



The American Legion

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

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MAY 2021



HOME POST OF PRESIDENT HARRY S TRUMAN
CHARTERED MAY 1, 1921

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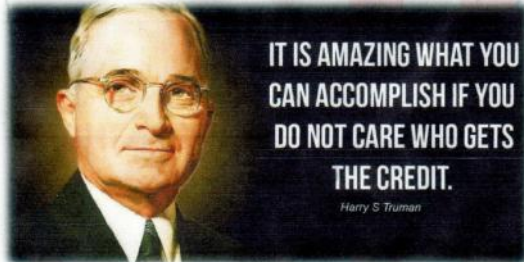
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**Join Us Friday, May 7th, 2021
(The Birthday Eve)
To Celebrate Harry S. Truman's
133rd Birthday**

Dinner Served 4:30pm-7:00pm

Menu: *(President Truman's Favorite Meal)*
Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Roll
Favorite Beverage: Old Fashion
Dessert: Chocolate Cake or Custard Pie

Special Ceremony At 7:15pm



Dinner will be served by the
Midwest Poppies For Patriots



Car, Truck & Bike Show
May 15, 2021 10am-4pm




Rain Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021

The American Legion – Tirey J. Ford Post 21
Free Admission

Cool Cars & Trucks Wicked Bikes
Music Food 50/50 Drawing Prizes

Meet the Midwest Poppies for Patriots and get your car, truck and/or bike's picture with them.

Judging for People's Choice, Legion's Choice & Poppies' Choice
16701 E US Highway 40, Independence, MO 64055
Legion dance to follow: Doors open at 5:30/Dance 7-10:30
Questions/Comments: MidwestPoppiesForPatriots@hotmail.com



THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Greetings to all, it is time to elect officers for the next year 2022. We will have a meeting May 5th in the Lounge and will be looking for many members to show up. All Positions are to be filled and need more participation if the members want to keep the Post 21 SAL going. We are a very small group and we need others to join us and make the Meetings. We have 52 members as of April, but only 3-4 members who come to the meetings and shows support. We are in dire need of Officers. We don't want to see this group to fold for the lack of Support.

Scout Camp is around the corner and SAL donated \$1500 to help the Boy Scout Troop 201 in Independence to go to a weeklong camp.

If any of the SAL members are donating any time for the Veterans events or helping in the Kitchen, We need all the hours for our year of end consolidated report that will be turned in late June.

Daryl Wimmer.....Commander



FLY THE FLAG



Armed Forces Day 3rd Sunday in May
Memorial Day (Half-Staff Until Noon) Last Monday in May

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, April 1, 2021, at the Post Home.

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

Chaplain gave the opening prayer.
There were 8 officers, and 16 members present. A quorum was present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of February 2021. A motion was made by Randy Bray to accept the finance report as read. 2nd by Kerry Boardman. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from March 25, 2021 were read. A motion was made by Jim Riley to accept the minutes as read. 2nd by Randy Bray. Motion carried.

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

There were 5 deceased members since the last Post meeting.
The Adjutant read correspondence.

Officer Report:
Commander Bob Ford discussed the renaming of the hall to Truman Hall. Kerry Boardman made a motion to rename the hall to Truman Hall. 2nd by Fred Denney. Motion carried.

Don Decker gave a progress report on the building fund. As of April 1, 2021, the building fund stands at \$2706.75.

Committee Reports:
Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.
Don Decker gave the Riders report.
Daryl Wimmer gave the Bingo report.
More information to follow.

Officer Reports: None
Old Business: None
New Business: None
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 Ford conducted the closing ritual, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is May 6, 2021, at 7PM.

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
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“Everything is funny, as long as it’s happening to somebody else”

--- Will Rogers

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greeting's Members and Patrons of Post 21,

As I am writing this, I am watching the snow come down... on April 20th. Missouri is always good for a laugh when it comes to the weather. It is no surprise to us life-long residents when this happens. We are used to these off-season surprises.

On to the business of the post. We continue to improve our situation as we recover from the pandemic. Our Bingo and Dance participation are slowly growing as more and more of us get vaccinated. We are still under a mask mandate, but some other protocols have been reduced allowing us to do more.

We just completed a highly successful Gun Show last weekend. The final numbers are not in yet, but we were very busy. We have another one planned for September 18th-19th, 2021. Thank you to all the members and public who volunteered to make this happen.

Besides our regular events the next big one is our Car and Bike Show on May 15th, 2021. We could use some help with parking and other areas for this show. Let me know if you would like to sign up!

We will be accepting nominations of post officers at our April meeting. All positions are open. I am in the process of putting the slate together so let me know if you would like to be one of Post 21 leaders. These are important positions that keep our Post operational.

We still need a couple to volunteer for the position of Bingo Chair. I would like to have co-chairs so that the work can be divided. Please consider helping with this. Let me know if you can help us out.

As always, contact me for any suggestions or problems. My door is always open.

