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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.



What am I looking at here!

Welcome to our new newsletter format. As you can see our newsletter has taken on a whole new look. It is our intention to update and modernize how we get information to you. You will notice expanded content to better inform you of what has happened, what will happen, and what our needs are here at Tirey J. Ford, American Legion Post 21.



As you read through this newsletter let us know your likes and dislikes. We are always open to suggestions. Likewise if you have something you would like included, be it information, pictures, etc., let the Editor know. Who is the Editor? At this time it is our Commander Bob Ford but when you look at the want adds you will see we are looking for assistance with this newsletter as well as web page and several other positions.

Are you ready to be part of leading your Post?

Leadership Positions Available

It's almost time for our annual election of post officers. We have openings available for all positions. It is important that your post leadership have a mix of experienced and new members to keep our progress from growing stagnant. New ideas from new officers offer a fresh direction that is essential for growth. Please consider running for a position and help guide your post into the next year. All positions are available. They are: Commander, Senior (1st) Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Finance Officer, Service Officer, Chaplain, Sergeant At Arms and Historian. Talk to or contact Commander Bob Ford (CommanderPost21@gmail.com) if you are interested in holding one of these important positions.



Have you paid your dues for 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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Honoring our Most Famous Member

If you have not been by your Post lately you may have missed that we have updated our sign. We are wanting to make sure the public knows that Independence's most famous resident was a member of our post. The idea was conceived by our First Lady of the Post, Betty Ford. Most of the work was completed by our building maintenance manager Randy Bray. On Monday, January 31st, 2022, with the help from George McCorkendale, SAL member and owner of McCorkendale Auto Service in Blue Springs the finished signs were installed. We are grateful for their work in bringing this project to completion.



Randy Bray and George McCorkendale installing the finished signs



Valentines Day Celebration at Club 21

On Friday, February 11th, 2022 we filled Club 21 with Steaks, Baked Potatoes, Sweets, fun and laughter. A steak dinner with all the fix-ins was served from 5pm to 7pm. Our Friday Night kitchen staff of Marsha Mooney, Linda Vetter, Terry Carroll, Roy Davis, and Angie Palmer worked hard to provide an excellent meal for those attending. Two Thirds of the Poppies For Patriots served as our wait staff. Roy Davis received a rousing applause from the crowd for his outstanding work grilling the steaks. Following dinner, we enjoyed Karaoke with Dee. If you have not attended our Friday night meal and entertainment you are missing out on a good time. Check out the calendar for upcoming events.



The Crowd, The Kitchen Staff and Bill Nash and Kerry Boardman singing something about Momma Rocking them in the Cradle in Them Old Cotton Fields.

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Commanders Call

Greetings Members and Patrons of Post 21,

I hope you are enjoying the new newsletter format. It represents a major change, and my hope is it has a positive effect on our post operations.



Last month we put out a request for help to save our Taco Tuesday's. I am so happy to say that plea was answered by several groups so that each group only works one Tuesday a month. Thank you to the following:

- 1st Tuesday: The Ladies from Nativity of Mary Catholic Church
- 2nd Tuesday: Doug Vetter, Michelle Batliner (5th District Commander) and her granddaughters
- 3rd Tuesday American Legion Post 21 eBoard members
- 4th Tuesday: Rand and Diana Bray and company.

**Angie Palmer and Steve Williams come in each week to help all the groups! Also thank you to Post First Lady Betty Ford and Auxiliary President Marsha Mooney for taking money each week. **

It is time to think about Post Officers for next year. Please let me know if you can help us by running for a position. All offices are open.

Please check out our want ads. We still have a need for several positions. I'm sure there is something there to fit your talents.

Thank you again for the honor to serve as your Commander.

Bob Ford

The American Legion was founded on four pillars:

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

Minutes from the Monthly Post Business Meeting

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, February 3, 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 10 officers, and 9 members present. A quorum was present.

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

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from December 2021 and January 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. There are 7 new member and 7 transfers to the post. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

There were 3 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

There was no correspondence.

Officer Report:

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

ALR report was given by Mark Clark.

Tom Tanner gave a report on the food pantry.

Bob Ford reported on the gun show and craft fair.

Old Business:

New Business:

For the good of the American Legion:

Mark Clark read the story of the Four Chaplains.

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 March 3, 2022, at 7PM.



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American Legion Riders Chapter 21

Hello Post 21 Family! As winter struggles to hold on and spring inches closer your ALR Chapter is eager to get back to riding. During the long winter members of our chapter have continued to volunteer around the Post recording a record number of volunteer hours that have enabled us to keep the doors open to both our members and the public. To each of you who has volunteered your time, energy, and often money, we cannot say thank you enough for all that you have done to keep our post home open. You really are the best of us, and I appreciate it more than words could possibly express.

