



Tirey J. Ford  
 American Legion Post 21  
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 Veterans Strengthening America



**SEPTEMBER 2022**

Home Post of President Harry S. Truman

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- Finance Officer:** Sylvia Tanner
- Sergeant-at-Arms:** Brian Williams
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Mon-Tue, 10:30am-3:00pm

Closed Saturday and Sunday

**Club 21 Hours:**

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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.



**Post 21 receives a thank you from the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base**



Members of Post 21, ALA Unit 21, and John W. Luff Elementary School traveled to Whiteman Air Force Base on Saturday August 6, 2022, to meet members of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Fighter wing. We were invited to sit in on their Commanders call. During the Commanders Call, Post 21 was presented a Shadow box from the Commander for the contribution to the Airman at Christmas last year. Also receiving a shadow box was Melissa Carver, the Principal of John W. Luff Elementary School, for the contributions from the children attending the school. Representing Post 21 was Larry Harris, Senior Vice Commander, Jerry Miller, 3rd Vice Commander, Sylvia Tanner, Finance Officer, and Tom Tanner, Adjutant. Representing Unit 21 was Diana Bray and Kristi Seigler.



Proud to present the National Commanders membership pin to Office Manager Dorothy Ballew. She is a committed member of our leadership team and works hard at recruiting for our entire American Legion Family.

# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## Membership MATTERS

Membership will always matter in The American Legion.

A strong membership ensures that no veteran is left behind through our advocacy efforts and voice on Capitol Hill and in state legislatures around our nation when we fight for legislation that provides the best care and benefits for our veterans. A prime example of these efforts was the [recent approval of the PACT Act](#).

But membership also empowers The American Legion to use our voice in addressing and preventing veteran suicide through the [Be The One campaign](#). Membership also is our voice in shaping future leaders through our Americanism programs like Boys State and Boys Nation, American Legion Baseball, oratorical and shooting sports. Membership also allows us to provide countless hours of voluntary service to our communities, states and nation.

I am honored that there were 1,366 submissions for my "No Veteran Left Behind" pin to be awarded to Legionnaires who obtained three new members into The American Legion for 2022. There also were 308 submissions for the pin to be awarded to a post, district, county, division, department commander or membership chairman who achieved 103% of their assigned membership goal for 2022.

The pin is a small token of appreciation to the bigger picture of ensuring membership strength for no veteran to be left behind.

Your membership matters. And so does the membership of the veteran you meet at the grocery store, in a parking lot or who is just leaving active duty and needs the camaraderie and understanding of his or her fellow veteran. In order to grow this great organization, we need to be active where the veterans are and fully engage them.

For example, members of the Marketing Committee at Post 90 in Cape Coral, Fla., recruited 27 new members into the post for 2022. The committee staffed a booth at trade shows and festivals in Cape Coral to recruit new members and attended Cape Coral Bike Night to promote the Legion Riders program. "This tactic has earned the Marketing Committee a substantial list of leads and evidence that trade shows turned out to be a vital step toward attracting veterans to our post and our programs," said Post 90 Public Relations Officer Ted Clark.

As we embark on 2023 membership year, I urge you to keep the membership matters momentum going for us to see growth. Through membership, we will continue to be the nation's largest and most influential veterans service organization. After all, we are ...

Veterans Strengthening America.

Paul E. Dillard, National Commander

The American Legion

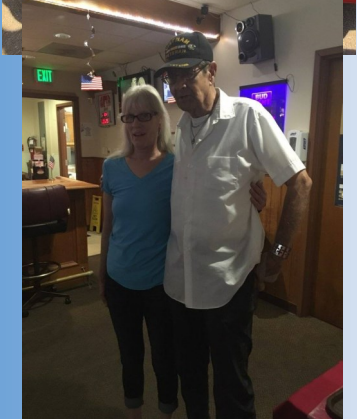




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## Cars For Hero's Presentation

On Thursday, August 25th, 2022, Cars For Hero's selected American Legion Post 21 as the sight to give another deserving Veteran a car. The presentation took place during our Banana Split Night so many members and Patrons were present to witness this worthy event. Congratulations to a well deserving Veteran!



