



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



MAY 2023

Home Post of President Harry S. Truman

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Office Hours:

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

Adjutant Office Hours:

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.



Easter Bunny makes a surprise visit to Club 21 on Good Friday!

Patrons who were enjoying our Famous Friday Catfish Night were treated to a visit from none other than the Easter Bunny. Of course he was passing out candy, posing for pictures and in some cases being a little onery. This was the second year he came to see us. Thanks for your visit!



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April brings us another successful Gun and Knife Show!

The weekend of April 15-16, 2023 had Truman hall packed with over 25 Vendors with 62 tables, and hundreds of patrons coming through our doors to attend. Our semi-annual gun shows have turned out to be our largest single fundraisers each year. Many members volunteer a LOT of hours to help make this successful. Thank you so much to those volunteers! Without them, this would not be possible. If you would like to be involved with our next show which is September 23rd & 24th, 2023 contact the show organizer Commander Bob Ford.



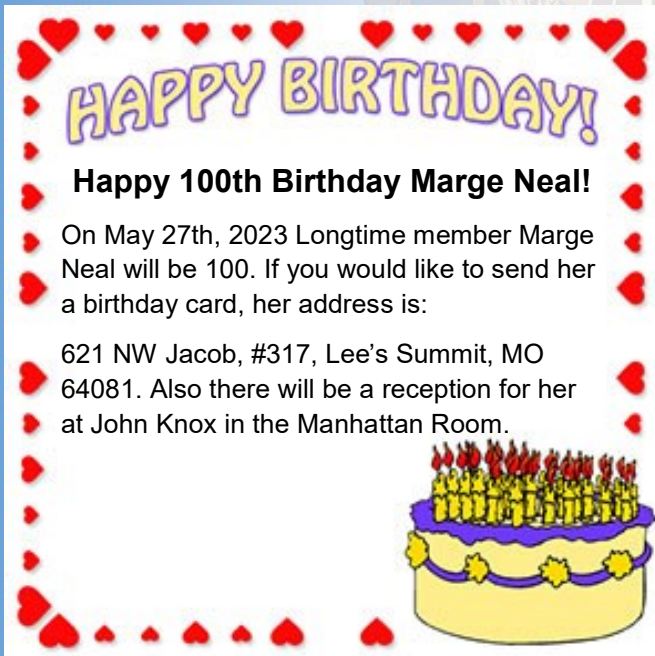
We have more than just guns at our show. Something for everyone!



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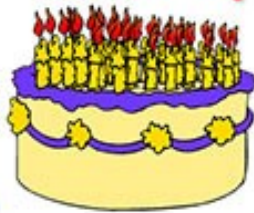
The Post will be closed Friday May 26th through Monday May 29th to allow our many volunteers to spend time with family and to Honor and Remember the many who have sacrificed for our freedom. There will still be the Food Pantry, Karaoke, and Dance on Saturday as scheduled. There will not be Bingo on Monday.



Happy 100th Birthday Marge Neal!

On May 27th, 2023 Longtime member Marge Neal will be 100. If you would like to send her a birthday card, her address is:

621 NW Jacob, #317, Lee's Summit, MO 64081. Also there will be a reception for her at John Knox in the Manhattan Room.



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.

Minutes of the April Monthly Post Meeting

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, April 6, 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 12 officers, and 26 members present. A quorum was present.

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

Finance Officer gave the finance report for the month of March 2023. A motion was made to accept the finance report as read. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes for March 30, 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 Don Decker.

Chamber of Commerce report was given by Mike Sweeney.

Old Business:

Gun show in 2 weeks. We still need help.

Craft Fair in 3 weeks.

New Business:

The slate of officers will be presented next month.

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 May 4, 2023 at 7PM.

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This will be the forty-seventh year the Missourians and Legionnaires from surrounding states have gathered to honor the memory of the first Legionnaire to become President of the United States.

The event will start Sunday May 7th with a casual open house at Post 21 at 5PM. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. A short briefing will be held at 6PM in the Auxiliary room for those persons

laying wreaths. On Monday May 8th the annual laying of the wreaths ceremony will be held at the Harry S. Truman Library. Participation begins at 9AM. Library motorcycle escort leaves Post 21 at 8:40 AM.

Following the ceremony, a luncheon will be served at Post 21 at 11:30AM.

Everyone is invited to this historic event.



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OPPORTUNITY
*is missed by most people
because it is dressed in overalls
and looks like work.*

~THOMAS EDISON~



Members,

Have you visited your post lately?

There are a host of different activities for you to participate in from bingo, dining, dancing, karaoke, and even car shows. What opportunities are available for you to participate in? By visiting the events and also by volunteering. We have really burnt the current volunteers out and we could sure use some help in that area. Even if it's only once a month, if it sounds like something that you would consider, please contact Dorothy or Commander Bob.

I would like to remind you if you are dining with us and you like your food and service, tip your server. ALL tips go into the building fund.

Just remember—

It takes a lot of ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Dorothy Ballew, Office Manager



TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

COMMANDERS CALL

Greeting members and patrons of Post 21,

We are in Spring and our fundraising events are in full swing. We just

completed another successful Gun Show. Additionally, we have already sold 34 of 64 tables for our Fall show. We always have a waiting list of Vendors who would like to participate but our limited space forces us to limit the number of tables available. We have done a little rearranging and have been able to add 4 more tables than we had offered in the past. At \$45 a table, that is a good start. Thank you to all who gave up their weekend to help make this possible.

