



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



October 2023

Home Post of President Harry S. Truman

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Mon-Tue, 9:00am-3:00pm
- Adjutant Office Hours:**
Mon: 10:00am-2:00pm
Tue: 1:00pm-5pm
- Club 21 Hours:**
Tue: 2:00pm-9:00pm
Fri: 2:00pm-Varies per event.
1st Thursday: 5pm-9pm
3rd Wednesday:: 2pm-9pm
- 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.



Department Commanders Homecoming

Homecoming celebration for
Commander Mark Clark

Saturday, November 4th, 2023

Tirey J Ford American Legion Post 21
 16701 E 40 Hwy., Independence, MO 64055

Social Hour: 5:00-6:00pm

Dinner Served: 6:00pm

Homecoming celebration following dinner.

Cost per person: \$25

Menu includes:

Brisket, Smoked Turkey, Cheesy Corn, Baked Beans,
 Cole Slaw, Dessert

Karaoke to follow homecoming celebration!!!

RSVP to Dorothy Ballew

no later than Oct. 23rd 2023

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TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



Tirey J Ford American Legion Post 21

New Post Members: Joseph Buta, David Rose,
James E. Wells, Tom H. Carroll

Transfers: James Hattaway, Robert Rabideau,
Robert Arteman, James Glasgow, Don Kappler.



Sons of the American Legion Squadron 21

Greetings SAL Members both old and new,

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

New Members: Patricia Bruns

Deaths: Margaret Merryman, Twyla Villar

Membership Dues 2024

As of this writing, ALA renewal notices have not arrived in our mailboxes. So...Let's sweeten the deal. Pay your dues quickly, you will receive a \$10 early bird food coupon to use in Club 21. (Expires November 30, 2023). Dues are \$45. You may mail your check to the post, Attention Dorothy or if you prefer to pay by credit card, call me at the post on Monday or Tuesday or stop by and see me.

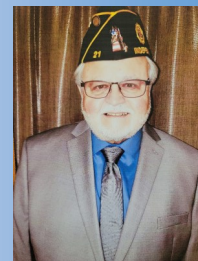
Support our Veterans and let's show Missouri that Unit 21 is the Best!

Dorothy Ballew, Vice President

Commanders Call

Hello Post 21!

Well Summers over and Autumn is here. I can feel the coolness in the air when I take our toy poodle Suzanne out in the morning. I love Spring and



Autumn, not so much Summer and Winter. We've had a fairly busy past month. In addition to our normal endeavors, we had our Autumn Car Show and the In God We Trust outdoor concert. Both were moderately successful, but we can't hit a homerun every time unfortunately. This coming weekend, we will be holding our Fall Gun Show. This is an excellent function for the Post financially. Our Adjutant Bob Ford works with Post member John Kurtz for these events. Currently all vendor tables in Truman Hall have been reserved. Great job Bob and John. We are back to tailgating for the Chiefs games in Club 21, aka the lounge. If you're haven't come to the games, I urge you to join us. A great time. All kinds of food from our potluck. All those that wish to, do shots every time the Chiefs score a touchdown. We are led in our cheer by our brother Bill Nash. So much fun! Go Chiefs! I would like to thank all of our volunteers that help us make our events a success. A Commander doesn't make a Post great. Its the volunteers that are willing to give their time to help us stay great. To all of you, I salute you! If you're reading this and aren't volunteering, and are able, please see one of our Officers or myself and volunteer. The more we have, it spreads out the duties, making it easier on all involved. Have a great month and stay safe!



TIREY J. FORD POST 21 ADJUTANT NEWS

Minutes from the August 2023 Post Business Meeting

Post Meeting Minutes for August 2023

Commander Larry Harris called the regular monthly meeting of Tirey J. Ford Post 21 to order at 7pm. The opening ritual was performed.

Chaplain Rich Carroll gave the opening prayer.

1st Vice Commander Steve Williams placed the POW/MIA flag on the empty chair.

Adjutant Bob Ford made the roll call of officers. A quorum of officers and members was present.

The minutes of the August 2023 meeting were approved as published in the September newsletter.

Finance Officer Wayne Keller gave the finance report for the preceding month. A motion was made and 2nd to approve the report subject to audit. The motion carried.

New members and transfers were read by Adjutant Bob Ford. A motion was made and 2nd to approve the report. The motion carried.

Adjutant Bob Ford reported 0 deceased member,

Correspondence this month. Preventing Veterans suicide class at Mid-Continent Public Library on 35th St, Independence, MO.

No Officers gave a report.

Committee reports. Sgt. At Arms Brian Williams gave the Dance report. Riders Director Don Decker gave the Riders report. Adjutant Bob Ford gave a Gun Show Report, Commander Larry Harris gave a Car Show Report.

New Business: No New Business

1st Vice Commander Steve Williams removed the POW/MIA Flag from the empty chair. Chaplain Rich Carroll gave the closing prayer.

Commander Larry Harris conducted the closing ritual.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5th, 2023 at 7pm.

