# The American Legion —

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# **NOVEMBER 2016**



HOME POST OF PRESIDENT HARRY STRUMAN

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BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM ADJUTANT OFFICE HOURS: MON - FRI 9:30 AM-3:00 PM Lounge Hours:

Monday - Saturday 2:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Sunday - 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM

# POST EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING -

POST MEETING - NOVEMBER 3rd @ 7:00 PM AUXILIARY MEETING -NOVEMBER 3rd @ 7:00 PM SAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 3rd @ 7:00 PM

ALR MEETING - NOVEMBER 10th @ 6:30 PM BREAKFAST - NOVEMBER 12th 7:30 - 9:00 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 16th @ 6:30 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 17th @ 7:00 PM

BOILED SHRIMP - NOVEMBER 19th 4:00 PM- 8:00 PM

POST CLOSED NOVEMBER 24th

DANCES - 4 Dances in November- See Page 3

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

Moved or Moving?

Non-Profit Organization

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November 18, 2016

American Legion Post 21 - Main Hall
Benefit for CampValor Outdoors

Music Provided By Larry Eagan and the Band
"Nobody's Business"

And Many Guest Performers

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

Show Starts at 7:00 PM

\$10.00 at the door.

**Proceeds to go to CampValor Outdoors** 

Snack Bar will be open

Bar Service will be available

Door Prizes and 50/50 Drawing



# THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



# **NOVEMBER 2016**

## **POST OFFICERS - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Americanism Chris Wehr Boyd Lighthill Athletic Marge Neal Bingo Boy's State **OPEN OPEN Budget & Finance** Cadet Patrol Norman D'Angelo Dance Wayne Keller Home Improvement **OPEN** 

Home Improvement OPEN
Kitchen OPEN
Newsletter Editor Ed Murray
Oratorical Ralph Buchanan
Patriotic Council Archie Hughes
R.O.T.C. Mark Clark
Salvation Army OPEN
School Awards OPEN

# **HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Don Decker Dir. of Bldg. Oper, Bill Nash, Michael Keene, Dennis Mooney, Chuck Wilhelm

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

#### MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Mike Feliciano called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:05 PM,

6 Oct 2016, at the Post Home. Commander Feliciano conducted the opening ritual.

Chaplain Kerry Boardman gave the opening prayer.

1st Vice Ed Murray placed the POW/MIA Flag on the Empty chair.

There were 10 officers and 33 members present.

The regular business meeting was suspended at 7:09 pm for the following guests:

- · Liz Jordan from Sprint
- Melanie Cenkus
- LTC Byrd from Independence School's JROTC
- Anthony Kranz Cadet Patrol attendee .

Business meeting resumed at 7:35 pm.

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

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 19 Sep 16 were read. George Scarborough made a motion to approve the Executive Committee actions. 2nd by Everette Ellis. Motion carried.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant Tom Tanner gave the membership report: as of 1 Oct 16, 1065 members have renewed giving the Post a 65.66% of the goal as per Department.

Wes Blake asked for volunteers to assist with BINGO.

Bob Ford gave the Riders report.

· Committee Reports:

Wes Blake gave the BINGO report for Sept. Wes presented the Post with a \$5000.00 check.

Wes Blake gave the dance report. A \$5858 profit was announced.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made by Mike Sweeney to accept the new members and transfers. 2nd by George Scarborough and carried by voice vote to accept the new members.

There were 3 deceased members for the month of Sept.

Adjutant read correspondence.

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New Business:

Everett Ellis made a motion for no liquor to be purchased by the Post for the hospitality room. 2nd by Dennis Mooney. 31 for and 7 nays. Motion carried.

Noel Tyler made a motion to cover the cost of the room for the hospitality room. 2nd by Everett Ellis. Motion carried.

Bob Ford made a motion to cover the cost of food for the hospitality room. 2nd by Everett Ellis. Motion carried.

The room cost and food cost will be for the fall and spring conference.

50/50 pot was won by David Bahan.

The 1st Vice 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 8:20 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 3 November 2016, at 7PM.

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



Help desperately needed for Tuesday night bingo. We need volunteers to work as callers. <u>Two years membership in the</u> Post is required to work bingo. Bingo helps support the Post, members of the Post need to help support bingo.

Thanks.

