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**5th District Legion & Auxiliary
Combined Dinner Meeting
Thursday, October 21st
Social: 5:30am
Dinner: 6:00pm
Meeting: 7:00pm
Dinner - \$12.00
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October 2021

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Brothers of SAL,

Please allow me to introduce myself, I'm a man of no wealth or fame. What I am however is

your new commander! My name is David Breedlove and in accepting this position I hope, with your help, to build our Squadron back to a group of patriots that we and our community can be proud of.

Our next monthly meeting is 7pm, Wed. 6th of October. Some of the items to be brought to discussion is our meeting time and if a different time would be better for you guys. We will be taking nominations for officer positions including, Sergeant at arms, Historian, Chaplain and Adjutant. If any of these positions are claimed that I'm not aware of, please attend and stake your claim!

Many on our roster are not caught up on dues and I want to assure you this meeting is not to address this issue, but to begin to build our strength as a Squadron. Paid up or not, please come, meet me and hear some ideas that I and the existing officers are discussing for our future and the benefit of our Veterans, our children in need and our community.

Please save my number and feel free to call with any questions or issues you may have.

Thank you, God Bless America

With respect,

**SAL Commander
David Breedlove
816-996-1597**

MINUTES OF POST MONTHLY MEETING

Commander Bob Ford called the regular monthly meeting of the Tirey J Ford Post 21 to order at 7:00 PM, September 2, 2021, at the Post Home.

Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual.

2nd Vice Commander Regina Slade placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

There were 7 officers, and 18 members present. A quorum was present.

The post meeting was suspended at 7:05 pm to honor the 13 Service members killed in Afghanistan.

The regular post meeting resumed at 7:15 pm.

Finance Officer Sylvia Tanner gave the finance report for the month of August. A motion was made to accept the finance report as read. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee meeting minutes for August 2021 were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

New members and transfers were read. A motion was made to accept the new members and transfers. There are 4 new members and 0 transfers to the post. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

There were 7 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

Officer Report:

Tom Tanner gave a membership Report. The post is currently at 625 members renewed so far this year.

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Wayne Keller.

Bingo report was given by Steve Williams and a check for \$4000 was presented to the post.

Mike Sweeney gave a report on the progress of the POW/MIA day celebration in September.

Old Business:

New Business: Bill Nash made a motion to keep the lounge open on Saturday nights from 4-9 pm for the next 2 months. 2nd by Mike Sweeney. Motion carried 17 fore and 8 against.

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 *,10 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is October 7, 2021, at 7PM.

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

THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Legion Family and Patrons,

Fall is in the air. Leaves will soon be turning, and temperatures are starting to drop to a more tolerable level. (At least to me). We have kicked this season off with a very busy September.

We held our second joint pot-luck dinner with the Auxiliary prior to our monthly meeting. We plan on continuing this through the rest of this year. This is a chance for you to break bread with your Legion Family prior to conducting the business of your post.

On September 11th (911) we held our Memorial 911 Car Show. We had a Color Guard Ceremony as well as a moment of silence at the times that the planes hit the Twin Towers, The Pentagon, and the Crash in Pennsylvania. Attendance was excellent. Thank you to 3rd Vice Commander Larry Harris for organizing this successful show, and to the many volunteers that helped.

On Sept 16th-17th a POW-MIA Vigil was held 6pm to 6pm. There was an opening ceremony with flag retirements, a vigil fire, and closing ceremony with the Mayor Pro-Tem of Independence speaking. This event was organized by Past Commander Mike Sweeney and Rich Carroll with many volunteers.

September 18th-19th we had our Semi-annual Gun and Knife Show. This has proved to be one of our largest revenue makers for our post. This show was no exception. We sold all of our vendor tables and had a waiting list in case of cancellations. Thank you to the many volunteers who made this a success.

Chiefs Tailgating has kicked off and is in full swing. Check the post calendar for times and dates for this as well has the latest information on all functions at the post. You can find this at. www.molapost21.org on the Calendar page. It will have the most up to date info on it.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Commander

Bob Ford
Commanderpost21@gmail.com

An American soldier, serving in World War II, had just returned from several weeks of intense action on the German front lines. He had finally been granted R&R and was on a train bound for London. The train was very crowded, so the soldier walked the length of the train, looking for an empty seat. The only unoccupied seat was directly adjacent to a well-dressed middle-aged lady and was being used by her little dog.