Bob Ford
Commanderpost21@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Other than Honorable Discharge Update 17: New Review Board Offers One Last Chance at Appeal

Recently separated service members who believe they were unjustly or erroneously discharged or dismissed from the military, or want to upgrade how their discharge was characterized, now have one new last chance at appeal. The Pentagon on 7 APR announced it has created a new route for service members who separated on or after Dec. 20, 2019, to appeal their separation. The new Discharge Appeal Review Board will allow those service members a final review of their requests to upgrade their discharge or dismissal characterization after they have exhausted all other available administrative options, the Defense Department's release said. Congress ordered the board created in the fiscal 2020 National Defense Authorization Act.

Once a service member has exhausted all appeals with the appropriate service Discharge Review Board and Board of Correction of Military or Naval Records, they now can apply to the new appeal board for a final review. These boards of appeal also make corrections to a veteran's discharge, such as fixing dates or misspellings on the DD-214 or adding missing decorations or campaign medals to a veteran's record. But the new board will take a very tightly defined look at each case. It will review only records from the service Board of Correction of Military/Naval Records' case file, the release said, and will not see people personally. Anyone who wants to present new evidence first has to ask their Board of Correction to reconsider that evidence before it can be considered by the new appeal board.

It's not yet clear who will sit on the board, how many members it will have or how many cases it's likely to review. If the appeals board recommends that service member's discharge or dismissal characterization be upgraded, it then will be sent to the secretary of the relevant military department for a final decision, the release said. It is the final level of review anyone can seek. If the former service member has died or is incapacitated, that person's surviving spouse, next of kin or legal representative can apply on their behalf, the release said.

Veterans who receive a discharge from the military that is characterized as anything other than "honorable" may be ineligible for state and federal benefits, including health care, education, property tax

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AUXILIARY NEWS

NO INFORMATION SENT

Lana Butler, President
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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Post 21 Family,

Things are blooming in all areas. The reopening has been a great success and the ALR members have been volunteering in many areas to support that reopening. It's a source of great pride that our members have stepped up to make sure our Post gets back on it's feet. The kitchen has been a great success and, with the volunteer labor, is profitable for the first time in recent memory.

We had a great craft fair in April and have another scheduled already for October. If you didn't make it this time make sure you don't miss the next one. The Riders were also very much present in supporting the gun show which stands to be the most successful fundraising in my ten years at Post 21. It took hundreds of volunteer hours but this is exactly what the Post will need in order to regain our financial footing after the extended closure.

A heartfelt thanks to all of you for all that you do.

We look forward to seeing the entire Post 21 family and friends at Burger Night on May 19th. We served 93 in April and hope to do even more going forward. This is a Post benefit and we enjoy working together to make it happen. You can help your Post by enjoying a great meal in Club 21 or order it to go. Either way you are supporting the Post and helping fund the programs of the American Legion.

Next month we will elect new officers to the ALR and I am looking forward to where new leadership can take this Chapter. We have some fun things planned to round out the year. A three day trip to Iowa, a Chapter picnic and a trip out to Cassoday KS. I am looking forward to all of these events to round out my third year as your Director.

As always thank you all for what you do every day to support the Chapter and the Post!

Until next month!

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director



Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Zoe M. Pickens

Death:

Transfer:

From The Managers Desk


God gave us mouths that close and ears that don't...
That should tell us something.

MAY

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2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Dance - 7PM Karaoke with Dee
2	3 OPEN Bingo	4 OPEN Taco Night Bingo 	5 SAL Meeting - 6PM	6 OPEN Post & ALA Meeting 7PM	7 OPEN Eve of Truman's Birthday Details in newsletter	8 Dance - 7PM Karaoke with Dee
9 Mother's Day	10 OPEN Bingo	11 OPEN Taco Nigh Bingo 	12	13 ALR Meeting 6:30 PM	14 OPEN Hot Spiced Shrimp Songs by Jaime	15 Car, Truck, Bike Show Dance - 7PM Karaoke with Dee
16	17 OPEN Bingo	18 OPEN Taco Night Bingo 	19 OPEN Burger Night 	20	21 OPEN Dinner Menu Karaoke with Dee 7PM - 11PM	22 Dance - 7PM Karaoke with Dee


23	24 OPEN Bingo	25 OPEN Taco Night Bingo  OPEN Taco Night Bingo	26	27	28 OPEN Dinner Menu	29 Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:30 AM Dance - 7PM
30 OPEN Bingo	31					Dance - 7PM

Note: Club 21 opens @ 2PM

Food Served 5PM - 8pm (Carryout Available)

Bingo @ 6:30 PM

TAPS



KENNETH S AKERS, CARLTON T LIPPS,
DANIEL F PAYNE, GEORGE E THOMPSON,
RAY W WATSON

With reverence, we commit these,

MAY 2021 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 76 members with May birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1@99, 1@98, 2@97, 1@95, 1@94, 4@91, 2@90
The youngest will turn 37 this month.

