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#### **SEPTEMBER 2019**



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



#### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

#### THE 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 to 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 SAL Membership cards are in! Dues are \$20 again this year, 10 for under 18. The SAL has 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 grow 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 saladjutant21@gmail.com.

The SAL will be participation in the Post Early Bird Breakfast September 14th. Membership Cards are available at the SAL table in the foyer. Please see Daryl Wimmer or Walt Seigler for 2020 Cards.

This last month the SAL donated \$250 dollars to the Special Olympics Missouri JIMMIE'S Miles for Medals Motorcycle Dice Run that was in August 17th. 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 25th.

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 8th. 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.

**Commander Daryl Wimmer** 

#### 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, Aug 1, 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 Mark Clark gave the opening prayer.

There were 9 officers and 15 members present. A quorum was NOT present.

Commander Clark suspended the meeting for the following guests: Kimberly Storey from Kemper Health and Jimmies miles ride staff.

The business meeting resumed at 7:15 pm.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of May and Jun 19.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes were read for the month of Jun and Jul.

New members and transfers were read. A motion to accept the new members and transfers was made by Bob Ford. 2nd by Don Decker. Motion carried. This motion was voted on by the Executive Committee only.

There were 12 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 Regina Slade. A check of \$5000.00 was given to the post.

Legion Rider report was given by Don Decker.

Tom Tanner discussed the success of the fireworks tent this year and presented a check to the post for \$5066.

Officer Reports: NONE Old Business: NONE New Business: NONE

For the good of the American Legion: None

·The 2nd 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 8 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 5 September 2019, at 7PM.

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



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### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



#### THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

#### A Return to Tradition

I am exactly two months into my official capacity as your Post Commander and I appreciate all of the support you all have given me and your Post Leadership Team so far. If you haven't been down to the Post in a while, I would encourage you to come on by and see the changes we are have made in the past two months. Our SAL Commander Daryl Wimmer has taken over our kitchen operations and the meal selection and quality have never been better. Dorothy Ballew is whipping our business operations into shape and our members across the entire Legion Family are volunteering like never before. It is a great time to be a member of the Post 21 Family.

It is Chiefs Football season and the SAL has upgraded the televisions in the lounge to give it the feel of a sports bar with screens aplenty so that no matter where you are sitting you can watch the game in comfort. This was done entirely by our SAL unit and they donated their time, talent, and resources to make this upgrade a success. If you see a SAL member walking around, take the time to say thanks. In the Hall you will also see an upgrade thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary who graciously donated new drapes to clean up the stage and make things match. Our Auxiliary does more than you know behind the scenes to make us great so please take the time to say thanks when you see them.

One of the things that made Post 21 a special place was the traditional events such as our early bird breakfast, our annual spaghetti dinner, our steak nights, our Past Commanders dinner, and our member appreciation nights. We are working hard to bring those events back and we will start with our Early Bird Breakfast on Saturday, September 14th which is free for everyone who has already paid their dues for this year. This includes the Auxiliary and SAL. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can pay \$7 at the door and enjoy the best breakfast in town.

Being a member of Post 21 is more than just a membership card, it means you are part of something special. The fraternity and support we provide each other and the social atmosphere our post home provides to our members is something we should all be proud of. For more than 100 years Post 21 has been a hall of heroes and with your help it will remain so for the next 100. If you haven't been to the post in while, you really owe it to yourself to come and see the new and exciting things that are happening. It is a new day at Post 21 but as we continue to evolve and grow, we will stay grounded by our traditions. Won't you join us?

God bless, thank you for your service and I will see you around the Post.

#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**



In the August meeting, the main topic of discussion was our budget for the upcoming year. Several items deserve further consideration so the budget was tabled and will be addressed in the September meeting on Thursday, September 5. If

you have items you would like us to consider, please let me know. We have a form at the post for you to complete so it can be discussed. It is YOUR auxiliary and YOUR opinions and input are very important and necessary for our unit to thrive and grow. Please come to the September 5 meeting and help us plan the upcoming year for the Auxiliary.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The bingo sponsored by the Auxiliary is our primary source of funds for our donations to military veterans and families. We have lost over 20 volunteers in the last 18 months. People move away, they have elderly parents who need their assistance, have illnesses they are dealing with or sadly, they pass away. If you can spare a few hours a week, twice a month or even once a month...we need your smiling face. The volunteers who sell pull tabs work from 4:00 to 6:30. The volunteers that handle the progressive papers work from 4:30 until about 9:30; floor walkers work from 6:30 to 9:45. We sponsor bingo every Monday, so if you have a few hours, please contact me (816-507-3033 or LMLeitner@yahoo.com).

#### **NEWSLETTER**

With the changes in how the newsletter is printed and delivered, it is more important than ever that we have your correct mailing address and e-mail address. We are working with the Post to get Legion family information to you in as timely a manner as possible. Have you moved? New phone number? Not receiving the newsletter by e-mail? Please help us accomplish our goal by updating your contact information. Talk to Dorothy in the office, send me an e-mail or call me.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! VOLUNTEER TO HELP

Chef Tom Verdi has volunteered to put together a Mexican buffet (with auxiliary help) on Friday, September 13 from 5-8 p.m. It will be open to the public and should be a delicious treat for diners. Our "Fall Into Halloween" Party is scheduled for the afternoon of October 27 from 3-5. A costume contest, cake walk, chili and soup and other fun activities are being planned.