The war weary soldier asked, "Please, ma'am, may I sit in that seat?"

The English woman looked down her nose at the soldier, sniffed and said, "You Americans. You are such a rude class of people. Can't you see my little Fifi is using that seat?"

The soldier walked away, determined to find a place to rest, but after another trip down to the end of the train, found himself again facing the woman with the dog. Again he asked, "Please, lady. May I sit there? I'm very tired."

The English woman wrinkled her nose and snorted, "You Americans! Not only are you rude, you are also arrogant. Imagine!"

The soldier didn't say anything else; he leaned over, picked up the little dog, tossed it out the window of the train and sat down in the empty seat.

The woman shrieked and railed, and demanded that someone defend her and chastise the soldier. An English gentleman sitting across the aisle spoke up, "You know, sir, you Americans do seem to have a penchant for doing the wrong thing.

You eat holding the fork in the wrong hand. You drive your cars on the wrong side of the road. And now, sir, you've thrown the wrong bitch out the window."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



AUXILIARY NEWS

The new Auxiliary year is off to a fast start with a fundraising project completed and the planning of the Halloween Party underway. The Halloween Party will be Friday, October 29th. The Halloween traditional dinner will be Chili, Chili Dogs and/or Chicken Noodle soup. Activities are being planned but they will include a Costume Contest and the annual Cake Walk. We hope to have a great time with everyone. We will need some volunteers to help with games and to bring Cakes for the Cake Walk.

The Bingo Committee could use some volunteers to walk the floor at Bingo to sell extra papers and verify winners. Bingo is important to support the many charities and projects we support. The necessity of being closed during COVID has taken a toll on our resources and even though we have cut our budget we are not able to fully donate to all the worthy charities we have in the past.

Your 2022 dues are now due so lets get them paid early this year and try to reach our membership goals.

I would like to thank Lana Butler for the excellent job she did while being our President for the last 2 years. She also works hard at being Bingo Chairman, it is an extremely important job, and she excels in it. I would also like to thank the officers and Committee chairs for the past 2 years for hanging in there during the COVID year. To my current officers and Chairmen thank you for accepting your positions, lets have a fun, productive year. I still have committees available so if you are interested in being involved lets talk. I am excited to be your Unit President again and I hope to see you all at the meetings or just participating at one of the Post activities.

Marsha

Auxiliary New Members. Transfers. Deaths

New: Barbara J Hooke, Julie G Travers

Death: Evelyn Woods

Transfer:

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Well fall is upon us, and we appreciate the cooler temperatures, but we are still as busy as ever. In fact, there is hardly an event at Post 21 that isn't being supported or led by members of ALR Chapter 21 so let me take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers who help us keep the doors open and provide quality food, service, and support to our Post Legion Family.

Since I last wrote you all Tom Tanner our Post Adjutant has agreed to serve as our Chapter 21 Ride Captain. In this role, Tom will be the primary conduit for ride information, and he will take an active role in leading some of our rides as a chapter. Tom has also been reelected and appointed as our District 5 ALR Director so please help me congratulate and thank Tom for his continued leadership and commitment to our Chapter and the ALR Chapters within the 5th District.

We have seen the addition of a few new members this past couple of months and that is great for our Post and our Chapter. Let's continue to recruit new members and let's also reach out to our current and past members that we have not seen in a while. Everyone is welcome at Chapter 21 and we would love to see some of our old friends back in the saddle with us at Post 21.






As the National Chairman of the American Legion Riders, I have the privilege of representing Post 21 on the national stage and one of my responsibilities is to lead the annual National Legacy Run. My wife Linda and I were proud to represent Post 21, Squadron 21 and Unit 21 on the national run and I could not have been successful in leading the national run without Linda's help and support. Through some extreme heat she was a trooper and helped to keep me focused on the task at hand each day. With her help and the help of American Legion Family members all across the nation, we were able to raise more than \$1.15 million for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. This included donations from Post 21, ALR Chapter 21, and Unit 21 of our Auxiliary.

