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**SEPTEMBER 2021**



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**Saturday 8am-5pm Sunday 9am-3pm**

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack Bar open both days.

**9/11 20<sup>TH</sup> COMMEMORATIVE  
TIREY J. FORD POST 21 CAR SHOW**

**SEPT 11 | SATURDAY | 10AM-4PM**

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**America Legion Tirey J. Ford Post 21**  
16701 E Hwy 40, Independence, MO 64055



September 2021

A teacher asks little Johnny a Question. “If I give you two cats, and another two cats, and another two cats, how many cats would you have?” Little Johnny: Seven!

Teacher, “No. Listen carefully. If I give you two cats, and another two cats, and another two cats, how many cats would you have?” Little Johnny: Seven!

Teacher, “Let me put it to you differently. If I give you two apples, and another two apples, and another two apples, how many apples would you have?” Little Johnny: Six!

Teacher, “Good. If I give you two cats, and another two cats, and another two cats, how many cats would you have?” Little Johnny: Seven!

Teacher, “Johnny, Where in the heck do you get seven from?”

Little Johnny, “Because I already have a cat at home!”.

## 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, August 5, 2021, at the Post Home.

Commander Ford conducted the opening ritual.

1st Vice Commander Mark Clark placed the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair.

Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

There were 10 officers, and 18 members present. A quorum was present.

The post meeting was suspended at 7:05 pm for Post Everlasting Ceremony. 75 members of the post were honored.

The regular post meeting resumed at 7:17 pm.

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

The Executive Committee meeting minutes for June and July 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 9 new members and 6 transfers to the post. The motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

There were 2 deceased members since the last Post meeting.

The Adjutant read correspondence.

Officer Report:

Tom Tanner gave a membership Report. The post is currently at 462 members renewed so far this year.

Committee Reports:

Dance report was given by Brian Williams.

Mark Clark gave the Riders report.

Kerry Boardman gave the Bingo report.

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

Old Business:

New Business:

For the good of the American Legion:

The 1st 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 7:45 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting is September 2, 2021, at 7PM.



### FLY THE FLAG



**Labor Day, first Monday in September;**  
**Constitution Day, September 17**

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

## **THE COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Greeting's Members and Patrons of Post 21,

It is September and we have a full calendar of events coming this month. For the most up to date information on what's happening go to our web site at [www.moalpost21.org](http://www.moalpost21.org) and go to the calendar. It will reflect any changes that have been made since the printed calendar is published.

I want to thank the many members and non-member volunteers that continue to help us keep things moving at your post. Thanks to them we have been able to keep our payroll costs at a minimum. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

We are still doing little "tweeks" at the post to make it comfortable and clean for all of you. If you like what you see, make sure you say something. If you see someone working and volunteering their time, please just tell them you appreciate what they are doing. As always if you would like to get involved just let me or Dorothy know. We can find a place for you.

As you know the COVID-19 virus is still with us. I have stayed in constant contact with the City of Independence Health Department to make sure I have the latest information. As of this writing we do not have a mask mandate in Independence. I really don't know what the answer is on what we need to do to mitigate this virus but due to a situation in my family I have spent a great deal of time at a local hospital. I have seen firsthand how overworked the ICU and other front-line workers are. I have seen the lack of availability of beds for those in need. We all make our own decisions on how best to handle this, I just ask that you base your decisions to not only protect yourself but those around you.

**Bob Ford**

**Commanderpost21@gmail.com**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMMANDER**

**STILL A YOUNG MAN!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

## **Army Twills**

Airless Tires under Test

Forget what kind of rims are on your ride, the Army is testing a new kind of airless tire they've dubbed "Tweels." The tires have tread on the outside like a standard off-road tire, but no air inside. Instead, they are hollow with rubber-like "spokes" connecting the hub to the tread. The spokes "flex," helping the tread grip the terrain below. That's important because soldiers are kicking the tires on this new option to find better ways to maneuver, especially in jungle areas. Though the major wars of the past generation have been mostly in sandy, desert areas, historically, that's not always the case. The majority of conflicts have taken place in tropical areas in recent decades, according to an Army newsrelease on the new Tweels design.

The Army is trying to answer a simple question that hasn't totally been solved, despite more than a century of jungle fighting: "Will muddy, biomass-laden jungle terrain destroy the integrity of wheels and tires on a combat vehicle?" Evaluators at the Tropic Regions Test Center, headquartered out of Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona, but with experiments in tropic areas, replaced tires on the all-terrain Polaris MRZR with the Tweels and gave them a muddy spin. The Michelin-made Tweels can conform to multiple different terrain types, and last three times longer than standard tires, according to the release. A hopeful side benefit is reducing weight on vehicles and cutting tire repair items from the load list like spare tires, jacks or puncture-fixing gear, Carlos Mora, an official at the Tropic Regions Test Center, said in the release.

