



Tirey J. Ford
 American Legion Post 21
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 Veterans Strengthening America



JULY 2022

Home Post of President Harry S. Truman

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

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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.



Independence Fire Department Comes To The Rescue!

As we lowered and raised our flags during Memorial Day weekend we noticed that our halyard (Rope for you civilians) was getting frayed and ready to fail. We ordered a new one during that weekend so we could replace it. Before we could get the job completed it broke leaving us with a question on how to get it strung back up. Commander Bob Ford made a call to a neighbor that happen to be a Captain on the IFD. He was told they would be there the next morning with a ladder truck to help us out. Early in the morning of June 9th, 2022 the Ladder truck from Station 2 came rolling in and made the repairs in a matter of minutes. Thank you IFD for your support of Veterans and your community.



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Commanders Call

Greetings Members and Patrons of Post 21,

By the time you receive this newsletter our bathroom upgrades should be in their final phase. Soon you will be enjoying the new, cleaner, and more functional facilities. If you have any suggestions on where we should improve next don't hesitate to talk to me about it. We have many areas that we still can improve on.

We are still running our post with 99.5% volunteers. I can't thank all of you enough for stepping up. We not only have members helping out, but we have several volunteers helping us who are not members. What a special group of people they are. We had a special dinner for you last year and stay tuned for your invitation to this year's event as well. THANK YOU!

If you are a member of SAL or know any members, please ask them to help save their Squadron. We need to fill some crucial Officer positions. If we can't get those positions occupied, we are in danger of losing them. Talk to me about what we need to do to salvage them. If we lose them, it will be hard to get it started up again.

It seems that I will be your Commander for an unprecedented 3rd year in a row. I accept the challenge and I hope to continue along the same path that we have been going. It has been an honor leading Post 21, and yes it has been a lot of work. In spite of the pandemic, with the help and support of all the post officers we are making advances forward. We have a building fund established. The Commanders Helping Hand Fund has grown by 50% allowing us to help more veterans. I have already mentioned the building improvements and volunteerism. That being said, It would mean a lot to me if you would consider attending our Installation Dinner on Friday, July 29th, 2022 to support your incoming Post, Auxiliary, and Riders Officers. Reservations are required so call Dorothy to get your name on the list. I would love to see everyone there.

Thank you again for all you do

Bob Ford, Commander

FROM THE ADJUTANTS DESK

The Post 2023 dues are due starting on July 1, 2022, be on the lookout for renewal notices from National. I ask that you renew your dues as soon as possible. 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. The post ended Legion year 2022 with 1010 members.

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.

Tom Tanner, Adjutant

July 2022 Birthdays

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

100+-1, 90+-6, 80+-14, 70+-52, 60+-13,

50+-6, 40+-0, 30+-5

Youngest is 36, The Oldest is 102

New Members: No New Members

Transfers: No New Transfers

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

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Minutes from the May 2022 Monthly Post Business Meeting

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

Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual.

1st Vice Commander Mark Clark 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 regular business meeting was suspended at 7:05 pm for the following guest, Katherine Carroll. She was presented the Post scholarship for 2022.

Business meeting resumed at 7:10 pm.

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

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

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from May 2022 were read. A motion was to accept the minutes as read. Motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

There were 2 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read the correspondence.

Officer Report:

Commander Ford reminded everyone there will be no Post meeting in July and starting at the August meeting there will be no Potluck supper.

Larry Harris discussed members receiving the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

ALR report was given by Mark Clark.

Food Pantry report was given by Tom Tanner.

Larry Harris gave a report on the car show.

Old Business:

New Business:

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 7:25 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is August 4, 2022, at 7PM.



THE AMERICAN LEGION

AUXILIARY UNIT 21

New Members:

Transfers:

Deaths: Doris Murphy, Marjorie Pettit

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.

TAPS

Randy Bray, Robert Burney, Peter Chapkin

With reverence, we commit these, our comrades, to the Post Everlasting



Taps

The National Call of Remembrance



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Boys and Girls State Send-Off

On Saturday, June 11th, 2022 area Boys State and Girls State participants left by bus from our Post. These are the best of our youth and we are excited to see what they will all become. It was an Honor to send these future leaders off on a full week of education.

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

Ronnie McBee

(816) 922-2883



July 2022 Dance Schedule

July 2nd: Steel Country

July 9th: Reddymen

July 16th: NO DANCE

July 23th: Reddymen

July 30th: Dixie Cadillacs

Doors open at 5:30pm

Dance Time is 7:00pm—10:30pm

The American Legion was founded on four pillars:

**Americanism, Children and Youth,
National Security,
and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation**

Chapter 21 Riders memorialize their fallen Riders

On Monday, May 30th, 2022, Memorial Day, The Riders of Chapter 21 help a short Memorial Service to honor all of their fallen Riders. Chapter Director Mark Clark presided over the ceremony with Prayers and announcing each name coupled with the ringing of the



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Congratulations to Catherine Carroll, granddaughter of Rich and Terri Carroll, recipient of Post 21's 2022 Academic Scholarship awarded to a Child or Grandchild to a post 21 member.



