



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



**March 2023**

**Home Post of President Harry S. Truman**

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

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

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Tue: 2:00pm-9:00pm

Fri: 2:00-Varies per event.

**Website:** <http://www.moalpost21.org>

**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/alpost21/>

**Valentines Day celebrated in Club 21!**

Club 21 as well as overflow in Truman Hall made for a festive evening for all Valentines and Galentines that attended. Thanks to all the Kitchen volunteers, cashiers, and those bussing tables to make this a memorable night for all. Our regular Steak Night crew manned the kitchen to put out a great Steak or Shrimp dinner. If you missed it you have another chance to participate, Saint Patricks Day is coming up!



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.



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# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## All-female Super Bowl flyover team makes history



On Super Bowl Sunday, a group of women made history.

The flyover before Sunday's game between the Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs at Phoenix's State Farm Stadium was piloted by an all-female team.

The four female pilots orchestrating the diamond formation honored 50 years of women flying in the U.S. Navy.

"It was surreal," one of the four pilots, Navy Lt. Catie Perkowski, told "Good Morning America" last week, of being selected to pilot the flyover.

"I didn't believe it," Navy Lt. Suzelle Thomas said of her own reaction.

On Sunday, Thomas piloted an F-35C, the newest aircraft in the Navy. She has already made history as the first woman to qualify directly to fly the aircraft, meaning she didn't have to train on other jets first.

Perkowski piloted the plane at the back of Sunday's formation as they cruise over State Farm Stadium at around 345 miles per hour, a task she called "any pilot's dream."

"My dad did ask me to call him from the sideline on the Super Bowl," she said, delivering a direct message to her dad, saying, "I'll do my best."

Perkowski continued, "But for me, as a football fan, when I got the call to do the Super Bowl flyover, it's almost like a dream initially for someone who loves the NFL."

Read the full article here:

<https://abcnews.go.com/GMA/Living/female-super-bowl-flyover-team-speaks-making-history/story?id=96983944>

## MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, February 2, 2023, 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 11 officers, and 15 members present. A quorum was present.

\* The minutes of the last Post meeting were approved as published in the January newsletter.

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

\* The Executive Committee meeting minutes for January 26, 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:

\* 1st Vice Commander Larry Harris discussed the upcoming car show. It will be June 3, 2023.

\* Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

ALR report was given by Don Decker.

Old Business:

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 7:20 pm.

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

# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## COMMANDERS CALL



Greetings Members and Patrons of Post 21,

We are in the third month of 2023 already. Spring is around the corner. I'm sure you join me in welcoming warmer weather however as of this writing we really have had a mild winter. You may have noticed the large pile of salt on the south end of the parking lot. For those who don't know we have provided this storage space in exchange for getting our parking lot treated during harsh weather. It has saved us (and the Auxiliary) thousands of dollars.

As we enter the middle of the year our thoughts are on several items. Our membership is now at 85% of our goal for this year. If you have not paid your dues or know someone who hasn't, or if you can bring a new member in, it will help us reach our goal of 100%.

Also we will be looking at a new slate of officers to run the administration of the post. I have been at the helm for 3 years. I will not be running for Commander again. It is time for me to focus on other ways that I can help the post. I am not going anywhere. I will still be there working for the good of Post 21. If you would like to be part of this group of leaders please let me or another board member know.

If you want to stay up on our activities make sure you check out our online calendar. Things can change during the month and this is the most accurate way to stay informed. You can find it on our website. [www.moalpost21.org](http://www.moalpost21.org). You can also download the newsletter from our webpage.

As always if you have a concern or better yet any ideas on what you would like to see at our post look me up. As you should know by now, I am always available to talk to you.

See you around the Post!

Bob Ford, Commander



## From the Adjutants Desk

The post has 872 members renewed as of February 21, 2023. If you know of a member who has not renewed their dues, PLEASE have them contact me to pay them.

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.

We have received several membership cards returned to the post due to the member moving. If you have moved or know someone that has moved, please let the post know so we can update our records. The post is only going to send out membership cards one time. If you do not receive your card, then notify the post so we can correct the problem.

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](mailto:adjutantpost21@gmail.com).

*Thomas A. Tanner*

Tom Tanner, Adjutant

# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 FAMILY NEWS



## Tirey J Ford American Legion Post 21

**New Post Members:** Ben R. Jones

**Transfers:** Sidney R. Potter, Alvin R. Scranton,  
Henry W. Dobbins

**Deceased:**



## Sons of the American Legion Squadron 21

Greetings SAL Members both old and new,

We will be holding a meeting on Thursday, March 2nd, 2023 in Club 21 (Lounge) at 7pm. We will be discussing officer positions as well as a plan to rejuvenate our squadron. Please join us and get to know your fellow SAL Members.



