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August – September 2018

VFW POST 7397

Greetings, Comrades, Sisters and Brothers

It has been a busy summer around 7397. Congratulations to all the new Post, District & Department Officers. And congratulations to the new VFW Commander in Chief BJ Lawrence, and the new National President Sandi Kriebel, with their leadership we're looking to an exciting and productive 2018-19 year.

2018 saw the National Convention descend on Kansas City. 7397 played an integral role in hosting all our guests from all over the country. We hosted one of the stops for the Annual Vander Clute Memorial Ride which helped to raise \$32,748 for the Veterans & Military Services Department. And we hosted the reunion banquets for 2 classes of Past Department Commanders & Presidents. Everyone that visited our humble home was thoroughly impressed by our Members and our Post. Thank you to all of our Family for showing the rest of the VFW & Auxiliary just how great we are.

As we start into the new membership year, I challenge everyone to talk to at least 1 potential recruit. Last membership year Rick McKenna and Big Mike rocked the recruiting, can anyone beat them this year?

I would like to give a HUGE thank you to Cheyne Worley, Richard Gimbert, Chris Hinds, Eagle Scout Candidate Ryan Gimbert, his entire Boy Scout Troop and too many others to name a few for the amazing efforts on the Brick Memorial Garden. They have built an amazing tribute to our Veterans for all to enjoy. If you haven't gotten your brick yet, make sure to get an order form. You can download a copy from our website, print the one in this publication or grab one from the wall in the clubroom.

The plumbing has been repaired and many people assisted with the project. Thank you to all who helped. We've received many generous donations to help defray the costs, but if anyone still wants to contribute please do so.

Steak Night is coming up on August 10th and September 14th, as always we need volunteers to help bring desserts and with clean up.

The Department Mid-Summer School of Instruction will be Arkansas City, KS the weekend of August 10th-11th, if you are interested in attending please contact one of the Post Officers.

The District Mid-Summer Meeting & School of Instruction will be September 8th in Overland Park, Post 846 - 10am -12pm

Thank you for all that you do

Yours in Comradeship
Chris Stergos
VFW Post 7397 – Commander
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Want to say a HUGE thank you to the Johnson County, KS and Jackson County, MO Sherriffs for providing escort today for the final leg on the VFW National Vander Clute Memorial Ride. These Deputies went above and beyond to help us with this section. They basically closed I-35 from Lenexa down to Liberty Memorial so that we could travel safely as 1 large group.

VFW Riders raised \$32,748 for the VFW!!!



So proud to be part of this group. VFW Riders from all over the country. Way too many people to tag. 2018 Vander Clute Ride Kansas City raising money for the VFW. #vfwpostpride



This is for the VFW and Auxiliary

We have a request, if you winter in another state, would you please email us your vacation address, the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary at National will put you as undeliverable because the mail they send out is 3rd class and the Post Office will not forward. It is greatly appreciated, since we like to keep our records up to date. Also, if you move or change your email address or phone number, please let us know, it sure saves on a lot of verifying.

Thanks

Bob Moyer

Quartermaster

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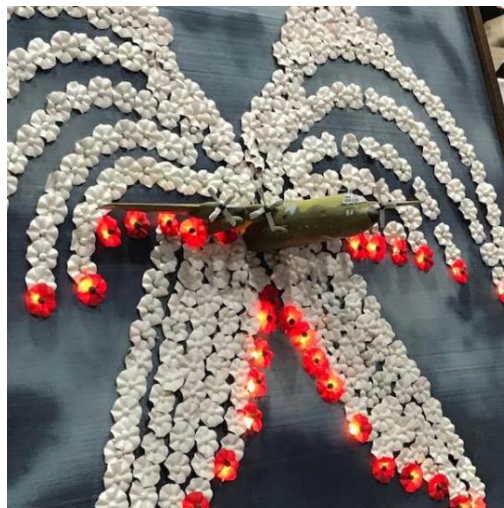
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WINNING POPPY DISPLAYS





VFW AUXILIARY 7397

Auxiliary Members,

Thank you to all for coming out for the 4th of July Parade. Thank you to everyone who supported the American Legion Auxiliary for their BBQ lunch. It was a wonderful meal and a great success!

Department Mid-Summer Council of Administration and School of Instruction is in Arkansas City, KS, August 10th – 12th. You can find all the information in the July Sunflower Express. District 2 School of Instruction will be in Overland Park, Post 846, from 10-12.

If you know anyone who would like to be part of the VFW Auxiliary, let either myself or Liz know and we will get an application and packet to you. The new Dues year has started, notices will be going out soon. Last year was the first time in over 20 years that we were not 100%, no awards were given for membership. Dues are \$20, or we encourage you to purchase a life membership, the cost for that will be in your remittance letter, each individual's price is different, depends on your age.

If you change your address, email or phone number, please let Liz know, it is important to keep our roster up to date. You can email Liz at lizmoyer65@mycci.net or give her a call 913-631-9377.

Just an early reminder, our next Buddy Poppy drive is November 11th at the Hy-Vee in Lenexa, corner of Pflumm and 87th from 10 to 2pm.

