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POST EVENTS FOR AUGUST

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING -

POST MEETING - AUGUST 4th @ 7:00 PM

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SAL MEETING - AUGUST 4th @ 7:00 PM

ALR MEETING - AUGUST 11th @ 6:30 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING AUGUST 18th @ 7:00 PM

STEAK NIGHT - NONE IN AUGUST

BREAKFAST BUFFET - NONE IN AUGUST

DANCES - 4 Dances in - See Page 3

BINGO - Mondays & Tuesdays at 6:30 PM-Doors and Snack Bar open 4:00 PM.

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For Legionaires, Riders, Auxiliary and SAL



THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



AUGUST 2016

POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander	Mike Feliciano
1st Vice Commander	Ed Murray
2nd Vice Commander	Noel Tyler
3rd Vice Commander	Ed Witthar
Adjutant	Tom Tanner
Finance Officer	Sylvia Tanner
Judge Advocate	Wes Blake
Historian	David Cary
Service Officer	James Harris
Chaplain	Kerry Boardman
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chris Wehr
Past Commander	Phil Greco

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Americanism	Chris Wehr
Athletic	Boyd Lighthill
Bingo	Marge Neal
Boy's State	David Bahan
Budget & Finance	Chris Wehr
Cadet Patrol	Norman D'Angelo
Dance	Wayne Keller
Home Improvement	Bill Nash
Kitchen	OPEN
Newsletter Editor	Ed Murray
Oratorical	Ralph Buchanan
Patriotic Council	Bill Liddle and Archie Hughes
R.O.T.C.	Mark Clark
Salvation Army	Mike Amerine
School Awards	OPEN

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Don Decker Dir. of Bldg. Oper, Bill Nash, Michael Keene,
Dennis Mooney, and Tom Tanner

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Gayle Metzinger
Vice President	Suzanne Procter
Secretary	Marsha Mooney
Treasurer	Lana Butler
Historian	Linda Clark
Chaplain	Fran Myer
Sergeant-at-Arms	Linda Vetter

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander	Daryl Wimmer
Vice Commander	Jim Williams
Adjutant	Keith Constance
Finance Officer	Lee Meyer
Historian	Daryl Wimmer
Chaplain	Kent Groom
Sergeant-at-Arms	Leroy Brugioni

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Director	Robert Ford
Assistant Director	James Harris
Secretary	Suzanne Proctor
Treasurer	Ed Witthar
Judge Advocate	Everett Ellis
Historian	David Cary
Chaplain	Don Leming
Sergeant-at-Arms	Dan Orr

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

There was no meeting in July

VA Cemeteries Update 14

Funding Bill's Confederate Flag Ban Removed

A measure to bar confederate flags from cemeteries run by the Department of Veterans Affairs was removed from legislation passed by the House early 23 JUN. The flag ban was added to the VA funding bill in May by a vote of 265-159, with most Republicans voting against the ban. But Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) and Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) both supported the measure. Ryan was commended for allowing a vote on the controversial measure, but has since limited what amendments can be offered on the floor. In negotiations to reconcile the House funding measure with the Senate bill, the confederate flag provision was dropped. The bill passed the House 239-171. Of the eight House Republicans Ryan appointed to the conference committee that ultimately stripped the measure, four had voted against the ban on the floor. A GOP aide declined to comment on the internal deliberations that led to the removal of the ban. [Source: Politico | Matthew Nussbaum | June 23, 2016 ++]

Marriage license: In Montana. Before to get a marriage license you have to get a blood test for rubella immunity, so there was a waiting period between the test and obtaining the license. If you want to get married in Louisiana, you have a three-day waiting period between the time you obtain the marriage license and the actual marriage ceremony.

As the Philadelphia Daily News reporter found out, you can leave a gun shop with a semiautomatic rifle in seven minutes.



RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '16 - '17

Grill cleaning. This sounds odd, but you can use an onion to get your grill nice and clean. Once your grill grates are really hot, you can jab a fork into an onion that's been cut in half, then rub the onion face down on the grill until the grill's grates are wiped clean of that black grime and gunk.

Grilling Lean Meat. Lean foods can stick on a grill, even if it's clean. To reduce sticking, you can soak a paper towel in vegetable oil and use it – holding it with tongs – to rub oil over the grill rack.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 21

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

AUGUST 2016

To the membership of Post 21 Independence MO: I would like to thank you for electing me as your Service Officer for the next 12 months. We have just completed the 2016 State Convention where there were some great moments, I was able to learn some things that are used at the state level that will help our post provide more services to our members.

