# The American Legion :

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#### **OCTOBER 2016**



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#### POST EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

<u> AUXILIARY E-BOARD MEETING -</u>

POST MEETING - OCTOBER 6th @ 7:00 PM AUXILIARY MEETING - OCTOBER 6th @ 7:00 PM

SAL MEETING - OCTOBER 6th @ 7:00 PM

ALR MEETING - OCTOBER 13th @ 6:30 PM

POST E-BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 20th @ 7:00 PM STEAK NIGHT - OCTOBER 7th 5:00 - 7:00

DANCES - 5 Dances in October- See Page 3

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

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The Auxiliary is having a "Halloween Spooktacular" fundraising event in the Main Hall on Friday, October 28, 2016 from 5pm-7pm.

We will be selling homemade chili and homemade chicken noodle soup with corn bread for \$6.00 a bowl...all you can eat!!

Halloween costume contests - children 12 and under 1st place is \$15 cash; adults 1st place is \$25 cash. Judging at 6pm.

Cake Walk

Free games for children to play

Free trick-or-treat bag to the first 50 children who come in

Guess the candy corn in the jar. \$1 a chance or 6 for \$5, win the candy jar

Guess the weight of the pumpkin. \$1 a chance or 6 for \$5, win the largest pumpkin and a treat.

DJ Music

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and all proceeds will go to fund our charities that the ALA support throughout the year



#### THE TIREY J. FORD POST 21 NEWS



#### OCTOBER 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 Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner Judge Advocate Wes Blake Historian **David Carv** Service Officer James Harris Chaplain Kerry Boardman Sergeant-at-Arms Chris Wehr Phil Greco Past Commander

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

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Bingo Marge Neal
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Cadet Patrol Norman D'Ang

Norman D'Angelo Dance Wayne Keller **OPFN** Home Improvement **OPEN** Kitchen Newsletter Editor Ed Murray Oratorical Ralph Buchanan Patriotic Council Archie Hughes R.O.T.C. Mark Clark Salvation Army **OPEN** OPFN School Awards

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE**

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#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Director Bob 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

Commander Mike Feliciano called the regular monthly of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, 1 Sep 2016, at the Post Home. Commander Feliciano conducted the opening ritual.

Chaplain Mark Clark gave the opening prayer.

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

There were 11 officers and 33 members present.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner was absent. The Finance Report was read for the month of Sept. A motion was made by Mark Clark to accept the Finance Report as read. The motion was 2nd by Everette Ellis. The motion carried. A copy of the last report is posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes from 18 Aug 16 were read. Mike Alexander made a motion to approve the Executive Committee actions. 2nd by Everette Ellis. Motion carried.

The following actions from the Executive Committee were voted on:

Accept giving flowers to Executive Committee members and Past Commanders only and shadow boxes to all members that pass away. Mark Clark made a motion to accept. 2nd by James Harris. Motion carried.

No drinking of alcohol while volunteering. Ed Witthar made a motion to accept. 2nd by Noel Tyler. Motion carried.

Use of chips for free drinks for volunteers. Mark Clark made a motion to accept. 2nd by Everette Ellis. Motion carried.

Accept Chuck Wilhelm as House Committee member. Noel Tyler made a motion to accept. 2nd by Everette Ellis. Motion carried.

Accept Judy Roberts to organize the basement. Mark Clark made a motion to accept. 2nd by Everette Ellis. Motion carried. Accept lounge hours for tailgating to 11:30 am – 7:00pm. Ed Witthar made a motion to accept. 2nd by Mark Clark. Motion carried.

Accept closing the money market bank account. Ed Witthar made a motion to accept. 2nd by Everette Ellis. Motion carried.

Accept disposing of broken/non-working post property. Mark Clark made a motion to accept. 2nd by Everette Ellis. Motion carried.

#### Officer Reports:

Adjutant Tom Tanner gave membership report: as of 1 Sep 16, 983 members have renewed giving the Post a 60.60% of the goal as per Department.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Wes Blake gave the Bingo report for Aug. Wes presented the Post with a \$5000.00 check.

