



# The American Legion

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**MARCH 2021**



HOME POST OF PRESIDENT HARRY S TRUMAN  
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**ADJUTANT OFFICE HOURS: MON-TUE 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
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## American Legion Gun Show April 17-18, 2021

**Buy-Sell-Trade**  
**Firearms, Knives, Military Memorabilia and Associated Items**

One and two day passes available.  
Admission \$10/\$15 (ATM on Site)  
Discount for Veterans and 1st Responders with ID  
**Saturday 8am-5pm Sunday 9am-3pm**

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack Bar open both days.

**COVID-19 Protocol will be enforced. Temperatures taken and a mask is REQUIRED at all times while in the building**

Vendor Tables Available  
Call John Kurtz, 816-517-8786 or Bob Ford, 816-510-3825

All Local, State and Federal Firearms Ordinances and Laws strictly enforced. Security provided by the Independence Police Department





### THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



SAL will be having a meeting March 3rd at 6pm in the Lounge.

Membership dues are due, please send dues to American Legion Post 21 office. Adults are \$25 and children up

to 18 are \$15.

Address is:

American Legion Post 21

16701 E 40 Highway

Independence MO 64055-5328

% Daryl Wimmer

**Daryl Wimmer.....Commander**

### HOW CAN I GET THE COVID VACCINATION AT OUR VA?

1. You Must be registered with the VA for medical care.
2. You Must be in the age range or have other reasons to be in the current priority group. Contact your PC if you have medical concerns.
3. Call (816) 922-2619 to schedule both shots. (Do not give up if put on hold!)
4. As of the 1st wk of Feb 2021, priority was Age 65 & older.
5. If you receive an automated call from (816) 861-4700, answer it and follow instructions! This is the main phone # of our VA Medical Center.
6. If you have tested positive, they want you to wait 90 days before taking the vaccine, especially if you received monoclonal antibodies when treated for COVID-19.

The VA Medical Center on Linwood has already administered 12,000 doses, and 3,000 more were just received as of our monthly meeting on Feb 4th, 2021. This information was gathered from the VA by Sylvia Tanner.



### 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, February 4, 2021, 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 9 officers, and 14 members present. A quorum was present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the months of October, November and December 2020. A motion was made by Larry Harris to accept the finance report as read. 2nd by Don Decker. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from January and February 2021 were read. A motion was made by Doug Vetter to accept the minutes as read. 2nd by Larry Harris. Motion carried.

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

There were 10 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller. A Valentine dance is scheduled for 13 Feb. Attendance will help determine dances moving forward with Covid restrictions.

Don Decker gave the Riders report.

Officer Reports:

Old Business:

New Business:

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 March 4, 2021, at 7PM.

Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant  
adjutantpos21@gmail.com

## THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Members and Patrons of Post 21,

Another month has passed, and we see positive movement in our lives gaining more normality. We still have a long way to go and must remain vigilant in our fight with this pandemic. Our February soft opening was a success. We saw how some of you were ready to get out and maintain the proper protocols for everyone's safety. Thank you to all who came out to support us.

Now onto March. The good news is we will resume our Saturday Country Dances! Also, Tuesday Night BINGO will be back starting March 2nd. Taco Tuesday will continue as well as our Friday night meal. We will offer a Lenten offering plus a non-Lenten meal for those who prefer that. All our meals can be ordered To-Go. Keep in mind that we will continue all the COVID Protocols during this time including temperatures, mask wearing and social distancing. If Club 21 reaches capacity, we will have the Hall available to ensure you can maintain a comfortable distance.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who have made our opening possible. Many of you have stepped up to cook, serve, decorate and more. Thank you for loving your post and wanting it to succeed. Also, a special thanks to Michelle Hawkins for donating a night of entertainment and to The Midwest Poppies who came in to serve one of our Friday night meals. I can assure that both Michelle and the Poppies will be back again!

As always if you have suggestions, questions or problems or just want to say something good about our post please contact me. I would like to hear from you.

**Bob Ford**  
**Commanderpost21@gmail.com**

### NEW MEMBERS

### TRANSFERS

CHRISTOPHER EASTMAN, KRISTIN K STRAWN,  
HARLEY SWEENEY

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## From the Food Pantry

Over the last year the food pantry has received additional assistance from Harvesters in helping us to provide food assistance to those in need of a hand up. The following is what Harvesters has provided (note the number of households and individuals comes from my report to Harvesters).

