



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



February 2023

Home Post of President Harry S. Truman

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- Finance Officer:** Sylvia Tanner
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- Chaplain:** Doug Vetter
- Historian:** Gina Slade

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Business Manager: Dorothy Ballew
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Office Hours:

Mon-Tue, 9:00am-3:00pm

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

Closed Saturday and Sunday

Club 21 Hours:

Mon-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.



Chiefs Tailgating at Post 21!

Well it has been quite a season for the Kansas City Chiefs. As of this writing they are scheduled to play in the AFC championship against the Buffalo Bills. If you have not attended any of our tailgating parties you have missed a great time with your fellow legionnaires and friends. We have a pot luck and we are never short of anything to eat. This is just another example of how much our members enjoy our post and each others fellowship. This is evident in all of our activities. Come join us for this or any activities that we have going on. You will have a good time.



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.

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COMMANDERS CALL

Greetings Members and Patrons of American Legion Post 21,



We have successfully jumped into 2023 with both feet running. We have been trying new things and have more planned. Our celebration of National Cheese Day was a success, and the result is some additions to our snack bar menu. We have our Valentine's Day celebration coming up on Tuesday, February 14th. This is replacing our Taco Tuesday menu but don't worry, it will return the following week. Make sure you get your reservations into Dorothy so you don't miss out on a great Steak dinner.

As we have entered this year I find myself reflecting on the last 4 years. First as your 1st Vice Commander and my 3 years as your Commander. I am overwhelmed at the support I have been given from all of you. Also, the number of friends that I have made has greatly increased. The Board members that I have worked with have been fantastic with making me look good. They have been supportive and have not hesitated to make suggestions on what is the best way to run the post. Saying thank you to all of you does not represent how grateful I am to have everyone help run your post.

If you have any interest in serving on the E-Board for next year please talk to an Officer to express your interest. All office are open to anyone who would like to serve. The time requirements vary for each office but we can answer any questions that you might have concerning the commitment needed to be successful.

Stay safe and healthy this winter. Spring is not that far off!

Bob Ford, Commander



From the Adjutants Desk

The post has 838 members renewed as of January 23, 2023. If you know of a member who has not renewed their dues, PLEASE have them contact me.

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.

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. 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.

Have a change of address, email address, phone number, or any other changes, please forward it to me so I can keep our 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.

The e-mail address for Post is adjutantpost21@gmail.com.
Thomas A. Tanner, Adjutant

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January 2023 Monthly Mtg. Minutes

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, January 5, 2023, at the Post Home.

1st Vice Commander Harris 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 10 officers, and 15 members present. A quorum was present.

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

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

The Executive Committee meeting minutes for December 15, 2022 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 0 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

Officer Report:

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner discussed needing a replacement for her as finance officer due to health reasons. Anyone interested in being finance officer please let the post commander know.

Adjutant Tanner discussed membership. We need to get all of our members renewed.

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

ALR report was given by Don Decker.

Food Pantry report was given by Tom Tanner.



**PRAY FOR
AMERICA**

January 2023 Mtg. Minutes Continued

Mike Sweeney gave a report on the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Old Business:

New Business:

Several certificates of appreciation were handed out to those that helped with the Whiteman AFB Christmas.

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 7:30 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is February 2, 2023 at 7PM.

Membership MATTERS

New Post Members: Leslie Howard,
James Bean

Transfers:

Deceased:



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AUXILIARY UNIT 21

New Members:

Transfers: Katherine Fulton, Melinda Fulton

Deaths: Charlene JoAnn Martin

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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It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Girl Scout Cookies will be sold at the Post on February 13th, 20th and 27th,.
Hours will be 4pm - 8pm

Happy Valentine's Day!

Sweethearts, Galantines and Friends
Celebrate Valentines Day at Post 21!

Steak Dinner: \$16 (Add 2 Fried Shrimp \$2)
Fried Shrimp Dinner: \$12

All meals include Salad, Baked Potato, Roll & Dessert

Tuesday, February 14th, 2023, 5pm-7pm

Reservations required

Contact Dorothy Ballew Before February 10th, 2023
(816) 373-0221



Winner of our Jeep Raffle (John Aquino) gave the jeep to his grandson for Christmas. Here is is enjoying his new ride!



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



Feb. 2023 Dance Schedule

February 4th: Selle Bros.
February 11th: Reddymen
February 18th: Sweetwater
February 25th: 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

TIREY J. FORD POST 21 Want Ads

Misc. Information

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

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

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Veteran/Military Food Pantry

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

- Canned Carrots
- Canned Potatoes
- Baked Beans
- Toilet paper
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Vegetable Soup

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



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.



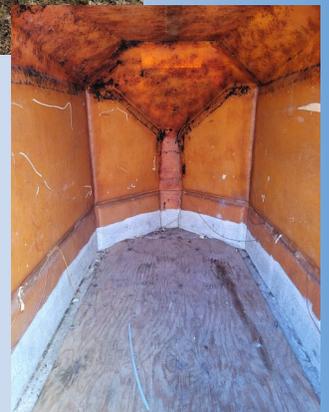
Have you paid your dues for 2023? They are due starting July 1st, 2022. If not please consider renewing now to help reach our goal of 100%. Your dues help support our veterans programs.

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

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" wide and 9'3" to the nose

TIREY J. FORD POST 21 Calendar

February

American Legion Post 21 816-373-0221

Note: Food Served 5PM – 7PM (Carryout's Available)
 Club 21 opens @ 2PM (Mon, Tues, Fri, 3rd Wed)

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Post Closed	2 Post & Aux. Meetings 7:00pm Lounge opens 5pm	3 Dinner: spaghetti, Garlic Bread, salad	4 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:30 pm
5 Coin Show 9am-3pm	6 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	7 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	8 Post Closed	09 Post Closed ALR Meeting 6:30pm	10 Dinner: Soup and Grilled Cheese	11 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:30 pm
12 Superbowl Tailgating Doors open @ 4pm	13 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	14 Valentine's Day Dinner Reservations Req'd	15 ALR Burger Night	16 Post Closed	17 Dinner: Open- Faced Roast Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy	18 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:30 pm
19	20 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	21 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	22 Ash Wednesday Fried Catfish or Fried Shrimp	23 Post Closed E-Board Mtg. 6pm	24 Dinner: Boiled or Fried Shrimp, Grilled Chicken Breast	25 Veterans Food Pantry 8:30am-10:30pm Dance 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:30 pm
26	27 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	28 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu				

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Member of: American Legion, Bead Society of Greater KC



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