



Tirey J. Ford
 American Legion Post 21
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 Veterans Strengthening America



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Home Post of President Harry S. Truman

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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.



Veterans Day, November 11th, 2022

What is Veterans Day and why?

Veterans Day is celebrated on Friday, November 11, 2022. November 11 became an official national holiday in the United States in 1938. In 1954 the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor those who had served in all U.S. wars.

Why is Veterans Day always on the 11th?

The holiday was first called Armistice Day. It was established after World War I to remember the "war to end all wars," and it was pegged to the time that a cease-fire, or armistice, occurred in Europe on November 11, 1918.

Is Veterans Day for everyone who served?

Veterans Day, observed every November 11, recognizes all who have served in the Armed Forces.

Who do you honor on Veterans Day?

While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL those who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime.



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Fall 2022 Car Show

On Saturday, September 24th our parking lot was filled with Classic and Custom cars representing many decades of automobile excellence. Organized by Senior Vice Commander, Larry Harris with many volunteers and Vendors we experienced yet another successful event. Hopefully you were able to join us and see some really awesome vehicles!



COMMANDERS CALL

Greetings Members and Patrons,

November, cooler weather, and the Holiday Season is upon us. First and foremost, November brings us Veterans Day on the 11th. We recognize ALL who served regardless of branch, rank, or duty assignments. We are all in this together. As veterans we made sacrifices to preserve our way of life. We did not do this alone. Our families also sacrificed. Personally, I was overseas, away from my wife during our first year of marriage. The next two and a half years I was only home approximately 7 days a month. Our families sacrificed as we did and, in some cases, more than we did. Let us not forget their contribution to our preserving our nations freedom. Happy Veterans Day Brothers and Sisters!

We are getting our Christmas Program together. We will be helping at Whiteman AFB again this year. Stay tuned for more info.

Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, and well wishes following my recent accident. You humble me with your love and concern. It is an honor to be part of such a loving caring family.

I cannot thank you all enough for all the volunteer hours that are put in each month to maintain our Post. Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders all contribute to our success. Our whole Legion family works very hard to get Events Manned, Meals Cooked and Served, Decorating, Cleaning, Maintenance, and more. All I can say is THANK YOU!

Bob Ford, Commander



TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

Minutes of the Post Monthly Meeting for August, 2022

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, October 6, 2022, at the Post Home.

Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual.

2nd Vice Commander Steve Williams placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

There were 9 officers, and 15 members present. A quorum was present.

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

Finance Officer gave the finance report for the month of August 2022. A motion was made to accept

the finance report as read. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from September 29, 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. Motion 2nd. Motion carried.

There were 2 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read correspondence:

The Department Commander's project for this year is Operation Comfort Warriors.

Membership
MATTERS

Officer Report:

Commander Ford Discussed needing candy for the Halloween parade.

Commander Ford talked about the upcoming gun show and the need for volunteers to help with the show.

Commander Ford read the resolution for Mark Clark for Department Commander. Kerry Boardman made a motion to approve the resolution. 2nd by Doug Vetter. Motion carried.

Adjutant Tanner discussed needing help with security for the Saturday night dances.

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

ALR report was given by Don Decker.

Food Pantry report was given by Tom Tanner.

Old Business: No old Business was discussed.

New Business: No new business was brought before the body.

For the good of the American Legion:

Ed Witthar presented the Post a plaque for their participation in the Run for the Wall.

On November 14 the Veterans home in Warrensburg will be conducting a flightless honor flight for the Veterans at the Veterans Home.

The 2nd 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 November 3, 2022, at 7PM.

Helpful Resources

Do you need a copy of your DD214? Request it at www.archives.gov.veterans/military-service-records/

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

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FROM THE ADJUTANTS DESK

The post has 700 members renewed as of October 21, 2022. If you know of a member who has not renewed their dues, PLEASE have them contact me to pay them.

National has implemented a new method for renewing your dues. First you need to create an account at mylegion.org. Once you have created an account look at the column Legion Membership summary. Look for view details, click on it then scroll down until you find the auto renew block. You will probably have to enter your credit card information to get auto renew set up. Once you have done that your dues will auto renew every year. If you need help in setting up an account, please contact me and I will help you get it set up.

Renewal notices have been mailed by National. When you receive your notice, PLEASE send it in. I would like to see the Post reach 1015 renewals (last year's members renewed) by December 2022. The goal for the Post as determined by State is 1021. 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. Have a change of address, email address, phone number, or any other changes, please forward it to me so I can keep out data base up to date.