**Total Households Served: 374**

**Total Individuals: 916**

**Adults: 413**

**Children: 180**

**Elderly: 323**

**Total Pounds of food provided to the pantry: 3452.**

**Total Meals Provided: 2877.**

**In 2020 we acquired 3452 pounds of food and household goods from Harvesters valued at \$5592.24.**

## Military Humor

A basic trainee realizes he made an awful mistake and goes to the DI.

“You can't keep me here because one of my legs is shorter than the other. I'll be useless.”

The DI smirks, “No one is useless. See that guy down the hill pumping water into a bucket?”

When the trainee nods, the DI continues, “Run down there and tell him when the bucket is full. He's blind.”

What's the difference between the Boy Scouts and the Army?

The Boy Scouts have adult supervision.

**ST PATS DAY**  
**MARCH 17**





## AUXILIARY NEWS

We held our first meeting in several months on Thursday, February 4. There were 17 members in attendance. Here is a recap of some of the items discussed.

Marsha Mooney is taking over some of the kitchen duties and needs volunteers to help prep, serve and clean. She served delicious catfish on February 17. Big thanks to Marsha and the volunteers who have stepped up. Randy and Diane Bray stepped up to do taco night on Tuesdays, so please, check the post schedule and support the post as we all work together to get things back to as normal as we can.

We are planning to restart bingo on Monday, March 1. We will need at least 100 players each week in order to make it financially viable. If you play, or have friends that do, please come join in the fun.

Marsha announced The National Auxiliary President will be making a visit here on Wednesday, April 28th. The auxiliary will be the hosting the event. We will need plenty of volunteers to make this event memorable for our unit and the National President.

Tom Tanner has been contacted by Radio 88.5 A.M. They will be doing a Food Drive for us sometime in July. There may possibly be a remote broadcast from the Post.

Diane Bray shared that every time Saint Marks holds a Food Drive, they give the Post half of what they receive in donations.

Judy Nash presented a report on the success of our poppy day at Hy-Vee in November. Several volunteers helped including Gayle Metzinger. Gayle passed out 300 of the Thank You Cards with the Pins.

Helen Hatz said she bought 200 Coupon books for the Christmas Gift Shop Store at the V.A. that cost \$1,000.00. She had labels printed at Office Max with "Happy Holidays – From The American Legion Auxiliary" which she put on the back of each Coupon Book.

I hope everyone is staying warm, safe and healthy in these trying times.

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

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hello Post 21!



It was great to see so many of you during the first month of the Post being open. We had a solid burger night and the crew was on point in spite of the three month layoff. We look forward to seeing you all again on March 10th for the next one.

The Riders are revving up with this cold weather behind us. We have some fun planned with a couple of tenderloin rides and we are planning a two night trip up to Anamosa, IA.

We have a Spring craft fair in the works. This is a major part of our fundraising and has allowed us to donate \$5,000 to the Legacy Scholarship Fund each of the last few years. Make sure that you help spread the word when that is finalized.

You will see us helping in various ways around the Post home. Bingo, Kitchen, Food Pantry and the Gun Show are just a few of the activities that the Riders will be a big part of. We look forward to seeing all of you at all of those events supporting our Post!

Until next time,

**Don Decker - ALR Chapter 21 Director**

## FLY THE FLAG



National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29



**Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths**

**New:**

**Death:**

**Transfer: BONNIE SWEENEY**





# March

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2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 OPEN Bingo	2 OPEN Taco Night Bingo	3 SAL Meeting - 6PM	4 OPEN Post & ALA Meeting 7PM	5 OPEN Seafood Menu Plus Non Seafood Option	6 Dance - 7PM
7 Daylight Savings Time Begins	8 OPEN Bingo	9 OPEN Taco Night Bingo	10  OPEN Burger Night	11 ALR Meeting 6:30 PM	12 OPEN Seafood Menu Plus Non Seafood Option	13 Dance - 7PM
14	15 OPEN Bingo	16 OPEN Taco Night Bingo	17  OPEN St. Patrick's Menu	18	19 OPEN Seafood Menu Plus Non Seafood Option	20 Dance - 7PM
	21 OPEN Bingo	22 OPEN Taco Night Bingo	23 OPEN Taco Night Bingo	24 25	26 OPEN Seafood Menu Plus Non Seafood Option	27 Food Pantry 9 - Noon Dance - 7PM
	28 OPEN Bingo	29 OPEN Taco Night Bingo	30 OPEN Taco Night Bingo	31		

Note: Club 21 opens @ 2PM  
@ 6:30 PM

Food Served 5PM - 7PM (Carryout's Available)

Bingo

**TAPS**



ROBERT C HENSON, JIMMY R LOCKWOOD

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

**MARCH 2021 BIRTHDAYS**

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 76 members with March birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

1@99, 1@97, 1@96, 3@93, 4@92, 1@91, 2@90

The youngest will turn 42 this month.

