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POST EVENTS FOR MAY

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING - May 2nd

- **POST MEETING - MAY 3rd @ 7:00 PM****
- **AUXILIARY MEETING - MAY 3rd @ 7:00 PM****
- ** SAL MEETING MAY 2nd @ 7PM ****
- **ALR MEETING - MAY 10th @ 6:30 PM****

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING Every Monday @ 7:00 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING MAY 17th @ 7:00 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE IN MAY See Page 7

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in MAY - See Page 3

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



THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



May 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	Sylvia Tanner
Judge Advocate	Wes Blake
Historian	David Cary
Service Officer	Mike Sweeney
Chaplain	Bob Settles
Sergeant-at-Arms	Dan Orr
Past Commander	Phil Greco

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Americanism	Chris Wehr
Athletic	Boyd Lighthill
Bingo	Marge Neal
Boy's State	OPEN
Budget & Finance	Denis Proctor
Cadet Patrol	Norman D'Angelo
Dance	Wayne Keller
Home Improvement	OPEN
Kitchen	Cynthia Stephenson
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
Treasurer	Ed Witthar
Judge Advocate	Jim Neece
Historian	David Cary
Chaplain	Mark Clark
Sergeant-At-Arms	Doug Stacer
Road Captains	Doug Vetter-Dennis Mooney
Safety Officer	Mark Clark

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Feliciano called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, 5 Apr18, at the Post Home.

Commander Witthar conducted the opening ritual.

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

Chaplain Bob Settles gave the opening prayer.

There were 9 officers and 33 members present.

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

Gayle Metzinger presented the post with a check for rent of the hall. Mike Rowe from Edward Jones Investment to discuss possible investment options.

· Business meeting resumed 7:30 pm.

Commander Feliciano 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 Mike Sweeney. Motion carried. A copy of the last report is posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 12 and 22 Mar were read. A motion to accept the Executive committee minutes was made by Mike Sweeney. 2nd by Mark Clark. Motion carried.

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

· There were 5 deceased members for the month of Mar.

· The Adjutant read correspondence.

· Committee Reports:

Wes Blake gave the Bingo report and presented the post with a check for \$5000.00

Wayne Keller gave the Saturday dance report.

Wes Blake gave the Thursday dance report.

· Officer Reports:

Bob Ford gave the ALR report.

· New Business:

John Faelske stated that Saturday 7 Apr is a work day at the post.

Mark Clark stated that ROTC awards will be presented April 25 2018 at 6:00 pm at Van Horn High School. Anyone can attend.

For the good of the American Legion:

1st Vice Commander Ed Murray 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 8:20 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 3 May 2018, at 7PM.

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



RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '17 -'18

Urgently trying to locate relatives of SP5 Dean Allen Bell who was KIA in Vietnam on Sept. 6, 1968.

He graduated Raytown High School in 1965.

He had a sister named Grace Bell and a stepbrother named Roger A Hale.


If any can help locate, please call Phil Greco @ 816-651-5445

Trying to find relatives so that David can dedicate Run to the Wall to this veteran.

Deaths

SPEC. 5 DEAN A. BELL

Spec. 5 Dean A. Bell, 21, of 10624 East Sixtieth street terrace, Raytown, was killed Friday by hostile fire in South Vietnam. Specialist Bell was with an element of the 101st airborne division.



He was a life-long area resident.

Specialist Bell was graduated from Raytown high school in 1965 and attended the University of Kansas.

He entered the Army November 23, 1966, and received basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and advanced training at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., and Ft. Benning, Ga. He had been in South Vietnam nine months.

In June, 1968, Specialist Bell was awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic action in Phouc Vinh, South Vietnam.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Mary Honeyman Hale; his stepfather, Clarence Hale, and a sister, Miss Grace A. Bell, all of the home, and a stepbrother, Roger A. Hale, 11219 Donnelly.

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

My time as Commander is coming to an end very soon. The past Commandes will meet and nominations of members will be forwarded on to Post 21 membership at the May general meeting. Nominations can come from the floor at that time also. If election is required, the election vote will be held at the June general meeting and the new Commander will take his or her position as Commander July 2018. At the May general meeting, the Post 21 membership will be voting on what investment we will use from the cell tower payment and for the restrooms tile upgrade for four restrooms, parking lot repairs and resealed and the LED electronic sign proposals. It's very important that members have a voice. Please attend the next general membership meeting. It's your Post, have a say and VOTE. Volunteers as always are needed more and more, the more revenue we try to create the more volunteers needed. I want to thank the many members that have stepped forward for the best interest of the post. The Post will 100 years old in 2019 and will be for another 100 years. We are the guardians of our Post for the future membership.