Wes Blake gave the dance report. A \$6376 profit was announced.

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New members and transfers were read. A motion was made by Noel Tyler. 2nd by Everette Ellis and carried by voice vote to accept the new members.

There were 2 deceased members for the month of Aug. Adjutant read correspondence.

**New Business:** 

Adjutant Tom Tanner invited all members to Van Horn High School on 7 Sep for a flag presentation to the school so all the classrooms can have flags in them so they can recite the Pledge of Allegiance daily.

For the good of The American Legion: ALR Director Bob Ford gave a report on what the Legion riders have participated in for the month of Aug.

ALR Director Bob Ford invited all members out to Bass Pro Shop on 17 Sep for a membership drive.

50/50 pot was won by David Cary.

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 7:46 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is 6 October 2016, at 7PM.

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



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

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#### **TAPS**

Teddie E Harrison, Bill Liddle, Bernard Vitt

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

#### THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

I want to dedicate the Commander's Corner to the passing of our everlasting legionnaire Bill Liddle. He was Past Commander of American Legion, Post 21; Past District 5 Commander and State of Missouri Department Commander. Commander Liddle served proudly in the United States Army during WWII and Korea attaining the rank of Master Sergeant. Mr. Liddle's devotion of 71 years to the success of the American Legion family will be a standard for all of us to reach for. I believe the greatest tribute to Mr Liddle will be maintaining the high standards and leadership that he represented as a member of the American Legion.

We have every right to dream heroic dreams. Those who say that we are in a time when there are no heroes just don't know where to look.

Ronald Reagan

**Commander Mike Feliciano** 

#### **FLY THE FLAG**



Columbus Day
October 12
Navy Birthday
October 13

#### OCTOBER 2016 DANCE SCHEDULE

1 Dixie Cadillacs

8 Reddymen

15 Ranger

22 Reddymen

29 Ranger

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! October is going to be a busy month, and we need your help to ensure success. Chief's tailgating is always a fun way to support our Auxiliary. Chief's schedule for

October is as follows:

October 16th at Oakland Raiders 3:05 pm October 23rd Home against New Orleans at noon October 30th at Indianapolis Colts at noon

Our second annual Indoor/Outdoor Craft Fair will be held on October 15th. There will be many vendors present, and we will have food available. The Craft Fair held last spring had a lot of traffic, but not many Auxiliary members came. Please support this fund raiser. It is not too early to start your Christmas shopping! Call Linda Clark for information or to volunteer.

Our joint District meeting will be Wednesday October 19th. As a member of the Auxiliary you are automatically a member of the Fifth District. Many times I hear criticism because the meetings are usually held during the day. A meal will be shared and then we will have our District meeting in the Auxiliary room. I do not know the cost or the menu but whatever it may be I promise it will be worth your time and money. Please call the office to make your reservation (21 members only).

Department Fall Conference will be October 21st through October 23rd. Fall Conference is a learning session. This is where your questions and concerns can be addressed. It will be held at the Crown Plaza in Jefferson City. Come join us, you will have a good time!

Barbie Daum is chairing a Halloween party scheduled for October 28th. Barbie will need help in planning the party. She will give us more information at the regular meeting on October 5th. We will have a cake walk, face painting and treats for the children. There will be soup and/or chili to eat so come hungry.

Change of any kind causes apprehension, anxiety, consternation, and maybe grief. Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan to retain members is "Create an Internal Culture of Goodwill". Suppose you are a new member looking forward to serving our veterans and all you hear is complaints and indignation about certain changes at the Unit. Would you want to come back? We are trying to build a better tomorrow for the ALA and in order to do that, we must start with our own behavior. Come talk to me or any other officer. I promise we will listen and do what we can.

God Bless America and our service personnel and their families.

Gayle Metzinger Auxiliary Unit 21 President

#### **Auxiliary New Members, Transfers, Deaths**

Death: Pauline Dingman Cheer: Lela White

#### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**

Greetings Fellow Riders, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL.