Wes

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

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## TAPS

**JOHN O TURNER** 

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

# THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

I want to thank the many post members that have obtained their Food Handlers and Food Manager health cards. We have many post events in the coming months and as always the post is in need of more volunteers. I want thank Richard (Doc) Cooper and Robert (Keno Bob) Haas for hosting Banana Split Night. It was a great success. \$ 627.00 was raised and funds were donated to Post 21 General Fund. It's been a long time coming and I'm very proud to annouce that the Post 21 Budget Committee is fully staffed. Members are Chairman Charles Luppens, James Deeter, Robert Bahan, Denis Proctor and Larry Baker. The orange bucket on the bar is for donations to the Commander's Helping Hand Fund which is used to assist veterans in need. Our Bingo Chairman Marge Neal, has passed on her responsibilities to Post 21, member Wes Blake. Many thanks to Marge for all she has done for Post 21 membership.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. - John Quincy Adams

# **Commander Mike Feliciano**



# LINE DANCING & BASIC BALLROOM

Dance lessons 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Free with dance price of admission.

# NOVEMBER 2016 DANCE SCHEDULE

5 Dixie Cadillacs

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.

Admission to Saturday Dances \$7.00

## **AUXILIARY NEWS**



Happy Thanksgiving! November is a busy month with numerous volunteer needs. Chief's schedule:

- November 6 noon against the Jaguars
- · November 13 noon against the Panthers
- November 20 noon against the Buccaneers
- November 27 3:25 against our arch rivals—Denver

Join us in the lounge to cheer the Chiefs on!

There will be a fundraiser in the lounge on November 18th for Camp Valor Outdoors. Please join us for some good music led by Mr. Egan and support this worthy cause that helps our wounded warriors.

Veterans Day November 11th will be celebrated at the Post with free cheeseburgers and fries from 5pm—7 pm. We need donations of cakes, pies or cookies or other dessert items.

There will be an open house at the Post and the Auxiliary has been asked to set up a table to use as a recruitment effort. Suzanne Procter has volunteered to work the table. Many thanks, Suzanne.

Our meeting in November will be initiation for new members. If you have never been initiated, no matter how long you have been a member, let Suzanne know and you can be included.

We voted to replace the heating and AC over the Auxiliary room. We are not going to freeze this winter which is just around the corner. We also voted to pay to have the carpet cleaned.

My favorite holiday in November is Black Friday. I can hardly wait! My brother and sister and I have this down to a science. It's our sibling bonding day!

Remember the November meeting will be pot luck. Bring a dish to share and join in the fun. Starts at 6 pm.

May the Lord keep you and bless you this holiday season. As you set down to a turkey dinner give thanks to our military for providing the grace we receive and the freedom to give thanks as we wish.

May God's hand protect those serving overseas and unable to be with their families. Your sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Gayle Metzinger
Auxiliary Unit 21 President

# Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths

New: Linda Anderson, Vickie Carnesecca, Linda Dickens, Donna Green, Virginia Lytch, Thelma McLain, Vickie Wiggins

**Death: Betty Epperson** 

Cheer: Lela White

# **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**



Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL,

approaches. This is my favorite time of the year as some of you might guess. A time to give thanks and spend time with family and friends. May you all be blessed this holiday season.

We completed out third Craft Sale this past month. Another rousing success. Each one grows bigger and better. It would not happen except for a lot of dedicated people headed by our own Linda Clark. She spends many hours coordinating this event. Thank you Linda and everyone who helped make it a success.

We turn our thoughts to the families that we adopt for Christmas. We need the help of everyone to make this happen. Please take a paper ornament off the tree once it is set up and purchase a gift. We also will be receiving donations for food. All this gets delivered on Christmas Eve day. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you were with us last year you could witness how thankful these families are to be able to have Christmas for their families. Rumor has it that Santa will be with us again this year for our deliveries.

I'm happy to say that all the positions that I was looking for volunteers have been filled! Thank you to everyone who stepped up!

My ride safety crew is now in place:

Head Road Captain: Doug Vetter

Road Captains: Larry Harrison, Jim Harris

Tailgunners: David Cary, Dan Orr

Safety Officer: Mark Clark

Commanders Committee: Doug Stacer

Lelia Brownfield: Christmas Families

Marsha Mooney: Christmas Party

Last but not least thank you to all the riders that have stepped up to help in the kitchen (as well as everyone else in the post who have helped!). The kitchen can use all the help it can get during this transition time. Don't be afraid to join in on the fun. I have seen them break out singing some oldies from the 50's and 60's while working! (Marsha Mooney!) You don't want to miss that!

