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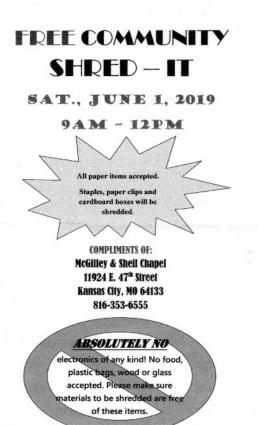
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### THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



#### **MAY 2019**

### THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Greetings to all, Spring is finally here and along with it is our elections for officers for the next Year. We will have nominations at our next meeting Wednesday May 1st at 7:00. We are in dire need of someone taking positions for the Adjutant and Commander. If you are interested in stepping up for any

positions, come to our next meeting. We currently have NO candidates for Adjutant and Commander.

It is important to keep the Post 21 SAL going. While we have over 67 members, only 8-10 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 46th annual Truman Pilgrimage will be May 7th and 8th. On Tuesday 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. Then will be having a luncheon in the Main Hall at the post for all the guests.

Several of the Sons and other post members are going to be riding from California to Washington D.C on the 2019 Annual Run for the Wall. On May 20th, many members of the post and their families will be standing on the I-70 Lee's Summit overpass to cheer them on, current ETA is around 10:00 AM. The post will 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 also donating \$500 to Independence Boy Scout troop 201 to help 2 young men go to Scout Camp at H Roe Bartle in Osceola this summer.

May 3rd The Sons are doing a Chicken Dinner from 4:30pm to 8:00pm. Needing volunteers in the Kitchen and taking money for the dinner. Come out and listen to the Rock N Roll Band in the Hall and Michelle Hawkins in the Lounge.

Join the Post Family in the Lounge May 4th. The Ladies Auxiliary, The Sons and Riders are going to have a Kentucky Derby Pot luck in the Lounge.

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.

**Commander Daryl Wimmer** 

### MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Witthar called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, April 4, 2019, at the Post Home.

Commander Witthar conducted the opening ritual.

2nd Vice Commander Bob Ford placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain Bob Settles gave the opening prayer.

There were 9 officers and 25 members present. A quorum was present.

The Regular business meeting was suspended at 7:05 for the following Guests: Chris Richardson from T-Mobile. He discussed the Military and Senior discounts with T-Mobile.

Reagan Mountain was introduced as this year's Post Family Scholarship recipient.

The business meeting resumed at 7:20.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of Mar 19. A motion to accept the finance report was made by Bob Ford. 2nd by Wes Blake. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes were read for the month of Mar. A motion was made by Wes Blake to approve the minutes as read. 2nd by Bruce Butler. Motion carried with one nay.

New members and transfers were read. A motion to accept the new members and transfers was made by Wayne Keller. 2nd by Bob Ford. Motion carried.

There were 6 deceased members since the last Post meeting. The Adjutant read correspondence.

### **Committee Reports:**

The Friday dance report was given by Wes Blake.

The Saturday dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

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

No Legion Rider report was given.

Bob Ford discussed the upcoming gun show. It is sold out. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know. The gun show is April 13 & 14.

The appointment of Mike Millett and Wayne Keller was voted on. Sylvia Tanner made a motion to accept both officers. 2nd by Bruce Butler. Motion carried.

### Officer Reports:

Post Commander Ed Witthar discussed the Post newsletter. It was discussed to cut back on the printing of the newsletter and the mailing of the newsletter. Ron Erickson made a motion to stop mailing the newsletter effective July 1, 2019. 2nd by Sylvia Tanner. Motion carried. There will be printed copies available at the post. The newsletter will also be emailed to all members the post has an email address for, it will also be available on the post web site.

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Wes Blake made a motion to close the post on Sundays when there is no event planned. 2nd by Bob Ford. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

**New Business:** The Post is now advertising on the Web site called Nextdoor. We are on 2 different zip codes for the site, South 40 and Three Trails. Please get on your own area and tag and share with us. We are reaching about 11,000 homes with these sites and we even have had people calling in for dinner reservations so these sites are helping.