By the time you read this, we will have moved into our Fall season. Many of us, especially ome the cooler weather. The summer heat took it's toll

me, welcome the cooler weather. The summer heat took it's toll on me this year. I guess it is signs of getting old(er).

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Our busy schedule has not let up any. We continue to have multiple events every week. From funerals to ceremonies to membership drives and yes, meals at the post and other locations we keep plenty busy. As I sit here writing this today, we have 2 events scheduled and it's raining. We had 2 events yesterday in the heat and 2 events per day are scheduled for the next two days. That's eight events in 4 days! This week we had ceremonies, flag presentation, escorts, funeral, KCVA visit, and a couple of meals supporting the post. As of now we are free to enjoy Chiefs tailgating at the post but it's still early so that could change.

Here are the totals for the Legacy Fund:

National Legacy Fund donations totaled \$1,155,363.00

We gave the second largest donation-up from #3 last year.

The amount of the Missouri donation was \$90,834

Dept. of Minnesota was the largest donation with \$148,367

80 bikes and 125 riders stopped at 1 veterans cemetery, 1 city cemetery, 1 VFW post and 10 American legion posts; rode 81,250 miles on the ride itself over a span of 3 days with 0 accidents and only 1 bike with electrical issues.

I want to thank those of you who stepped up to fill some of the volunteer positions that I am trying to fill. Thank you Leslie Tuttle for coordinating the Tuesday night Bingo 50/50 and to Larry Harrison for filling a Road Captain position.

Our current Road crew consist of Head Road Captain Doug Vetter, Road Captain Larry Harrison, Tailgunners David Cary and Dan Orr. I have room for one more Road Captain so come and talk to me.

Dan Orr suggested that we have a new position of Safety Officer. I think this is a good idea. This position will be in charge of training and enforcing safe riding (in conjunction with the Road Crew). I would expect a short 5 minute Safety presentation at each riders meeting and multiple opportunities to present a group riding seminar to acquaint new riders and remind seasoned riders in the way we as Legion Riders ride.

Positions to be filled:

- 1 Road Captain to work with Doug
- · Commander Mike is setting up a committee with a member from each Department, (Riders, Aux., SAL, etc.) I need someone to volunteer for that position.
- Safety Officer

Thank you all in advance for your help!

Bob Ford - ALR Chapter 21 Director

#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



It's officially Autumn when we all start winding down from a busy summer and start thinking about pumpkins, family dinners, and football. OMG, Christmas is only 3 months away!

As the weather turns colder some of us start thinking about fall fishing, the upcoming hunting season, or just sitting by a warm fire with a nice hot drink. Please consider making an investment into our Party Wagon raffle. The Party Wagon is chock full of your favorite evening drinks and comes with a gift card to Hy-Vee to pick up anything we missed. Tickets are \$1, with 6 for \$5 and an amazing 17 (or is it 18) for \$10 and can be bought from any SAL officer or during the 50/50 raffles, etc. Even the bartenders have tickets. Buy a bunch! 100% of all of the monies made will go towards our charities. Drawing is on Veterans Day, November 11, 2016, in the lounge at the post. More to come on that.

A very needful charity we've decided to support recently is Hero's Home Gate which is a homeless shelter for veterans. It's relatively small and currently only houses 11-12 veterans but it helps us bring needed support to those that really need a step up in these hard times. In September we donated \$450 towards a trailer to help with collecting and moving home furnishings.

We are always looking for other great Veteran Organizations to help out and if anyone knows of any, please let a SAL member know.

We want to welcome our newest members Frank Tuttle and Shawn Amerine to the SAL. We continue to encourage existing Post 21 members to consider dual membership.

Mark your calendar. Oct 21,2016 the SAL will be teaming up with the American Legion family members to cook grilled season chicken, baked potato, corn and salad. We will be purchasing large chicken breasts, corn and potato from the restaurant depot. Also, salad will be hand cut and fresh. All profits will go to the post. Please come and bring your friends and pass the word.