As your newly elected Service Officer, I will be implementing some new guidelines as far as people receiving monetary help from the post and ability to reimburse or work the indebtedness off at one of the functions at the post. We have a great post and for the next year I will work to improve and fix some of the outdated and misused programs that are in use now and to improve the ability to help our Veterans, not only here at our great post but through out the American Legion family of posts.

Thank you Brothers and Sisters of the American legion.

Service Officer James Harris

Post 21 Independence MO

- POST 21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- 3RD THURSDAY EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM
- AUXILIARY UNIT 21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- MEETING:



TAPS

Michael L Hancock, Harry L O'Bryan,
James F Rinacke, Elbert W Searcy,
Robert L White, Paul Ziegenhorn

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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greeting Fellow Legionnaires,

I want to thank post 21 membership for the confidence in me to represent you as your Commander for 2016-2017 term. Look forward to working with Gayle Metzinger, President of Post 21 Auxiliary, Daryl Wimmer, Commander Post 21 Sons of the American Legion, Don Decker, Post 21 House Committee, and Robert Ford, Director of American Legion Riders.

The number one task will be controlling our cash flow, controlling our inventory. Many tough decision will be made and changes will come from The House Committee, Executive Committee and our general membership.

We cannot claim that were the largest American Legion Post in the State of Missouri and be losing money every month, without more participation and volunteers from our general membership reaching our goals will be very difficult.

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.

. . . . Eleanor Roosevelt

Commander Mike Feliciano

THEY CALL IT
GOLF BECAUSE
ALL THE OTHER
FOUR LETTER
WORDS WERE
TAKEN.
-RAY FLOYD

AUGUST 2016 DANCE SCHEDULE

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| 6 | Dixie Cadillacs |
| 13 | Reddymen |
| 20 | Sweetwater |
| 27 | 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**NO ARTICLE SENT IN**

Gayle Metzinger
Auxiliary Unit 21 President

I thought you would want to know about this e-mail virus. Even the most advanced programs from Norton or McAfee cannot take care of this one.

It appears to affect those who were born prior to 1955.

Symptoms:

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice. Done that!
2. Causes you to send a blank e-mail! That too!
3. Causes you to send e-mail to the wrong person. Yep!
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you. Aha!
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment. Well well!
6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished. Oh, no not again!
7. Causes you to hit "DELETE" instead of "SEND." And I just hate that!
8. Causes you to hit "SEND" when you should "DELETE." Oh No! IT'S CALLED THE "C-NILE VIRUS."

Have I already sent this to you? Or did you send it to me?

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Leslie A. Tuttle

Transfers:

Sick: Sarah Barber

Deaths: Vernita Bendet

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Greetings Fellow Riders,

Well the torch has been passed and I'm going to try real hard not to burn myself with it. I have some very big shoes to follow. If I can be half the Director that Dennis was, I will consider it a success. All of the past board members have dedicated a lot of blood sweat and, yes, tears to make ALR Chapter 21 the best in the state. Thank you all for your hard work.

I also want to thank all of you who stepped up to serve on this year's board. We will have to work hard to continue the pace that was set by our predecessors. It will take all of you AND our general membership to accomplish this.

With new leadership comes some change and fresh ideas. I welcome all of you to be open with me about what you like don't like about our chapter. Also ANY ideas that you have to further our mission are more than welcome.

I have a Head Road Captain appointed but I will be looking for 2 additional Road Captains to work with him to help when we need to split up or when he needs someone to take a mission. Requirements are that you be an experienced rider and be willing to take a short session with past road captains to make sure you are aware of how we as a Chapter ride. A radio is not required, but it would be hard to do the job without one.

\$84,000 was given to the Legacy Fund at the convention with possibly more coming in. Our Chapter donated \$4000 and the Auxiliary gave \$1500.

Jim Rosenburg, who was elected the State ALR Road Captain, was the lucky winner of our Harley Davidson quilt. Jim had an awesome convention also being named Rider of the year.

Statistics for June were 864 manhours, 11 events, 99 people, and 15,686 miles! Another busy month.

We collected \$255 at our Walmart event that was donated to the post.