### For the good of the American Legion: None

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

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

Commander Witthar conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 2 May 2019, at 7PM.

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

### THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

The month of May will soon be upon us. The time has come for all Post members to start thinking about the upcoming Post elections. If you would like to be an officer of the Post, please let me or one of my officers know. It is an honor to serve as an officer of the Post. Nominations of Post officers is in May with elections in June.

School graduations are coming in May. Congratulations to all graduating students. The Post 21 Family scholarship was awarded to Raegan Mountain. She is the Great Granddaughter of Post member Keith Zimmerman. Congratulations to her.

We have had several Post members contribute to the Post building fund. They are Wes and Carolyn Blake, Wayne Keller, Bruce Butler, John and Cheryl Faelske and Ed Witthar. Thank you all for your contributions.

Beginning July 1, the Post will no longer be mailing out Newsletters. There are several ways you can obtain a copy of the newsletter, receive it via email, read/print it from the Post web site or pick up a printed copy at the post. There will be a limited number of printed copies at the post so first come first serve.

Thanks for all you do

**Commander Ed Witthar** 

Semper Fi!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### MAY 2019 BIRTHDAYS

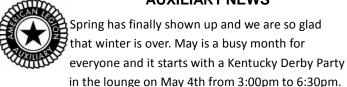
"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 78 members with May birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1@99, 1@98, 1@95, 32@94, 3@93, 1@92, 1@91
The youngest will turn 47 this month.





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

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**



There will be food, drink specials, a Kentucky Derby Hat Contest and other things. I hope that many of you can come and have a great time.

Truman Days will be May 7th and 8th. In the evening on May 7th, there will be a reception with appetizers. Please come and meet members from about this state and other states. On May 8th there will be a ceremony at Truman Library and a luncheon at the Post. Reservations for lunch may be made through Gayle Metzinger.

We will be distributing Poppies on May 18th at Hy-Vee at Lees Summit Rd and 23rd Street. Judy Nash should have a sign-up sheet in the Lounge.

May 23rd we are having a Unit 21 Road Show, Jason Roske will be giving a short talk on "No your kids really don't want your stuff". Admission is \$10.00, with that you also get to bring one item to have appraised. Seating is limited, talk to Lana Butler for tickets.

Volunteers are needed to help walk the floor (checking bingos, selling extra papers) for Bingo nights. If you volunteer we will not make you volunteer for every week, we hope to get back to 1 night per month. This is how we make the majority of our money we donate to our veteran causes so please help if you can.

Hope to see you at the May meeting

Marsha Mooney Auxiliary 21 President

Poppy Day at Hy-Vee

We will be at the Hy-Vee store on 23rd and Lee's Summit
Road on Saturday May 18 (9:00-3:00) to hand out Poppies.
A sign up sheet will be at the May meeting and then in the lounge.

Faye Zacharias and Judy Nash

**Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths** 

New:

Transfer:

**Death: Theodora Dooling** 

### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

AIR

Happy Spring Post 21!

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS The ALR has been busier again and things are ramping up for the warmer weather. There will be many missions in the coming month, so keep us in your thoughts as we are out there on the roadways. I also ask each of you to pay special attention as motorcyclist begin to take advantage of the weather. Drivers are out of the habit of looking for riders.

We have enjoyed our tenderloin rides the past three months even though we haven't yet been able to ride. It's been fun to just get out and enjoy each others company with no mission.

May is Derby Time! We are working with the SAL and Auxiliary to co-sponsor a Kentucky Derby party at the Post on the afternoon of May 4th. The festivities will kick off at 3 PM and there are plans to have a hat contest, 50/50, some mint juleps and other surprises that will unfold between now and then. It should be a great time and we are all looking forward to a full lounge. Please try to make it out for this special event.