Commander Mike Feliciano



RICH CATES IN THE LOUNGE

MAY 4, 11, 18, 25



WISHING KATE BOWEN AND MARGE NEAL A HAPPY __ TH. I'LL LET THEM FILL IN THE BLANKS!
Thank you lady Vets

TAPS



SAMUEL FARNSWORTH, GARRY L HODGES,
DONALD W LAWRENCE, CARL SANDERS,
VERNON E WILLIS

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



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 the Truman Pilgrimage, a reception on Monday May 7 at 5 p.m. We will have a meet and greet with a light supper and a possibility of live music. We lay the wreaths on Tuesday, May 8th, and afterwards a luncheon held at the Post. This is our premiere event and we need volunteers to assist in many ways. Please check with Cindy in the kitchen or the Commander for places to fill. Many dignitaries from the surrounding states are coming and we may have National visitors as well. There will be no BINGO on the 7th or the 8th.

We will be having a pot luck dinner before our May meeting at 6 p.m. Bring a dish and join the meal.

Poppy distribution will be May 4th and 5th at both HyVee stores. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lounge. If everyone takes just one hour, we will have covered the stores.

The indoor/outdoor Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, May 19th. The Craft Fair is a lot of fun and we need to see Auxiliary members attend as well as Riders, SAL, and Post members. Be a shopper! It's never too early to shop for Christmas!

Girls State briefing is May 20th. 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. Mother's Day is May 13th Armed Forces Day is May 19th and Memorial Day is May 28th. District 5 will meet on May 16th at 11:45 at the DAV on 40 Hwy.

We will have an executive board meeting on May 2 at 7 p.m.

Remember in prayer our veterans serving at home and overseas. Give thanks that we live in a democratic country and we receive so many blessings.

The nominating committee will have a list of candidates announced in the May meeting. Nomination from the floor will be entertained at that time. Please make your wishes known to the committee if you are interested in a position or want to retain the position you are presently serving. Open your heart to service to our veterans by accepting a leadership office. We will be there to help.

God bless America.

Gayle Metzinger Auxiliary 21 President

There will be a potluck before the May Legion and Auxiliary meetings.

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: *Suzette Burton*

Death: *Shirley Shanahan, Pearl Maxine Strobel*

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

March was a little busier for us. That is not all bad news. We put in 318 hours, drove/rode 5010 miles, 15 missions and 2 other events, utilizing 73 people.

We continue to run the 50/50 at Tuesday night Bingo. It is a joy to interact with the Bingo regulars each week.

March 21st marked the return of our monthly Cheeseburger Night!. We were missed apparently. We served 90+ meals. The kitchen was hopping. Thank you to the riders working the kitchen who helped make this a success.

Officer Nominations are coming in May! We need you to step up and help lead. I will not be running for Director this year. After 2 years it is time for a leadership change. All offices are open if you want to run. The new Director will also need to be looking for a new Road Captain. Doug has done a fantastic job but he is ready for a well deserved break. Please come and talk to me about how you can help. Step up and take your turn at being part of the best Riders Group in Missouri!

(This is repeated again!) 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



MAY 6th POST WILL OPEN AT 11:30

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



The months of March and April were pretty slow for the SAL. There was no April meeting so very little to report.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM. There will be nominations for the officers for the next term. We will also be discussing changes to the Constitution and By Laws of the SAL. Please attend if possible.

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



**FREEDOM IS NOT
FREE**

Fund Raiser for child w/cancer
Sunday May 27 from 2-5PM
Open to the membership

FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR FEBRUARY

Monday from 5pm to 7pm

5/7 Truman Days no meal

- 5/14 Pulled Pork on bun w/cole slaw \$6.50
- 5/21 Snack Bar Menu

5/28 POST CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm

5/1, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29 Truman Days on the 8th no meal

- Tacos Tuesday \$1.50 each
- or 4 for \$5.00
- Pulled Pork Burrito or pork nachos \$5.00
- Taco Salad \$5.00

Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm

- 5/2 Lasagna, garlic bread and salad bar \$8.50
- 5/9 Baked potato and salad bar \$8.50
- 5/16 ALR Burger Night
- Bacon Cheese/Mushroom Swiss burger night, fries, tots or onion rings \$7.00
- 5/23 Grilled cheese w/pasta salad and salad bar \$8.50
- 5/30 Open face hot roast beef sandwich w/mashed potatoes and brown gravy \$8.50

