



The American Legion

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

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DECEMBER 2020



HOME POST OF PRESIDENT HARRY S TRUMAN
CHARTERED MAY 1, 1921

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS: MON-WED 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
ADJUTANT OFFICE HOURS: MON - TUE 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Due to COVID-19 office hours will vary.
Club 21: Opens at 2PM (M-F)
Club 21: Opens at 4 PM (Sat)
Check Calendar for Club 21 Hrs.for Sunday Football



Food Pantry Request List

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| Ketchup | Soups |
| Syrup | Boxed Potatoes |
| Paper Towels | Pancake Mix |
| Dried Beans | Salad Dressing |

Please bring all items to the post please. The Post is open Monday and Tuesday from 9 am till 9 pm. Friday and Saturday from 5 pm till 9 pm.

Moved or Moving?

New Address:

Add your new address above. then cut out this page and return it to the Post at the address listed on the upper left side of this page

POST CLOSED

UNTIL FURTHER

NOTICE



THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



December is going to be a busy month for the SAL. We have a lot of things planned for the upcoming holidays.

SAL are supporting Heroes Home Gate, which provides housing for homeless Veterans, last month we helped purchase a Thanksgiving meal and have decided to help them for a Christmas Dinner.

We look forward to working together with all the groups here at the Legion in order to move our Post forward and accomplish some great things! We are always open to suggestions and appreciate everyone who has given their time to the Posts activities.

SAL wants to say Thank You for showing up to all the Football Games in the Lounge. We have had a great time supporting the Lounge. Also, Special thank you to Linda for being the Bartender.

We are processing 2021 membership renewals, to renew your membership please MAIL it to the office. 18 and under are \$15.

**Sons of the American Legion Squadron 21
Tirey J. Ford Post 21
16701 E. 40 Highway
Independence, MO 64055-5328**

THERE WILL NO BE A MEETING FOR DECEMBER

Have a Safe and Happy Holidays!

Daryl Wimmer.....Commander



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, November 5, 2020, at the Post Home.

Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual. 2nd Vice Commander Don Decker placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

There were 10 officers, and 16 members present. A quorum was present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of September 20. A motion was made by Don Decker to accept the finance report as read. 2nd by Kerry Boardman. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from October 29 were read. A motion was made by Randy Bray to accept the minutes from the past 3 months. 2nd by Ron Erickson. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made to accept the new members and transfers by Kerry Boardman. 2nd by Bill Nash. Motion carried.

There were 10 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

Committee Reports:

Bingo Report and Dance report was given by Wayne Keller. A new Years dance is in the planning stages.

Don Decker gave the Riders report.

Officer Reports:

Old Business:

New Business:

A POW/MIA celebration is being planned in September 2021 by Mike Sweeney and he requested volunteers to sit on a planning committee. The following have volunteered: Bob Weihe, Mike Armstead, and Bill Nash.

The Commander handed out certificates to several volunteers within the Post. There will be more to follow.

For the good of the American Legion:

The 2nd 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 7:35 PM.

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

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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear members and Patrons of Post 21,

With everything going on this year it is easy to fall into a trap wondering what there is to be thankful for. As I am writing this it is the day before Thanksgiving. We still have much to be thankful for. If you read the article from our National Legion Commander, you hopefully were inspired by Legion members who are making a difference. Post 21 has members sacrificing their time to make sure our building is secure and the needed items that require attention are taken care of. I thank them for their time and talent.

As you know our post is closed at this time. It was a difficult decision to make but the health and safety of all of you is our highest priority. We do have some members that have been exposed to COVID-19 as well as other members whose health is deteriorating. I ask for prayers for them as well as our whole Legion Family. I hope to see all of them and you back sometime after the New Year.

We do not have a date for a reopening just yet. Your Executive Board will need to meet late in the year or right after the New Year to assess the situation to see what we can safely do to offer services again. Again, I ask for your patience.

Until then do not let the current situation ruin your holiday season. Celebrate safely so that we can all be together again soon.

May you have a Blessed and Joyous Season.

Bob Ford
Commanderpost21@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS

Christopher T. Mikule, Raymond P. Troutt

TRANSFERS

Kenneth M. Davidson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE NEED YOU!

As the holidays are fast approaching, all of us will be getting a little busier with our lives. I would like to have the 4th quarter Friday volunteer schedule completed by November 5th. On the Fridays that I have listed, I need 3 volunteers to help with the following tasks: Taking Orders, Taking Temperatures, and Delivering Orders. Do you have a friend who is not a member but would like to volunteer with you? Sounds like a plan...What date would you like?

December Dates – 4, 11, 18

Give me a call at the office (816-573-0221) or email me - alpost21manager@gmail.com

Looking forward to hearing from you on when and what you would like to do.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration of a volunteer opportunity for Post 21.