**2021
DUES
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DUE**

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exclusions, employment preferences and even burial benefits. As society has changed throughout the years, many actions that were once a guarantee of a dishonorable discharge now are often not applicable reasons for involuntary termination from military service. Therefore, veterans who appeal a less-than-honorable discharge often are successful in having it upgraded. The formation of a new board of appeals for discharges was designed to ensure all previous decisions on appeals were made according to the law and DoD policy.

The Air Force has been put in charge of the appeal review board process, the Pentagon said. Anyone who believes there's a problem with their discharge or dismissal, as of Dec. 20, 2019, is encouraged to apply for review, the Pentagon said. They can find more information at the Air Force Review Board Agency Portal [HERE](#). [Source: Military.com | Stephen Losey & Jim Absher | April 7, 2021 ++]

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

As of March 26, 2021, we have 1037 members renewed. There are several ways to renew your dues, first is to pay online at <https://www.legion.org/> second is to mail them to the post or visit the post and pay them in person. We are still working on getting members renewed from 2019 and 2020, so if you know of someone that has not renewed, please have them contact me.

The roll out of the new My Legion has begun. If you are not registered yet, you need to do so. If you need help getting registered, contact me and I will help you get started. The new Legion year is almost upon us. July 1, 2021 is the start of the new legion year. At the May meeting we will be taking nominations for officers for the new Legion year. If you are interested in being an officer contact the Commander or Adjutant. The reopening of the Post has gone very well. There has been a good turnout for the dinners, Bingo and the dance. Please pass the word that the Post is now open and back for all our members. If you have any ideas on events or activities, you would like to see the post have feel free to let us know. 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.

Food pantry Numbers:

Households served 35
Adults 27
Children 1
Seniors 40

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
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NEW MEMBERS

Robert Rigby
Robert Williams

TRANSFERS

Robert Burney
Dean Falconer

Members

Life Line Screening will be conducting screenings on May 14, 2021 at Post 21. These screenings are noninvasive, convenient and take a little more than an hour of your time for five valuable screenings and less than \$200

Call 1.800.395.3920 to make an appointment.



Do you know a veteran or service member who could use a hand? Our food pantry is open to them on the last Saturday of each month.

From 8:30- 10:30



MASK



REQUIRED

*****MAY 2021 DANCE SCHEDULE*****

- 1 SOUTHBOUND
- 8 REDDYMEN
- 15 SWEETWATER
- 22 REDDYMEN
- 29 SWEETWATER

Doors open at 5:30 P.M.
Dance Time - 7:00 P.M.-10:30 P.M.
Admission to Saturday Dances \$10.00

WEB SITE








TO OBTAIN DD-214

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

Post 21 Website: www.moalpost21.org

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

The business below donates to and supports our Legion programs

 <p>Stoned Syllly Bead Weaving, Bead Art & Bead Jewelry</p> <p>Sylvia Tanner cell # 816 305-0283 stonedsyllly@juno.com</p> <p>Legion Member</p>	<p>TIM'S PIZZA 816-478-0777 17201 E 40 HIGHWAY WE SUPPORT OUR VETERANS</p>	<p>ADVANTAGE PLUS OVERHEAD DOOR With 40 Plus Years Experience "THE ADVANTAGE IS YOURS!" 18161 836-0893</p> <p>Bruce Watkins Repair or Replacement of Doors & Openers</p>
<p>Your Ad Here \$65.00</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$65.00</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$65.00</p>
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<p>McGilley & Sheil Chapel 47th & Blue Ridge Blvd. KCMO 816 353 6555</p> <p>WE HONOR VETERANS</p>  <p>Rich Carroll, Location Manager BMC Ret. USCG Res.</p> <p>Legion Member</p>	<p>WHERE THE HEART IS</p>  <p>Legion Member Dan O'Neill - Realtor 816-786-0317 REECE NICHOLS - EAST 5000 NE Lakewood Way Lees Summit, Mo 816-373-9292</p> <p>Legion Member</p>	<p>Legion Member</p>  <p>JONES AUTO SERVICE 9227 Truman Road Independence, MO 64052-1720 Serving Our Customers Since 1953</p> <p>PHONE: 816-833-1580</p>
<p>HY-VEE SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN LEGION</p> <p>14170 East Highway 40 (at Noland Rd.) 1525 E 23rd St S Independence, MO 64055</p>	 <p>platinum realty John Welchert Broker/Salesperson</p> <p>700 NE R.D. Mize Road Blue Springs, MO 64014 Office: 888-220-0988 Cell: 816-522-0002 JohnWelchert@gmail.com www.JohnWelchert.com</p> <p>Lifetime Legion Member</p> 	<p>Your Ad Here \$130.00</p>
<p>Medicare – Advantage Supplements Plan D Drug Plans</p>  <p>JOHN C. MARTIN LEGION MEMBER</p> <p>P.O. Box 6783, Lee's Summit, MO 64064 Phone: 816-246-4840 Fax: 816-326-9025 Email: jmartininsure@gmail.com www.martininsuranceagencyltd.com</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$130.00</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$130.00</p>
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