



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



September 2023

Home Post of President Harry S. Truman

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- 2nd Vice Commander:** Jerry Miller
- 3rd Vice Commander:** Don Decker
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- Chaplain:** Rich Carroll
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 Mon-Tue, 9:00am-3:00pm

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 Mon: 10:00am-2:00pm
 Tue: 1:00pm-5pm

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 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.

**Annual Corvette Show at Post 21 on
 Saturday, August 12th, 2023!**

Over 100 Corvettes filled the parking lot on Saturday, August 12th, 2023. This has become an annual event for us. As always, our volunteers manned the kitchen to help make this event successful. We hope you had a chance to drop by and see all of the beautiful 'Vettes'. It was truly a site to see!



ONE NATION UNDER GOD CONCERT

GENERAL ADMISSION \$10 (\$15 AT THE GATE) VIP SEATING (INCLUDES FREE CD) \$25 (\$30 AT THE GATE)

HONORING VETERANS & 1ST RESPONDERS	HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS & CHIPS FOR SALE	SOFT DRINKS & WATER NO SALE	CASH BAR WITH ADULT BEVERAGES
			
POPPIES FOR PATRIOTS (DECOR OUT IN 40S TO 60S ATTIRE)	HOT OFF THE GRILL STARTING AT 5:00 PM	DRINKS AVAILABLE STARTING AT 5:00 PM	BEER GARDEN STARTING AT 5:00 PM

FRIDAY SEPT 15TH | AMERICAN LEGION - INDEPENDENCE MO

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR NO OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINKS

GATES OPEN: 5:00 PM
 CONCERT: 7:00 PM

16701 E US HWY 40, INDEP, MO 64055

Steven Paul McCollum
 Nashville Promoted CCMA Recording Artist

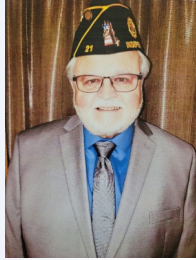


Ticket for this event can be purchased from Dorothy in her Office.

TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS

Commanders Call

Well Everyone, we're almost through The "Dog Days" of Summer. It has certainly been hot during the latter part of this Summer. September is just around the corner. Autumn begins in



September, so cooler times should be on the horizon. We've made some small strides during the past month. I am pleased to report that we now have an operating Air conditioning unit supplying cooler air to the kitchen! I imagine that this is good news for our volunteers in the kitchen. Frankly, I had never experienced the kitchen with air conditioning. I'm smiling. On September Saturday 9th, we will be hosting our Fall Car Show 10-3. This is always a great fundraiser for our Post. On September 23rd and 24th, we will be hosting our Fall Gun Show in Truman Hall. This also is a great fundraiser for our Post. We are looking for volunteers for both events. Please contact our Adjutant Bob Ford or myself if you are available to help us. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Don't forget to be cognizant that we need to sign up new members, whether they be for the Legion, Riders, Auxiliary, or SAL. If you see a Veteran when you're out, approach them and thank them for their service, and identify yourself as a member of Post 21. Ask them if they are a member of the American Legion. If they are not, invite them to join us and see what an outstanding organization we are. In the words of our Past Commander Mark Clark, "If every member signed just one new member, we'd be huge!" Let's strive to make our Post grow and once again be the largest Post in Missouri!

Why I am a Volunteer

I don't do it for money or fame.

And I don't do it for personal gain.

I volunteer to lend a hand.

to the Veteran who served his land.

It's just to give a tithe of self.

The job that I do means more than wealth.

It's not for medals worn with pride.

It's for the rewards I feel inside.

My rewards are tucked deep in my heart.

To let me know I've done my part.

In helping Veterans far and near.

I am proud to be a volunteer.

Author Unknown

More Corvette Show Pictures



TIREY J. FORD POST 21 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 regular monthly meeting was suspended to perform the annual Post Everlasting Ceremony.

The business meeting resumed with the recognition of any new members.

The minutes of the June 2023 meeting were approved as published in the August 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 subject to audit. The motion carried.

Adjutant Bob Ford reported 1 deceased member, (Keno) Bob Haas.

There was no correspondence this month.

No Officers gave a report.

Committee reports. Sgt. At Arms Bran Williams gave the Dance report. Riders Director Don Decker gave the Riders report.

