



# The American Legion

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## SEPTEMBER 2020



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**BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
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**Due to COVID-19 office hours will vary.**  
**Monday-Tuesday Club 21 Hrs: 2 PM**  
**Closed Sundays**



**Bingo is back at Post 21!**  
**Starting Monday, June 15th 2020**  
**Doors open at 4pm**

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the CDC, County and City guidelines the following will be strictly adhered to. We will relax restrictions as soon as we can.

- Social Distancing of 6' will be enforced
- Please wear a mask in the lobby, Kitchen Line, and Event Tabs for the safety of our volunteers.
- Only 125 players will be allowed to enter at this time.
- No reservation of tables.
- Families must sit in designated areas.
- Temperature will be checked before entering the bingo hall. (Must be below 99.5 degrees).
- If you are feeling sick, please do not enter the building.

Thank you and WELCOME BACK!

Your Bingo Committee





## THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Hello Fellow Post 21 Family. We hope all everyone is doing fine and all of us are COVID free. The SAL are working with the Post to find a way to have

Football Sundays while following all of the guidelines and restrictions put out by the local agencies involved. So please be patient and work with us through this tough time. If the NFL has a season, we will host Sunday Football providing there are no Covid related shut downs. Notice I said Sunday Football.

We Welcome fans of all teams and of Course Raider fans to join us for all televised games as they are the Reining Superbowl Champs!!!! Wow, never thought I'd be saying that. Hopefully I'll say it a few more times over the next 10 years.

I know everyone calls it the Chiefs tailgate. Call it what you want. Just come out and join us if you feel comfortable. We will have overflow when nothing is in the main hall where there are also tv's. We have had so much fun the last few years, if you have missed out now, its your chance to have a great time. So remember, if there are football games, we will open the lounge at 11:00 A.M. and be there as long as the bartender is willing to stay open every Sunday. Also, since this is a Pot Luck Sundays, we are looking for servers to help serve.

From your Football Sunday party Host SAL.

If you have Questions, feel free to call me at 816-220-5555

P.S. First Chiefs game is Thursday Evening and Lounge

Vice Commander Doug Savage.

## MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, Aug 6, 2020, at the Post Home.

Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual.

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

Chaplain Doug Vetter gave the opening prayer.

There were 9 officers and 16 members present. A quorum was NOT present.

The regular business meeting was suspended at 7:05 to conduct Post Everlasting.

The business meeting resumed at 7:20.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of Jul 20.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 24 Jun and 31 Jul, 2020 were read.

New members and transfers were read.

There were 6 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

There Adjutant read correspondence. NONE.

Committee Reports:

Bingo Report was given by Wayne Keller. A check for \$30,000.00 was given to the post.

Tom Tanner discussed the food pantry.

The response to the food pantry has been overwhelming. If you would like to volunteer contact the Adjutant.

Don Decker gave the Riders report.

Officer Reports: NONE

Old Business:

New Business: NONE

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 Ford conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is Sep 3,2020, at 7PM.



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

## **THE COMMANDER'S CORNER**

### **Full Steam Ahead**

Well we are not quite at full steam ahead but we are moving forward. We had to shut down operations in March back on St. Patrick's Day. We have been working diligently to safely reopen in baby steps since then. For those of you who have not been around the post and are staying to be safe, good for you. Most of us are vulnerable and need to be careful.

Under Commander Mark Clark I was asked to be the Covid-19 coordinator for Post 21 with Jackson County. Registering for this position has given me a direct link to the county with the most recent and updated information. I will continue that role as I assume the duties of Commander. Currently we have a mask mandate in place, social distancing of 6', 50% capacity allowed and no more than 100 people in a group. Our goal is to provide the safest environment possible during these difficult times. We are currently running Bingo on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Temperatures are taken when they enter our building and masks are required. We have the hall setup to make it easy for social distancing. We also have Club 21 (Lounge) open on those evenings starting at 3pm. Again, masks are mandated. Of course, you can remove your mask while eating and drinking but anytime you get up to go to the bar, order food, etc. you need to have your mask on. We have live entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings with the same restrictions in place. Unfortunately, the situation is very fluid and can change at any time. As of writing this article the Covid-19 numbers in Missouri are rising. We will abide by whatever guidelines the County puts on us. Stay tuned on our Facebook page for the most recent information.

