# The American Legion ——

TIREY J FORD POST 21 16701 E. 40 HIGHWAY INDEPENDENCE, MO 64055-5328 816-373-0221

#### SEPTEMBER 2018



HOME POST OF PRESIDENT HARRY STRUMAN CHARTERED MAY 1, 1921

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM ADJUTANT OFFICE HOURS: MON - FRI 9:30 AM-3:00 PM Lounge Hours:

Monday - Saturday 2:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Sunday - CLOSED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

#### POST EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER **AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING**

- \*\*POST MEETING SEPTEMBER 6th @ 7:00 PM\*\*
- \*\*AUXILIARY MEETING SEPTEMBER 6th @ 7:00 PM\*\*
- \*\* SAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 5th @ 7:00 PM\*\*
- \*\*ALR MEETING SEPTEMBER 13th @ 6:30 PM\*\*

**HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING Every Monday @ 7:00** PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 20TH @ 7:00 **PM\*\*** 

**THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE In SEPTEMBER See Page 7** 

**SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in SEPTEMBER -**See Page 7

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Admission \$7 (ATM on Site) Open Saturday 8am-5pm Sunday 9am-3pm

We will be raffling off an AR15! Drawing to be held Dec. 21, 2018. Need not be present to win!

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack Bar open both

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



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#### THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



#### September 2018

#### **POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Commander Ed Witthar Mark Clark 1st Vice Commander 2nd Vice Commander Bob Ford 3rd Vice Commander John Faelske Adjutant Tom Tanner Finance Officer Svlvia Tanner Judge Advocate Dennis Mooney Historian Open Service Officer Mike Sweeney Chaplain **Bob Settles** Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Orr Mike Feliciano Past Commander

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Americanism Chris Wehr
Athletic OPEN
Bingo Marge Neal
Boy's State OPEN
Budget & Finance Denis Proctor
Cadet Patrol Norman

D'Angelo

Dance Wayne Keller Home Improvement **OPEN** Kitchen Darci Newsletter Editor Ed Murray Oratorical Ralph Buchanan Patriotic Council **OPEN** R.O.T.C. Mark Clark Salvation Army Tom Tanner School Awards **OPEN** 

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Lelia Brownfield Chairman, Michael Keene, Richard Conrad, Don Decker, James Neece,

#### **AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

President Marsha Mooney
Vice President Suzanne Proctor
Secretary Antoinette Denny
Treasurer Lana Butler
Historian Linda Clark
Chaplain Linda Vetter
Sergeant-at-Arms Judy Settles

#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Director Don Decker Assistant Director Dan Orr Secretary Suzanne Proctor Treasurer Ed Witthar Judge Advocate Larry Harrison Historian Linda Clark Chaplain Mark Clark Sergeant-At-Arms Doug Stacer Road Captains Open Safety Officer Open

#### SAL OFFICERS

Commander Daryl Wimmer
Vice Commander Doug Savage
Adjutant Keith Constance
Finance Officer Walt Seigler
Chaplain Kent Groom
Sergant-at Arms Leroy Brugioni

#### MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Witthar called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, 2 August 18, at the Post Home.

Commander Witthar conducted the opening ritual.

· 1st Vice Commander Mark Clark placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Mark Clark gave the opening prayer.

There were 8 officers and 29 members present.

The regular business meeting was suspended at 7:06 for the following guests:

Ben Haas and Brian Savoy from Midwest Bank. They discussed a check scanner for the post and investing in cd's. More to follow soon.

There was no Finance report given.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 21 June, 20 July and 21 July '18 were read.

#### 21 June 18

Mike Sweeney discussed that when there is an event in the lounge and food is being served, no outside food and drink should allowed. He also discussed that for all events in the lounge a post officer or house committee member be present. Also discussed was charging \$2.00 per person cover charge for the Wednesday and Saturday night karaoke. The cover charge would be for non members only. Mark Clark made a motion to accept the above. 2nd by Mike Sweeney. Motion carried.

Wes Blake made a motion to give Denise a \$1.00 per hour raise. 2nd by Bob Settles. Motion carried. The raise will be effective 3 Aug 18 pending approval from the membership. Mark Clark made a motion to accept the raise. 2nd by Bob Ford. Motion carried.

· Wes Blake made a motion to accept Terrie Lawson as the new bartender. 2nd by Mike Sweeney pending approval from the membership. Motion carried. Mark Clark made a motion to accept Terrie as the new bartender. 2nd by Kerry Boardman. Motion carried.