Thank you for the privilege to help lead such a great group of riders. With your help I'm sure we can continue being the best chapter in the state

Bob Ford - ALR Director

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Greetings to all SAL Members. My name is Daryl Wimmer, and I'll be the Commander for 2017. SAL would like to welcome the New Officers of 2017. Jim Williams - Vice Commander, Keith Constance - Adjutant, Lee Meyer - Financial Officer, Kent Groom - Chaplain, Leroy Brugioni - Sergeant at Arms.

Some of the SAL members went to Conference in July and learned new ideas to help us reach out to the community.

The Sons are collecting bottles of alcohol that are for the Party Wagon. We will begin the raffle in September, and it will go on for a couple of months. If you have extra bottles around the house, please bring them to the meeting August 4th.

The new year is here, and its time to pay your dues for 2017. We are updating our data base so if you have moved, changed your phone number or email address, please let us know. Our goal is to have many new members this year. Meeting is the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm

.....Daryl Wimmer, SAL Commander

FLY THE FLAG



Coast Guard Day - Aug 4th



CAR CRUISES ON SUNDAY 2:00 PM-7:00 PM
SNACK BAR - LOUNGE OPEN

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

90th Anniversary of VA Social Work

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proudly celebrates VA Social Work: 90 Years of Excellence.

On June 16, 1926, Brigadier General Frank T. Hines, Director, U.S. Veterans Bureau, issued General Order No. 351 establishing a Social Work Department in VA Central Office. In its inaugural year, 36 new positions were authorized for VA social workers. Today, there are 12,000 social workers who provide professional support and services to Veterans throughout various mediums in VA, to include treatment responsibilities in all patient care areas.

The Office of Care Management and Social Work Services supports and advances the mission of VA by providing comprehensive psychosocial support services to Veterans, their families, and caregivers. These services include assessment, crisis intervention, high-risk screening, discharge planning, case management, advocacy, education, supportive counseling, psychotherapy, resource referrals, research, program development, and resource acquisition.

Professional social workers and trainees provide care in all settings across the Veterans Health Administration's continuum of care, including inpatient, outpatient, residential, and community-based care settings. Social workers are key interdisciplinary team members in mission-critical, specialty care program areas including Primary Care, Geriatrics and Extended Care, Intimate Partner Violence Assistance, Caregiver Support, Fisher House, Transition and Care Management, Homeless, Telehealth, and Mental Health. To learn more about VA Care Management and Social Work, please refer to the Pulse page at:

<https://www.vapulse.net/groups/care-management-and-social-work-services>.

VA deeply appreciates VA social workers and acknowledges how social work values closely align with VA ICARE values and characteristics. Social workers touch and better the lives of thousands of Veterans each and every day through their integrity, commitment, advocacy, respect, and excellence. On behalf of VA, I would like to express my personal appreciation to our VA social workers for your extraordinary support and ongoing commitment to our Nation's Veterans.

Robert A. McDonald



**FREEDOM IS NOT
FREE**

Paper Statements

Would you Pay to Continue Receiving them?

Most consumers — 54 percent — still receive a paper statement for a credit card or checking account, according to a new CreditCards.com survey of 1,000 U.S. adults. Among consumers who prefer paper, nearly half are so attached that they would choose to continue receiving paper statements even if they were charged extra for them. Reasons commonly cited by people who prefer paper statements include:

- * They like to keep paper for their records.
- * They like to pay bills by check, and mailed statements provide the bill and the envelope.
- * The paper serves as a reminder the bill has to be paid.
- * They're comfortable with paper.

Reasons commonly cited by people who prefer digital statements include:

- * They can access them anywhere.
- * It's environmentally friendly to save paper.
- * You can pay bills faster.
- * They're comfortable being online.

CreditCards.com's survey found that age appears to affect a person's preference, with the youngest consumers polled (ages 18 to 25) being six times more likely to prefer digital over paper statements compared with the oldest consumers polled (ages 71 and older). Some consumers choose both forms of statements:

- * 55 percent of consumers who receive their checking and debit card account statements electronically also receive paper copies.
- * 44 percent of consumers who receive credit card statements electronically also receive paper statements.

A recent report from the National Consumer Law Center urges that paper statements should be available for free and that customers who prefer paper should not be steered into electronic billing by default. The national nonprofit says there are several advantages to paper statements, even in the technology age. To learn more, check out "Why

Old-Fashioned Paper Statements May Be a Better Choice." (<http://www.moneytalksnews.com/why-old-fashionedpaper-statements-may-better-choice>).