Thursday

NO MEALS ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

Friday from 5pm to 7pm

- 5/4 Shrimp, fish, potatoes, corn on the cob & cole slaw \$10.00
- 5/11 Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggie & biscuit \$8.50
- 5/18 Pork chop, stuffing, veggie & roll \$9.00
- 5/25 Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes/gravy veggie& roll \$7.50

Saturday from 7:30am to 9am

- 5/5 Prime Rib Dinner
- 5/12 Post breakfast \$8.00



PLEASE GO TO :
www.moalpost21.org
To see the new kids snackbar menu

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Military Discounts % Some You May Not Be Aware of

To celebrate and show their gratitude to the nation's servicemembers and veterans, many companies and organizations offer discounts and freebies throughout the year. Visit the websites listed below to ensure eligibility. Plenty of other organizations and companies offer discounts for members of the military, so be sure to always inquire about deals at the time of purchase. Here are six military deals to check out:

1. Custom Banners — Are you looking for the perfect way to welcome home your loved one? Build A Sign offers free, 100-percent-customizable banners for families celebrating the homecoming of their deployed servicemember.

This is the perfect way to show your loved one how much you have missed them.

2. Amusement Parks — Many amusement parks across the country offer discounts for military families. Places like Busch Gardens, Sea World, and Sesame Place provide military members one free admission a year. Learn more at wavesofhonor.com. Find additional attractions and vacation ideas for your family — all with military discounts — in “Kid-Friendly Vacations.”

3. Cellphone Discounts — Most major cellphone providers — including AT&T, Boost Mobile, Sprint, U.S. Cellular, and Verizon — offer military discounts on wireless plans to current and former servicemembers. To find the best deal for your family, do some shopping and focus on the plan that is right for you.

4. Athletic Apparel and Shoes — Nike offers a 10-percent discount to servicemembers. Registration is quick and easy. All you need is a valid military ID card. To find how you can get your discount, visit nike.com.

5. Wedding Dresses — Brides Across America is a nonprofit that is committed to gifting weddings and wedding gowns to military and first-responder brides. Founded in 2008, the organization has gifted over 20,000 dresses. Their “Operation Wedding Gown Event” is held twice a year: in July (around Independence Day) and in November (around Veterans Day). Check out more deals for your big day in “Discounts on Wedding Packages.”

6. Event Tickets — The Veteran Tickets Foundation offers free tickets to currently serving military members of all branches of service and veterans. The foundation's goal is to support troops by providing positive family and life experiences. Tickets are provided for events, concerts, performing arts, and educational and family activities across the nation. To receive your free tickets, sign up at vettix.org.

[Source: MOAA Newsletter | March 22, 2018 ++]

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

The Post is at 92.28% of the goal as set by National. That gives us approx. 1350 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

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.

Now is the time to start thinking about being a delegate for the Department Convention to be held in Springfield, Mo from 12-15 July. If you are interested in being a delegate, please contact me to get signed up. Hotel information is available upon request.

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**

NEW MEMBERS

Garry Coonts, Larry Garrison, Lawrence Morris, Jack Selby

TRANSFERS:

*Ronald Bingaman, John Koziuk, Ronald Pouliot,
Michael Reliford, Ray Shick, Robert Trusty, William Ward*

MAY 2018 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 76 members with May birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1@97, 1@96, 3@95, 2@94, 1@92, 2@90
The youngest will turn 34 this month.

POPPY DAYS



HY-VEE STORES 40 Highway and Noland and 23rd Street and Lee's Summit Road

May 4 Friday 10:00 –3:00

May 5 Saturday 9:00-3:00

It's that time of year again that we give out poppies to the customers at Hy-Vee Stores. We will have a sign up sheet in the lounge after April 1. We will also have a sign up sheet at the April and May meetings. Or you can call Judy Nash 373-2798 or Faye Zacharias 254-7735 if you know what time you can volunteer. This is always such a rewarding thing for our veterans. We really appreciate the Hy-Vee stores for letting us use their stores to pass out the poppies.



MAY 2nd 7-10PM Mike Perez
 MAY 9th 7-10PM Mike Perez
 MAY 16th 7-10PM Mike Perez
 MAY 23rd 7-10PM Mike Perez
 May 30th 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 MAY 31st Last Thursday of May. Oasis will be performing Classic Rock and Country so come on out and show your moves. Doors open at 5:30. The band plays from 7-10PM. Snack bar available

Wes Blake



MAY 2018 DANCE SCHEDULE



5	Ranger
12	Reddymen
19	Sweetwater
26	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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