New Business: commander Larry Harris and District Commander Tom Tanner were presented with Recruiting awards.

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 September 7th, 2023 at 6pm.

From the Adjutants Desk

Greetings Members and Patrons,

We are at the beginning of our Renewal/New membership drive. A few of you have renewed but we have a long way to go. Also, I would like to challenge each of you to sign up one new member this year. If you can manage to get 3 new members you will have earned a recruiting pin.

We have a good reputation of being a "friendly" post. If you see someone walk in with a lost look on their face, go up to them and ask if you can help them with anything. Introduce yourself and offer to show them around. That will make a lasting impression on them and they will feel comfortable in returning. It takes all of us to keep our post operating.

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



Tirey J Ford American Legion Post 21

New Post Members: Joel Sapp

Transfers: No new transfers



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

New Members: Diane M Harris, Christine M Jones



TAPS
"Keno" Bob Haas

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



Taps
The National Call of Remembrance



www.tapsbugler.com



Walt Seigler restriping the parking lot. He enlisted his granddaughter to help with this project. Thanks Walt for doing that. It looks great!

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 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!



September 2023

Dance Schedule

September 2nd: Melissa & Co.

September 9th: Reddymen

September 16th: Sweetwater

September 23rd: No Dance

September 30th: Melissa & Co.

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.

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THE BRISKET BURGER NIGHT
and Car Cruise

APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2023

The American Legion Tiry 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**

\$20 Registration (onsite only)
Free for spectators
Various Awards, Prizes and Trophies

CAR SHOW

The American Legion Tiry J. Ford Post 21
SAT. SEPT 9th | 10am - 3pm
16701 E US Hwy 40, Independence, MO 64055
Questions? Call @ 816-830-0758

50's-80's
MUSIC PROVIDED BY
MODSquad

BREAKFAST 8am-10am (biscuits and gravy)
LUNCH 11am-2pm
50/50 Drawing

FEATURING THE MIDWEST POPPIES FOR PATRIOTS

Gun Show

Sept. 23rd & 24th!

Saturday 8am-5pm Sunday 9am-3pm
Tiry J. Ford American Legion Post 21
16701 E. 40 Highway, Independence, MO 64055
(816)373-0221



One and Two Day Passes Available \$10/\$15 Admission
Breakfast, Lunch and Snack Bar open both days
Vendor Tables Available

Contact John Kurtz, (816) 517-8786, johnhic@comcast.net

Selling or Trading in the Parking Lot is Strictly Prohibited

All Local, State and Federal Firearms Ordinances and Laws strictly enforced.

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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

September

American Legion Post 21 816-373-0221

Calendar is Subject to Change, Go to

www.moalpost21.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
3 Post Closed	4 Labor Day No Bingo Lounge Closed	5 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	6 Post Closed	7 Post, Aux & SAL Mtg. 6pm. Club 21 Open 5pm. Chiefs Tailgating 6pm	8 Dinner: Fried or Boiled Shrimp or Grilled Chicken Breast	9 Car Show 10am-3pm Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
10 Coin Show 9am-3pm Lounge Closed	11 Bingo Lounge Closed	12 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	13 Post Closed	14 ALR Meeting 6:30pm Post Closed	15 One Nation Under God Concert Outside Food Beer Garden 5pm-9pm	16 Dance – 7pm Club 21 Closed Private Party Snack Bar Open
17 Chiefs Tailgating Post opens 11 am	18 Bingo Lounge Closed	19 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	20 ALR Burger Night & Car Cruise Lounge opens 2pm	21 Post Closed	22 Dinner: Tenderloin Dinner	23 Gun show 8am-5pm Dance 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7:00pm – 11:00 pm
24 Gun Show 9am-3pm Chiefs Tailgating Post opens 2pm	25 Bingo Lounge Closed	26 Taco Tuesday Snack Bar Menu	27 Post Closed	28 EBoard Mtg. 6:30pm Post Closed	29 Dinner: Grilled Pork Chop Dinner#	30 Food Pantry 8:30am-10:30am Dance – 7pm Karaoke with Dee 7pm-11pm

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Our Supporters

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3848 S. Noland Rd., Indep. MO
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816-353-6555

WE HONOR VETERANS



Jason Gentzell, Location Manager

Rich Carroll

Homeless Veteran Coordinator

Legion Member