[Source: MoneyTalksNews | Karla Bowsher | June 24, 2016]



FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Membership for the Post is 1528 members for the 2016 year. That is 94% of last year's membership; however the Post is still the largest Post in the state. 2017 renewals are in the mail. I will be available Monday thru Friday to accept renewals. If you have not paid your 2016 dues and want to keep your continuous years intact, then you will have to pay your 2016 dues also. The dues rate is \$45.00. There have been some questions as to how the dues money is used. \$18.50 of the dues are for National dues, \$9.00 is for Department of Missouri dues, and \$17.50 stays at the Post.

I am in the process of updating our data base and I need to have the following information from all members:

Date of Birth, current phone number and email address.

If you have moved in the last year and have not submitted a change of address please do so. I would also like to ask that if you have a copy of your DD-214 please provide this office with a copy for our records.

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.

If you would like to receive your Monthly newsletter via e-mail please let me know and I will include you on the newsletter list. To date we only have 86 members receiving their newsletters by email. As of 12 Jul 16 we have a total of 591 members on the Post e-mail list. It would be greatly appreciated if you have an e-mail address, please forward it to me so it can be included on the list. The e-mail address for Post is adjutantpost21@gmail.com.

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

NEW MEMBERS

TRANSFERS



**PLEASE USE THIS FEATURE
IT'S CONVENIENT AND IT ELIMINATES
A STEP IN THE PROCESSING OF CARDS**

We want to thank Rich Carroll, Legion member for picking up and taking care of our flags that have been faded and worn. The Boy Scout troop #178 of Nativity of Mary Catholic Church in Independence perform the ceremony and U-Haul on 40 Highway donates the boxes for transporting the flags. We appreciate all of you taking the time to volunteer to do this for Post 21. There is a box in the front entry for anyone who wants to leave their flags and they will be disposed of respectfully.

Judy Nash



"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 95 members with August birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1@99, 2@98, 1@97, 2@91
The youngest will turn 26 this month.

Automatic Renewal

Members now have the option of setting their online-account for annual automatic renewal. Once a member sets their account, their dues will automatically be charged to their debit/credit card on or about July 15th of each new membership year.

Just tell your members to go to www.legion.org/renew ... click "Renew Now" and follow the directions. It's fast and easy!

**THE POST BUSINESS OFFICE SELLS OUTDOOR FLAGS
ONLY \$20.00 FOR A 3X5 U.S. MADE FLAG
OTHER SIZES CAN BE ORDERED.
SUPPORT YOUR FREEDOM... FLY A FLAG**

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

Ever Wonder?????

Ever wonder what happened to the flags collected at the post for retirement. Just recently post member Rich Carroll was approached by Post Adjutant Tom Tanner asking if there was any thought to the proper disposal of these collected flags. A plan began to take shape and Rich took possession of the 15-20 bags of flags collected over the year. Believing it to be inappropriate to surrender the flags in the plastic bags they were stored in, Rich sought out a Boy Scout Troup to properly fold and place the flags in suitable boxes for the retirement ceremony. Boy Scout Troup 178 from Nativity of Mary Catholic Church and Scout Master David Vest agreed to fold each and every flag regardless of its size. The number estimated at 1000 to 1500 flags were folded and placed in boxes donated by U-Haul on Noland Road. The retirement Ceremony took place on June 14th (Flag Day) at the Missouri Korean War Memorial Persing and Main downtown Kansas City. The post Adjutant volunteered the Riders to serve as an escort for the flag vehicle on that day. So with the appropriate Pomp and Circumstance the flags were delivered to the ceremony site and surrendered to a Scout Master who will, under ceremonial protocol at Camp Nash, burn the flags. The ashes will be spread on the grounds at Camp Nash making it, in their opinion, hallowed ground. The flag grommets will be recovered and except for a requested number which will be presented to the individual escort riders as well as one for each Scout, the collected grommets will be placed in a cremation urn and delivered to Leavenworth National Cemetery for burial in the national cemetery. The Adjutant has requested he be made aware of the burial schedule and it is believed that the riders will be asked to escort the urn to Leavenworth for the interment services.

Mike Charlie/Mission Complete

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

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