Lana Butler Auxiliary 21 President

Marsha Mooney Homecoming
Join us at the Post as we welcome
Missouri Department Auxiliary President
Marsha Mooney home on Friday, September 20.
Social Hour 5:30 to 6:30
Dinner Served 6:30
25.00/Person

**Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths** 

New: Sandra Carlson, Lee Ann Emdee, Norma D. Gleason, Doris M. Petty, Joy Williams

Transfer: Death:

#### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**

Hello Post 21 Family!



Summer is the busy season for our American Legion Riders and we are all over

the place representing Post 21 in our community.

Recently we have been able to give back to the Post directly in a couple of important ways. When the aged popcorn machine went out in the kitchen Commander Clark asked if we could help and the membership approved that expenditure. We were able to get the new machine in a few days and the kitchen and bar are both happy to have a reliable machine.

The second purchase was one that was driven by the Riders. When we clear the hall for the craft fair and the gun show we realize how important our chair dolly is. We often have volunteers waiting for chair to come out of storage to set things in place for the dance on a short turn around Because of that the Riders approved the purchase of two new dollies. The total of three will be a huge help to the Post operations.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our Burger night on September 18th! The ALR provides all of the labor on Burger night and all of the proceeds go to the Post. It's a great opportunity to impact the bottom line and we could certainly use more folks in the lounge to enjoy a good meal with us. Mark your calendar now for Burger night!

Until next month,

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Kurt Kloiber** 

#### **TRANSFERS:**

Michael Armstead, Melvyn Dunkerley, Richard MCAfee, Darwin Nichols, John OBrien

8			September 2019			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Safurday
] 9 am – Coin Show 11:30 am – Lounge FOOTBALL	2 POST CLOSED Labor Day	3 5 pm – Taco Tuesday 6:30 pm - BINGO	4 7 pm – SAL Meefing	5 7 pm – AUX Meet 7 pm – Post Meet	5 pm – Philly Cheese Banana Split 7:30 pm – Michelle Hawkens in lounge	7 Lounge hours 2-9 8:30 pm - Karaoke
8 11:30 - Lounge FOOTBALL	9 6:30 pm BINGO	10 5 pm – Taco Tuesday 6:30 pm - BINGO	1	12 630 pm – ALR Meeting	13 5-8 Mexican Buffet 7:30 – Jason Craig in the lounge	14 7:30 am – Post Early Bird Breakfast Lounge hours 2-9
15 11:30 - Lounge FOOTBALL	16 6:30 pm BINGO	17 5 pm – Taco Tuesday 6:30 pm - BINGO	18 5 pm – 7pm Burger Night ALR Cooks	7 pm - Post Exe Meeting	5 pm PotatoBar 6 pm - Marsha's Homecoming Dinner 7:30 pm - Bro. John duo in the lounge	21 Lounge hours 2-9 830 pm - Karaoke
22 11:30 - Lounge FOOTBALL	23 6:30 pm BINGO	24 5 pm – Taco Tuesday 6:30 pm - BINGO	25 7 pm – 5 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting	<b>26</b> 6 pm – Lounge Jam Session	5 pm – Lasagna w/salad bar \$9.00 7,30 Lounge - Michelle Hawkins	28 Lounge hours 2-9 7 pm – Karaoke GUN SHOW 8-5
29 11:30 Lounge FOOTBALL GUN SHOW 9-3	30 6:30 pm BINGO					

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# 1. E-MAIL (Contact your adjutant or secretary which ever applies)

- 2. WEB PAGE (http://moalpost21.org)
- 3. PICK ONE UP AT THE POST (limted number)

#### TAPS



RIchard A Beissenherz, Donald I Brown, Earl S Carter, Jim W Dishman, Robert J Frizzel, Eugene F Henry, H. F. Manthe, Bobby S Moberly, Carlos B Pinon, John E Ohrazda, Robert A Russell

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

#### **SEPTEMBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS**

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 93 members with September 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 1 Aug 19 we have 557 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 <a href="https://www.legion.org/">https://www.legion.org/</a> second is to mail them to the post, or visit the post and pay them in person.

The post will host an early bird breakfast on September 14, 2019. The breakfast is free to all members that have renewed their membership for the 2020 membership year. To receive an early bird stamp you must renew your dues NLT September 11, 2019.

Some Emails are still a problem. I will publish another list soon of the emails that are bouncing back. Starting July 1, a lot of the correspondence that comes out of the post will be via email or the web page.

Effective July 1 the post will no longer be mailing out newsletters. The newsletter will be available on the web site, <a href="http://moalpost21.org">http://moalpost21.org</a> or via email. There will be limited number of printed copies of the newsletter available at the post.

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.

The e-mail address for Post is adjutantpost21@gmail.com.

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





### SEPTEMBER 2019 FRIDAY ROCK & ROLL DANCE SCHEDULE

September 6: POINT BLANK September 13: ROUTE 66 September 20: NO DANCE September 27: NO DANCE \$7 00 Admission

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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





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#### **SEPTEMBER 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



Have you attended one of the Jam Sessions yet?

If not, why not?

Come out and listen to some very talented musicians sharing their talents with you.



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