



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



**MAY 2022**

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

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- Commander:** Bob Ford  
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**Office Hours:**

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

**Adjutant Office Hours:**

Mon-Tue, 9:30am-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.



**American Legion Riders Chapter Spring 2022 Craft Fair**

I wanted to say thank you to everyone who helped with our ALR Spring Craft Fair which was a huge success! This was the largest and most successful Craft Fair we have held yet in our 7<sup>th</sup> year of hosting these events. We had fifty-six vendors indoors and twenty-two vendors outside in the parking lot. Our American Legion Riders Chapter with the help of Linda Finley served both breakfast and lunch from the kitchen and they received rave reviews from both vendors and shoppers alike.

The next Craft Fair will be our Fall Craft Fair and it is scheduled for November 6th in the Truman Hall at Post 21. Please plan to come out and shop or grab a bite to eat and please tell all your friends that our Fall Craft Fair is a great place to do some Christmas Shopping for custom made items and holiday themed merchandise.

To all that helped, please accept my sincere appreciation, and thank you! I look forward to another successful Craft Fair and I hope to see you all there.

Sincerely, Linda Clark





# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## Midwest Poppies for Patriots, a valuable asset to Post 21

About 3 years ago we received a phone call from these ladies asking what they could do to help out our post. They were wanting to support a veterans organization as their mission. The rest is history. Through the years they have donated their talents and resources at most of our events and they come in at least once a month to serve our Friday meals to all of you. They are generous with their donations to support our veterans activities.



They are entertaining to say the least. They treat everyone as if you are a personal friend to them.

They have a calendar that they sell that features each of them. If you would like one (assuming they are not sold out) just ask them,

Bri, Phronsie, and Melissa are also on Facebook. You can find them under Midwest Poppies for Patriots. Give them a follow to keep up with their activities.

Make sure you thank them for all they do when you see them.



Getting ready to enjoy the return of Steak Night! Current Commander Bob Ford, Past Commanders Joe Pulley (1979), and Hank Hommes (1995), with Wayne Ballew.



GIRLS NIGHT OUT entertaining the crowd in Club 21 after a great dinner of Fried Fish on 4/15/22!



The Easter Bunny made a surprise visit to our Friday Fish Night, 4/15/22



# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## Commanders Call

Greetings Members and Patrons of Post 21,



Another month has past, and we are entering Spring. Warmer weather is what I am looking forward to. Our May meetings for all family members will have us nominating officers for all the Legion Families. If you have not served your post in an officer position, maybe it's time that you got involved in making decisions to chart the future course of our organization. It is fulfilling work and really does not take much time to do.

We have had a "Help Wanted" page in our newsletter since we started the new format in March. We have almost 1000 members as of this writing and have not received a single response on any of the listings. Most of these require very little time or talent. Please look at this page again and see if you can help us out with these positions. Contact myself or Dorothy in the front office and tell us that you would like to help.

We had a couple of new acts in on Friday nights in April. They were received well. If you missed them pay close attention to our May calendar to see what we have coming up. Our Friday night meals are growing. Our first Steak Night in many years was well received. Extra table are being set up in Club 21 to accommodate everyone. We may need to expand into Truman Hall soon if our growth continues at its current pace. Thank you to everyone who has been coming in to enjoy our meals and a very special thank you to all the volunteers that make it happen.

Be aware that in the very near future there will be some construction going on in our building. We are taking bids to upgrade our restrooms. They should be in this week and your EBoard will take a look and hopefully get started this month on the much-needed improvements. Thank you for your patience during this time.

As always if there is anything you would like to discuss with me, good or bad, just look me up. I am at the post most days that we are open. You can also email me at [commanderpost21@gmail.com](mailto:commanderpost21@gmail.com).

Respectfully yours

Bob Ford

## FROM THE ADJUTANTS DESK

As of April 19, 2022, we have 997 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.

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 Annual American Legion Convention is going to be held in St. Louis this year. If you are interested in being a delegate to the Convention, please let me know as soon as possible. I have to submit a delegate roster to Department in June 2022.

The e-mail address for Post is [adjutantpost21@gmail.com](mailto:adjutantpost21@gmail.com).

Tom Tanner  
Adjutant

**New Members:** Paul Callahan,  
Gary Plowman

**Transfers:** Melvin Kurt

**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](mailto:adjutantpost21@gmail.com)**

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## American Legion Riders Chapter 21

Hello Post 21 Family! It looks like old man winter is finally heading north for the summer and honestly it can't happen fast enough for me. I am tired of the cold and look forward to some warmer weather. ALR Chapter 21 has continued to stay busy within the Post and out in the community. Last month they volunteered more than 350 hours working in the kitchen, repairing Post facilities, in the Food Pantry, supporting Boys State, and supporting honor missions for our nations fallen heroes. There is virtually nothing that happens at Post 21 without ALR Chapter 21 involvement and that is something we are very proud of.