#### 20 July 18

Ed Witthar discussed his Committee appointments for the year. Mark Clark made a motion to accept the committee appointments. 2nd by Bill Nash. Motion carried.

#### 21 July 18

Bob Ford made a motion to amend the motion made on 21 Jun to charge \$2.00 cover charge for karaoke to drop the charge. 2nd by Mike Sweeney. Motion carried.

Mark Clark made a motion to cancel purchasing the new sign due to a higher cost and the difficulty in getting the proper electrical connections out to the sign. 2nd by Kerry Boardman. 28 yes 1 no 2 abstained. Motion carried.

Bob Ford made a motion to purchase 2 new printers for the offices. 2nd by Mark Clark. 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 for the month of May.

· The Adjutant read correspondence.

Committee Reports:

Tom Tanner gave the Bingo report and presented the post with a check for \$5000.00

No Dance report.
Officer Reports:

Don Decker gave the ALR report.

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#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Charles Dalzell, Minnette Martin, Thomas Williams

#### **TRANSFERS:**

Charles Admire, Derek Barham, Jon Bingaman, James Butler Richard Cantu, David Chrisman, Kirk Doris, John Gonwski, Michael Gray, Stanley Hollon, Wesley Huskisson, Dennis Kuhn, William Pugh, David Torlina

#### SEPTEMBER 2018 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 104 members with September birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1@ 103, 1@100, 1@ 99, 2@97, 2@96, 2@95, 3@94, 3@93, 1@92, 2@91, 4@90

The youngest will turn 36 this month.

#### THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

I wanted to take a moment and thank everyone who helped make the National Legacy Run a success! Without each and everyone one of you we could not have pulled this event off and show case our post in front of the National Commander like we did! This was truly a family endeavor and everyone should be proud of what was accomplished as a family unit! Thank You!

Special thanks will be made in the very near future for sure!

Please keep your suggestions coming! You will see that they do not go unanswered or researched. Review the schedule for September and you'll see a change in the menu. We can make all the changes as requested, however it takes the participation to make these a success! The drink specials in the lounge are posted daily, but we are working on daily specials so that they may be added to the calendar.

I want to welcome our new kitchen manager, Darci, to our family! We need to give her all the support and encouragement in her endeavors! In a very short time major improvements have been made, and there are more in the future! Thanks to Darci for taking on this challenge and making a difference!

Since we are on the topic of making a difference, there are still positions that were listed in last month's newsletter still open and need someone to set up and take charge. If you are the loyal member of this post, then step up and help be a part of the team leading this post into its 2nd century! Without YOU, there is no US and without US there is no POST!

September is going to be another busy month for us, so please help when you can! Your efforts are appreciated! Sports day Sunday is back! Come and participate in a day of sports, food and fun. Compliments of the SAL, so come and support them as they say thanks to all of us.

In closing, please keep our post chaplain Bob Settles in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from his surgery. And any and all members in need of prayers during their time of challenges!

Thanks for All You Do!

**Ed Witthar** 

Semper Fi!



EDWARD R McCARTY, WILLIAM D MORAN, RUSSELL L RUTH, WILLIAM D THOMPSON

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

#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

September is here, and we are entering the Fall season. We are now fully in our new Auxiliary year. We are trying a new system to keep track of our volunteer hours this year. There will be a notebook in the Auxiliary room where you can

enter your volunteer hours, where you volunteer and whether you donated in kind donations or money. This can be entered every month instead of you having to keep track of it for the year. We used to do something like this for Community Service, so we are bringing back something that worked and expanding it to all programs. Don't worry about the category it belongs in we will take care of it for you. If you do not attend meetings we would love to see you do so, but if you are unable to attend you can mail us your information to the Post or email it to me at mlynnm55@aol.com and I will make sure it is entered.

We are still in need of volunteers for Bingo, we do not ask you to work every week, we need help to fill in for people ill or unable to be there on their week or someone to take 1 week a month. Bingo is our main fundraiser and how we pay for our charitable donations, so it is important that we have enough people to work it.

Hostesses for our September meeting will be Helen Hatz and Gayle Metzinger.

Marsha Mooney Auxiliary 21 President

#### Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Michele Batliner, Barbara McKiddy, Sondra Vanoster

Transfer:

Death: Betty Manselle-Brown



#### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**



Hello Legion Family,

I am extremely proud to be writing to you as the new Director of the American MERICAN LEGION RIDERS Legion Riders. I have been lucky enough

to see some great leaders in this position and I am hopeful that I can continue the success of the Chapter.

