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On Veterans' Way



VFW Post # 7397

As we begin the new VFW year, I would like to thank all the 2016-17 VFW and Auxiliary Officers for their hard work and dedication. I would also like to congratulate the incoming 2017-18 Officers, and wish them the best of luck, we have some big shoes to fill. For 2016-17 we were awarded an All-State Post (and hopefully also All-American). These prestigious awards are earned by the hard work and dedication of our entire VFW & Auxiliary Family. Just as my predecessors have done, I'm setting the goal for our Post to be All-American for 2017-18 as well. As Past Commander Reynolds used to say, "Even if we don't make it, we'll do great things along the way for our Veterans and their Families". As our motto says - NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS. And you, all the VFW & Auxiliary Members continue to prove that. We live that motto every day, and that's why we continue to receive accolades. It's going to be an exciting and fun filled year. Keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to get involved both out in the Community and at the Post. If you do participate in any activities that might even possibly be considered community service, remember to turn it in to our Jr. Vice Kent Brown, so he can submit it. And when you do turn in those reports, please do it as soon as you can after the activity so that it doesn't get missed. Our Community Service is directly related to the grants we receive from the State of Kansas to fund our Service Officers at the VA Hospitals throughout Kansas. We are now the 4th largest Post in the state of Kansas, I challenge each and every one of you to overwhelm Kent with community service reports.

In June, our Department Convention is the 9th - 11th in Manhattan, KS, if you haven't registered yet and would like to attend, talk to one of the Post Officers for details. Our Steak Night is June 9th, some of our regular cooking and clean up team will be in Manhattan, so we'll need some extra hands to step up and help out. We can always use help with early prep, bringing a dessert, cooking, stocking up the food line, and definitely some help on clean up at the end. The same small team of Auxiliary Members always seem to get stuck with clean-up, let's see if we can get some motivated individuals to take a turn and give them a break. On Saturday June 10th, we will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast benefiting the Heartland Honor Flight from 0700 (7am) - 1100 (11am) - open to the public in the big hall.

July 22nd-26th we will have our National Convention in New Orleans, LA. If you'd like attend, all the details are on the National Website. This year, like most, the VFW Riders will be riding to the convention as part of the Vander Clute Memorial Ride to raise money for the VFW National Military Services. We have a group from our Post riding down, if you'd like to ride with us, please get a hold of me. And we can't forget one of the best events of the year - 4th of July. This year, once again, we have the honor of being the Color Guard for the Lenexa Parade, and we'll have the truck/trailer for those that want to ride along, and the VFW & Legion Riders will be making plenty of noise so that the whole city will know we're coming. When the parade is complete, we will be treated to some of the best BBQ that KC has to offer as American Legion 407 has their annual BBQ Feast fundraiser. Bring your friends, family, neighbors, and heck, grab that stranger from the grocery store, the more the merrier.

The Building Fund has received some generous donations. If you have donated - thank you very much. If you are still considering a donation, please give what you can. Farrah and Randy have already done some planting in the boxes near the Clubroom door, so tell them thanks the next time you see them. A BIG thanks to Alaire, she has volunteered her time and we now have some design guidance for the finishes. Look for improvements to begin inside this summer. Once they begin, we'll be sure to get a volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so everyone has the opportunity to help out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Stergos - VFW Post 7397

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On June 22nd at 6:30, the post will be hosting a town hall meeting, featuring guest speaker Bryce Lockwood, he was one of the survivors of the June 8, 1967 attack on the USS Liberty.

Vince Milum

VFW Auxiliary Post # 7397

It has been my honor to serve as your VFW Auxiliary President for the last 3 years. Thank you auxiliary brothers & sisters for all your help & support. I couldn't have asked for a better auxiliary. We have achieved many goals for our Veterans & community. Thank you to VFW Commander Mike Peterson for all of his support. Our Buddy Poppy drive was held May 20th, Armed Forces Day at Hy-Vee. Thank you to everybody that came out & volunteered. Our next Poppy drive will be Nov.11 at Hy-Vee.

Cheryl Garrett, Auxiliary President
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I am honored to accept the position of VFW Auxiliary President for 2017-2018 term. Our new officers are Sr. vice Lou Hopkins, Jr. vice Kendra Bolejack, and Secretary-Treasurer Liz Moyer. A very big thank you goes out to President Cheryl Garrett for all of her hard work and dedication to our Veterans for the last 3 years! VFW Department Convention will be in Manhattan, Ks. June 9th-11th, 2017. VFW National Convention is in New Orleans, Louisiana July 22nd-26th. Be on the lookout for communication pertaining to 4th of July activities, our VFW Auxiliary will again have a float in the Lenexa Community Days 4th of July parade.

