



Tirey J. Ford
 American Legion Post 21
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December 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/>

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COMMANDERS CALL



Holiday Greetings members and patrons,

As we close out the year I have so much to be thankful for. First and foremost is the Blessings that I have received for God, a loving family at home as well as a loving and supportive family at our post. I am often overwhelmed at the love and support that you all give Betty and I. We are thankful for you.

As you know our post is mostly supported by the hundreds of hours each month that you put in to keep us running. I can't thank you enough for all that you do. As I am writing this there are volunteers at the post decorating for the season. Just a typical day at Post 21. With the coming holidays I want to give those of you who spend so much time volunteering a chance to spend the Holidays with your family. We will close the post on December 20th after Taco Tuesday for the remainder of the year. There will still be our annual New Year's Eve Dance. It only involves us closing 3 days that we would normally be open. Thank you for understanding that this is important for family and health of the post.

Betty and I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy New Year!

Bob Ford, Commander



From the Adjutants Desk

The post has 764 members renewed as of November 10, 2022. If you know of a member who has not renewed their dues, PLEASE have them contact me to pay them.

National has implemented a new method for renewing your dues. First you need to create an account at mylegion.org. Once you have created an account look at the column Legion Membership summary. Look for view details, click on it then scroll down until you find the auto renew block. You will probably have to enter your credit card information to get auto renew set up. Once you have done that your dues will auto renew every year. If you need help in setting up an account, please contact me and I will help you get it set up.

Renewal notices have been mailed by National. When you receive your notice, PLEASE send it in. I would like to see the Post reach 1015 renewals (last year's members renewed) by December 2022. The goal for the Post as determined by State is 1021. 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.

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.

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.

With the new leadership in place for the next year, it is time to discuss your involvement in the Post. Over the last several years the Post leadership has essentially been the same people. For a Post with over 1000 members that breaks down to about 1 Or 2%. To ensure that YOUR Post will be here for many years to come, it is imperative that all members become involved with the Post. This can be done in a couple of ways, 1) support the various activities held at the Post, 2) become an Officer and assist in the operation of the Post. Without your support the Post will continue to become smaller and smaller until it is unable to support itself.

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Minutes of the Post Monthly Meeting for August, 2022

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, November 3, 2022, at the Post Home.

Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual.

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

Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

There were 9 officers, and 19 members present. A quorum was present.

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

Finance Officer gave the finance report for the month of September 2022. A motion was made to accept the finance report as read. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from October 27, 2022, were read. A motion was to accept the minutes as read. Motion was 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 0 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read correspondence:

Officer Report:

Commander Ford discussed Veterans Day at the Post. Pizza will be served.

Adjutant Tanner discussed needing help on Saturday November 5, 2022, for the 5th District revitalization.

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Commander Ford.

Old Business:

Tom Tanner discussed needing more volunteers for the Saturday Night Dances.

Mike Sweeney made a motion for Post 21 to join the Independence Chamber of Commerce. 2nd by Bill Nash. A vote was conducted with the following results: 11 yeas and 10 nays. Motion carried.

New Business:

For the good of 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 7:35 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is December 1, 2022, at 7PM.

From the Adjutants Desk, Continued from Page 2

Please consider helping in any way you can. For more information or if you have any questions contact a Post Officer. 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.

Helpful Resources

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

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

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National Vice Commander Glenn Wahus Visits Post 21

On Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022 we had the honor of hosting National Vice Commander Glenn Wahus to our wonderful post. After greeting him we took him on a tour of our facility showcasing our Lounge, Hall and Food Pantry. He was particularly impressed with our cannon built by our own Dennis Mooney of blessed memory. A catered meal of Lasagna was served. Thank you to Dorothy Ballew, Angie Palmer, Lela White and our caterer for making the evening a success.