Thank you all in advance for your help!

Bob Ford - ALR Chapter 21 Director



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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

One of our chosen charities this holiday season is REAP, (Raytown Emergency Assistance Program), where we will be helping provide Thanksgiving

dinners to deserving families as well as providing volunteer time.

We will also be making a donation of volunteer hours and funds to the Veterans Community Project, better know as Tiny Homes for Veterans. We will be providing volunteers and purchasing personal supplies for the veterans in need.

Another organization we are supporting is Heroes Home Gate, which provides housing for homeless Veterans, last month we helped purchase a Trailer to assist in moving furniture and belongings.

Heart of American Stand Down is Nov 4th, the SAL is donating \$200 towards the purchase of personal supplies.

This month we are assisting Post 21 by purchasing both a food warmer and a large 8 burner gas grill that can cook a whopping 65 hamburgers (or 32 steaks) at a time. 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 money and time to our and the Posts activities.

The SAL welcomes Michael Keeney and Stevan Keeney, our newest members, please give them a hearty welcome when you see them. Many of you may not know this, but not only the sons of Veterans are eligible to join the SAL, but the grandsons are as well. We are always looking for more new members.

We are processing 2017 membership renewals. To renew your membership either come by the post anytime and give your cash or check for \$20 to the bartender or one of the office staff, or you can mail it to:

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 21

Tirey J. Ford Post 21

16701 E. 40 Highway

Independence, MO 64055-5328

We plan showing our thanks to our Bingo supporters again this year by providing a number of either Hy-Vee gift cards or frozen turkeys (sorry, no live ones) as part of our Monday 50/50 raffle items.

The Raffle for the Party Wagon, aka Booze Wagon, ends on November 11th, Veterans Day. You can win an assortment of your favorite libations as well as a Hy-Vee \$50 gift card, and you get to keep the wagon! Tickets are available from any SAL member or the post bartenders and are available up to the time of the drawing. You do not need to be present to win. Thanks to everyone who has helped and bought Raffle tickets.

Happy Holidays!

......Daryl Wimmer, SAL Commander

#### **FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR NOVEMBER**

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Monday 5:00 till 7:00 P. M.	
11/7 Chicken Tenders (3), Mashed Potatoes,	
Green Beans, Salad Bar	\$8.00
Snack Bar Menu Available	
11/14 Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Corn, Roll,	
Salad Bar	\$8.00
Snack Bar Menu Available	
11/21 Brat, Tater Tots,	
Apple or Cherry Strudel, Salad Bar	\$8.00
Snack Bar Menu Available	
11/28 Chicken Fried Steak,	
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Roll,	
Salad Bar.	\$8.00
Snack Bar Menu Available	
Tuesday 5:00 till 7: P.M.	
11/8 TACO TUESDAY	\$1.50 ea.
Snack Bar Menu Available	
11/15 TACO TUESDAY	\$1.50 ea.
Snack Bar Menu Available	
11/22 TACO TUESDAY	\$1.50 ea.
Snack Bar Menu Available	
11/29 TACO TUESDAY	\$1.50 ea.
Snack Bar Menu Available	
Wednesday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M.	
11/16 Fish, Tenderloin or Chicken Fritter Sandwich	
with Fries, Tater Tots or Onion Rings.	\$5.75
Friday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M.	
11/4 Fish Fry	
Catfish	\$12.00
Fried Shrimp	\$13.50
Saturday 7:30 till 9:00 A.M.	
11/12 Breakfast - Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Grits,	
Potatoes, Biscuits & Gravy, Juice & Coffee	\$7.00
Saturday 4:00 PM till 8:00 PM	
11/12 Chicken Parmesan, Salad, Garlic Toast	\$13.50
11/19 1/2# Boiled Shrimp, Potatoes and Corn	\$15.00



1st Place-Ron Bloomfield/Pat Hillen



2nd Place-Jerry Tinsley Ernie Crews



3rd Place-Bill Spotts/Bob Lane



4th Place-Gary Cordell Gerald White

Pool Tournment Winners September 21, 2016

# **Auxiliary Unit 21 Appreciates our Veterans**

The techniques and the uniforms may have changed.
The weapons may have evolved,
But one thing has stayed the same.
The bravery of our men and women
Risking their lives for their country
And the pride we feel for our Veterans,
It never changes.