Thank you for the honor of being your Commander. Over the years my wife Betty and I have made our post a big part of our life. We love being there and interacting with all of you. Make sure to come up and introduce yourself to me if I have not met you. I am at the post frequently even during our current restricted hours. (The post is closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday except for meetings scheduled on those days.) I have an open-door policy. Talk to me about anything that is on your mind. If you don't catch me in person you can email me at [commanderpost21@gmail.com](mailto:commanderpost21@gmail.com).

In his final article last month Commander Mark Clark asked for your patience. We will be back Full Steam as soon as we safely can. In the meantime if you have not done so please consider renewing your dues for 2021. We have extended the "Earlybird" deadline through October this year due to the pandemic. Get renewed by October 31st and get your Earlybird stamp on for your free breakfast.

Please stay safe during this time.

Bob Ford

[Commander Post 21@gmail.com](mailto:CommanderPost21@gmail.com)

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## AUXILIARY NEWS



The August Auxiliary meeting was held as scheduled on Thursday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m. The budget for 2020-2021 was discussed and passed. We held our memorial service and honored the following

members lost between August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020: Lois Burns; Jacqueline Edrington; Wilma Flansburg; Farron Godfrey; Barbara McKiddy; Letha Medek; Delores Clark; Marion Moore; Peggy Neger; Jane Petrie; Edie Quigley; Billie Sampson; Betty Tillotson; Dee Underwood; Edna Lotts.

The clothing giveaway for veterans, active military and first responders was an outstanding success. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped in the sorting, set up, event and the reboxing of the left-over items. It was truly a Legion family event.

We invited police and first responders to participate as well. Here is the big news! We provided new clothes to between 250 and 300 people! Mark Clark is contacting Whiteman Air Force Base to hopefully arrange delivery of the remaining items to the post.

The food pantry continues to grow each month. There is always a need for 1 lb. bags of flour and sugar; small bottles of cooking oil; corn; green beans; other canned vegetables; canned tuna; Spam; toilet paper; paper towels, salt, pepper, condiments, etc. We serve an increasing number of families each month and it is a wonderful way to serve our military community. Volunteers are always welcome on the last Saturday of the month.

**BINGO!** We really need a few more volunteers for bingo. It would be wonderful if we had someone willing to learn to call so Marsha could have an occasional week off without having to rely on one of the Post callers. We have lost a few volunteers due to the COVID virus. No, they haven't gotten sick but chose not to be in the post because of other health concerns. I really appreciate the volunteers we have including Fran Myers, Paula Born, Linda Vetter, Lela White, Barbara Dinkle, of course, Marsh Mooney. Everyone is required to wear a mask while in the building unless they are actively eating or drinking. If you have a few hours a month, think about volunteering for bingo or the food pantry. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Big kudos to Linda Daughtery Clark...the Mask Queen. Linda has had a table set up on Monday and Tuesday nights selling the masks she is making and donating a percentage of the money to the Post. Linda was featured on "We See You KC"! Linda has made thousands of masks...yes, that said THOUSANDS.

We will be meeting on Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auxiliary room.

If you have questions, comments, please contact me.

LMLeitner@yahoo.com or call me at 816-507-3033. Stay in touch!

**Lana Butler, Unit 21 President**

**LMLeitner@yahoo.com**

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello Legion Family!

Your ALR has remained busy throughout the Summer. Riders have stepped up to be the primary force behind the success of the food pantry and it continues to grow. This is a great program as it gives directly to individual veterans in need, and it's rewarding to help them. They are very appreciative and it's rewarding to see our efforts going in to a program.

Riders are also providing the labor for the Post breakfast now. We would love have some more folks get involved here too. Even if you can't help in the kitchen we need you to come out to breakfast and help to spread the word that we are open. We are committed to providing breakfast through November, and hopefully the attendance grows to the point that we can keep it going after that. Ultimately we need support from the whole Post family in many areas if we are to be successful.