As we get ready for the spring our Chapter Safety Officer Jack King and Past Director Don Decker are planning a group riding training session which is long overdue. Our goal is to enter the new riding season prepared for the challenges that riding in a metropolitan area brings so please plan to join us on Saturday April 30th.

Our chapter membership is holding steady, but we still have members who have not paid their dues, so please plan to join us at our next meeting on March 10th and let's get our Chapter back to full strength! Speaking of membership, with the spring just around the corner we need to get back to recruiting riders to join our chapter. Keep your eyes peeled for eligible riders and invite to come check us out. Once they see who we are and what we do in our community, they will want to be part of us.

Lastly, now is the time to do your bike maintenance so that when the roads finally clear of snow, ice, and sand you will be ready to ride. If you need help, let me know and we will rally the help to get your bike ready for the new riding season.

As always, thanks for all that you do and I will see you around the Post and on the road! Ride safe, and God bless!

Mark "Top" Clark

Director, ALR Chapter 21



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AMERICA**



THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION Squadron 21

Hello to all SAL members.

Hopefully everyone stayed warm this winter. Spring is around the corner!

Dues were due December 31st. They are \$25. Please pay them if you haven't done so and thank you to those who have.

As you know, our members are few. If you have a little time to give, we can use your help. We work the 50/50 raffle for bingo on Monday nights. It is very easy and if you could help between 6 – 8 pm that would be great. The raffle helps us raise money that go to help veterans.

Thank you to those who have been volunteering and hope to see more in the future. It is what we are about.

Please contact me @ wseigler54@yahoo.com, if you would like to volunteer.

Walt Seigler, Finance Officer

Hello Son's of The American Legion (SAL) Members! As your Squadron Adjutant I want to thank those who have paid their dues and ask those that have not to please get your dues in as soon as possible. Our membership is critical to us keeping our squadron active and an important part of our Post 21 Family.

Speaking of keeping our Squadron active, we need members willing to serve as officers to rebuild the structure that made our squadron one of the best in the Missouri Detachment. If you are interested, please let me know and we will help you get off to a good start as a Squadron Officer.

For those that have served as officers in the past, are you willing to return to help us get our squadron back to the dynamic force it once was? If so, please let me know and we will schedule a meeting to discuss the way forward. Walt and I are doing what we can to keep the membership updated but we need your help.

If you are a member of the SAL, please come and support your post and let us know how we can better serve our membership. If you are eligible to join the SAL as a dual member, what are you waiting for? The SAL is a great organization with a proud past and that is why I am a dual member. Won't you join me?

Spring is just around the corner so shake off those winter blues and come get involved. I promise you that you will feel great for having done so! God bless, be safe, and I will see you around the Post!

Mark R. Clark, Adjutant, SAL Squadron 21

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FROM THE ADJUTANTS DESK

If you have not paid your dues yet, now is the time to do so. If you know of someone that has not paid their dues, PLEASE ask them to do so. Remember, as of December 31, 2021, your membership is considered expired. Once your membership has expired your name will be removed from the Post mailing list. Please avoid this from happening by renewing your dues. Thanks.

As of February 14, 2022, we have 956 members renewed. 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. 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.

Would you be interested in being The Post Adjutant? At the end of this year, I am going to step down as the Adjutant. Please let me or Commander Ford know. I will stay to help train you in the duties of the Adjutant.

Interested in being a Post Officer? Give it some thought. Before you know it Post Officer nominations and elections will be upon us. If you would like to be an Officer contact Commander Bob Ford or Adjutant Tom Tanner. This is a great way to help support your post and insure it is still here for the next generation of Legionnaires.

The e-mail address for Post is adjutantpost21@gmail.com.

Tom Tanner, Adjutant



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THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Unit 21

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers & Deaths

New: Carol L. St. Louis, Kathy N. Arnold

Transfers:

Deaths: Geraldine Elliott, Betty Foster, Arlene Choat

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.



**Don't forget our Veterans Food Pantry is the
last Saturday of each month!**

Mark your calendars!

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New Members

Bill Adkinson, Harry Brown, Stanley Nowak,
Michael Rieman, Shaun Stark,
Cindy Beattie, Jacque Mote

Transfers

Fredrick Searcy, Kevin Bodrie-Tush
John Marek, Fred Schlie
Robert Shouse, Steven McCaslin,
James Wubker

March 2022 Birthdays

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 64 Members with
March Birthdays
6 @ 90+, 12 @ 80+, 27 @ 70+, 13 @ 60+,
5 @ 50+, 1 @ 40+

TAPS

Edwin Landes, Paul Andrew,
Joseph Nastasio

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



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Have you asked yourself "What can I do to help support my Post?". We have so many opportunities for you to use your time and talents. We are running our post using 95% volunteer help. Most positions require very little time. The more volunteers we have the more we can spread the work around. Check out our 'ADS' page (Page 9) to see if there is a position that fits your time and or talents. You will work with great people and you might even have some fun!

