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POST EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING - NONE

POST MEETING - SEPTEMBER 7th @ 7:00 PM
AUXILIARY MEETING - SEPTEMBER 7th @ 7:00 PM

SAL MEETING - September 6th @ 7:00 PM
ALR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 14th @ 6:30 PM

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 20th @ 6:30 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 21st @ 7:00 PM

5th DISTRICT MEETING SEPTEMBER 27th @ 6:00 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE IN SEPTEMBER- See Page 7

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES 4 Dances in SEPTEMBER - See Page 3

BINGO - Mondays & Tuesdays at 6:00 - 10:00 PM-Doors and Snack Bar open 4:00 PM.

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POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander	Mike Feliciano
1st Vice Commander	Jim Harris
2nd Vice Commander	Ed Witthar
3rd Vice Commander	Noel Tyler
Adjutant	Tom Tanner
Finance Officer	Sylvia Tanner
Judge Advocate	Wes Blake
Historian	David Cary
Service Officer	Mike Sweeney
Chaplain	Bob Settles
Sergeant-at-Arms	Dan Orr
Past Commander	Phil Greco

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Americanism	Chris Wehr
Athletic	Boyd Lighthill
Bingo	Marge Neal
Boy's State	OPEN
Budget & Finance	Denis Proctor
Cadet Patrol	Norman D'Angelo
Dance	Wayne Keller
Home Improvement	OPEN
Kitchen	Cynthia Stephenson
Newsletter Editor	Ed Murray
Oratorical	Ralph Buchanan
Patriotic Council	Archie Hughes
R.O.T.C.	Mark Clark
Salvation Army	Tom Tanner
School Awards	OPEN

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Don Decker Dir. of Bldg. Oper, Blake Herdman, Michael Keene, Jim Neece, Chuck Wilhelm

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Gayle Metzinger
Vice President	Suzanne Proctor
Secretary	Ann Orr
Treasurer	Lana Butler
Historian	Linda Clark
Chaplain	Carolyn Blake
Sergeant-at-Arms	Judy Settles

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander	Daryl Wimmer
Vice Commander	Jim Neece
Adjutant	Jim Neece
Finance Officer	Walt Seigler
Historian	Open
Chaplain	Kent Groom
Sergeant-at-Arms	Leroy Brugioni

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Director	Bob Ford
Assistant Director	John Wessel
Secretary	Suzanne Proctor
Treasurer	Ed Witthar
Judge Advocate	Jim Neece
Historian	David Cary
Chaplain	Mark Clark
Sergeant -At -Arms	Doug Stacer
Road Captains	Doug Vetter-Dennis Mooney
Safety Officer	Mark Clark

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Mike Feliciano called the regular monthly meeting of Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:06 PM, 3 Aug 17, at the Post Home.

Commander Feliciano conducted the opening ritual.

2nd Vice Ed Witthar placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain Bob Settles gave the opening prayer.

There were 9 officers and 24 members present.

Commander Feliciano recognized the past commanders in attendance: Dennis Mooney, Mark Clark, Mike Sweeney, and Jim Davis.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner read the Finance Report for the month of July. A motion was made by Mark Clark to accept the Finance Report as read. 2nd by Noel Tyler. Motion carried. A copy of the last report is posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 15 Jun and 20 Jul 17 were read. A motion was made by Mark Clark to approve the amended Executive Committee minutes. 2nd by Ed Witthar. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made by Jim Davis to accept the new members and transfers. 2nd by Noel Tyler. Motion carried.

There were 13 deceased members for the months of June and July.

The Adjutant read the correspondence.

Officer Reports: None

Committee Reports:

Noel Tyler discussed the fireworks stand we operated for the 4th of July. He presented the post with \$182 from a raffle that was held and Noel presented a check for \$5417.49 profits from the sales of fireworks.

Denis Proctor discussed the proposed 2018 budget.

Wes Blake gave the Bingo report. Gary Pace presented the Post with a \$4000.00 check.

The Dance report given by Wes Blake.

John Wessel gave the ALR report. He also presented the Post with \$185 from a membership drive and \$717 from the last craft fair and \$234.00 for the cost of food used.

New Business:

Past Commander Mark Clark thanked all who supported the hospitality room at the Department Convention. He also gave a report on the passing of the new GI bill. Mark also reported on Phil Greco's health.

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Mike Sweeney and Tom Tanner were awarded recruiter pins for the past year.

Mark Clark commented on the 2 year books submitted to department. The year book for the Legion riders took 1st place, however it is not eligible to compete for the national year book competition but the post year book which placed second will be forwarded to compete in the national year book competition. Both year books were assembled by David Cary.

For the good of the American Legion:

Mike Sweeney discussed attending boy's state next year if it is possible even if for only a half a day.

Commander Feliciano stated we need a manager for the senior baseball team for next year.

Commander Feliciano appointed Jim Neece to the House Committee, Noel Tyler to the Bingo committee, and Mike Sweeney to Service Officer.

Tom Tanner discussed membership for the new legion year. We have 589 members renewed for 2018.

The 2nd Vice Commander removed the POW/MIA flag from the empty chair.

