



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



JUNE 2023

Home Post of President Harry S. Truman

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- 2nd Vice Commander:** Steve Williams
- 3rd Vice Commander:** Jerry Miller
- Adjutant:** Tom Tanner
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- Finance Officer:** Sylvia Tanner
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- Chaplain:** Doug Vetter
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Mon-Tue, 9:00am-3:00pm

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

Club 21 Hours:

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.



47th Annual Truman Pilgrimage finally returns to Post 21,

May 7th and 8th, 2023 saw the return of the Annual Truman Pilgrimage. An open house was held Sunday evening to welcome our guests. The pilgrimage was held at the Truman Library on Monday morning, May 8th. 40+ wreaths were laid to honor our most famous post member, President Harry S. Truman. Following the ceremony a luncheon was served in the Truman Hall. It was so nice to be able to bring the full pilgrimage back after being absent during the pandemic years.



Jerry Miller, 3rd Vice Commander, Bib Ford, Commander, Tom Tanner, Adjutant, Larry Harris, 1st Vice Commander and Steve Williams, 2nd Vice Commander dressed up in their finest for the Truman Pilgrimage.

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47th Truman Pilgrimage



2023 Run For The Wall

Several Members of Post 21 and Chapter 21 American Legion Riders greet the Run For The Wall participants. This is an annual event for our podt.



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COMMANDERS CALL

Greetings members and patrons of Post 21,

My time as your Commander is coming to an end. The last 3 years as your



Commander have been quite a roller coaster ride. I started with the COVID years and all the challenges that it brought. We would be open, then have to close, then open again only to close. I do not miss those years. Since then, we have made great strides. However, like many other businesses, we are not operating the open hours that we were in the pre-pandemic years. I know this has been a source of irritation for some of you. I wish we could be open all week, but the business just does not support that. We are still relying heavily on volunteer help and unfortunately those doing most of the work are burning out.

We have also made steps forward. Since I became Commander, we have a totally new entrance, (due to a break-in), We have remodeled all of the restrooms, The basement has been cleaned and organized, we have established a Building Fund that has taken care of our maintenance needs. We just had to install a new air conditioner for Club 21, we are fixing our broken dishwasher and our roof is slated to be repaired soon. We have the money to do that, and the Auxiliary is stepping up to help with part of those expenses.)

As I wind down my duties as your Commander, I am taking on yet another responsibility. I will be taking over the Adjutant's office. So, as you can see, I am not going anywhere.

I cannot thank all the officers who have served with me over the last 4 years. (1 year as 1st Vice Commander, 3 years as Commander). This group of individuals have worked together to keep moving forward. Most of them are returning to continue in that direction. I look forward to continuing working with these fine people as well as a couple of new ones.

Lastly, I would like to thank each of you for your support through the years. You have made me feel welcome and it has been an honor to be your Commander.

See you at the post!

Bob Ford

From the Adjutants Desk

The post has 926 members renewed as of May 16, 2023. If you know of a member who has not renewed their dues, PLEASE have them contact me to pay them.

The new year for membership begins on July 1, 2023. Renewal notices should go out sometime the second week of July. You can pay your dues by renewing online, bringing your dues to the post or sending a check to the post.

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



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

TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

Minutes from the May 2023 Post Business Meeting

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, May 4, 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 10 officers, and 16 members present. A quorum was present.

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 2023. A motion was made to accept the finance report as read. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes for April 27, 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 0 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

Officer Report:

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

ALR report was given by Doug Vetter.

Bob Ford gave the Gun show report. The Gun show made \$7005.

Larry Harris reminded everyone about the Car show on June 3, 2023.

The slate for the 2024 Legion was announced:

Commander: Larry Harris

1st Vice Commander: Steve Williams

2nd Vice Commander: Jerry Miller

3rd Vice Commander: Don Decker

Adjutant: Bob Ford

Judge Advocate: Kerry Boardman

Finance Officer/service Officer: Wayne Keller

Chaplain: Rich Carroll

Historian: Al Green

Sgt-at-Arms: Brian Williams

Past Commander: Bob Ford

One nomination from the floor:

Mike Sweeney for Sgt-at-Arms.

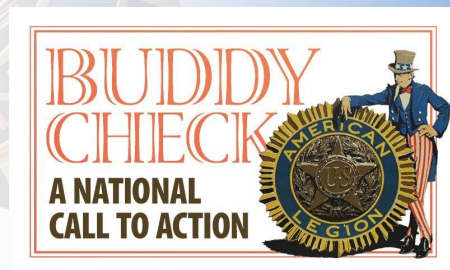
The 1st Vice Commander removed the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair.

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 June 1, 2023 at 7PM.

Membership
MATTERS



The American Legion was founded on four pillars:
**Americanism, Children and Youth,
National Security,
and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation**

TIREY J. FORD POST 21 FAMILY NEWS



Tirey J Ford American Legion Post 21

New Post Members: Rodney Dahon, Albert Alves, Francis Wesely, Randy Knox, Frank Lohnes, Kevin Saviano, Gary Oakes

Transfers: Frank Otto, Roger Myers



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

Deaths: Linda Williams, Melissa Kurtz

4th July
Happy
Independence Day

Independence Day Weekend Picnic
At Post 21!
Friday, June 30th, 2023, 5pm-7pm

Come and join us to kick off the Independence Day weekend with a picnic at your favorite place, Club 21!