Many of you see us at meetings and volunteering around the post. Those of you who are able to make it to Post meetings receive an update on our mileage and hours for the month. We are out representing Post 21 family in many ways, and to many we are the face of the Post. We take this very seriously.

For the Riders we are going to be doing more social rides to enjoy the company of our fellow riders. The PGR was formed by the Legion Riders and that mission is important to us. We do understand that it's also not for everyone and we will work to diversify our experiences and engage more of you.

We have an exciting opportunity for all Legion Members to share in. We have scheduled a Comedy Vets show at the Post on Friday September 21st. Dinner and a show is just \$20. This will help both the Post and the American Legion Riders. Please contact Tom Tanner or any of the Riders for tickets. We want this to be a huge success.

Mark your calendars for the fall Craft Fair on October 20th as well. Tell all of your friends. This is profit sharing venture with the Post and the more customers we have the more money we all make. These shows have been a great success and our vendors are excited to sign up for the next one before they

Thank you again for your support. Until next time.

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director

#### LISTEN UP

The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period begins October 15<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. In order to • assist our members in making informed Medicare coverage decisions, the post will host Medicare Advantage informational meetings as follows:

October 17, 2018 3:00 PM Coventry Advantra

October 26, 2018 3:00 PM United Healthcare

November 07, 2018 3:00 PM Humana

November 08, 2018 3:00 PM Blue Cross/Blue Shield of KC

These meetings are offered at no cost to attendees and are open to post members and the public. Reservations are not required.

#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Summer is almost over, and it was a hot one this year. Kids are back to school and the Kansas City Chiefs are back on the field.

It's been a busy last few months, with the new officers of the SAL and Charity work. We are hard pressed to keep up.

The monthly newsletter is online, so you can access it and previous month newsletters, when ever and where ever you want from the PC or Mobile device. Go to http://moalpost21.org and select Newsletter from the American Legion Post 21 drop down list. The Post Calendar with the kitchen menu, activities, etc. The mailing is going to be only for members that do not have internet access. Also if you have a email address, will be able to access the newsletter from the email you provide.

The 2019 SAL Membership cards are in! Dues are \$20 again this year, \$10 for under 18. This year we have a special envelope for you to put your dues in that will help us keep renewals straight. If you have an updated address, phone number, or email, please make sure you let us know on the envelope. Our goal again this year is to go into the Public and reach out to many that might be Son's, Grand Children or Great Grand Children.

Our Meetings are held on the First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Main Hall. All members are welcome to attend. If you can't make it, but have some input or ideas for how to grow our membership, gather funds for our charities, or need to solicit funds for a valid charitable reason, Contact me at salcommander21@gmail.com

This last month the SAL donated \$250 dollars to the Special Olympics Missouri JIMMIE'S Miles for Medals Motorcycle Dice Run that was on August 18th . Many of our members that ride motorcycles attended and donated their time and money as well. The SAL also donated \$250 dollars to the Fisher Home that all processed will help raise money to Build a Fisher home here in Missouri. Many members also participated in the Missouri Patriot Express Dice Run August 26th.

The SAL Sponsored \$100 for the American Legion National Scholarship August 19th that came through Independence and our post hosted Lunch and Supper. Thanks to the Son's who helped in kitchen and around the post.

Would like to Welcome the new members of the Son's. Welcome aboard and thank you for your support.

Football in the Lounge will be starting September 9th. The Son's will be supplying free Hot Dogs and condiments. Feel free to bring in chips or Pot Luck. Lets have a great Football season in the Lounge.

The SAL raises money for different organizations and will be donating throughout this year. We are always looking for other organizations we can help in our community. We focus on helping the Veterans families, especially Children's and special needs organization. SAL had a drive for Back to School Supplies for Independence Homeless Children from K-12. The drive was a success from the members to Bingo and Dance. Back Packs to school supplies and took them to the Independence School District.