......Daryl Wimmer, SAL Commander



#### FOOD SERVICE MENU FOR OCTOBER

#### Monday 5:00 till 7:00 P. M.

10/3 Snack Bar Menu Available

10/10 Snack Bar Menu Available

10/17 Snack Bar Menu Available

10/24 Snack Bar Menu Available

#### Tuesday 5:00 till 7: P.M.

#### 10/4 TACO TUESDAY

Tacos \$1.50 each

Snack Bar Menu Available

10/11 TACO TUESDAY

Tacos \$1.50 each

Snack Bar Menu Available

#### 10/18 TACO TUESDAY

Tacos \$1.50 each

Snack Bar Menu Available

**10/25** Chili Dogs with Tater Tots \$4.25

#### Wednesday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M.

10/5 Bacon Cheeseburger or Mushroom Swiss Burgerwith Fries, Tater Tots or Onion Rings \$5.75

10/12 Fish, Tenderloin or Chicken Fritter Sandwich

with Fries, Tater Tots or Onion Rings \$5.75

10/19 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies,

Salad, Roll \$8.00

10/26 Burrito, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans,

Chips \$8.00

#### Thursday 5:00 till?

10/27 PIZZA NIGHT - bring your favorite to share

#### Friday 5:00 till 7:00 P.M.

#### 10/7 Steak Night

Rib-eye or KC Strip - \$11.00

Shrimp - \$ 9.50

Salad Bar, Steak Fries, Roll

10/14 Fried Chicken Dinner 3 Piece Chicken,

Green Beans, Mashed Potato/Gravy, Salad, Roll \$11.00

10/21 SAL cooks dinner - Grilled season chicken,

baked potato, corn, fresh hand cut salad. \$11.00

Saturday 7:30 till 9:00 A.M.

10/1 Breakfast - Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Grits,

Potatoes, Biscuits & Gravy, Juice & Coffee \$7.00

10/15 Craft Fair 9:00am - 3:00pm

Snack Bar Menu Available

Free Flu Shots: From now through March 31, 2017, all veterans enrolled in the VA health care system can receive free flu shots at any Walgreens or Duane Reade pharmacy. The joint outreach health initiative is designed to help serve veterans closer to where they reside. Veterans must bring their VA identification cards with them, as well as another photo ID, and complete a short four-question application, which will be used to automatically update their VA Electronic Health Records. No appointments are necessary.



#### **NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO**

#### MUST BE A TWO YEAR MEMBER OF THE POST

SAL-AUXILIARY-LEGION-RIDERS



Jam Session Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

#### FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

The new Legion year has begun and membership renewals are coming in fast and furious. The Post is at 60.60% of the goal as set by National. That gives us approx. 983 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. If you know anyone who has not paid their dues, please get them to come and pay their dues.

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. If you feel you are not receiving email messages, then please provide me with your email address or correct email address.

### If you have moved within the last 6 months, could 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 email, 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 6 Jun 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



RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN '16 -'17

#### NEW MEMBERS

Chad W Allison, Dennis B Bosch, Johannes M Bowers, Dennis R Heimsoth, Larry L Lytch, Gail Rasmussen, Leonard J Stowers

#### **TRANSFERS**

**Douglas D Ott** 



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#### **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 <a href="www.legion.org/renew">www.legion.org/renew</a> ... click "Renew Now" and follow the directions. It's fast and easy!



"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"
We have 91 members with October birthdays.
We hope you enjoy your special day!
1@98, 1@95, 2@94, 1@93, 1@91 and 3@ 90.
The youngest will turn 42 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 us in the Lounge on the following

dates during October. We have a special menu for the tailgate season which we hope you will enjoy. 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, October 16th 3:05 PM game at Oakland vs Oakland Raiders

Sunday, October 23rd Noon game at home vs New Orleans Saints

Sunday, October 30th 3:25 Noon game at Indianapolis vs Indianapolis Colts

Remember, if the KC Chiefs have a NOON game, the Lounge door will open at 11:30 A.M.

Thank you for your support.

## WEB SITE TO OBTAIN DD-214

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

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