Helpful Resources

Do you need a DD214? Here is where you can request it. www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/
VA Service Officer at KCVVA Medical Center: Ron McBee, (816)922-2883 (Phone), (816)922 3381 (FAX)

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Upcoming Events



COLLECTOR FAIR

APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY

MARCH 13TH

AMERICAN LEGION

16701 E. HWY 40
INDEPENDENCE, MO
SUNDAY MARCH 13
9 AM - 2 PM

FOR MORE INFO CALL
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SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL BE TAKEN




The Green Plate Specials on March 17th

Corn Beef, Cabbage, New Potatoes, Marble Rye Bread and Dessert

\$10.50

Rueben Sandwich with Chips

\$9.50

Food will be served from 3PM - 7PM

Carryout's Available

Everyone is a little Irish on March 17th



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American Legion Gun Show April 23-24, 2022

Buy-Sell-Trade
Firearms, Knives, Military Memorabilia and Associated Items

One and two day passes available.

Admission \$10/\$15

Discount for Veterans and 1st Responders with ID

Saturday 8am-5pm Sunday 9am-3pm

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack Bar open both days.



March 2022 Dance Schedule

March 5th: Selle Brothers

March 12th: ReddyMen

March 19th: Sweetwater

March 26th: Reddymen

Doors open at 5:30pm

Dance Time is 7:00pm—10:30pm

Admission is \$10

Flea Market & Swap Meet

March 25-26, 2022

Friday Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday Hours: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Prepay: \$10.00/day 8' x 5' space
On Site: \$15.00/day 8' x 5' space

For Info: 816-373-0221
E-Mail For Additional Information:
AmericanLegion21fundraiser@gmail.com

Payment can be mailed to address below or dropped off at the Post 21 office during office hours on Monday, Tuesday or Friday.



Indoor/outdoor flea market and swap meet. Indoor spaces include an 8 foot table. Participants wishing to use outdoor parking lot must provide their own tents. Clean out your closets and garages. Participants will be responsible for removing any unsold items.

American Legion Post 21, 16701 E. 40 Hwy., Independence, MO 64052

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

American Legion Post 21 816-373-0221

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

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	2 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> Cattfish Fried Shrimp	3 Open @ 4PM Post & ALA Mtg – 7pm Joint Potluck Dinner 5:30 pm	4 Boiled & Fried Shrimp Grilled Chicken Breast Music by Mike: 7 – 9pm	5 Dance – 7pm
6 Coin Show Closed	7 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	8 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	9	10 ALR Meeting 6:30pm	11 Fried Cattfish Grilled Chicken Breast Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 11:30 pm	12 Dance – 7pm
13 Collectible Show 9am – 3pm Closed	14 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	15 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	16 BURGER NIGHT	17 St Patrick's Day See Flyer OPEN @ 2PM	18	19 Dance – 7pm
20 Closed	21 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	22 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	23 5th District Meeting 7pm	24	25 Fried Cattfish Grilled Chicken Breast Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 11:30pm Flea Market	26 Vet's Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:30 am Dance – 7pm Flea Market
27 Closed	28 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	29 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	30	31		

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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

Inventory Clerk: This position requires the candidate to maintain the inventory of food and associated utensils (i.e.: Cups, plates, napkins, etc). You will check the weekly menu and compile a list of food and other items needed. Will also need to make periodic trips to Restaurant Depot, Sams, etc to pick up items that can't be ordered. Stocking items are included. Inventory must be done on Monday AM.

Time Required: 3-5 hours per week.

Post Adjutant: The Adjutant shall have charge of and keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of all meetings, keep such records as the Department and National organizations may require, render reports of membership annually or when called upon at a meeting, and under the direction of the commander handle all correspondence of the post. He/She keeps the membership records, minutes of meetings, prepares a list of unfinished matters from the minutes of the previous meeting for inclusion in the commander's agenda.

Time Required: 10 hours per week (More or less during heavy or light membership periods)

Compensation: This position carries a \$200 per month stipend

Cashier/Food Order Takers/Runners:

Duties: Pleasant Greeting, Accurately taking of orders, Menus knowledge and basic math.

Time Required: Tuesday and or Friday 4:45pm-

COMING SOON TO POST 21!

Something has been missing from Post 21 for a few years now. It was well attended and very popular. Well, it's coming back in April. What is it? Check out next month's newsletter for the reveal. You won't be disappointed!



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