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director

### **NEW MEMBERS**

**SirJames Thomas** 

### **TRANSFERS:**

Edward Curtin, Richard Fernandez, Wesley Huskisson,
Gareth Johnson, Karl O Moore, Jo Ramsey, Aubrey Smith,
Don Toner, Irvine Tucker

UNLESS OTHER WISE NOTED ALL DINNERS ARE SERVED FROM 5:00 P.M. UNTIL 6:00 P.M.

Sat	4 RAYTOWN BAND CONCERTS TO NOON OASS HALL KARAOKE	11 BREAKFAST730 AM TO 10AM REDDYMEN KARAOKE	18 ARMED FORCES DAY SWETWATER KARAOKE	25 REDDYMAN KARAOKE	
Fri	3 FRIED CHX DINNER LEGACY HALL MICHELLE HAWKINS	ONGANICA MENLOME SONDEN CONTROL TYDEAS MENAIC OT	DINNER SPECIAL BACK RIVER BAND HEATHER THORNION	24 DINNER, SPECIAL RIEGG DOS PEM BROS	21 DINNER, SPECIAL RIPPERS MICHELLE HAWKINS
Thu	2 POST MEETING 7 PM	9 ALR MEETING 1 <u>PM</u>	16 TEAMSTERS 12 EBOARD MEETING 7 PM	23	DOUNGE 6 PM
Wed	1 Karaole Snacit bar Menu	8 TRUMANDAYS7.30 COFFEE 11:30 lunch	15 ALR BURGER NIGHT KARAOKE	2 Jed dist. Karanke Sinckear	29 KARAOKE SNACK BAR
The	2019	truman days 6-8	14 TACO'S \$550 BINGO	21 TACCOS \$5.30 BDACCO	28 TACONS \$6.50 BINGO
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1st Place: Ernie Crews-Gary Cordell



2nd Place Boyd Williams-Friskey Floyd Richardson



3rd Place: Razor Ron Bloomfield-Jerry Tinsley



4th Place: Bob Lane-Pat Hillen

Another competive quarterly pool tournament was held at the Post 21 pool room this past March

Pat Hillen

### FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Post membership is at 1251 members renewed for the year. We have a long way to go to reach our goal of 1399 members for the year. This is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of both the American Legion and the Post. What better way to help celebrate both by achieving 100% membership renewal.

Emails are still a problem. WE now have 648 email addresses for our members. If you have not sent me your email address PLEASE do so. If you stop receiving notifications via email, then it is up to you to ensure I have your correct email address.

Effective July 1 the post will no longer be mailing out newsletters. The newsletter will be available on the web site, <a href="http://moalpost21.org">http://moalpost21.org</a> or via email. There will be a limited number of printed copies of the newsletter available at the post.

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 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



Sons of American Legion Fried Chicken Dinner May 3, 2019 4:30 - 8:00 PM





### MAY 2019 FRIDAY ROCK & ROLL DANCE SCHEDULE

May 3: Legacy May 10:Souled Out May 17: Route 66

May 24: Back River Band

May 31:Rippers \$7.00 Admission Doors Open 5:30 PM

Beverage & Snack Bars Open 5:30 PM Dance Time 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Join Us & Have a Blast

**Wes Blake** 





May 1st 7-10PM Mike Perez May 15th 7-10PM Mike Perez May 22nd 7-10 PM Mike Perez May 29th 7-10PM Mike Perez

### **MAY 2019 DANCE SCHEDULE**

4 Country Oasis

11 Reddymen

18 Sweetwater

25 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

A doctor was addressing a large audience in Tampa . 'The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago... Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. However, there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have eaten, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?' After several seconds of quiet, a 75-year-old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said, 'Wedding Cake.'

Groups of Americans were traveling by tour bus through Holland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used. She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing. 'These' she explained, 'Are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce.' She then asked, 'What do you do in America with your old goats?' A spry old gentleman answered, 'They send us on bus tours!

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