From the Adjutants Desk

Greetings Members and Patrons,

We are in full swing for renewals. Thank you to all who have renewed so far. At this writing we stand at 571 renewed/New members. Renew online or come and see me. I can process your membership immediately and get your new card to you as you wait.

Did you know that there is a Basic Training course online for Legion members? It is a great short course that teaches what and why we are and as well as lots of good information that will help you talk about the Legion which will help in your recruiting efforts.

Come by and say hello to me if you see me in my office. Feel free to bring in suggestions on how we can boost membership but be prepared to help with your suggestion. See you at the post!

Bob Ford, 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.

Membership MATTERS

Have you paid your dues for 2024? They are due starting July 1st, 2023. If not please consider renewing now to help reach our goal of 100%. Your dues help support our veterans programs.

**Contact Adjutant Bob Ford at (816)373-0221 or
adjutantpost21@gmail.com**

TIREY J. FORD POST 21 FAMILY NEWS

One Nation Under God Concert September 15th, 2023



Fall 2023 Gun Show Sept. 23rd-24th, 2024

The fourth weekend in September brought us our Fall 2023 Gun and Knife Show. This event is one of our major fundraisers for the year. The Post family showed in force to make this another successful event. The front Lobby was manned by Legionnaires, The Auxiliary was busy manning the ticket Booth and the Riders provided night and day security as well as manning the kitchen for both days. Without the efforts of our dedicated family this would not be possible. Thank you to all who worked so hard.



Betty Ford and Linda Clark manning the ticket booth.

Our Riders making sure everyone got fed.



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

TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



Veteran/Military Food Pantry

The following items are needed for the Veteran/Military Food Pantry for the month of September

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Boxed Mashed Potatoes

Canned Chili

Canned Green Beans

Canned Peaches

Beef or Chicken Ramen Noodles

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



Karaoke With Dee

Most Saturday Nights!

(Check the Calendar)

7:00pm-11:00pm

Doors open at 6:30pm!



October 2023

Dance Schedule

October 7th: Melissa & Co.

October 14th: Reddymen

October 21st: Sweetwater

October 28th: 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

Calling ALL Heroes

First Responders & Veterans Appreciation Breakfast

First Wednesday of Every Month • 8:00am-10:00am

There's no way we can truly express our gratitude for everything you do, but we can certainly try. In appreciation for all the first responders like you and for every military veteran, our residents and associates thrive each day with a sense of security and the blessings of freedom.

Please join us at The Fountains at Greenbriar for a delicious chef-prepared breakfast and a hearty helping of our gratitude.

No RSVP required – you're always welcome here!
Call 816-257-5100 to learn more.

ON THE MENU
Chef's Scrumptious Breakfast
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Fall 2023 Car Show Held on
September 9th, 2023



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ONLY 1 VENDOR FROM EACH COMPANY
OUR 3RD YEAR
60+ VENDORS & CRAFTERS
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816 503 8520
ALRCRAFTFAIR@GMAIL.COM

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9 AM - 3 PM
SNACK BAR
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CRAFTERS WANTED

TIREY J FORD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 21
16701 E 40 HWY
INDEPENDENCE, MO 64055



TIREY J. FORD POST 21 Calendar

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

October

American Legion Post 21 816-373-0221

Calendar is Subject to Change. Go to

www.moaipost21.org/calendar for updated information

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Coin show 9am-3pm Chiefs Tailgating 4pm	2 Bingo Lounge Closed	3 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	4 Post Closed	5 Post, Aux & SAL Mtg. 7pm. Club 21 Open 5pm	6 Dinner: Fried Calfish or Grilled Chicken Breast	7 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7pm-11pm
8 Chiefs Tailgating 2pm	9 Bingo Lounge Closed	10 Taco Tuesday snack Bar Menu	11 Post Closed	12 ALR Meeting 6:30pm Chiefs Tailgating 6pm	13 Dinner: steak or Fried shrimp	14 Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
15 Lounge Closed	16 Bingo Lounge Closed	17 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	18 ALR Burger Night Lounge opens 2pm	19 ALR Craft Fair 9-3pm Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7pm-11pm	20 Dinner: TBD	21 Dance 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm Food Pantry 8:30-10:30am
22 Chiefs Tailgating 2pm	23 Bingo Lounge Closed	24 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	25 Post Closed	26 Board Mtg. 6:30pm Post Closed	27 Dinner: TBD	28 Dance 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm Food Pantry 8:30-10:30am
29 Chiefs Tailgating 2pm	30 Bingo Lounge Closed	31 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	1 Post Closed	2 Post Closed	3 Dinner: Fried or Boiled shrimp or Grilled Chicken Breast	4 Dept. Commanders Homecoming 5pm No Dance Karaoke with Dee # 7pm-11pm

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Our Supporters

Groteweil Grounds Lawn Cutting Service

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Gerald Groteweil 12504 E. 54th St.
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Three Pigs BBQ & Catering

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MONTHLY COIN SHOW AT POST 21, 9AM—2PM

McGilley & Sheil Chapel

47th & Blue Ridge Blvd. KCMO
816-353-6555

WE HONOR VETERANS



Jason Gentzell, Location Manager

Rich Carroll

Homeless Veteran Coordinator

Legion Member