As I write this, the Riders are having their Spring Craft Fair tomorrow. This is their major fundraiser. The Riders also host Burger Night and give all the proceeds to the post. Thank you American Legion Riders Chapter 21 for supporting your Post!

Elections are here! We will present the slate of officers at our May meeting. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself from the floor you may do so. You can run for any office that you might be interested in. As you probably already know, I am stepping down as your Commander. I am willing to take the Adjutant position unless someone else would like to have it.

As usual I have to say something about needing volunteers, primarily in the kitchen. Our current volunteers are wearing out and if we can't give them a break soon our kitchen revenue is going to go down as our offerings will be limited. Please help if you can. Talk to me or Dorothy for specifics.

Wishing you all a great summer! See you at the post!

Bob Ford, Commander



From the Adjutants Desk

The post has 923 members renewed as of April 19, 2023. If you know of a member who has not renewed their dues, PLEASE have them contact me to pay them.

Nomination of officers will be next month. If you would like to be an officer please let the Commander know.

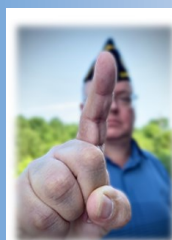
If you have not paid your membership dues for Legion year 2023, by December 31, 2022, you will be considered delinquent and until your dues are paid you will be removed from the newsletter list and will not receive a newsletter from the Post. PLEASE renew your dues.

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, Adjutant



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.



TIREY J. FORD POST 21 FAMILY NEWS



Tirey J Ford American Legion Post 21

New Post Members: Ron Hilliard, Lawrence Blood

Transfers: Lawrence Gusman, Anthony King, Alan Clark, Walter Farley, Sam Locascio, Mike Spalding



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: Marion Craig

Are you one of the 51 members who have not paid their dues for 2023? Do me a favor and check your membership card, If it does not say 2023, you are delinquent. We can fix that! Just mail me a check for \$30 or call me at the Post office and you can pay by credit card.

(816-373-0221)

Thanks for checking and I look forward to hearing from you!

Dorothy Ballew – V. President

Riders Spring Craft Fair

The American Legion Riders, Chapter 21 held their Spring 2023 Craft Fair on Saturday, April 22nd. Under the guidance of the Fair organizer Linda Clark, it was another successful event. The Spring and Fall Craft Fairs are the major fundraiser for the Riders. Linda appreciates all the help that she gets to put this on. She works tirelessly between each show to make sure each one is the best it can be.



Betty Ford, Linda Clark, and Marsha Mooney manning the tables.



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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Veteran/Military Food Pantry

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

Canned Carrots

Boxed or Canned Potatoes

Canned Chili

Canned Chicken

Canned peaches

Beef Ramen Noodles

Instant Oatmeal Boxes (Any flavor except Maple Brown Sugar)

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



Our supporters come in all sizes!



Marsha Mooney weighs meat for her homemade meatballs. Where would we be without Marsha and her Friday Night crew? Thank you to all for your hard work!



Karaoke With Dee

Every Saturday Night!

7:00pm-11:00pm

Doors open at 6:30pm!



May 2023 Dance Schedule

May 6th: Mellissa & Co.

May 13th: Reddymen

May 20th: Sweetwater

May 27th: 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 Events

Misc. Information

Our First 3rd Wednesday Car Cruise went pretty good considering it was our first one and the weather was questionable.



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

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
Questions or issues call @ 816-830-0758

MEALS STARTING AT
\$9

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

May

American Legion Post 21 816-373-0221

Calendar is Subject to Change, Go to

www.mojopost21.org/calendar for updated information

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

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Coin Show 9am-3pm Lounge Closed	1 Bingo Lounge Closed	2 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	3 Post Closed	4 Post, Aux. & SAL Meetings 7:00pm Lounge opens 5pm	5 Dinner: Cinco De Mayo Burritos, Quesadilla, Tacos, etc.	6 Dance – 7pm Club 21 Closed Private Party
7 47 th Annual Truman Pilgrimage Open House 5pm-9pm	8 No Bingo Lounge Closed Truman Pilgrimage Luncheon 11:30am Reservations Req'd	9 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	10 Post Closed	11 Post Closed ALR Meeting 6:30pm	12 Dinner: Fried/Spiced Shrimp or Grilled Chicken Breast	13 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
14 Post Closed	15 Bingo Lounge Closed	16 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	17 ALR Burger Night & Car Cruise Lounge opens 2pm	18 Post Closed	19 Dinner: Open Faced Roast Beef Sandwich	20 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
21 Post Closed	22 Bingo Lounge Closed	23 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	24 Post Closed	25 Post Closed E-Board Mtg. 6pm	26 Post Closed	27 Veterans Food Pantry 8:30am-10:30pm Dance 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
28 Post Closed	29 No Bingo Post Closed Memorial Day	30 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	31 Post closed	1 Post, Aux. & SAL Meetings 7:00pm Lounge opens 5pm	2 Dinner: TBD	3 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.

(816) 373-0221



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MONTHLY COIN SHOW AT POST 21, 9AM—2PM

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