We are trying to squeeze in some fun as well. We have restarted our Tenderloin Rides checking out various spots in the area for a lunch about once a month. The Down Home Cafe in Odessa was a hit the last time out. We are also back in a cadence on our monthly dinner rides. It's a great way to support some local restaurants and enjoy the fellowship of our Chapter. There has been talk of some ad hoc ice cream rides so riders continue to stay tuned to the Facebook group for those communications. In our last Chapter meeting we kicked around some ideas for our Christmas family program, and next month we will designate a committee to start planning that. We know we can count on the support of the entire Legion Family there.

The Chapter will continue to support our Post and to provide a positive, external presence in our community. Please look out for us on the road and we will see you around the Post.

**Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director**

### Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

**New: Cindy Keeney, Regina Bryant, Melissa J Carver**

**Death: Sue Constance**

Why do Americans stand for the U.S. flag and the national anthem? In the midst of the NFL controversy over players who take a knee instead of standing for the national anthem, let us remember the many reasons why many of us stand for the flag and how it all began.

Americans have stood for the U.S. flag since June 14, 1777, the day the Continental Congress declared “that the flag of the (thirteen) United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white: that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.” Thirty-seven years later in Aug. 1814, the White House and U.S. Capitol lay in ashes after the British military burned the public buildings in Washington D.C. In the immediate aftermath, many

Americans understandably feared that the Union Jack, the British flag, would soon fly over all of America again. Hence, three weeks after the sacking of Washington, Francis Scott Key, a Maryland attorney who politically oppose the current president, was so moved at seeing the U.S. flag flying victoriously at the end of the battle for Baltimore’s Fort McHenry,

that he wrote lyrics for The Star-Spangled Banner, the song we now call the national anthem.

### **1. We stand for the flag today, not to please ourselves but to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.**

The more than 1.2 million Americans who have died because of war. We stand for soldiers who initially inspired our national anthem, such as William Williams, a runaway slave who later died after having his leg blown off as part of the 38th U.S. Infantry at the Battle of Fort McHenry. We also stand for more recent heroes, such as Robert Kelly, the son of White House Chief of Staff John Kelly, a marine lieutenant who died in a roadside bomb blast in Afghanistan in 2010.

“I believe every American, when the national anthem is played, should cover their hearts and think about all the men and women who have been maimed and killed. Every American should stand and think for three lousy minutes,” John Kelly declared in response to the NFL controversy.

### **2. We stand for the flag not to focus on what divides us but on what unites us, which is being an American.**

“The name of American, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism, more than any appellation derived from local discriminations. With slight shades of difference, you have the same religion, manners, habits, and political principles,” George Washington, our first president, declared in his farewell address in 1796.

The same is true today. More than being a New Yorker or a Texan or being a Steelers fan or Rams fan, the name “American” deserves our highest respect and pride. Standing for the flag and anthem at a sports game or other public gatherings, symbolically shows that we are all Americans, no matter our race or religion, no matter our preferred sports team, and no matter our political differences. Standing is the ultimate salute to sportsmanship.

Wearing a mask in public is annoying enough — but an irritating side effect makes the practice even worse for those who wear eyeglasses or sunglasses. As anyone who dons spectacles quickly realizes, wearing a mask can cause your lenses to fog. Every time you breathe, the warm air you exhale travels into the mask, then up and over your lenses. Because the lenses are cooler, fog forms. Fortunately, the following fixes can prevent this annoyance.

#### **1. Soap and water**

A 2011 study published in the journal *Annals of the Royal College of Surgeons of England* found that a little soap and water goes a long way toward eliminating unwanted fogging. According to the study authors: “*Immediately before wearing a face mask, wash the spectacles with soapy water and shake off the excess. Then, let the spectacles air dry or gently dry off the lenses with a soft tissue before putting them back on. Now the spectacle lenses should not mist up when the face mask is worn.*” One caveat: Although dish soap typically is recommended for this technique, it’s important to choose a brand that does not use lotion, which can harm the lenses. Lukewarm water also is recommended, as hot water can damage lenses too.

#### **2. Anti-fog spray**

Sprays also are available to keep your lenses mist-free. You can find anti-fog sprays at Amazon. Just note that these can cause irritation of the eyes in some people, so they may not work for everyone.

#### **3. Tuck a small tissue into the mask**

Newsweek says attaching a small tissue to the inside of the mask will absorb moisture that otherwise would find its way to the lenses. The publication recommends placing a folded tissue at the top of your mask and taping it there. The tissue should absorb some of the air making it less likely for your glasses to get foggy.

