



Tirey J. Ford
American Legion Post 21
 16701 E. 40 Highway
 Independence, MO 64055
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Veterans Strengthening America



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Home Post of President Harry S. Truman

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Mon-Tue, 10:30am-3:00pm

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Tue: 2:00pm-9:00pm

Fri: 2:00-Varies per event.

Website: <http://www.moalpost21.org>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/alpost21/>

Interested in Joining the American Legion? If you are a Veteran, son, grandson, daughter or granddaughter of a veteran you are eligible to join. Call our office for details.



St. Patrick's Day at Post 21

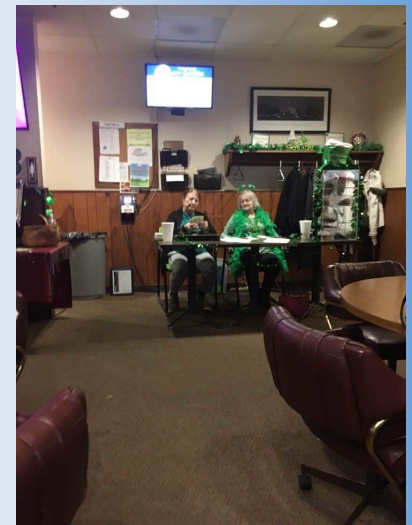
On Friday, March 17th, 2023 members and friends of Post 21 enjoyed traditional St. Patrick's Day fair of Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, and Carrots. Also Reuben Sandwiches were served along with a Lucky Leprechaun drink special made with mint chocolate chip ice cream! Food was served 2pm to 7pm but the festivities continued well into the evening.



A special thank you to our dedicated Friday Kitchen Volunteers. Please make sure you thank them and tell them how much you appreciate all that they do for our post.



Thank you to our hard working volunteer kitchen staff. They made our day special!



Our Posts First and Second Ladies were busy taking food orders.

See more pictures on page 8!



TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

Post 21 Proudly Awards 3 Academic Scholarships to our post members deserving students



Shelby L. Harris, granddaughter of Larry and Diane Harris receives her scholarship. Shelby will be attending Missouri Northwestern State College.



Grant Decker, son of Don and Chriss Decker receives his academic scholarship. Grant will be attending University of Missouri.



Josie K. Johnston, granddaughter of Ed Hazen receives her academic scholarship.



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My Legion Story - Don Decker

While I was still on active duty in Germany I spent most evenings shooting pool at the Rod and Gun club. As this is where The American Legion post held its meetings I was eventually recruited into the Legion by Commander. I enjoyed the camaraderie of the veterans of various ages, and soon became the Sergeant at Arms. I led the annual flag retirement, and became the grill master for all of our fundraising ventures at on-post activities.

After leaving Germany I remained a member and eventually transferred to a local post in Pennsylvania where I was working. Shortly after I transferred to Kansas and became a member of their holding post. After I finished my Master's degree I was determined to get involved in the Legion again. I found the only local post with a Legion Riders chapter was Post 21, and made an appointment to complete my transfer. Since joining I have led a committee that revised the post by-laws, led the post House Committee for five years, and served as second and third vice commander for the post. In the ALR I have served as Judge Advocate and for four of the past five years as Director. I was a regular volunteer at Bingo. Currently I am a regular volunteer at the food pantry, and spend a lot of time working in the kitchen during post events. Post 21 has been a very important part of my family's life for over a decade and I am excited to see the good things that will come for us here. This is a place with a lot of special people, and I am grateful for the friendships I have made here. If anyone would like to talk to me about the Legion and how to be more involved please reach out to me. The Post is what you make of it, and you get out more than you put in. Consider volunteering your own time and talents to make your Post the best that it can be! What's your Legion Story?



Would you like to share your Legion Story with us? Our readers would like to hear how you became a member and what the American Legion means to you. Contact the newsletter editor (Commander Bob Ford) and let him know you would like to share your story.

Minutes of the March Monthly Meeting

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, March 2, 2023, at the Post Home.

Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual.

1s Vice Commander Larry Harris placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

There were 11 officers, and 26 members present. A quorum was present.

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

Post scholarships were awarded to the following: Grant Decker, Josie Kellan Johnston, and Shelby Leanne Harris. The scholarships are for \$1000 each. Congratulations to all.

Business meeting resumed at 7:10.

The minutes of the last Post meeting were approved as published in the February newsletter.

Finance Officer gave the finance report for the month of January 2023. A motion was made to accept the finance report as read. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes for February 23, 2023, were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. Motion 2nd. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made to accept the new members and transfers. Motion 2nd. Motion carried.

There were 1 deceased member since the last Post meeting.

Officer Report:

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

ALR report was given by Don Decker.

Food Pantry report was given by Tom Tanner.

For the good of the American Legion:

Kerry Boardman asked all members to send emails or contact your elected officials in Washington DC and stress how important all Veteran issues are to us here in the community and the American Legion.