With the new leadership in place for the next year, it is time to discuss your involvement in the Post. Over the last several years the Post leadership has essentially been the same people. For a Post with over 1000 members that breaks down to about 10 or 2%. To ensure that YOUR Post will be here for many years to come, it is imperative that all members become involved with the Post. This can be done in a couple of ways, 1) support the various activities held at the Post, 2) become an Officer and assist in the operation of the Post. Without your support the Post will continue to become smaller and smaller until it is unable to support itself. Please consider helping in any way you can. For more information or if you have any questions contact a Post Officer

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.
Tom Tanner, Adjutant



Christmas for the Airmen of the 442nd Fighter Wing

The Post is again sponsoring Christmas for the Airmen of the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman AFB. The following items are needed:

New toys (for ages between 3-12)

New men's, women's and children's clothing (sizes small, medium, and large)

Gift cards (i.e., Walmart, Marshalls or prepaid CC)

Please bring all items to the Post on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays by 12/1/22.

We will be delivering these items to the airmen on December 3, 2022. Let's make this a Christmas they will not forget.

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New Members: Kenneth Nickell

Transfers: Ronald Thomas, Leon Schneider



Here's what happens when your e-board gets in the spirit of the Halloween season for Taco Tuesday!



Karaoke With Dee

Every 1st, 2nd and 4th

Fridays!

7:30pm-11:30pm



Nov. 2022 Dance Schedule

November 5th: Selle Brothers

November 12th: Reddymen

November 19th: Sweetwater

November 26th: 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

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Upcoming Events

9 NOV 11 AM



OPERATION HONOR KC

THIS INAUGURAL EVENT WILL HONOR ALL SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES BY GENEROUSLY GIVING THEM FOOD AND PERSONAL CARE ITEMS.

CAREGIVERS HOMEFRONT

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1 Arrowhead Dr. Lot L, Kansas City, MO

For more information/register: <https://caregivers-homefront.org/>



Wednesday November 2, 2022
 Tirey J. Ford Post 21, Independence, MO
 6:00-6:45pm Meet & Greet
 6:45-6:55 Intermission
 6:55 Opening Rituals & Welcome
 7:00-8:30 Dinner & Remarks by NVC Glenn Wahus

Please come out and help us welcome National Vice Commander Glenn Wahus to Missouri.
 Event open to all Legion Family Members.
 Dinner Cost: \$15 per person
 Menu: *Homemade Lasagna, Italian Bread, Salad, Dessert*
 Dress: *Legion Casual (Polo Shirt, Slacks or Khakis) for Legion Members. All others: Business Casual*
 For those wishing to stay for dinner, please RSVP by calling Dorothy at Post 21 at 816-373-0221 or via email at alpost21manager@gmail.com. RSVP must be received by October 28th.

Raffle

Radio Flyer Riptide Jeep.
 (Retail Value \$477.88 on Amazon)
 \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20

Need not be present to win. Drawing to take place before Christmas. What child would not love to see this under the tree.



Proceeds go to Tirey J. Ford American Legion Post 21 Building Fund



Veteran/Military Food Pantry

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

- Canned or boxed potatoes
- Pancake Mix
- Tuna or hamburger Helper
- Canned carrots
- Corn Bread or Muffin Mix
- Vegetable Soup
- Toilet paper

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



Veterans Day Pizza Party!
 Friday, November 11th, 2022
 5pm—7pm.

Veterans come and join us for pizza and Karaoke to finish out your day of celebrating your service to our country!
 Veterans eat free. Others can join us with a donation..

PIZZA




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

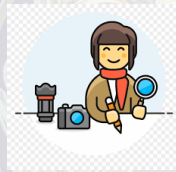
CommanderPost21@gmail.com

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



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



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 Calendar

Note: Food Served 5PM – 7PM (Carryout's Available)
 Club 21 opens @ 2PM (Mon, Tues, Fri, 1st Thurs & 2nd & 3rd Wed)

November

American Legion Post 21 816-373-0221

2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 6 Coin Show 9am-3pm Chiefs Tailgating Doors Open @ 5pm  | 7 Bingo Snack Bar Menu | 8 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu | 9 National Vice Commander Welcome Dinner | 10 Post Closed ALR Meeting 6:30pm | 11 Veterans Day Pizza Party! 5pm-7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:30pm – 11:30 pm | 12 Dance – 7pm |
| 13 Chiefs Tailgating Doors open at 11am  | 14 Bingo Snack Bar Menu | 15 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu Keno Party 6pm-8pm Lots of Giveaways! | 16 SAL Italian Night 5pm-7:30pm | 17 Post Closed | 18 Fried Catfish or Grilled Chicken Breast | 19 Dance 7pm |
| 20 Chiefs Tailgating Doors Open @ 12pm  | 21 Bingo Snack Bar Menu | 22 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu | 23 Post Closed | 24 Thanksgiving Post Closed | 25 Post Closed | 26 Dance – 7pm Veterans Food Pantry #8-30am-10:30pm Dance – 7pm |
| 27 Chiefs Tailgating Doors Open @ 12pm  | 28 Bingo Snack Bar Menu | 29 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu | 30 Post Closed | 1 | 2 | 3 |

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