**Capitol Riot after Cost.**

National Guard deployment to secure DC will cost nearly \$500 million.

Officials said the nearly \$500 million includes the costs of transporting Guard troops from their states to Washington, their salaries and benefits, as well as housing and other essentials.

Source: Various | February 14, 2021

**FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK**

As of February 10, 2021, we have 962 members renewed. There are several ways to renew your dues, first is to pay online at <https://www.legion.org/> second is to mail them to the post or visit the post and pay them in person.

Letters have been sent out to all members that have not renewed their dues since 2019. If you know of anyone that has not renewed their dues PLEASE encourage them to do so.

With the up and coming reopening of the Post, if you have any ideas on events or activities you would like to see the post have feel free to let us know.

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  
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**THE POST BUSINESS OFFICE SELLS OUTDOOR FLAGS  
ONLY \$25.00 FOR A 3X5 U.S. MADE FLAG  
OTHER SIZES CAN BE ORDERED.  
SUPPORT YOUR FREEDOM... FLY A FLAG**





Everyone keeps asking about Bingo and we hear you. We have a plan to bring it back beginning on Mon. 3/1/ and on Tue. 3/2. If we have enough participation we will be able to keep it going! Tell your friends and tell your neighbors.

Do you know a veteran or service member who could use a hand? Our food pantry is open to them on the last Saturday of each month from 0900-1200.



MASK



REQUIRED



**\*\*\*MARCH 2021 DANCE SCHEDULE\*\*\***

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|----|-------------|
| 6  | SELLE BROS. |
| 13 | REDDYMEN    |
| 20 | SWEETWATER  |
| 27 | REDDYMEN    |

Doors open at 5:30 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/](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/)

**Post 21 Website: [www.moalpost21.org](http://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

 <p><b>Stoned Syllly</b> Bead Weaving, Bead Art &amp; Bead Jewelry</p> <p>Sylvia Tanner cell # 816 305-0283 <a href="mailto:stonedsyllly@juno.com">stonedsyllly@juno.com</a> Legion Member</p>	<p><b>TIM'S PIZZA</b> 816-478-0777 17201 E 40 HIGHWAY WE SUPPORT OUR VETERANS</p>	<p><b>ADVANTAGE PLUS OVERHEAD DOOR</b> With 40 Plus Years Experience "THE ADVANTAGE IS YOURS!" <b>18161 836-0893</b> Bruce Watkins Repair or Replacement of Doors &amp; Openers</p>
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<p><b>McGilley &amp; Sheil Chapel</b> 47th &amp; Blue Ridge Blvd. KCMO 816 353 6555 <b>WE HONOR VETERANS</b></p>  <p>Rich Carroll, Location Manager BMC Ret. USCG Res. Legion Member</p>	<p><b>WHERE THE HEART IS</b></p>  <p>Legion Member <b>Dan O'Neill - Realtor</b> 816-786-0317 REECE NICHOLS - EAST 5000 NE Lakewood Way Lees Summit, Mo 816-373-9292 Legion Member</p>	<p>Legion Member</p>  <p><b>JONES AUTO SERVICE</b> 9227 Truman Road Independence, MO 64052-1720 Serving Our Customers Since 1953 <b>PHONE: 816-833-1580</b></p>
<p><b>HY-VEE</b> SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN LEGION 14170 East Highway 40 (at Noland Rd.) 1525 E 23rd St S Independence, MO 64055</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$65.00</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$130.00</p>
<p><i>Medicare – Advantage Supplements Plan D Drug Plans</i></p> <p><b>martin insurance agency, ltd.</b> <b>JOHN C. MARTIN</b> LEGION MEMBER</p> <p>P.O. Box 6783, Lee's Summit, MO 64064 Phone: 816-246-4840 Fax: 816-326-9025 Email: <a href="mailto:jmartininsure@gmail.com">jmartininsure@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.martininsuranceagencyltd.com">www.martininsuranceagencyltd.com</a></p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$130.00</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$65.00</p>