To say I am proud of the volunteerism and philanthropy of our ALR Chapter would be an understatement. Together we have built something incredibly special, and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for us. Thank you all for what you do, and I will see you on the road or around the Post!

v/r Mark

Mark "Top" Clark

Director, ALR Chapter 21

OCTOBER 2021		<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Food Carryouts Available 5pm - 7pm						American Legion Post 21 816-373-0221	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coin Show 9am - 2pm Open @ 11:30 am Chiefs @ Noon	OPEN @ 2PM Bingo	OPEN @ 2PM Taco Tuesday Bingo 		OPEN @ 4PM Post & ALA Mtg 7PM Joint Potluck Dinner 5:30 PM	OPEN @ 2PM Boiled Shrimp, Fried Shrimp, Chicken Breast Music by Mike 7pm - 9pm	OPEN @ 5PM Karaoke by Dee 7:30pm - 11:30pm Dance - 7pm	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Open @ 5pm Chiefs @ 7:20pm	OPEN @ 2PM Bingo	OPEN @ 2PM Taco Tuesday Bingo 		ALR Meeting 6:30 PM	OPEN @ 2PM Tenderloin, Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Roll Karaoke by Dee 7pm - 11pm	OPEN @ 5PM 9am - 3pm Dance - 7pm	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Open @ 11:30pm Chiefs @ Noon	OPEN @ 2PM Bingo	OPEN @ 2PM Taco Tuesday Bingo 	OPEN @ 2PM Burger Night 	5 th District Post & ALA Dinner Meeting 5:30 - Social 6:00 - Dinner	OPEN @ 2PM Fried Catfish Grilled Chicken	ALR Craft Fair 8-3pm Club 21 Open @ 5PM Karaoke by Dee 7:30pm - 11:30pm Dance - 7pm	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Open @ 11:30 am Chiefs @ Noon CLOSED	OPEN @ 2PM Bingo	OPEN @ 2PM Taco Tuesday Bingo 			OPEN @ 2PM ALA Sponsored Halloween Event	OPEN @ 5PM Vet's Food Pantry 8:30am - 10:30am Dance - 7pm	

TAPS



WILLIAM R ATKINS, EDWARD H BENN,
ROBERT L HUNSPEGER, GEORGE W JETER,
DOUGLAS D ROBINS, KOYE D SHAW,
RICHARD D SORENSEN, GUY D ST LOUIS

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

OCTOBER 2021 BIRTHDAYS

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"

We have 83 members with October birthdays.

We hope you enjoy your special day!

2@99, 3@95, 1@90

The youngest will turn 43 this month.

NEW MEMBERS

Orace Martin, Richard Smith, Brian Travers,
Jerry Woodard

TRANSFERS

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

The new Legion year is upon us, here are a few things you need to be aware of. If you pay your membership dues online you will need to resign up for My Legion due to the major change to the website. If you have selected auto renewal you will need to go to My Legion and verify that function is still working. If you need help with My Legion contact me at the Post and I will assist you in getting signed up.

As of September 11, 2021, we have 671 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.

Do you have neighbors near you flying an American flag? Would you like to receive a membership recruiting pin from the National Commander? Stop by the Post and pick up a packet of door hangers, hang one on the door of someone flying a flag. Make sure that you put your name in the recruiter spot on the membership application on the door hanger. It's that simple. If you get 3 members to sign up you will receive a pin.

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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**2022
DUES
ARE
DUE**

FLY THE FLAG



Columbus Day, second Monday in October;
Navy Day, October 27



At this time we are not requiring masks to be worn.
It is highly recommended though.

*****OCTOBER 2021 DANCE SCHEDULE *****

- 2 Reddymen
- 9 Reddymen
- 16 Sweetwater
- 23 Reddymen
- 30 Selle Bros

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



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 8:30- 10:30



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

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<p>McGilley & Sheil Chapel 47th & Blue Ridge Blvd. KCMO 816 353 6555</p> <p>WE HONOR VETERANS</p>  <p>Rich Carroll, Location Manager BMC Ret. USCG Res.</p> <p>Legion Member</p>	<p>WHERE THE HEART IS</p>  <p>Legion Member Dan O'Neill - Realtor 816-786-0317 REECE NICHOLS - EAST 5000 NE Lakewood Way Lees Summit, Mo 816-373-9292</p> <p>Legion Member</p>	<p>Legion Member</p>  <p>JONES AUTO SERVICE 9227 Truman Road Independence, MO 64052-1720 <i>Serving Our Customers Since 1953</i></p> <p>PHONE: 816-833-1580</p>