Enjoy Burgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans and Cake all you can eat for one low price of \$12!



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.

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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Pool Tournament Results



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.

My Legion Story, Bob Ford, Commander

Post 21 is the first and only American Legion Post that I have been a member of. My eligibility comes from serving in the United States Navy from 1970 to 1974. I enlisted during Christmas Break my senior year in High School and left for Boot Camp at Great Lakes 14 days following graduation. After completing basic training, I remained at Great Lakes for 8 weeks of Electricity/Electronics School. Following that I was sent to Key West (rough duty) for an Ocean Systems Maintenance Course. While there I became interested in and applied for Underwater Swimmers (Scuba). I was then sent to Adak Alaska for my first permanent duty station. After a year and a couple of TAD deployments I was transferred to San Nicolas Island off the coast of California. I packed up my bride and moved to Oxnard California. I was only home 7-9 days a month with the bulk of the time being spent on the island. Then In May, 1974 I was discharged, and we moved back to Independence.

After several years of raising a family, serving my church as an Orthodox priest I was looking for something else. I checked out the American Legion and filled out an application on-line. I printed it off and stopped by the post and talked to the Adjutant Ed Murray. He welcomed me with open arms and gave me a tour of the building. I was introduced to the Commander who was Mike Sweeney at the time. I have now been a member for around 10 years. 7 of those 10 years I have held an officer position either in the Riders or Post with 3 of those years as Commander. With the support of my bride Betty, we spend many hours a week there volunteering. Of course, I do administrative tasks, as well as kitchen duties, inventory stocking and I am the sole editor of the post newsletter. Betty is right there with me. You can always see her taking orders for post meals and she is the administrator of our POS system. Starting July 21st, 2023, I will move into the Adjutants Office. I look forward to the new challenge.

What's Your Story?

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Veteran/Military Food Pantry

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

- Canned Carrots
- Canned Peas
- Muffin Mix
- Canned Peaches
- Pancake Mix
- Beef Ramen Noodles

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

Karaoke With Dee
Every Saturday Night!
7:00pm-11:00pm
Doors open at 6:30pm!

50's-80's
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FEATURING THE MIDWEST POPPIES FOR PATRIOTS

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



June 2023 Dance Schedule

- June 3rd: Legacy
 - June 10th: Reddymen
 - June 17th: Steel Country
 - June 24th: Misti River
- 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 Events

Misc. Information



We are in need of putting together another Taco Tuesday crew. We need 4-5 people to help with Taco Tuesday on the 1st Tuesday of the month. This only requires 1 night a month. Work with some fun people and help our post continue our traditional Taco Tuesdays! Please consider joining our crew so we can keep our tradition alive! Contact Dorothy or any Executive Committee member for info or to let us know you would like to help.

THE BRISKET BURGER NIGHT and Car Cruise

AMERICAN LEGION US

APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2023

The American Legion Tirey J. Ford Post 21
EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY | 5pm-7pm
16701 E US Hwy 40, Independence, MO 64055
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MEALS STARTING AT \$9

Mower Needed

We are in need of a mower for the summer. SAL member Walt Seigler has tirelessly volunteered to do our mowing for many years. He is retiring his mowing business to start enjoying retired life. We need someone to replace him. If you can help mow or know of a service that might help us by mowing or giving us a cut rate send them our way. They can call the office and talk to Dorothy. (816)373-0221.



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

June

American Legion Post 21 816-373-0221

Calendar is Subject to Change. Go to www.moalpost21.org/calendar for updated information

2023

Note: Food Served 5PM – 7PM (Carryout's Available)
 Club 21 opens @ 2PM (Tues, Fri, 3rd Wed)
 Opens 5pm on the 1st Thursday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Post Closed	29 Bingo Lounge Closed	30 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	31 Post Closed	1 Post. Aux. & SAL Meetings 7:00pm Lounge opens 5pm	2 Dinner: Fried Catfish or Grilled Chicken Breast	3 Car Show 9-3 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
4 Coin Show 9am-3pm Lounge Closed	5 Bingo Lounge Closed	6 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	7 Post Closed	8 Post Closed ALR Meeting 6:30pm	9 Dinner: Steak Night!	10 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
11 Post Closed	12 Bingo Lounge Closed	12 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	14 Post Closed	15 Post Closed	16 Dinner: TBD	17 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
18 Post Closed	19 Bingo Lounge Closed	20 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	21 ALR Burger Night & Car Cruise Lounge opens 2pm	22 Post Closed	23 Dinner: TBD	24 Veterans Food Pantry 8-30am-10:30pm Dance 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
25 Post Closed	26 Bingo Lounge Closed	27 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	28 Post closed	29 Post Closed E-Board Mtg. 6pm	30 Dinner: 4 th of July Picnic	1 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm

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Our Supporters

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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 Bingo crowd. If you can volunteer a few hours please contact Dorothy.

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MONTHLY COIN SHOW AT POST 21, 9AM—2PM

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