Words can never explain
How we appreciate our veterans.

Auxiliary Unit 21 is honored to serve our Veterans and their families on this Veterans Day. Yes, on November 11th from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. we will be serving complimentary Bacon Cheeseburgers or Mushroom Swiss Burgers to each and every one of our Veterans and their immediate families to show our appreciation of your service. Your meal will also be served with your choice of French Fries, Tater Tots or Onion Rings, plus dessert. So, come out for the evening, invite your fellow Veterans and their immediate families and let the Auxiliary serve you.

# FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Membership renewals are still coming in however the renewal pace has slowed. The Post is at 65.66% of the goal as set by National. That gives us approx. 1065 members renewed for the New Year. We have a long way to go to reach 100% of our goal before the end of the Legion year. If you have not renewed your membership yet please do so. I have also started sending out letters to all of the Post 1000 members in an effort to transfer them to the post. If you know anyone that has not paid their dues please get them to come and pay their dues.

On January 21, 2017 we will be holding a Post revitalization. We will be contacting all members that have not paid their 2017 dues and all members that are assigned to post 1000. If you would like to help in this effort please contact me so we can add you to the list of members to help in this effort.

We have been sending out email notices for some of the events happening here at the post, but we have been getting a lot of the emails returned. I ask that if you feel you are not receiving email messages please check your spam settings to ensure correct delivery of the emails. If you have changed your email address or have not provided the post with an email address, please send it to me.

If you have moved within the last 6 months would you please provide me with your new 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. 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

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

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



**RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '16 -'17** 

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Nicole Henderson, Lee Martin, Timothy McCorkle, Mary Wade

## **TRANSFERS**

Howard Cook, Emery Kropf, Donald Marker, Richard Mason, Virgle Muller

#### **2016 NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE TICKETS**

Tickets go on sale, Saturday, November 5th in the Auxiliary room at 7:00 PM

in the lounge.

Tickets are \$35 per person.
Evening includes Hors d'oeuvres
Music by The Reddymen - Party Favors
Champagne toast – Midnight Breakfast

Doors open at 6 PM

**NO REFUNDS** 

#### **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.

<u>www.legion.org/renew</u> ... click "Renew Now" and follow the directions. It's fast and easy!



"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 102 members with November birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
2@95, 2@94, 3@93, 3@92, 2@91 and 4@90.
The youngest will turn 45 this month.

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 The Post 21 Auxiliary Coupon program is back up and running strong. This year, we are holding a drawing for a grocery gift certificate so be sure you are complying with the following in order to be eligible to win:

Coupons must be cut out — simply clip along the manufacturer's dotted line.

Coupons must be sorted 2 ways: First by EXPIRATION MONTH and then by FOOD and NON-FOOD. For example - your "September" zip lock bag will contain 2 paper-clipped groups - Food and Non-food. Or if you are a real go-getter, you might have one full zip lock/envelope labeled "September - Food - Jane Doe".

Your NAME has to be somewhere on or in your bag. We can't enter your name in the drawing if we don't know who you are.

In 2015, we sent coupons valued at over \$40,000 to our service families around the world. This is a great program and everyone appreciates your participation!

**Anne Orr Coupon Coordinator** 



# CHIEFS FANS - LET'S TAILGATE

Unit 21 Auxiliary invites you to join in on the fun and tailgate with your friends and fellow Veterans

in the Lounge on the following dates during November. We have a great menu for the tailgate season which we hope you will enjoy. And if you would like to see some additional items added to the menu, please let Marsha or Bonnie know and we'll see what we can do. We'll also be having a 50-50 pot each game. Proceeds from these fund raisers help support the Veterans' programs that Unit 21 donates to. Invite a friend or new member and let's cheer for our Kansas City Chiefs.

Sunday, November 6th Noon game at home vs Jacksonville Jaguars Sunday, November 13th Noon game at Charlotte, NC vs Carolina Panthers

Sunday, November 20th Noon game at home vs Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Sunday, November 27th 3:25 PM game at Denver,CO vs Denver Broncos

Thank you for your support. Auxiliary Unit 21

# WEB SITE TO OBTAIN DD-214

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

Post 21 Website: www.moalpost21.org
Webmaster Barbie Daum

# The business below donates to and supports our Legion programs