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

Commander Feliciano conducted the closing ritual and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be 7 Sept. 2017 at 7:00 PM.

NEW MEMBERS

Richard Cates, Matthew Coulson, Matthew Flax, Robert Grabau, Clifford Perkins, Dean Sutherland, Darren Tyler, Matthew Ward

TRANSFERS:

William Barnes, Michael Higgins, John Prona, Harold Stockton, James Sublett, Clarence Tracy

TAPS



CHARLES M BRADSHAW, EUGENE D COMPTON,
JOSEPH G EDWARDS, RALPH R HAMLIN,
LLOYD KARLSTROM, JAMES E RING

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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

It's football season again and the post will have members potluck for every Chiefs game.

Queen of Hearts is back also.

Post 21 Auxiliary will be hosting the 50/50 pot for every game.

Post 21, Spaghetti dinner will be October 8th, 2017; tickets will be available September 1, 2017.

VOLUNTEERS are always needed & our number one need is for a Webmaster right away. Please contact Tom Tanner if interested.

I want to thank Noel Tyler and the volunteers that helped make our first fireworks stand a success, over \$5,100.00 added to our P&L. Noel Tyler also stepped up to replace Gary Pace's Bingo

position. Dennis Mooney and John Felske are doing a tremendous job keeping up with the maintenance that our post requires daily.

Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose.

- Lyndon B. Johnson
Commander Mike Feliciano

SEPTEMBER 2017 DANCE SCHEDULE

- 2 Dixie Cadillacs
- 9 Reddymen
- 16 Sweetwater
- 23 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



AUXILIARY NEWS

Greetings from the Auxiliary! We are looking forward to another great year with many projects to better serve our military and their families. Special thanks to all who accepted a chairmanship

with the knowledge that all members will assist in any project. September is building up to be a busy month. Many of us will be returning home from the National Convention being held in Reno, Nevada this year. Independence will be inundated with thousands of visitors flocking to Santa-Cai-Gon days August 31-September 4th. Wear your Auxiliary shirts this week end to show your pride in being a member of the largest women's service organization in the world.

Our Department President, Carolyn Stanford, will be holding her homecoming in Warsaw at the American Legion Post on September 23rd. Please see me for more information. I hope many of you will be in attendance to show our support for Carolyn's year as President.

The Past President Party will be on September 13th at 11:30 a.m. at Unit 21. You need not be a past president to attend. Please call Marsha Mooney for more information and to make reservations. We have a Paddle Auction scheduled for Friday, September 15th. It is vital that we all attend in order to make it profitable for the vendors and the Unit. It is a lot of fun!

Faye Zacharias and committee will be holding a Country Store in the pool room starting in the evening of September 20th and running through the weekend. Proceeds will go to a Veteran's project.

The 5th District meeting will be on September 23rd at the new DAV building on 40 HWY. at 11:30 a.m. By being an Auxiliary member, you are automatically a member of the Fifth District. Women come from all over the District to share ideas and progress in our Auxiliary's goals. Lunch is \$9.00 but, if you have not been to a 5th District meeting before, I will buy you lunch! See, there really is a free lunch with no strings attached! I need to make reservations and will need your name to reserve a place for you by September 18th.

Bingo is going strong on Monday nights. Come and play one Monday night and see what Bingo is all about. We need your support both as a player and as a volunteer. See Lana or Marsha for more information.

Official Flag Flying days in September:

September 2nd VJ Day

September 4th Labor Day

September 11th Patriot Day

Have a great September! I am open to any ideas or policy changes. I believe mistakes are part of a learning process and I am sure I will be learning lots and lots this year. Remember our troops in prayer.

Gayle Metzinger

Auxiliary Unit 21 President

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Marsha Tracy, Sandra Wilder

Transfer:

Death: Margaret Hommes

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

Our eBoard for 2017 is now in place. Our first meeting was Thursday Aug. 10, 2017.

We jumped right in and the membership approved donations to 3 worthy causes. We always have a good turnout at our meetings with at least 50% of our 100+ members in attendance.

We have been talking some time on how we (Riders) could do something for the post to help out. We have had several ideas over the last few months but never seemed to work out. We are now looking at replacing some of the chairs in the main hall. Some of them are looking pretty worn and they need replaced. We also want to get the hall finished. The paint that was used by the scouts is not washable. It needs to be redone with a better quality paint and the baseboards need to be installed. We hope to accomplish this once we go through the proper channels.

We have managed to have some decent weather in August. Thankfully the Funeral missions did not overwhelm us. We did have a post member funeral on Aug. 11, 2017 that we participated in. We also were privileged to be part of the "family" for a veteran who had none attend his funeral at Higginsville Veterans Cemetery.



We know this as PEACE but I'm using it now to remind everyone to VOLUNTEER!

At the August Riders meeting I introduced what I called the "V" word to our membership. it stands for VOLUNTEER! It seems I am constantly asking for help and it's easy for us to ignore assuming that someone else will do it. That has not been the case so I am flashing a "V" to all members to volunteer. I will continue to ask for help but beware, I might be a little more aggressive than I have been in the past. Your Post needs you!

Thank you Riders for all that you do. You make me look good.

