



**Tirey J. Ford**  
**American Legion Post 21**  
 16701 E. 40 Highway  
 Independence, MO 64055  
 Chartered May 1st, 1921  
**Veterans Strengthening America**



**AUGUST 2022**

**Home Post of President Harry S. Truman**

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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.



**2022-2023 Post Officers are sworn in and prepare to lead our Post.**

Friday July 29th, 2022 we held our annual Installation Dinner for new Post Leaders. Congratulations to all the Post Family members who have stepped up to keep our post moving forward.

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Past Commander: Mark Clark	

**Auxilliary Unit 21**

President: Marsha Mooney,	Vice President: Dorothy Ballew
Secretary: Antoinette Denney,	Treasurer: Lana Butler
Chaplain: Linda Vetter,	Historian: Helen Hatz
Sergeant At Arms: Jeanne Porter	

**Sons of the American Legion Squadron 21**

Commander: David Breedlove,	Vice Commander: Doug Savage
Finance Officer: Walt Seigler,	Adjutant: Justin Mooney

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Director: Don Decker,	Assistant Director: Jack King
Secretary: Marsha Mooney,	Treasurer: Doug Stacer
Judge Advocate: Ed Hazen,	Chaplain: Doug Vetter
Sergeant at Arms: John Aquino	

# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## Chapter 21 Legion Riders show support for aging veterans while promoting 100 Miles for Hope



Temperatures approaching triple digits and a heat index well above that didn't deter a group of Missouri American Legion Riders from fulfilling a July 23 mission that was two-fold: assure some area veterans they're not forgotten while continuing to promote The American Legion's 100 Miles for Hope challenge.

Ten members of Tirey J. Ford Post 21's Legion Family in Independence were joined by a member of American Legion Post 42 in Harrisonville to deliver more than 100 blankets to the residents of the Missouri Veterans Home in Cameron. The participants were decked out in their 100 Miles for Hope t-shirts during the 100 miles-plus round trip, which was sandwiched around a lengthy visit with the home's residents and lunch at a local diner.

Department of Missouri Senior Vice Commander Mark Clark, a member of Post 21 and chairman of the National American Legion Riders Advisory Committee, has urged American Legion Riders across the nation to take part in 100 Miles for Hope, and used Saturday's ride as another opportunity to do so. His own chapter used various fundraisers to make a \$1,500 donation to the challenge, which delivers financial support to the Legion's Veterans and Children Foundation and ends on Sept. 5.

You can read the full article at [legion.org](https://www.legion.org). A video can be found here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBO\\_hxoLf54](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBO_hxoLf54)

## Mark Clark, Senior Vice Commander for Department of Missouri!

Our past Commander (times 2) Mark Clark was elected Sr. Vice Commander for the Dept. Of Missouri American Legion at the Department Convention this month. Post 21 is proud of him and know he will represent us well at the Department Level. Congratulations Mark. Your Home Post is honored to have you.



## Missouri post's food pantry continues to impact local veterans, military families



On February 29, 2020, Tirey J. Ford American Legion Post 21 in Independence, Mo., celebrated the grand opening of its food pantry dedicated to assisting active-duty military and veterans in the area.

A few weeks later, the nation, and much of the world, shut down. The coronavirus pandemic closed schools and businesses, limited social interactions and created a desperate situation for those either immune-compromised or suddenly out of work.

But at Post 21, the drive-thru food pantry continued. On the last Saturday of each month since its opening – with the exception of one month – the post's Legion Family has assisted those facing food insecurity.

*This article is located on Legion.org. You can read the full article there.*

# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## Officer Installation Dinner, July 29th, 2022



Post 21 Officers



Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 21 Officers



Auxiliary Unit 21 Officers



American Legion Riders Chapter 21  
Officers

# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## Commanders Call

Greetings Members and Patrons,

The summer heat is here and if you have visited our post lately you have felt the heat, unfortunately in Club 21. We have a total of 7 Airconditioning units and they are all old. This heat is taxing their capabilities. We are working hard to try and keep them working. This is why we have been pushing for Building Fund donations. We are going to have to address this issue very soon and it will be very costly. Please bear with us as we work through these problems. You can donate to the building fund very easily simply by tipping the volunteers that are working in the kitchen and serving you your food at our meals. We also accept in-kind donations. See me, any officer or Dorothy to make a donation.

