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THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



The 2020 membership cards are in. I have placed numerous renewal envelopes behind the bar and have given some to Tom Tanner as well. Renewal is \$25.00, which is very affordable. The Missouri Detachment raised the dues and we had to go up. If you don't have time to stop by, feel free to mail them .

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Please make sure your contact information is up to date and if you have an email address please add that as well. As a side note your 2019 cards will no longer be valid after December 31st of this year.

The holidays are fast approaching, this year we plan to support Heroes Home Gate again with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, Christmas Angels, many others, and generous additions to the Raffles during Monday Bingo. Look for Chocolate and Gift cards during our November and December Bingo 50/50 raffles.

The SAL is still supplying free hot dogs and Brats on Sundays in the Lounge for Sunday football. It's Pot Luck so please bring a side dish if possible. Come early as the seats have been filling up fast.

The SAL meets every month on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Main Hall. You are welcome to attend.

Hope you all have a great fall!

Commander Daryl Wimmer



Join us in the lounge on **Thursday, October 17th**
for fellowship, potluck and the **CHIEFS** game.

Hotdogs provided by the **SAL**.

Kick-off is at 7:20 PM

There's not a bad seat in the lounge....

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Clark called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, Sep 5, 2019, at the Post Home.

Commander Clark conducted the opening ritual.

1st Vice Commander Bob Ford placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

· Chaplain Doug Vetter gave the opening prayer.

There were 10 officers and 23 members present. A quorum was present.

Commander Clark suspended the meeting for the following guests: Robert Sheahan from H.E.R.O.E.S. Care.

· The business meeting resumed at 7:10 pm.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of Aug 19. A motion was made by Mike Alexander to accept the finance report as read. 2nd by Ed Murray. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes were read for the month of Aug 19. A motion was made by Bob Settles to accept the minutes. 2nd by Randy Silver. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion to accept the new members and transfers was made by Bruce Butler. 2nd by Doug Vetter. Motion carried.

There were 5 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

· The Adjutant read correspondence.

· Committee Reports:

· The Friday dance report was given by Wes Blake.

The Saturday dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

Bingo Report was given by Daryl Wimmer. A check for \$3000.00 was given to the post.

Legion Rider report was given by Don Decker.

Officer Reports: NONE

· Old Business: NONE

· New Business:

Tom Tanner discussed the up coming Salvation Bell Ringing. It will be on Sat December 7 and 14 at the Hy-Vee on Noland Rd. Hours will be from 9:00am-3:00pm. Sign up sheets will be at the bar.

· For the good of the American Legion: None

The 1st Vice Commander removed the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair.

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

Commander Clark conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 3 October 2019, at 7PM.

-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
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Fall Into Halloween

Sunday, October 27
3-5 P.M.

Costume Contest ♦ Cake Walk
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THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

WE WANT YOU

As I sit to write this month's newsletter article, I see in my mind's eye the Uncle Sam poster with Uncle Sam pointing right at me with the words emblazoned "I Want You". This poster is an iconic symbol of our nation's call to service. In fact, I am betting money that as you read this, you are also seeing it in the deep recesses of your mind. This simple slogan moved a nation to action and collectively we liberated the world from tyranny in two world wars; halted the spread of communism and destroyed terrorist safe havens around the globe.

I have always admired the united will of the American people and no organization embodies that spirit more than The American Legion. I have said it many times and truly believe it in my heart that Post 21 members represent the best of the American spirit. Our post is a hall of heroes with every generation of warrior represented at any given moment. In wartime and in peacetime our members served their nation and answered the call to service. This is why I am so proud to serve as your commander.

Our post is at a crossroads in its history and if we are to return it to its past glory, we are all going to have to answer the call to service. If I could recreate that iconic poster, I would don that star-spangled hat with the words "We Want You" because I am speaking on behalf of your fellow Legionnaires at Post 21. Right now, your post is being sustained by a handful of dedicated volunteers that without relief or help will soon become burned out. We simply cannot allow that to happen. This is why we need you.

We need your energy, your ideas, and your help in whatever capacity you may offer. We need help with Bingo, in the kitchen, and on our committees. We need you to recruit new members and bring your friends and family down to the post for dinners, and events. Each of us knows someone who served honorably in the armed forces since December 7th, 1941. With the passing of the LEGION Act they are now eligible to join the Legion. Please do your part to recruit them.

Paint the picture in your mind's eye of that iconic poster. Will you answer my call to action? I am counting on it and thank you in advance for joining me in our quest to return Post 21 to its rightful place as the largest and best American Legion post in Missouri. I'll see you around the Post.

Commander Mark Clark!