Dorothy Ballew
Business Manager



Saturday December 14, 2020 is the Post early bird breakfast. If you have renewed your membership and have the early bird stamp on your membership card then you will receive a free breakfast. If you have not renewed your membership, come out, renew your membership and enjoy breakfast.

We will be following all Covid-19 protocols including social distancing and everyone will be required to wear a mask.

Hope to see everyone here.

Thanks

Tom Tanner Post Adjutant



AUXILIARY NEWS

What to say? The post has been closed since Mid-November. No food pantry, no bingo, no events. We are planning to hold the December 19, from 9 til Noon.

There will not be an Auxiliary meeting or gift exchange this coming week. The post will remain closed, with the exception of the 19th for the rest of December. I assume the post executives will meet at some point to let us all know when we can reopen.

We learned that Jeanine Griggs husband, Gail, passed away from Covid on November 24. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jeanine and their family.

I will have the financials for November ready after the first. Anyone who would like to see them can either call me or e-mail me and I will get the information to you.

It is a lonely time for many people. Take time to call or text your friends, touch base with loved ones and neighbors. We will make it through this, eventually. I am usually close to my phone, if you want to reach out, I'm here.

Lana Butler, President
816-507-3033 or LMLeitner@yahoo.com

The Gallon

The gallon we use for our liquids comes from the Roman word galeta, which meant "a pailful."• There have been a number of very different gallon units over the years, but the gallon we use in the United States is probably based on what was once known as the "wine gallon"• or Queen Anne's gallon, which was named for the reigning monarch when it was standardized in 1707. The wine gallon corresponded to a vessel that was designed to hold exactly eight troy pounds of wine.

Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New:

Death:

Transfer:

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Happy Holidays Legion family!



I hope that this finds each and everyone of you happy and healthy.

It's going to be different with much of our traditional holiday traditions adapted or totally on hold for 2020. I hope that will all find a way to keep things in focus and to make the most of the situation. We will all likely find a new way to celebrate and some of that will be incorporated to start new traditions.

We really can't say what the future looks like at the Post. We will do our best to put together some rides that will give us a chance to spend some time together. As of now I plan to have a Tenderloin Ride on 12/5 and we will be ringing the bell at HyVee on 12/12. Aside from that there is very little planned. Stay tuned to the Facebook group for impromptu activity.

As the year ends, I am thankful for all of you, your contributions to the Post and your contributions to the Chapter. Most of all I am thankful for your friendship. There is no doubt that this organization is special, and we are all very lucky to be a part of it. I look forward to a time when life is simpler, and we can get back to our own versions of normal.

Until we are together again,

Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director

The Nautical Mile

So if the statute mile is the result of Roman influences and plowing oxen, where did the nautical mile get its start?

Strap on your high school geometry helmet for this one. Each nautical mile originally referred to one minute of arc along a meridian around the Earth. Think of a meridian around the Earth as being made up of 360 degrees, and each of those degrees consists of 60 minutes of arc. Each of these minutes of arc is then 1/21,600th of the distance around the earth. Thus, a nautical mile is 6,076 feet.

Native American Veterans Memorial

Update 02: Opened on Veterans Day

On Veterans Day, the new National Native American Veterans Memorial to honor the military service of Native Americans opened on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The memorial, Warriors' Circle of Honor, consists of an elevated stainless-steel circle balanced on an intricately carved stone drum. The artist who designed the memorial, Harvey Pratt of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, served in Vietnam from 1962 to 1965. The museum has a complementary new online exhibition, *Why We Serve: Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces*.

Twenty-five years in the making, the director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and a citizen of the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Kevin Gover said, "It's an article of faith in Indian country that Native Americans serve at a greater rate than basically any other group. He said the steel ring sculpture over a carved stone drum, in a wooded area near the museum's entrance, will become hallowed ground. "When people bring their memories and bring their prayers to a place, they make it sacred," he said. "We wish for this to be a sacred place, not just for Native Americas, but for all Americans."

For now, most of those prayers and memories are being sent virtually because of the coronavirus pandemic, but plenty of Native veterans are hoping to sanctify the site when it becomes safe to travel there. "My ancestors were warriors. Rain-in-the-Face who fought in the Battle of the Little Bighorn or Greasy Grass that they called it," says Marcella LeBeau, a 101-year-old former Army nurse. "My father was a Spanish American war veteran. My brother, oldest brother was a veteran. All down the line." LeBeau is a citizen of the Two Kettle Band, Cheyenne River Sioux. She recalls hearing a constant barrage of German "buzz bombs" during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, while she worked as a surgical nurse at the 25th General Hospital in Liege, Belgium, just miles from the front. "To me it was a great honor," she said — and one recognized by her tribe when she returned home to South Dakota. With the memorial, she's hoping recognition of Native service will be nationwide. Marcella LeBeau served as a surgical nurse at the 25th General Hospital in Liege, Belgium, in World War II.