Bob Ford - ALR Chapter 21 Director



Jam Session
Thursday, September 21st
6PM - 9PM

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.

Enjoy the music and fun!

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



It's hard to believe that summer is almost over, 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, whenever and wherever 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 an email address, you will be able to access the newsletter from the email you provide.

2018 SAL Membership cards are in! Our goal this year is to grow into the Public and reach out to many that might be Son's, Grand Children or Great Grand Children. There are many benefits on becoming a Son of the American Legion Member.

Our Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the 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 \$500 dollars to the Special Olympics Missouri JIMMIE'S Miles for Medals Motorcycle Dice Run that was on August 19th. Many of our members that rode motorcycles attended and donated their time and money as well. SAL also donated \$150 dollars to the Fisher Home that all processed will help raise money to Build a Fisher home here in Kansas City. Many members also participated in the Missouri Patriot Express Dice Run August 27th.

SAL Sponsor \$150 dollars for the Run for Freedom to enhance the lives of the Veterans who live at the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg. This run and walk will be held on September 23rd, 2017 at the Missouri Veterans Home. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the race begins at 9 a.m.

We would like to Welcome 2 new members E.C. Morris and Marshall Wilder and a transfer Dennis Proctor, from 499. Welcome aboard and thank you for your support.

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 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. Next drive will start in September for Personal Hygiene and Clothing. Please check your Closets and please make sure that the clothes are in good condition.

.....Daryl Wimmer, SAL Commander

FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR AUGUST

Monday from 5pm to 7pm

9/11 Tenderloin & fries or tots	\$8.50
9/18 Brats & tots w/custard pie	\$6.50
9/25 Chicken tenders,mashed potatoes/gravy	\$8.00

Tuesday from 4pm to 7pm

9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 Taco Tuesday \$1.50 each or 4 for \$5.00	
Post 21 Burrito	\$5.00
Taco Salad	\$5.00

Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm

9/6 BLT and fries	\$7.50
9/13 Grilled Reuben & fries	\$9.00
9/20 ALR COOKS Cheese Burger or Mushroom Swiss Cheese Burger, fries, tots or onion rings	\$6.50

Friday from 4pm to 8pm

9/1 Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy	\$8.50
9/8 Whole catfish, slaw, hush puppies	\$12.00
9/15 Popcorn shrimp/clams & fries	\$8.50
9/22 Wings & rings	\$8.50
9/29 Enchilada bake w/refried beans and rice	\$8.50

Saturday from 7:30am to 9:30am

9/9 Post Breakfast Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, eggs & Fried Potatoes	\$8.00
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KARAOKE



9/6/2017 U-B-A STAR IN THE HALL
9/13/2017 U-B-A STAR IN THE LOUNGE
9/20/2017 U-B-A STAR IN THE HALL
9/27/2017 U-B-A STAR IN THE LOUNGE



GARY CORDELL - BILL SPOTTS



BOB LANE - ERNIE CREWS



PAT HILLEN - BOB LONG



CARL HUFF - JERRY TINSLEY

The winners of the June Pool Tourney

SEPTEMBER 2017 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 87 members with September birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

1@102, 1@99, 1@98, 1@96, 1@95, 1@94, 3@93,
3@92, 2@91, 2@90

The youngest will turn 35 this month.



RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '17 -'18

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

The 2018 membership year is here. As of 4 Aug we have had 589 members renew their dues for 2018. Please renew your dues as soon as possible.

During the Department of Missouri Convention held in Jefferson City, the post was named the largest Post in the state again for the 4th year in a row.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help in the post, 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.

Effective 1 Jul 17 all members that have an email address will be receiving the monthly newsletter via email only. The post sends out over 1700 newsletters a month which is very costly. The post has 1431 members and I only have email addresses on 513 members. If you have not already done so, please send me your email address.

If you have anything you would like to submit to be included on the Post web site, please email either myself or Ed Murray with the details. The monthly newsletter is now available on the web site. You can also print it directly from the web site. We are also looking for a full time webmaster if interested please contact me here at the post.

..... adjutantpost21@gmail.com.

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



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CHIEFS FANS – LET’S TAILGATE

Football Schedule For 2017

9/7-KC @ PATRIOTS OPEN @ 7:30 -FOOD ???

SUNDAY GAMES

9/17-EAGLES @ KC POST OPEN @ 11:30

9/24- KC @ CHARGERS POST OPEN @ 11:30

ALL GAMES MEMBERS BRING POTLUCK

RICH CATES IN THE LOUNGE

SEPTEMBER 1

SEPTEMBER 8

SEPTEMBER 15

SEPTEMBER 22

SEPTEMBER 29

WEB SITE

TO OBTAIN DD-214

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



As you may or may not know, Wednesday night dance is no more and has changed to the last Thursday night of the month. So mark your calendar for September 28 for dance. September 28th Oasis will be performing Classic Rock and Country so come on out and show your support.

3rd Vice Commander Noel Tyler

COUNTRY STORE

SPONSORED BY THE AUXILIARY

WEDNESDAY THRU SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 20TH - 24TH

4PM - 9PM

IN THE POOL ROOM



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