AUXILIARY NEWS

Autumn is here, fresh, crisp air, falling leaves, and fun activities. Mark your calendar for the Italian Buffet on October 4 from 5-8 pm. Chefs John Cuezze and Fred Denney will be cooking up quite a feast including chicken parmigiana, spaghetti bolognese, Italian sausage with peppers, onions and fried potatoes! The Fall into Halloween party will be on Sunday, October 27, 3-5 pm. There is a Chiefs game that evening, so get the kids dressed up, get your own Halloween costume on and come enjoy the cake walk and other fun activities. There will be food available for a minimal charge. Both events are fundraisers for the Auxiliary and so plan now to join us.

Hope you joined us for the amazing Mexican Buffet on September 13 in the lounge. Chef Tom Verdi did a wonderful job filling us up with delicious food. We really appreciate his hard work and talent.

The tiny home in Holden should be ready for us to plan a work day the first part of October. If you are interested in wielding a paint brush, broom, scraping paint off windows or any of a dozen jobs to get the house ready to be a home, please let me know. We plan to meet at the post and caravan down to Holden. It is so exciting and fulfilling to see this project grow.

We are still taking suggestions for a name. Maj. Schwent suggested a naming the houses for Medal of Honor winners, we have talked about Bess Truman House or Unit 21 House in our meetings but really haven't made a decision yet.

Membership dues are due now. Please see Faye Zacharias or Dorothy Ballew to pay your dues, update your address, phone and e-mail address. Just a reminder...the dues notices printed by National are incorrect. Our dues are \$30,00 a year...just like last year. At our September meeting, we voted to cover the 80 and over dues again this year, so if you had a birthday, and crossed that magical number, be sure you let us know.

At our September meeting, Marsha Mooney filled us in on some of the happenings at the recently concluded National Convention. It sounded like she had a fun filled and very educational time. National has posted a highlights page on their website: <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Meetings/National-Convention/>

There are changes ahead for the Auxiliary, and I'm counting on Missouri Department President Marsha Mooney to keep us posted. One major change is this: The American Legion has voted to extend membership in the American Legion Auxiliary to all spouses of U.S. veterans and servicemembers who meet The American Legion eligibility requirements. During The American Legion National Convention in Indianapolis in August, delegates voted to replace the word "wife" with "spouse" in their constitution and bylaws, opening up membership in the American Legion Auxiliary to male and female spouses of those eligible for American Legion membership.

Lana Butler, Unit 21 President
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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hello Post 21 Family,



With the new year in full swing the Riders are looking forward to being a big part of the turnaround of the Post. Participation for our Banana Split night was great and we will be looking to sponsor some other events as the year moves on.

In September the Chapter had a chance to take an overnight trip north to John Wayne's birth place in Winterset Iowa including a tour of the Bridges of Madison County. Those who were able to participate had a great weekend. Thanks to Mark and Linda Clark for their work in planning and leading that ride. We look forward to another trip in the Spring to enjoy the fellowship of our members.

Burger Night will be coming up on the 16th. This is a great opportunity for the Post to generate some increased revenue with very low costs. The Riders provide all of the labor to put the burger night on and the Post receives all of the proceeds. We will need extra help the next few months as some of our core volunteers will be out of place September-December. If you can help we would love to have you and there are jobs for all. If you cannot volunteer that night please come out and enjoy a burger in the lounge and enjoy some time with your Legion family.

Please plan to come out and check out the Craft Fair on October 26th in the main hall. We always have great vendors and it costs you nothing to come and shop. There will be some great ideas to get your Christmas shopping started early, so tell all of your friends to come out and shop. The proceeds of that event are split with the Post so everyone benefits from this and the more shoppers we have the better it is for everyone. The snack bar will be open as well.

I want to thank you all for all you do to support our Chapter and our Post. Big things are happening and it's good to have so many of you involved. #21Proud.
Until next month,

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New:

Transfer: *Jacqueline Edrington, Marion Moore*

Cheer: *Dorothy Whitney, Laquita (Joe) Wiiiams*

Death:

NEW MEMBERS

Peter Castronuovo, Jeff Schichi, Lauren Vlassis

TRANSFERS:

Robert Angotti Jimmie Durkee

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5 PM Taco Tuesday 6:30 PM-BINGO Potato Bar	2 7 PM SAL Meeting Vegetable Soup \$6	3 7 PM AUX Meet Post Meet	4 5 PM Italian Buffet \$13.75 6:30 PM Frank Vigliaturo DANCE: Point Blank	5 DANCE Route 66
6 9 AM Coin Show 11:30 -Lounge Chiefs—Colts 7:20 PM	7 6:30—BINGO	8 5 PM Taco Tuesday 6:30 PM-BINGO Potato Bar	9	10 6:30 PM ALR Meeting	11 6:30 PM Jason Craig DANCE: Back River Band Grilled Ham & Cheese \$6.50	12 7:30 Post Breakfast DANCE Reddymen 8:30 pm Karaoke
13 11:30 -Lounge	14 6:30—BINGO	15 5 PM Taco Tuesday 6:30 PM-BINGO Potato bar	16 5-7 ALR Cooks Burger Night	17 7 PM Post Exe Meet 8:20 TAILGATING Chiefs—Broncos	18 6:30 PM Michelle Hawkins DANCE: Route 66 Open Face Roast Beef \$9.00	19 DANCE Sweetwater 8:30 pm Karaoke
20 11:30 -Lounge	21 6:30—BINGO	22 5 PM Taco Tuesday 6:30 PM-BINGO Potato Bar	23 7 PM 5th District Meet Joint Dinner	24 6 PM JAMMERS in the lounge	25 6:30 PM Bill Mears NO DANCE Chicken Fried Steak Dinner \$10.00	26 DANCE Reddymen 8:30 PM Karaoke
27 11:30 -Lounge 3PM Fall into Halloween	28 6:30—BINGO	29 5 PM Taco Tuesday 6:30 PM-BINGO Potato Bar	30	31		

American Legion Post 21 Family,

Have you visited your post lately? It is a new day at your post there are a lot of exciting things happening. First and foremost, thanks to our American Legion Family members we have several upgrades that have taken place.

Our Auxiliary replaced the curtains on the back of the stage, and they are beautiful! They sponsored a Mexican Buffet on September 13th and a Fall into Halloween Party. They also have reached out to the community and have sponsored one of the tiny homes for the Veterans Community Project.

The American Legion Riders have purchased two new chair dollies to help make the Hall setup go more smoothly and they replaced our aging popcorn machine.


The Sons of the American Legion purchased two new 70-inch HDTV's for the lounge to enhance viewing of sporting events and other programming. They are also hosting the Chiefs tailgating activities in the lounge every Sunday.

Thank you to all who have made this possible.

Lastly, we are going through a transition on our janitorial services and during this time, as a member, if you see something that needs tending to let someone know or feel free to correct the problem yourself. Help us keep our post clean so that our visitors have an enjoyable experience.

Thank you again to our outstanding American Legion Family. Together we are making a difference.

TAPS



JOHN A BOWERS, LARRY K CAMPBELL,
ROLAND L HUGHES, THOMAS NASH

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

OCTOBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 93 members with October birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!

1@101, 2@98, 2@97, 1@96, 3@95, 1@94, 1@93,
1@92, 3@91, 1@90

The youngest will turn 44 this month.

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Post membership renewals are off to a good start. As of 5 Sep 19 we have 795 members renewed.

The new Legion year is upon us. Renewal notices have been mailed so watch for them. There are several ways to renew your dues, first is to pay on line at <https://www.legion.org/> second is to mail them to the post, or visit the post and pay them in person.

At the end of every Legion year I submit a list for the National Commander's recruiting pin. It seems like every I submit the same 2 names. My challenge to you is, you drive thru your neighborhood everyday and I am sure you see the American Flag flying at several houses. Stop in my office at the post and I will give you door hangers and the next time you drive thru the neighborhood stop and put a door hanger on their door. You only have to recruit 3 new members to receive the pin.

If you have moved recently please let the post know your new address. In order to have a complete and working data base for all post members I need the following information to complete the data base, Phone number, email address, Date of birth, branch of service and the war era in which you served.

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.

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adjutantpost21@gmail.com.

-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant
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OCTOBER 2019 FRIDAY ROCK & ROLL DANCE SCHEDULE

October 4: POINT BLANK
 October 11: BACK RIVER BAND
 October 18: ROUTE 66
 October 25: NO DANCE
 \$7.00 Admission
 Doors Open 5:30 PM
 Beverage & Snack Bars Open 5:30 PM
 Dance Time 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
 Join Us & Have a Blast!

Wes Blake



First Place
 Ron Bloomfield - Pat Hillen



Second Place
 Joe Pulley - Rick Graff



Third Place
 Gerald White - Jerry Tinsley



Fourth Place
 Daryl Wimmer - Bob Lane

The quarterly American Legion pool tournament was held this September. Pizza and beer was served and a good time was had by all. Special thanks to Tim's Pizza for the discount we receive on their amazing pizzas.

Another special thanks to Daryl Wimmer for participating and making sure we all had refreshments.

OCTOBER 2019 DANCE SCHEDULE

- 7 Country Oasis
- 14 Reddymen
- 21 Sweetwater
- 28 NO DANCE

Doors open at 5:30 P.M.
 Beverage & Snack Bars Open at 5:30 P.M.
 Dance Time - 7:00 P.M.-10:30 P.M.
 Admission to Saturday Dances \$7.00



Oct 4th Frank Vigliaturo
 Oct 11th Jason Craig
 Oct 18th Michelle Hawkins
 Oct 25th Bill Mears

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