And the Tweels are designed to ride farther after damage than run-flat pneumatic tires. Testers damaged the Tweels with a drill to simulate a bullet strike, according to the release. The ride's not super smooth, but early results look workable. "It is not as comfortable, but it is sturdier and heavier with a rolling cage," Mora said. "It is more mission-oriented." Testers drove the Tweel-sporting vehicles in Suriname, a tropic zone country on the northeast coast of South America. "All of these old mining roads and logging roads were the perfect scenario for the vehicle," said Mora. But drivers didn't just carve donuts into jungle mud. "We added a portion of savanna, which is a sandy terrain with small brushes," said Mora. "It turned out to be very demanding." [Source: ArmyTimes | Todd South | August 3, 2021 ++]



**POW/MIA observance**

**September 16 and 17, 2021 at American Legion Post 21**

**16701 E. 40 Highway**

**Independence, MO 64055**

**An all-night vigil will take place by the open field. The names of all Missouri POW/MIA's will be read. Ceremony will begin at 6 pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> and end at 6 pm on the 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Mike Sweeney @ 816-309-8626**

**There will be three speakers, including, the Independence Mayor Pro Tem.**

**Auxiliary New Members. Transfers. Deaths**

**New: Marlene Oslek, Janet G White**

**Death: Purisima Bristow**

**Transfer:**

# SEPTEMBER 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				<p>OPEN @ 4PM Post &amp; ALA Mtg 7PM</p> <p>Joint Potluck Dinner 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Club 21 Closed</p> <p>Dance - 7pm</p>	<p>Club 21 Closed</p> <p>Dance - 7pm</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<p>Club 21 Closed</p> <p><b>NO BINGO</b></p>	<p>OPEN @ 2PM</p> <p>Taco Night Bingo</p> 		<p>ALR Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>OPEN @ 2PM Tenderloin, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn - \$10</p> <p>Music by Mike 7pm - 9pm</p>	<p>Post 21 Car Show (see info in newsletter)</p> <p>Dance - 7pm</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>Coin Show 9am - 2pm</p> <p>Open @ Noon Chiefs @ 3:25pm</p>	<p>OPEN @ 2PM</p> <p>Bingo</p>	<p>OPEN @ 2PM</p> <p>Taco Night Bingo</p> 	<p>OPEN @ 2PM</p> <p>Burger Night</p> 	<p>POW/MIA VIGIL Begins @ 6pm - 9.16 Ends @ 6pm - 9.17</p>	<p>OPEN @ 2PM</p> <p>Fried Catfish Grilled Chicken</p> <p>Karaoke by Dee 7pm - 11pm</p>	<p>Gun Show 8am - 5pm</p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>Gun Show 9am - 3pm</p> <p>Open @ 5:00pm Chiefs @ 7:20pm</p>	<p>OPEN @ 2PM</p> <p>Bingo</p>	<p>OPEN @ 2PM</p> <p>Taco Night Bingo</p> 			<p>OPEN @ 2PM</p> <p>Lasagna - Bread Sticks \$10</p>	<p>Vet's Food Pantry 8:30am - 10:30am Swap 'n' Shop 7am - 3pm Dance - 7pm</p>
26	27	28	29	30		
<p>Open @ 11:30 am Chiefs @ Noon</p>	<p>OPEN @ 2PM</p> <p>Bingo</p>	<p>OPEN @ 2PM</p> <p>Taco Night Bingo</p> 			<p>Food Carryout's Available 5pm - 7pm</p>	


NOTE: CLUB 21 OPENS @ 2 PM

FOOD SERVICE 5PM - 8PM (CARRY OUT AVAILABLE)

BINGO @ 6:30 PM

## FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

**TAPS**



**R M HENDERSON  
DONALD G SHOEMAKER**

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

**SEPTEMBER 2021 BIRTHDAYS**

"Happy Birthday and Best Wishes"  
We have 75 members with September birthdays.  
We hope you enjoy your special day!  
1@100, 1@99, 1@98, 3@97, 1@96, 1@95, 1@94,  
3@93, 2@92, 3@91, 2@90  
The youngest will turn 47 this month.

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Steve Correll, Robert Davis, Steven Davis, Mark Gassen,  
Patrick Gassen, Mary McCourt, Dennis Persall,  
Ernest Trayford, Michael White**

**TRANSFERS**

John Bruce, Ed Canning, Gayland Miller, Janet Myers,  
Stephen Myers, Kevin Bodrie-Tush

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 August 11, 2021, we have 545 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.

This year we are rolling out a new early bird program. If you renew your membership between now and September 11, 2021, you will be receiving a voucher good for \$10.00 toward a meal. This voucher can be used at any time but will expire December 31, 2021. The voucher is good for food only.

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.

-Tom Tanner, Post 21 Adjutant  
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**2022  
DUES  
ARE  
DUE**

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. 'Careful,' he said, 'CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the! salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!' The wife stared at him. 'What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?' The husband calmly replied, 'I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving.'



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

**\*\*\*SEPTEMBER 2021 DANCE SCHEDULE \*\*\***

- 4 STEEL COUNTRY
- 11 REDDYMEN
- 18 **NO DANCE**
- 25 REDDYMEN

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/](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><b>Sylvia Tanner</b> cell # 816 305-0283 <a href="mailto:stonedsyllly@juno.com">stonedsyllly@juno.com</a></p> <p>Legion Member</p>	 <p><b>Fair Winds and following Seas</b> Courtesy of a Navy Vet</p>	<p><b>ADVANTAGE PLUS OVERHEAD DOOR</b> With 40 Plus Years Experience "THE ADVANTAGE IS YOURS!" <b>18161 836-0893</b></p> <p>Bruce Watkins      Repair or Replacement of Doors &amp; Openers</p>
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<p>Your Ad Here \$65.00</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$65.00</p>	<p>Your Ad Here \$65.00</p>
<p><b>McGilley &amp; Sheil Chapel</b> 47th &amp; Blue Ridge Blvd. KCMO 816 353 6555</p> <p><b>WE HONOR VETERANS</b></p>  <p>Rich Carroll, Location Manager BMC Ret. USCG Res.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Legion Member</p>	