## American Legion Riders Chapter 21

Post 21 Family,

It's getting to be that time of year again. The riders have already started with more missions and that means we are out on the road. Do us a favor and look out for motorcycles as you go about your travels. We all want to get home safely!

Burger Night continues to be a huge success and we appreciate all of you that make it part of your month to spend the third Wednesday at the Post with us. March burger night is coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Make a plan now to attend the Spring Craft Fair on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is our big fundraiser and helps us donate \$5,000 each year to Legion programs. This event is free to attend and we need a lot of patrons for our vendors to keep them coming back. These crafters return twice a year to Post 21 because Linda Clark organizes a great event, and because Post 21 takes great care of them. Please spread the word!

This year we are hoping to add a few more members to our roles. Anyone eligible for membership in the Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion is eligible to join the Riders. Membership in one of those organizations is a prerequisite so gaining a new member benefits at least two organizations in our Post 21 family. Let's grow this thing together.

Until we are together again,

Don Decker, Director, ALR Chapter 21

### Helpful Resources

Do you need a copy of your DD214? Request it at [www.archives.gov.veterans/military-service-records/](http://www.archives.gov.veterans/military-service-records/)

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

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*Friday, March 17th is Saint Patrick's Day! Join us in Club 21 for a special Dinner! We will be serving up our famous Corned Beef, Cabbage, or Reuben Sandwich from 2pm until 7pm! Make sure you wear your best GREEN!*



The **Midwest Poppies For Patriots** have been part of Post 21 for many years now. They continue to support us and donate a lot of their time to our cause. They surprised us with a new microwave oven just days after our old one stopped working. Thank you Poppies for all that you do for us!



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



### March 2023 Dance Schedule

March 4th: Melissa & Co.

March 11th: Reddymen

March 18th: Sweetwater

March 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



### Veteran/Military Food Pantry

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

Canned Carrots

Boxed or Canned Potatoes

Baked Beans

Toilet paper

Canned Chicken

Canned peaches

Vegetable Soup

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

Plan ahead for peace of mind.



Please join us for an in-person seminar at American Legion Post 21 to discover all of your Veteran's benefits and how to best protect your loved ones by planning for your life celebration in advance. We will help you understand how to create a personal, meaningful tribute that honors your legacy of service and commitment, and provide your loved ones with valuable peace of mind.

Wednesday March 15, 2023 @ 6pm

Dinner will be served

Please call Forrest Walker to RSVP @ (816)308-3762

AMERICAN LEGION POST 21

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Independence, MO 64055

McGulley & Shell Funeral Home

Funeral & Cremation Services  
(816)353-6555

Newcomer Noland Road Chapel

Funeral & Cremation Services  
(816)252-8900



## 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.



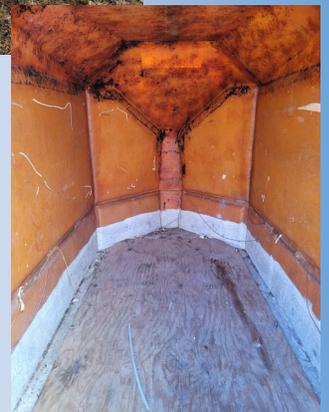
Have you paid your dues for 2023? They are due starting July 1st, 2022. If not please consider renewing now to help reach our goal of 100%. Your dues help support our veterans programs.

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

# March

American Legion Post 21

816-373-0221

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

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Post Closed	2 Post, Aux. & SAL Meetings 7:00pm Lounge opens 5pm	3 Dinner: Fried Catfish or Grilled Chicken	4 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 11:30 pm
5 Colin Show 9am-3pm Lounge Closed	6 Bingo Snack Bar Menu Lounge Closed	7 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	8 Post Closed	09 Post Closed ALR Meeting 6:30pm	10 Dinner: Fried or Boiled Shrimp, Grilled Chicken	11 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 11:30 pm
12 Post Closed	13 Bingo Snack Bar Menu Lounge Closed	14 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	15 ALR Burger Night	16 Post Closed	17 Dinner: Corned Beef & Cabbage or Reuben 2pm to 7pm	18 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 11:30 pm
19 Post Closed	20 Bingo Snack Bar Menu Lounge Closed	21 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	22 Post Closed	23 Post Closed	24 Dinner: Fried Catfish or Grilled Chicken	25 Veterans Food Pantry 8:30am-10:30pm Dance 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 11:30 pm
26 Post Closed	27 Bingo Snack Bar Menu Lounge Closed	28 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	29 Post closed	30 E-Board Mtg. 6pm	31 Dinner: Fried or Boiled Shrimp or Grilled Chicken	

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Contact Post 21 Office if you would like to sponsor an Ad space.

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