Our bathrooms are 95% complete. It took a little longer than expected due to supply issues and trying to keep things open during our events. I hope you are enjoying the new, clean look. Next project is new ceiling in Truman Hall and the kitchen when we can afford it. We have so many events including lots of rentals and a new fresh look will enhance our capabilities to attract more events. A significant portion of our income this year has come for Truman Hall/Club 21 rentals thanks to our office manager Dorothy Ballew.

We have started a new raffle. All proceeds go to the Building Fund. We have acquired a 2-seater child's electric Jeep. The retail price on this is \$300. Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be just before Christmas so some child will have a very nice gift. Tickets are on sale now.

As we start the new Legion year, I cannot say enough about all of you who have volunteered your time and talents to make us successful. It is you who have made it possible to have a great post. I cannot name any names because there are so many of you. It is amazing what we have accomplished using almost 100% volunteers. Thank You, Thank You, THANK YOU!



## Commanders Call Continued

As most of you have seen, our Tuesday Taco night and our Friday night meals have been unbelievable. We have had to start putting overflow patrons in Truman Hall as Club 21 fills up. We are getting quite a reputation for good food at a reasonable price. Again, Thank you Volunteers, We have no paid help in our kitchen!

Your new Post leaders were installed on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We have some who have served multiple years as well as some new members to help keep us fresh. Make sure you congratulate and thank those who have stepped up to continue our march forward.

See you at the Post

Sincerely

Bob Ford, Commander

## FROM THE ADJUTANTS DESK

The Post ended the 2022 Legion year with 1011 members. The new Legion year has begun. Renewal notices have been mailed by National. When you receive your notice, PLEASE send it in. I would like to see the Post reach 1011 renewals (last year's members renewed) by December 2022. 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. Have a change of address, email address, phone number, or any other changes, please forward it to me so I can keep out data base up to date.

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 Commander 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](mailto:adjutantpost21@gmail.com).

Tom Tanner, Adjutant

# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## Q & A about the American Legion

### What does The American Legion actually do?

The American Legion provides life-changing assistance and guidance for veterans, military personnel, their families and communities in thousands of ways every day around the world. Help comes in the form of personal assistance, cash grants, donated goods, disaster relief, labor, networking, volunteerism and advocacy.

### Can you join The American Legion if your father was a veteran?

**SAL members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership.** Members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion comprise the Legion Family, which has a combined membership of nearly 3 million.

### Can a Cold War veteran join The American Legion?

The legislation declares that the United States has been in a state of war since Dec. 7, 1941, and **has opened up membership in The American Legion Family to those who served during the Cold War and other conflicts, and their eligible family members.** Sep 29, 2020

### What do you need to join the Legion?

**If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving – you are eligible for membership in The American Legion!**



## THE AMERICAN LEGION

### AUXILIARY UNIT 21

# Membership MATTERS

Dear Members,

Let's get a head start on dues. I have received the 2023 Auxiliary membership cards and dues are now available to pay. Annual dues are \$30.

Did you know each year the Dept of MO Auxiliary sets goals for each unit? For those of you who do not know me, I am a tad bit competitive. How would YOU like to help me this year and let's get our dues in by November 30, 2022, even though you are not delinquent until December 31, 2022.

To help sweeten the deal, when you pay your dues, YOU will receive an Early Bird \$10 Food Voucher to use in Club 21. It will expire on October 31, 2022.

You are welcome to drop by the Post business office on Monday or Tuesday to pay your Auxiliary dues.

Let's get those dues in early so we can let Dept know that Unit 21 is the best!

I appreciate each one of YOU helping me in this endeavor.

Dorothy Ballew  
V. President  
Membership Chair



**New Members: Barbara Godley, Marsha Howell, Brenda L. Phillips, Alice M. Anderson**

**Transfers: Jenette Sue Plumer**

### OUR MISSION

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

## Upcoming Events

### Help us Celebrate National Banana Split Day!

Thursday, August 25th, 2022 is National Banana Split Day! We will be celebrating by serving Banana Splits from 3pm until 7pm!  
Only \$5, Advanced tickets are on sale now!  
Ticket Deadline August 22nd, 2022!