..... Daryl Wimmer, SAL Commander

CHIEFS FANS – LET'S TAILGATE

Football Schedule For SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun Sept 9th 11:30 til Sun Sept 16th 11:30 til

Sun Sept 23rd 11:30 til

Sun Sept 30th 11:30 til

#### FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR SEPTEMBER

#### Monday from 5pm to 7pm

<b>9/3</b> Grilled BBQ legs - Pot Luck - Free to members/	
families -Labor Day	\$Free
<b>9/10</b> Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, scalloped	
corn	\$7.00
9/17 Pulled Pork, potato salad, beans	\$7.00
9/24 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, veggie	\$7.00

#### Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm

#### 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25

Tacos Tuesday \$1.50 each	
or 4 for	\$5.00
Pork Burrito	\$5.00
Taco Salad	\$5.00
Chips & Salsa	\$5.00

#### Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm

<b>9/5</b> Fish sandwich, cole slaw	\$6.50
9/12 Open faced meatloaf sandwich, mashed	
potatoes/gravy, veggie	\$7.00
9/19 ALR Burger Night	

Bacon Cheese/Mushroom Swiss burger night, fries,

tots or onion rings	<b>\$7.00</b>
9/26 Seafood/fish fry, cole slaw	\$9.00

#### **Thursday**

#### NO MEALS ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

#### Friday from 5pm to 7pm

9/7 Spaghetti Dinner, garlic bread	\$7.00
9/14 Fried Chicken Dinner	
9/21 Comedy Show Dinner	\$20.00
9/28 Breakfast for supper Pancakes, scrambled	
eggs, bacon & sausage	\$7.50

#### Saturday from 7:30am to 9am

POST BREAKFAST - French Toast

\$8.00

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '18 -'19

**PLEASE GO TO:** 

www.moalpost21.org
To see the new kids snackbar menu

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### veterans salute 2018

Honoring the Signing of the Armistice of 1918
That Ended Fighting During World War I

#### A Free Event for the Whole Family!

## Saturday, September 22

at Midwest Genealogy Center

3440 S. Lee's Summit Road Independence, MO 64055 (One mile north of I-70/Lee's Summit Road Exit)

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Matthew Naylor, Ph.D.
President & CEO,
National WWI Museum and Memorial

Visit mymcpl.org/veterans-salute this summer for more information.







#### FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

The 2019 membership year is here, I would ask that all members renew your dues as soon as possible. This is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of both the American Legion and the Post. What better way to help celebrate both by renewing your membership and achieving 100% membership renewal.

At the Department Convention it was discussed and voted on to raise the dues at the Department level by \$5.00 a year per member. The raise will take effect next year; however, it will not affect our membership. When National raised their dues 2 years ago we anticipated Department following suit so when we raised our dues we included the anticipated dues raise.

I am also going to ask that if anyone is interested in volunteering to help in the post to please contact me and let me know when and where you can volunteer. We are in need of volunteers for BINGO, the kitchen, the office and other positions. PLEASE HELP!!!!!

In order to have a complete data base I ask that every member send me the name of your spouse, emergency contact information, email address, date of birth, correct phone number, branch of service and war era. If you have moved within the last 6 months, would you please provide me with your new address.

Emails are still a problem. I have been getting a lot of emails bounce back to me for whatever reason. If you feel that you are not receiving emails from the Post PLEASE check your spam settings to ensure correct delivery of the emails. If your spam settings are correct please ensure I DO have your correct email address. If you have changed your email address or have not provided the post with an email address, please send it to me.

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, Post 21 Adjutant adjutantpost21@gmail.com

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· Old Business:

Tom Tanner gave a report on the fireworks tent and presented a check to the post for \$5594.

New Business:

Tom Tanner reported that the Missouri Lottery presented the post with a check for \$126.41 as a reward for selling a winning \$12,641 winning Keno ticket.

Commander Ed Witthar asked to pass the hat for donations to the American Lung Foundation in the name of Fred Savage (Doug Savage's father). The post donated \$130.00.Mike Sweeney made a motion to add the lottery check to the total amount for Doug's father. 2nd by Kerry Boardman. Motion carried.

For the good of the American Legion:

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

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

Commander Witthar conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 6 September 2018, at 7PM.

-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant adjutantpost21@gmail.com



September 5th 7-10PM Mike Perez September 12th 7-10PM Mike Perez September 19th 7-10PM Mike Perez September 26th 7-10PM Mike Perez



Have you attended one of the Jam Sessions yet?

If not, why not?

Come out and listen to some very talented musicians

## WEB SITE TO OBTAIN DD-214

www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/

VA AL Service Officer @ VA Medical Center, Ron McBee, (816) 922-2883 Phone or Fax (816) 922-3381 Hours of operation 9:00 - 3:00 PM M-F



September 27th

Band: Oasis with Bonnie

Rock & Roll & Country

\$6.00 Admission

Beverage & Snack Bar Open at 6:00 PM

Dance Time 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Join Us & Have a Blast!

Wes Blake



#### SEPTEMBER 2018 DANCE SCHEDULE

1 Ranger

8 Reddymen

15 Sweetwater

22 Reddymen

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

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