The 1st 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 7:27 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is April 6, 2023 at 7PM.

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Post 21 Kitchen gets a much needed Field Day!

On March 1st, 2023 several of your Post Leaders and a couple of their wives spent almost 6 hours doing a deep cleaning of our kitchen. This is just another example how your elected leaders are dedicated to making and keeping our post an enjoyable place to come to. Please make sure you thank them when you see them. They are an amazing group of volunteers!



Thank you Bob and Betty Ford, Larry Harris, Jerry and Barb Miller, Kerry Boardman, Wayne Keller and Doug Vetter!

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COMMANDERS CALL

Greetings Legion Family and Friends,

Spring is here and our semi annual events are upon us. Gun Shows, Craft Fairs, and Car Shows are on the

horizon. Plan to attend and if you are available we could use your help in running these fund raisers.

I hate to keep bringing up the "V" word but we are needing volunteers. As most of you know we have been running the kitchen with all volunteers. We have an immediate need for help on our Monday night snack bar to serve the Bingo crowd. We also have had the same crews for well over a year now and they are getting a little tired. We need more help so we can start giving them a break. Our 2 biggest nights are Taco Tuesdays and our Friday meals. Ideally, we would like to get 4 different crews working on Fridays like we do on Taco Tuesdays. That way no one has to work every week. Can you help? Maybe put a crew together of 4-5 people and offer to do a Friday meal once a month? Your Post Officers do Taco Tuesdays on the 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of the month. You can usually find some of them on other Tuesdays helping out when a crew is short. Please consider helping. If we have to hire kitchen staff it would severally hurt our much needed profits that we use for our veterans programs.

As we approach the next couple of months my tenure as your Commander is coming to a close. As the first Commander to serve 3 years in a row, I must say it has been quite a ride. We have been through COVID for half of that time and the aches and pains that it brought us. In spite of that, your Post Leaders have managed to grow our post in membership as well as assets. They have worked tirelessly to make sure Post 21 will be here in the future. I am thankful for all the leaders that have served with and supported me.

See you at the Post!

Bob Ford, Commander



From the Adjutants Desk

The post has 907 members renewed as of March 21, 2023. If you know of a member who has not renewed their dues, PLEASE have them contact me to pay them.

It is getting close to that time of the year to elect new Post officers. I am going to step down as the post Adjutant this year. If you would like to be the Adjutant, please let myself or the Post Commander know. I have been the Adjutant for approximately 10 years. I am more than willing to train any replacement. Next month we will be nominating for new post officers for the upcoming year. If you would like to be an officer please let one of the current officers know.

If you have not paid your membership dues for Legion year 2023, by December 31, 2022, you will be considered delinquent and until your dues are paid you will be removed from the newsletter list and will not receive a newsletter from the Post. PLEASE renew your dues. Renewal notices have been mailed by National. When you receive your notice, PLEASE send it in. The goal for the Post this year is 1021 as determined by State. 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. When you mail in your renewal it comes to the post not National.

Do you have neighbors near you flying an American flag? Would you like to receive a membership recruiting pin from the National Commander? Stop by the Post and pick up a packet of door hangers, hang one on the door of someone flying a flag. Make sure that you put your name in the recruiter spot on the membership application on the door hanger. It's that simple. If you get 3 members to sign up, you will receive a pin.

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.

Thomas A. Tanner

Tom Tanner

Adjutant



TIREY J. FORD POST 21 FAMILY NEWS



Tirey J Ford American Legion Post 21

New Post Members: Daniel R. Weber, Daniel Hurst, Marvin Harris

Transfers: John Czapla, Robert Rose,



Sons of the American Legion Squadron 21

Greetings SAL Members both old and new,

We will be meeting monthly on the first Thursday of each month in Club 21 (Lounge) at 7pm. We will be discussing plans on how we can rejuvenate our squadron. Please join us and bring your ideas and get to know your fellow SAL Members.



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 21

New Members: Dorothy J. Falconer

Transfers:

Deaths: Dorothy Whitney



American Legion Riders Chapter 21

Hello Post 21 Family,

Riding season is upon us and the ALR will be out in the community representing Post 21 more and more as the weather warms up. We look forward to the work we do and we appreciate the support that all of you provide for us. Please be on the lookout as you get out on the roads this spring. Motorcycles can be difficult to see and drivers are not used to looking for us. We all want to make it home safely.

We have plans to ride out to other Posts in the area and enjoy some meals. Hopefully we can coax some of those members to come check out Post 21. If you see some strangers at a meal make sure to say hello and welcome them to our house.

We also started up our pool nights at the Post over the last couple of months. Just a night to spend some time together and bring a bit of business to the lounge. If you see us in the pool room come join us for a game!

Burger Night will be April 19th! We spend the night in the kitchen to help the Post, and we get a lot of compliments from the customers. If you have not been in for a burger lately, circle the 19th and make sure you are there!

Thank you all for your support for the ALR! We are very proud to be part of Post 21!