## Post 21 Celebrates

### National Banana Split Day!

On Thursday, August 25th, 2022 lots of members and Patrons came in between 3pm and 7pm to celebrate National Banana Split Day. The volunteer ladies in the kitchen were busy splitting bananas, dipping ice cream, and pouring on toppings to create the ultimate treat! Thank you to all the volunteers who worked and to the many who came and enjoyed ice cream on a hot August day!



**Volunteers are ready to create the Ultimate Banana Split!**



# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## Commanders Call

Greetings Members and Patrons of Post 21,



The bathroom remodel is complete! You have yourself to thank for this much needed improvement. Every time you tipped your server at a meal you contributed to the building fund. 100% of the tips go directly into the Building Fund to be used on maintenance and improvements. We still have a lot of work to do on our old building so let's keep it up. Our HVAC systems are getting toward the end of their life and that will be a costly venture. We also need to upgrade our ceiling in Truman Hall. Thank you for your support!

We have started to research the increase in what our food suppliers are charging us for the various food items that we purchase. Just like everything else, our food costs have increased dramatically. We have tried to keep our prices low but we are in need of increasing the price of our meals and snacks. We will keep it as low as we can to continue to serve you the best deal in town. Compared to the outside retail world our increases will be minimal. Thank you for understanding.

We have started our new "Legion Year". You can help greatly by renewing your membership early. You will receive a voucher for a discounted meal if you renew before the deadline. We were very close (within 34 members) in reaching our goal this past year. I would love to make our goal this year. You can help us by renewing now.

We are still looking for a few volunteers for our Taco Tuesdays. Perhaps the Auxiliary could consider sponsoring one Tuesday a month. Your Board members keep filling in when needed. You may have noticed that they are there in the kitchen for 2-3 weeks in a row. They are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays but still must fill in on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. In August they are in there 4 weeks in a row due to vacations and other reasons. Consider giving them a break and volunteer for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.

Thank you for the Honor of serving as your Commander

Bob Ford

## FROM THE ADJUTANTS DESK

The Post ended the 2022 Legion year with 1015 members. The new Legion year has begun. 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 our 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 1 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 Commander 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).

Tom Tanner, Adjutant



**PRAY FOR  
AMERICA**

# 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, August 4, 2022, 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 19 members present. A quorum was present.

The regular business meeting was suspended at 7:05 pm for the following: Post everlasting.

Business meeting resumed at 7:15 pm.

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

Finance Officer gave the finance report for the month of May and June 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 August 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. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

There were 1 deceased member since the last Post meeting.

There was no correspondence.

Officer Report:

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

ALR report was given by Don Decker.

Food Pantry report was given by Tom Tanner.

Membership report was given by the Adjutant.

Commander Ford presented Membership awards to the following members: Dorothy Ballew, Mark Clark, Tom Tanner, Larry Harris.

Mark Clark presented the Post with an Americanism award from the Department of Missouri.

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 September 1, 2022, at 7PM.

The American Legion was founded on four pillars:  
**Americanism, Children and Youth,  
National Security,  
and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation**



### 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



# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

## New Members:

Robert Wiggs, Colleen Walker, Grant McCoy, Alfonso Valenzuela, Jim Watt, Trevor Brown, Charles McDonald, Gregory Goold, Lucas Kunce, Dennis Ford, Ralph Garcia.

## Transfers:

William Mauer, Michael Droege, Donald Jarvis, Warren Atchison, James Sellers, Jeffery Ruoff.

## September 2022 Birthdays

“Happy Birthday and Best Wishes”

We have 68 birthdays for the month of September, The youngest born in 1974, the oldest born in 1918.

## TAPS

Allen Macginness, Ralph Dickinson

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



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## THE AMERICAN LEGION

### AUXILIARY UNIT 21

**New Members: Patricia Troutt**

**Transfers: Carol Baldrige**

## 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.



## Sept. 2022 Dance Schedule

September 3rd: Melissa & Co.