Did you know that your Post 21 Officers host Taco Tuesday's on the 3rd and 5th Tuesday of the month? Thank you Post Leaders for all that you do!

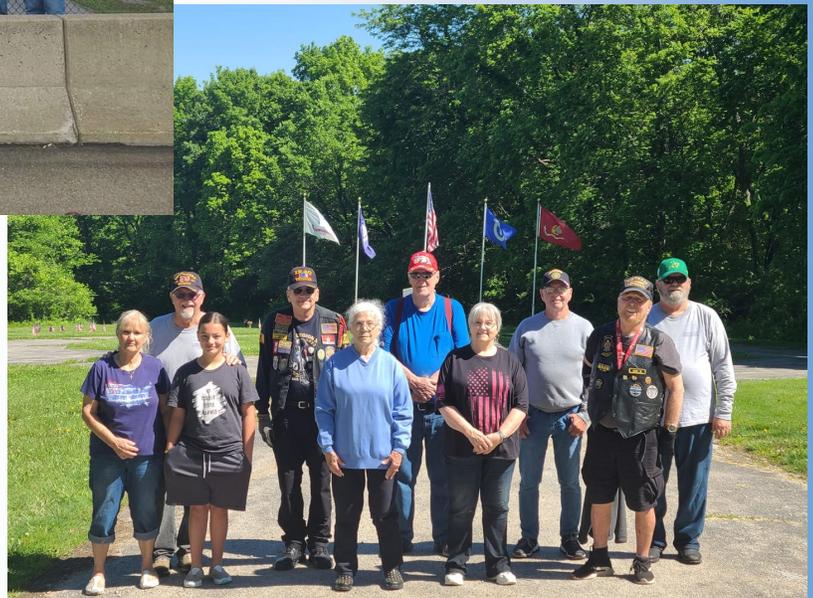


PRAY FOR AMERICA



Above: Post 21 Family members placed flags on the bridge over I-70 on Lee's Summit Road to Welcome the Run For The Wall Riders as they came through.

Right: Family Members of Post 21 placed American Flags on the graves of all service members at Mound Grove Cemetery for Memorial Day Weekend. They retrieved the flags on Tuesday after Memorial Day in a driving rain storm. Thank you for your dedication to our fallen Veterans!



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Upcoming Events

Fried Chicken Returns to Our Menu!

3 months ago we brought back our Steak Night. Now, beginning July 22nd, 2022 our famous Fried Chicken will return!. Fred Denney and John Cuezze are returning to the kitchen to serve the best fried chicken in this area! This will be served the 4th Friday of each month! You don't want to miss this!



Installation Dinner

July 29th, 2022

5:00pm - 6:00pm. Social Hour with Hors d' oeuvre.

6:00pm - 8:00pm. Dinner and Program

8:00pm - 10:00pm. Entertainment with

Melissa & Company

\$15.00 per person

Reservations requested by July 22nd, 2022.

Contact Dorothy at 816-373-0221 or
alpost21manager@gmail.com

Melissa and Matt will be performing in Club 21 following the Installation Dinner on July 29th from 8pm-10pm. Get your reservation in for Dinner then enjoy the music of this talented Duo. (Attendance at the Installation Dinner not required)

The logo for 'RK SHOWS' is displayed in a bold, stylized font with a red and white color scheme and a black outline.

Gun Show Sponsored by RK Shows

Truman Hall July 16th—17th 2022

9-5pm on the 16th

9 -3pm on the 17th



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pulled Pork, Smoked Turkey or Meatball Sub with 2 Sides-\$10 5pm to 7pm	2 Dance - 7pm
3 Closed	4 Post Closed	5 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	6	7	8 Strip Steak Fried Shrimp Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm - 11:30 pm	9 Dance - 7pm
10 Coin Show Closed	11 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	12 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	13	14 ALR Meeting 6:30pm	15 Fried Catfish or Grilled Chicken Breast Songs with Jamie 7pm - 9pm	16 Gun Show
17 Gun Show	18 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	19 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	20 BURGER NIGHT	21	22 FRIED CHICKEN IS BACK! Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm- 11:30pm	23 Vet's Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:30 am Dance - 7pm
24 Closed	25 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	26 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	27 5 th District Mtg. 7pm	28	29 Installation of Post Officers Melissa and Company 8-10pm	30 Dance - 7pm
31 Closed						

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

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American Legion Post 21 816-373-0221

2022

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 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

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ!

Do you have a special skill that you can use to help out your post? Due to the tragic loss of our maintenance member we are in need of help in HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical, Refrigeration, and all forms of building maintenance.

If you would like to help in any of these areas or one not listed contact Dorothy in the office (816) 373-0221 to have your name put on a list. Let her know what area of expertise you are willing to help with.

We greatly appreciate any help that you can give to help maintain our post.

Thank you, Bob Ford, Commander



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