May will bring increased activity and a more noticeable presence of your ALR Chapter as more and more of our riders get their bikes out of winter storage. This is always an exciting time for our Post as there is nothing like the sound of thunder when we leave on an organized ride. Speaking of organized rides, the 2022 Department of Missouri Legacy Run will kick off at Post 21 this year and it will take place the weekend of June 24-26. We will make sure to let everyone know the details as we get closer but please plan to come out and cheer Riders from all across the state on as they embark on the annual Legacy Scholarship Fund Fundraiser. It is an honor to host this event and that would not be possible without the support of the Post 21 Family.

To our Riders, just one more reminder that now is the time to inspect your bikes to make sure they are safe for the riding season. If you need help, let me know and we will rally the help to get your bike ready for you so you can enjoy a stress-free 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**

## Minutes from the April 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, April 7, 2022, at the Post Home.

Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Mark Clark placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

There were 9 officers, and 18 members present. A quorum was present.

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

The regular business meeting was suspended at 7:05 for the following guest:

Ed Withar Assistant State Coordinator for Run for the Wall. Ed asked for assistance to help with cost of the Columbia fuel stop. Ed Hazen made a motion for the Post to donate \$500.00 to assist with the cost of the fuel stop. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Clark. Motion carried.

Business meeting resumed at 7:15.

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

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from March 2022 were read. A motion was to accept the minutes as read. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made to accept the new members and transfers. There are 2 new member and 1 transfer to the post. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

There were 2 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read the correspondence.

Commander Ford gave the final Tuesday night Bingo report. He presented a check to the Post for \$32,304.14. This money will be put into the building fund to finance remodeling the bathrooms.

Committee Reports: Dance report was given by Wayne Keller. ALR report was given by Mark Clark. Larry Harris gave a report on the May car show.

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 7:55 pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is May 5, 2022, at 7PM.



# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



## 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.



## May 2022 Birthdays

### "Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 82 Members with  
May Birthdays  
Youngest is 38, Oldest is 99



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**THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**AUXILIARY UNIT 21**

**New Members:** Marci L. Lavota

**Transfers:**

**Deaths:** Shirley Petet

### 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

Harry White, Max Dix

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



**Taps**

*The National Call of Remembrance*



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# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## Upcoming Events



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# CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022  
10am - 3pm  
MUSIC BY: CRISS CROSS

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16701 US Highway 40, Independence, MO 64055  
For more information call 816-830-0758



### Post Closed Memorial Weekend

The Post will be closed Friday May 27th, 2022 through Monday May 30th, 2022.

Our All Volunteer Staff have been working very hard and we want to give them a chance to spend the holiday weekend with their families.

The Food Pantry and Saturday Country Dance will still be held as scheduled that weekend.

Thank you for understanding.

## 46th Annual Truman Pilgrimage

May 7th- 8th, 2022



Wreath Laying takes place at 9:00am on May 8th.  
Coffee and Donuts served starting at 8:00am



### April 2022 Dance Schedule

May 7th: Selle Brothers

May 14th: Reddymen

May 21st: Sweetwater

May 28th: Reddymen

Doors open at 5:30pm

Dance Time is 7:00pm—10:30pm

Admission is \$10



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

# May

American Legion Post 21 816-373-0221

# 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Coin Show Post Closed	2 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	3 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	4	5 Open 4pm Post & ALA Mtg, 7pm Joint Potluck @ 8:30pm	6 Boiled/Fried Shrimp, Grilled Chicken Breast Music By Mike: 7-9pm	7 Dance – 7pm
8 Post Closed	9 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	10 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	11	12 ALR Mtg, 6:30pm	13 Strip Steak or Shrimp Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm-11:30pm	14 Dance – 7pm
15 Post Closed	16 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	17 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	18 ALR Burger Night	19	20 Fried Catfish or Grilled Chicken Breast Songs with Jamie 7pm – 9pm	21 Car Show 10AM – 3PM See Flyer Dance – 7pm
22 Post Closed	23 Bingo Snack Bar Menu	24 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	25	26	27 Post Closed	28 Vet's Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:30 am Dance – 7pm
29 Post Closed	30 NO BINGO Post Closed	31 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu				

# 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



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### Additional Cashier/Food Order Takers/Runners:

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

**Time Required:** Tuesday and or Friday 4:45pm-7:15pm





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## Our Supporters




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