There will be a Cars For Heroes Presentation in the Parking Lot at 4:00PM!

HONORING AMERICA'S VETERANS

FEATURING THE MIDWEST POPPIES FOR PATRIOTS

# CAR SHOW

**SATURDAY, SEPT 24, 2022**  
Breakfast 8am-10am  
Carshow 10am - 3pm

MUSIC BY: CRISS CROSS  
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LOCATION: Tirey J. Ford American Legion Post 21  
16701 US Highway 40, Independence, MO 64055  
For more information call 816-830-0758

## Country Dance

### August 2022 Dance Schedule

August 6th: Selle Brothers

August 13th: Reddymen

August 20th: Sweetwater

August 27th: Reddymen

Doors open at 5:30pm

Dance Time is 7:00pm—10:30pm

Admission is \$10

### Raffle

Radio Flyer Riptide Jeep.  
(Retail Value \$477.88 on Amazon)  
\$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20

Need not be present to win. Drawing to take place before Christmas. What child would not love to see this under the tree.



Proceeds go to Tirey J. Ford American Legion Post 21 Building Fund

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>Note: Food Served 5PM – 7PM (Carryout's Available)                      Club 21 opens @ 2PM (Mon, Tues, Fri, 1st Thurs &amp; 3rd Wed)</p>						
<h1>August</h1> <p>American Legion Post 21    816-373-0221</p>						2022
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bingo Snack Bar	2 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	3	4 Post and Auxiliary Meetings 7pm	5 Fried/Boiled Shrimp or Grilled Chicken Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm-10:30pm	6 Dance – 7pm
7 Coin Show Closed	8 Bingo Snack Bar	9 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	10	11 ALR Meeting 6:30pm	12 strip steak Fried shrimp Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 10:30 pm	13 Corvette Show Dance – 7pm
	15 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	16 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	17 ALR BURGER NIGHT	18	19 Fried Catfish or Grilled Chicken Girls Next Door 7pm – 9pm	20 Dance – 7pm
21 Closed	22 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	23 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	24 5 <sup>th</sup> District Mtg. 7pm	25 National Banana Split Day! Banana splits 3-7pm Advance Tickets on sale!	26 FRIED CHICKEN Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm-10:30pm	27 Vet's Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:30 am Dance – 7pm
28 Closed	29 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	30 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	31			

# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 Want Ads

## Help Wanted

All positions are voluntary Unless otherwise noted.

If you are interested in any of these positions contact post personnel any of the following ways:

Office: (816)373-0221,

ALPost21Manager@gmail.com or

CommanderPost21@gmail.com

**Webmaster:** In search of someone to help maintain the Post website. Responsibilities include updating the calendar as well as upload current newsletters and flyers. Updating the look of the website is also desired.



**Time required:** Average time spent on the website not counting design changes should only require 3-4 hours per month.

**Qualifications:** Computer skills are essential. Previous webpage design helpful but not required. Basic training is provided.

**Dance Committee:** Needing multiple people or couples interested in helping host the Saturday Night Country Dance. Responsibilities include greeting guest, maintaining order and assisting in securing the building after the dance. Having 4 people/couples in this position would mean you would only host 1 dance per month.



**Time required:** Approximately 6 hours per dance.

**Reporters:** Looking for candidates interested in attending post functions, taking pictures and writing articles about the event. No special requirements for this position beyond basic computer/email skills and a desire to help communicate what is going on at Post 21.



**Time Required:** Varies

**Assistant Newsletter Editor:** Needing someone to assist the Newsletter Editor in collecting and laying out information for the monthly newsletter.



**Requirements:** Computer Skills. Knowledge of Microsoft WORD and Microsoft PUBLISHER are required.

**Time Required:** 4-5 hours per month



Have you paid your dues for 2023? They are due starting July 1st, 2022. If not please consider renewing now to help reach our goal of 100%. Your dues help support our veterans programs.

Contact Adjutant Tom Tanner at (816)373-0221 or adjutantpost21@gmail.com



**PRAY FOR AMERICA**

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

Ronnie McBee

(816) 922-2883



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