September 10th: Reddymen

September 17th: Sweetwater

September 24th: 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 NEWS

## Upcoming Events

HONORING AMERICA'S VETERANS

AMERICAN LEGION

FEATURING THE MIDWEST POPPIES FOR PATRIOTS

# CAR SHOW

**SATURDAY, SEPT 24, 2022**  
 Breakfast 8am-10am  
 Carshow 10am - 3pm

MUSIC BY: CRISS CROSS  
 SPECIAL ATTENDANCE BY KIDS & CARS and MODSQUAD

Food, Fun & Wicked Cool Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles!  
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CRAFTERS WANTED

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 INDEPENDENCE, MO 64055

SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL BE TAKEN

**Kim Osborne Entertainment!**

Coming to Club 21

September 30th, 2022!

7:30pm—9:30pm

*Heatwave*

### Raffle

Radio Flyer Riptide Jeep.  
 (Retail Value \$47788 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

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## American Legion Gun Show October 15-16, 2022

Buy-Sell-Trade  
 Firearms, Knives, Military Memorabilia and Associated Items

One and two day passes available.  
 Admission \$10/\$15  
 Discount for Veterans and 1st Responders with ID  
**Saturday 8am-5pm Sunday 9am-3pm**

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack Bar open both days.

Vendor Tables Available  
 Call John Kurcz, 816-517-8786, [johnhlc@comcast.net](mailto:johnhlc@comcast.net)  
 or Bob Ford, 816-510-3825, [CommanderPost21@gmail.com](mailto:CommanderPost21@gmail.com)

All Local, State and Federal Firearms Ordinances and Laws strictly enforced.  
 24 Hour Security Provided





# 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

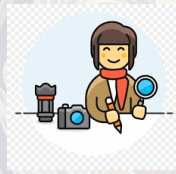
CommanderPost21@gmail.com

**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

**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



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)



# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 Calendar


# September

American Legion Post 21

816-373-0221

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

# 2022

| Sunday   | Monday                           | Tuesday                              | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
|  |                                  |                                      |   | 1<br>Club 21 Closed<br>Post and Auxiliary<br>Meetings<br>7pm   | 2<br>POST 21 CLOSED!   | 3<br>Dance – 7pm                                       |
| 4  | 5<br>Post 21 CLOSED<br>NO BINGO! | 6<br>Taco Tuesday<br>Snack Bar Menu  | 7   | 8<br>ALR Meeting<br>6:30pm   | 9<br>Ship Steak<br>Fried Shrimp<br>Karaoke with Dee<br>7:30pm – 11:30 pm | 10<br>Dance – 7pm                                      |
| 11<br>Coin show 9am-3pm<br>Chiefs Tailgating<br>Doors Open @ 2pm<br> | 12<br>Bingo<br>snack Bar Menu    | 13<br>Taco Tuesday<br>Snack Bar Menu | 14<br>SAL Italian Night<br>5pm-7:30pm<br>Chicken Parm<br>Meal \$15<br>Chicken Parm<br>Sandwich \$11 | 15<br>Chiefs Tailgating<br>Doors Open @ 5pm<br> | 16<br>Fried or Boiled<br>shrimp<br>Entertainment<br>To Be Announced      | 17<br>ALR Craft Fair<br>9am – 3pm<br>Dance – 7pm       |
| 18<br>Post Closed  | 19<br>Bingo<br>snack Bar Menu    | 20<br>Taco Tuesday<br>Snack Bar Menu | 21<br>American Legion<br>Riders Burger Night  | 22   | 23<br>FRIED CHICKEN<br>Karaoke with Dee<br>7:30pm-11:30pm                | 24<br>Car Show 8am<br>Vel's Food Pantry<br>Dance – 7pm |
| 25<br>Chiefs Tailgating<br>Doors Open @ 11am<br>                    | 26<br>Bingo<br>snack Bar Menu    | 27<br>Taco Tuesday<br>Snack Bar Menu | 28<br>5 <sup>th</sup> District Mtg.<br>7pm  | 29<br>E-Board Meeting<br>6pm   | 30<br>Fried Catfish or<br>Grilled Chicken                                |  |


# TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

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