Department of Missouri American Legion
Convention is being held in Jefferson City, MO from 14-16 July.
If you would like to be a delegate for the convention please
contact me. The delegate list is due to department in June.
Emails are still a problem. I have been getting a lot of emails
bounce back to me for whatever reason. If you feel that you
are not receiving emails from the Post, PLEASE check your
spam settings to ensure correct delivery of the emails. If your
spam settings are correct please ensure I DO have your
correct email address. If you have changed your email
address or have not provided the post with an email address,
please send it to me.

If you would like to receive your monthly newsletter by email, please let me know. We would like to increase the number of newsletters sent out by email rather than by regular mail. The post sends out over 1700 newsletters a month which is very costly.

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.

The e-mail address for Post is <u>adjutantpost21@gmail.com</u>.
-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
adjutantpost21@gmail.com



#### SICK CALL

PHIL GRECO

Call the Post at (816) 373-0221 to report any illness.



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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 7:40 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 4 May. 2017, at 7PM.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Allan Grandle, Robert Harms, Daniel Hunter, Doug Parry, Molly Sands, Dennis Walden

#### **TRANSFERS:**

Claude Gatchel, Matthew Ross, Douglas Van Gorp

If you are interested in playing Hand and Foot cards at the Post please contact Cylestt Sabrowsky (816) 886-6401. We are planning to start on 3 May 17 at the post.

Thanks

Cylestt

#### MAY 2017 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 93 members with May birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1@96, 1@95, 4@94, 2@93, 2@91
The youngest will turn 33 this month.

#### 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



So by the time you read this newsletter, Tirey J Ford American Legion Post 21 will have had their April Wednesday Night Dance. As a reminder from April's newsletter, May will be

giving you an additional Wednesday Night Dance. **Oasis on May 10th, Kid Sister May 17th, and Loose Change May 31.** Dance from 7-10pm with the cost of \$6 at the door. Remember this is Classic Rock of the 50's, 60's, and 70's so come on out and take yourself back in time to the music that moved America.

2nd Vice Commander Noel Tyler

I'm asking for the cooperation of the Ladies Auxiliary and
 the SAL

It will help us cut down on the newsletter mailings if you would create an email mailing list of your respective members.

Thank you.

**Newsletter Editor** 

#### WE ARE STILL ASKING FOR YOUR HELP

In order to update our files to current status we are asking 152 WWII and 250 Korean veterans for the following:

Birthday, War Era, Branch of Service, and Email Address.

PLEASE contact the office either by phone or email.

Phone # 373-0221 when the voice starts press 5. That will get the Adjutants office.

Email address: adjutantpost21@gmail.com

Thank you for your cooporation.

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