Until next time,

Don Decker

Director

American Legion Riders Chapter 21



Helpful Resources

Do you need a copy of your DD214? Request it at www.archives.gov.veterans/military-service-records/

VA Service Officer at KCVA. Ron McBee, (816)922-2883

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2nd Vice Commander Steve Williams receives a special award for helping weed out old appliances in the kitchen, (by breaking them).



PRAY FOR AMERICA



Veteran/Military Food Pantry

The following items are needed for the Veterans/Military food pantry for the month of April:

- Canned Carrots
- Boxed or Canned Potatoes
- Canned Chili
- Canned Chicken
- Canned peaches
- Beef Ramen Noodles

Instant Oatmeal Boxes (Any flavor except Maple Brown Sugar)

Please bring these items to the post any Monday, Tuesday or Friday.



Karaoke With Dee
Every Saturday Night!
7:30pm-11:30pm
Doors open at 7pm!



April 2023 Dance Schedule

- April 1st: Selle Bros.
- April 8th: Reddymen
- April 15th: NO DANCE
- April 22nd: Reddymen
- April 29th: Sweetwater
- Doors open at 5:30pm*
- Dance Time is 7:00pm—10:30pm*
- Admission is \$10*



Do you need help with a VA Claim? Contact our Service Officer for help.

Ronnie McBee (816) 922-2883

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Saint Patricks Day Photos



TIREY J. FORD POST 21 Events

Misc. Information

American Legion Gun Show April 15-16, 2023

Buy-Sell-Trade
Firearms, Knives, Military Memorabilia and Associated Items

One and two day passes available.
Admission \$10/\$15
Discount for Veterans and 1st Responders with ID

Saturday 8am-5pm Sunday 9am-3pm

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack Bar open both days.

Vendor Tables Available
Call John Kurtz, 816-517-8786, johnhic@comcast.net
or Bob Ford, 816-510-3825, CommanderPost21@gmail.com

All Local, State and Federal Firearms Ordinances and Laws strictly enforced.
24 Hour Security Provided

50's-80's
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CAR SHOW

The American Legion Tirey J. Ford Post 21
SATURDAY JUNE 3, 2023 | 10am - 3pm
16701 E US Hwy 40, Independence, MO 64055
Questions or issues call @ 816-830-0758

BREAKFAST 8am-10am (biscuits and gravy) \$15 Registration (onsite only)
LUNCH 11am-2pm Free for spectators
50/50 Drawing Various Awards, Prizes and Trophies

For Sale! Enclosed Trailer

Interior Dimensions are approximately 4'6" x 8' plus tapered nose. Contact Dorothy or Commander Bob Ford if interested. Reasonable offers are accepted.

Post Phone: (816)373-0221



Interior Dimensions are 4'6"
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TIREY J. FORD POST 21 Calendar

April

American Legion Post 21

Calendar is Subject to Change. Go to

www.moalpost21.org/calendar for updated information

816-373-0221

Note: Food Served 5PM – 7PM (Carryout's Available)

Club 21 opens @ 2PM (Tues, Fri, 3rd Wed)

Opens 5pm on the 1st Thursday

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Coin Show 9am-3pm Lounge Closed	3 Bingo Lounge Closed	4 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	5 Post Closed	6 Post, Aux. & SAL Meetings 7:00pm Lounge opens 5pm	7 Dinner: Fried Catfish or Grilled Chicken	8 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 11:30 pm
9 Happy Easter! Post Closed	10 Bingo Lounge Closed	11 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	12 Post Closed	13 Post Closed ALR Meeting 6:30pm	14 Dinner: Steak Night or Fried Shrimp!	15 Gun Show: 8-5pm Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 11:30 pm
16 Gun Show 9-3pm	17 Bingo Lounge Closed	18 Taco Tuesday snack Bar Menu	19 ALR Burger Night Lounge opens 2pm	20 Post Closed	21 Dinner: Spaghetti & Meatballs	22 ALR Craft Fair 8-3pm Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 11:30 pm
23 Post Closed	24 Bingo Lounge Closed	25 Taco Tuesday snack Bar Menu	26 Post Closed	27 Post Closed E-Board Mtg. 6pm	28	29 Veterans Food Pantry 8:30am-10:30pm Dance 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 11:30 pm
30 Post Closed	1 Bingo Lounge Closed	2 Taco Tuesday snack Bar Menu	3 Post closed	4 Post, Aux. & SAL Meetings 7:00pm Lounge opens 5pm	5 Dinner:	6 Dance – 7pm No Karaoke Tonight! Club 21 Closed for Private Rental

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Our Supporters

Groteweil Grounds Lawn Cutting Service

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Gerald Groteweil 12504 E. 54th St.
(816) 356-4276 Kansas City, MO 64133

Immediate help needed!

**We are in need of help in our Kitchen
on Monday Nights to serve the Bin-
go crowd. If you can volunteer a few
hours please contact Dorothy. (**

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