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Membership MATTERS

New Post Members: Robert Brekenridge, Robert Sladek,

Transfers: Wayne Whitehead, Darel Lafevers, Carman Dunnam, John Kelley, Joseph Pesco, Dale Moline, George Benson, George Thomas



THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 21

New Members: Tanya Brown, Jana M. Wisner

Transfers:

Christmas for the Airmen of the 442nd Fighter Wing

The Post is again sponsoring Christmas for the Airmen of the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman AFB. The following items are needed:

New toys (for ages between 3-12)

New men's, women's and children's clothing (sizes small, medium, and large)

Gift cards (i.e., Walmart, Marshalls or prepaid CC)

Please bring all items to the Post on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays by 12/1/22.

We will be delivering these items to the airmen on December 3, 2022. Let's make this a Christmas they will not forget.



Karaoke With Dee
Every 1st, 2nd and 4th
Fridays!
7:30pm-11:30pm



Dec. 2022 Dance Schedule

December 3rd: Selle Brothers

December 10th: Reddymen

December 17th: Sweetwater

December 31st: Reddymen

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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Upcoming Events



Veteran/Military Food Pantry

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

- Canned or boxed potatoes
- Tuna or hamburger Helper
- Corn Bread or Muffin Mix
- Vegetable Soup
- Toilet paper
- Ketchup
- Canned Hash

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

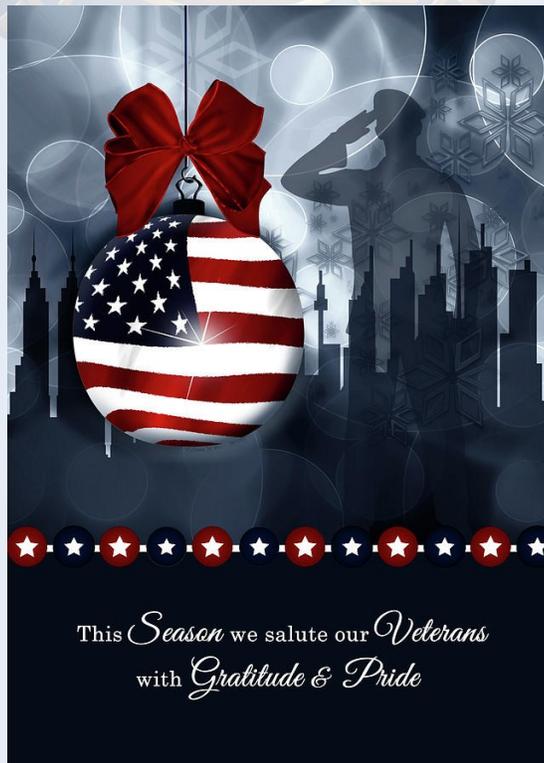
Raffle

Radio Flyer Riptide Jeep.
(Retail Value \$47788 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



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

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



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

**Merry Christmas
& Happy Holidays
Veterans & Active
Military Members!**
Thank you for your service.



BE THE ONE

TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.



TIREY J. FORD POST 21 Calendar

December

American Legion Post 21 816-373-0221

2022

Note: Food Served 5PM - 7PM (Carryout's Available)
 Club 21 opens @ 2PM (Mon, Tues, Fri, 1st Thurs & 2nd & 3rd Wed)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00pm	2 Fried or Boiled Shrimp Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm - 11:30 pm	3 Post Closed Dance - 7pm
4 Coin Show 9am-3pm Chiefs Tailgating Doors Open @ 12pm 	5 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	6 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	7 Post Closed	8 Post Closed ALR Meeting 6:30pm	9 Steak Night! Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm - 11:30 pm	10 Army Navy FB Open 1pm, <u>Pat Luck</u> Dance - 7pm
11 Chiefs Tailgating Doors open at 5pm 	12 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	13 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	14 Spaghetti & Meatballs Meatball Sandwich 5pm-7:30pm	15 Post Closed E-Board Meeting 6pm	16 Fried Catfish or Grilled Chicken Breast	17 Post Closed Dance 7pm Veterans Food Pantry 8:30am-10:30pm
18 Chiefs Tailgating Doors Open @ 11am 	19 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	20 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	21 Post Closed	22 Post Closed	23 Post Closed	24 Post Closed
25 Merry Christmas! Post Closed	26 Post Closed	27 Post Closed	28 Post Closed	29 Post Closed	30 Post Closed	31 Post Closed New Year's Eve Dance

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