Once again thank you for the confidence you showed by electing me to be your President.

Respectfully,
Kim Keane
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SAL

Greetings from the SAL.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Cinco de Mayo dinner again this year. Your support helped us to make a \$500 donation to the building fund.

Our next big event will be the joint Legion groups July 4th BBQ. Please join us for good food and good times.

2017 membership wraps up in June and we still need 8 renewals or new members to get to our goal of 100%. Reach out to anyone you think might be interested. Our 2018 officers mainly remain the same this year. We look forward to serving veterans and our community.

Jeff Carson
Commander Squadron 407
Commander, District II

American Legion Riders Post # 407

With summer coming on and the weather being acceptable, the 407 Riders will be headed out on some good rides. On **Saturday, June 17** we will have our Dam Fun Run where the ride will at least pass over one local dam location; our route has yet to be determined and our ride captains are working hard to make it fun and picturesque. Our next ride is scheduled for, **Saturday, July 15th**. It's the Dairy Queen (DQ) Dice Run where our route passes the local DQ's locations; its great fun, plus some good eats & ice cream along the way. Again, our ride captains are working on the exact route. The exact routes for the rides above will be sent out via email once they have been finalized. Our usual monthly activities are as stated in the calendar below. Our Dine Out locations for June (**Jess N Jim's Steak House in Martin City**) & July (**Fortune Palace Chinese Restaurant at 87th Street & Quivira**); we invite everyone to join us for FUN-FOOD-FELLOWSHIP! Flyers will be posted at the VFW Post at the entrance door & bulletin board. See everyone out there during the next couple of months; have Safe Travels & enjoy Your Journey

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American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

We would like to start by thanking volunteers who help place flags on Memorial weekend. Some days to be aware of in June. **Flag Day** is June 14, **Father's Day** June 18.

We will have our annual **Bar-B-Que Tuesday, July 4, 2017** starting after the Lenexa Parade. **Time 11 AM to 2PM**. Our meal includes Ribs, Chicken, Hot Dogs, Polish Sausage, potato salad, baked beans and coleslaw. We will also have a bake sale.

We are looking for Volunteers to help set up on Monday, serve on Tuesday and clean up after. Also if anyone can help obtain donations and baked goods for the sale please let us know. If you can't volunteer than please come hungry and bring friends.

Pat Willcox, President
American Legion Auxiliary

American Legion # 407

Greetings Legionnaires

Summer is almost here and plans are beginning for a few events. Memorial Day will start things off with several observances at the post and various cemeteries. Check the calendar for details. Plans will also be starting for the annual 4th of July festivities. It's a good opportunity to volunteer to help make it a success. Watch for other happenings at the canteen. Hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable summer.

Don Lebens. Commander Post 407.

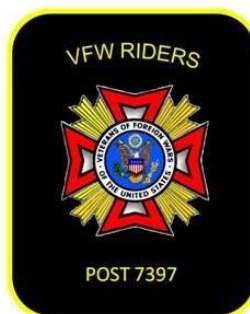


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From the Canteen

Summer months are now upon us. Every Sunday in June come create Patriotic and 4th of July decorations from 3 to 5 pm. Items to bring, Glue gun, paint brushes, and red, white, or blue ribbons, cloth, lace, stickers. Silver, gold, red, white and blue pipe cleaners. Empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls.



June 10th, Thrivent Financial is hosting a pancake breakfast sponsored by Chris Cakes.

This is a fund raiser to help with the Honor Flights in Kansas City. They will have silent auction items and great fun with the Betty's. So be here June 10th 7:30 to 11:00 am



GOT JUNK? Get rid of all of your junk and help the post, 1-800-Got Junk will be returning this July 8th and 9th for the second annual Garage Sale, with proceeds benefiting the post. So bring in your donations and clear out your clutter. More details to come about the drop off date and Sale.



Silver streak band returns to rock the clubroom Friday July 28th. More Live Music surprises to come on Sunday Afternoons in June. Check the post for Times and Dates.



Summer time brings games and fun. Check out Sjoelen and Giant Chicago the games in the clubroom on Game night Friday June 30th, the clubroom will also host a hot dog and watermelon eating contest that night, so sign up at the post. **July 4th the American Legion groups will co-host the BBQ.**



I hope all of you can make it this year to support our post and all of the wonderful people and organizations that call this post home. Steak dinner Friday June 9th be there. Thank you everyone who have been helping to support the post on a daily basis through all of the construction from Water One and the City's Road improvements. It is so very helpful.

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