For other Native veterans, a tradition of military service isn't something they heard so much about. "For a lot of years, I thought I was a first-generation military person," says Army Col. Wayne Don, a native Alaskan. "Came to find out both of my grandfathers and uncles had served in the Territorial Guard during World War II," he said. Don has served 27 years so far, including tours in Bosnia and Afghanistan. Learning about his family history of military service

* Those age 65 and over, and among those, "emphasize patients with CDC high-risk conditions like hypertension, obesity or COPD."

The DoD plans to recruit 3,000 volunteers at five military hospitals for the AstraZeneca trial, and additional volunteers for other companies, depending on their agreements. DoD officials said the department is participating in the research because it requires a "diverse and representative population (demographics and distribution), including people who are most affected by COVID-19." Retired Navy Rear Adm. Tom Cullison, former deputy surgeon general for the service, said Oct. 30 that it is not unusual for the DoD as well as the VA to participate in multicenter trials, as they have participated for years in cancer and trauma research. "In general, standard recruiting for African Americans and other minorities for medical research is difficult, and the military provides a rich opportunity to find volunteers for those groups," Cullison said.

The DoD is seeking adult volunteers in the military health system, including active-duty personnel, retirees and family members. To be considered, volunteers must provide written informed consent to be screened and considered for participation, and they must have no known or planned change of location or [deployments](#) at the time of enrollment. No U.S. service members will be required to participate in the COVID-19 vaccine trials, according to the DoD. All volunteers must agree to be monitored at the same location for the expected study time of two years. Some active-duty members such as new recruits or boot camp participants will not be allowed to volunteer because they are "considered vulnerable from an ethical and regulatory standpoint," a DoD official said.

The VA and DoD did not disclose the financial arrangements they have with developers to support the research. Volunteers will be paid for participating in the trials; the amount they receive depends on developers. To volunteer, inquire at your local VA medical center or complete a screening survey at Coronavirus Prevention Network <https://www.coronaviruspreventionnetwork.org>. [Source: Military.com | Patricia Kime | November 6, 2020 +-]

TAPS



L K BASS, RICHARD J BATTOR,
WILLIAM K DIETZ, LARRY E ELEDGE,
RONALD T HARDIE, MARGAR L LUPTON,
JIM W McVAY, CONRAD R MOWREY,
KENNETH N OSBORNE,
FRANCIS A PROVOST

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

DECEMBER 2020 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 70 members with December birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

1@102,1@99,1@98, 1@97, 2@96, 2@92, 3@91

The youngest will turn 33 this month.

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

As of November 5, 2020, we have 850 members re-newed. 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.

Beginning in December I will be putting together a list of all members that have not renewed their dues for the 2021 membership year. Volunteers would be appreciated in calling these members to renew their membership.

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. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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

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



Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year

From the Food Pantry Staff



What Can One Person Do for Post 21?

Since COVID-19 hit:

- Linda Clark donated a quilt for raffle; \$775.00 earned.
- Linda Clark has donated \$703.00 from mask sales.
- Sylvia Tanner has donated \$186.00 from mask sales.
- Bartenders and servers have donated \$98.00 from tips.
- Ron Erickson has cashed in \$774.50 aluminium cans.
- 4 anonymous parties have donated \$226.20.
- The Chief's Plaque raffled off for \$223.00. (who made that?)
- That is over \$2,985.00 right there!

One person with an idea can do a little to help.
What would happen if Every Member did a little to help our historic Post 21?

SYLVIA TANNER - Finance Officer

Your Attention Please:

This is for all Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL.

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Under the Legion logo you will see:

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Find newsletter and click on it

The current newsletter is at the top

In light blue type it says download. Click it.

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**IF YOU HAVE CHANGED E-MAIL CONTACT
TOM TANNER-LEGION, DARYL WIMMER-SAL,
LANA BUTLER-AUX**

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REQUIRED



Even though it was a couple days early, the Bingo crowd lined up to give Hank a hug to say Happy Birthday, Congratulations and Thank You for over 30 years active service to Bingo and Post 21. Tom Tanner presented a certificate of appreciation. Two cakes were served; Hank has done a lot for this veteran community!

DECEMBER 2020 DANCE SCHEDULE

5	Selle Bros.
12	Reddymen
19	Sweetwater
26	Reddymen

Doors open at 5:00 P.M.
Dance Time - 7:00 P.M.-10:30 P.M.
Admission to Saturday Dances \$10.00

**WEB SITE
TO OBTAIN DD-214**
www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/

Post 21 Website: www.moalpost21.org

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

The business below donates to and supports our Legion programs

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