#### **4. Slide your glasses further down your nose**

By sliding your spectacles a little lower down your nose, you can keep them out of the way of the moist air escaping from the top of the mask. This is probably not an ideal long-term solution, but it works in a pinch.

#### **5. Fold down your face mask**

For masks without flexible metal noses, one method to try is folding down the top quarter of the face mask to allow more room for the air to escape before it meets your glasses. However, be aware that folding down the mask reduces the area of your face that is covered.

#### **6. Modify the mask to better fit your face**

Finally, *Glamour* says a mask that fits your face more snugly is less likely to produce fogging. So, if the mask has a wire inside the top edge, pinch it to your nose. If your mask doesn’t have a wire, *Glamour* recommends a tutorial that can help you create a mask with a “flexible nose.”

**Note:** Remember, do not touch the mask while wearing it. If you do touch the mask clean your hands.

[Source: New York Times | Jason Gutierrez | June 3, 2020 ++]



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**FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK**

The new dues year is upon us. There is NO increase in dues for the upcoming year. Renewal notices have been mailed out by National. Please renew as soon as you receive your notice. Due to circumstances beyond our control, membership cards were late arriving at Post. Because of the late arrival of membership cards, we are going to extend the early bird benefit until October 10, 2020.

As of 6 Aug, 2020, we have 501 members renewed. 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.


The food pantry is going strong and last month we were able to help 46 households and a total of 129 people. The need for the pantry is great in the Kansas City/ Independence Metro areas. We are always in need of donations for the pantry whether it be food or monetary. Feel free to contact me for any questions you have about the pantry. Thank you for all the support you have given to the food pantry.

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](mailto:adjutantpost21@gmail.com).

**-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant  
[adjutantpost21@gmail.com](mailto:adjutantpost21@gmail.com)**

**TAPS**



CHARLES ALTERMATT, A W COIL,  
 LOUIS "CORKY" HOLLOWAY,  
 NORMAN E HUGES, DONALD D METZINGER  
 FRANK A PERUSIC, LARRY R SHINGLETON

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**SEPTEMBER 2020 BIRTHDAYS**

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"  
 We have 82 members with September birthdays.  
 We hope you enjoy your special day!  
 1@102, 2@99, 1@98, 1@97, 4@96, 1@95, 1@94,  
 2@93, 3@92, 2@91, 4@90  
 The youngest will turn 46 this month.

**NEW MEMBERS**

**TRANSFERS**

# NO DANCES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

<u>SEPTEMBER 2020 DANCE SCHEDULE</u>	
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12	Reddymen
19	Sweetwater
26	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.

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**3. We stand for the flag not to pledge allegiance to a president, but to honor the reality that we have an elected president and not a lifetime king.**

By standing, we honor the fact that our country has had 45 presidents. Our flag reflects our system of government, divided by 50 states, the stars on the flag, but united under a federal government. The national anthem controversy in the NFL started during the term of our previous president and continues during our current president's term.

**4. We stand not because of past or present pain caused by injustice, but to salute the principle of justice.**

This is one of the three definitions for the color blue that Congress gave us in 1782. "The colors of . . . those used in the flag of the United States of America. White signifies purity and innocence. Red (signifies) hardiness and valor and blue . . . signifies vigilance, perseverance and justice." Patriotism is not pride in the pain of our nation's past. Rather, patriotism is pride in the principles that paved the way for change, whether that change was trading royalty for representation in 1776 or exchanging enslavement for emancipation in 1863.

From John Adams and Thomas Jefferson to Martin Luther King, Jr., many Americans have stood for justice for a more perfect union. "When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men—yes, black men as well as white men—would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life,

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## POST 21 NEEDS YOU

Did you know that volunteering is one of the most fulfilling retirement activities? How do YOU get started with your volunteer opportunities? Due to Covid 19, I actually need more volunteers on Friday and Saturday nights. There are other volunteer opportunities on Monday and Tuesday helping with bingo. If you would like to entertain the idea of helping YOUR post by volunteering, please give me a call at 816-373-0221 or you may email me - [alpost21manager@gmail.com](mailto:alpost21manager@gmail.com).

I am looking forward to speaking with you.

**Dorothy Ballew Business Manager**

Many hands make light work.

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