Respectfully
Kimberly Keane
VFW Auxiliary President
913-709-3639 keane.kim@gmail.com

[Sandi Kriebel](#)

National President





AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407

Greetings Legionnaires

Hope everyone had an enjoyable 4th of July. There are not a lot of events planned for the Legion in the next month. We are still looking for thoughts or suggestions for fund raising projects. Any input would be appreciated. Membership renewals for next year have been sent. Please be sure to renew.

Our July Meeting was cancelled due to the floors being stripped and waxed at the post. Looks great.

Hope to see you at our August 20th meeting. 7:00 PM start time. We have a few items to discuss, one of whether or not to continue our fish and chicken dinners. We are having difficulties getting members to volunteer to help. Mainly with the clean-up. Let me know if you're interested.

Enjoy the remainder of summer. See you at the post.

Don Lebens. Commander Post 407



The American Legion Department of Kansas Vice Commander



American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the annual 4th of July BBQ including Cooks, servers, bakers, donations that were received and everyone who helped set up and clean up afterwards. Also would like to thank everyone who attended, we had a great Turn out.

Upcoming Events August

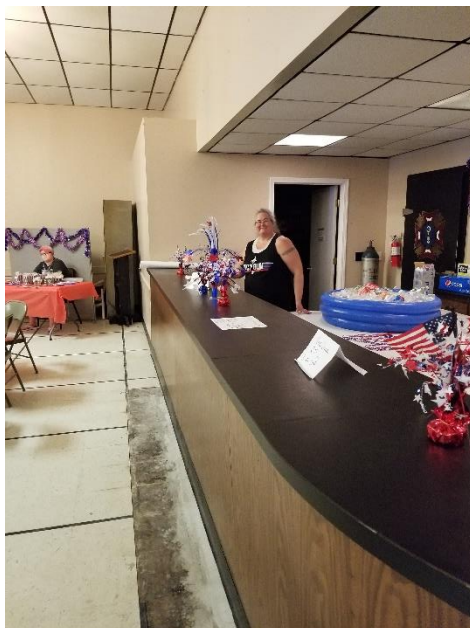
August 18th Department Homecoming for American Legion Commander Dan Wiley, Auxiliary President Karen Hastings and SAL Commander Terry Harris at the McPherson Post #24, located at 401 North Main St, McPherson, Ks

August 24th to the 30th National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota

September 15th Department of Kansas Fall Conference - McPherson, Kansas more Information to follow.

Also would like to remind everyone that we have received **2018 Membership** Renewal cards are here, and dues are **\$24.00**

Pat Willcox, President
American Legion Auxiliary





SAL

Greetings from the Sons of the American Legion.

Greetings from the SAL. Thanks to everyone in the legion family who helped make our annual 4th of July BBQ a success. 2019 membership has started, you will be getting your renewal notices shortly, let's get off to a good start.

A fresh batch of burritos will be coming soon.

See you in the canteen

Jeff Carson
Squadron Commander





AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

To get more attention about our breakfasts, we are going to revamp the signage. Watch for developments.

We have been brainstorming on how to bring in new riders and develop additional fund raisers.

- 1.) Develop a card to hand out at events such as 4th of July, etc.
- 2.) Develop a packet of information to hand out to new members: Who we are; what we do; fund raisers; patches; vest & amp; requirements.

Don Harden has said that the State American Legion Riders are working on a design that is synonymous across the state. When we receive more information we will get that out.

Just an early reminder, Working Dogs - There is a need for people to assist in packing donations on October 6th, from 9 to 12. Our closest location is at 370. If you are interested in helping, get a hold of Disaster D or Ratchethead

August 23-25, 2018	Bass-Pro Run (Springfield, Mo)
	<i>*More info coming</i>
September 22, 2018	Ted's run
October 20, 2018	Flint Hills Run

For more information, check out the Legion website, www.legion.org and our Facebook page, American Legion Post 407, Lenexa, KS and American Legion riders Post 407 Kansas Chapter

Erick Jensen,
Director
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For more information the ALR 407 or Legion website.

August 28 th , 2018	Fortune Palace, 12102 West 87 th Street, Lenexa, KS (20%)
September 25 th , 2018	Blue Moose (25%)
October 23 rd , 2018	Stroud's (25%)
November 27 th , 2018	Barley's Brew House (25%)

I would remind you this is a large part of our income for the yearly budget, and I encourage you to mark your calendar and bring friends and family. Please note after the location I have put the percentage we will receive from our bill, minus alcohol and taxes. Let's make this a record year for attendance.

Dee Smith, Treasurer
"Disaster D"
American Legion Riders #407
[913 522-2740](tel:9135222740)



American Legion Riders Flag Line for Jaedyn Clelland Wretling Active Duty U
S Army 🇺🇸 Killed in an automobile accident July 4, 2018 RIP 🇺🇸



House Committee

Cigar Club Meeting 20:00 3rd Friday of the Month.

Neither the Veterans of Foreign Wars nor our Post encourages tobacco use. But some of our members and guests do smoke, so we are having a small get-together in our smoking lounge at the Post. We will have some smokes to "share" and some will bring their own sticks. We invite members and their guests to join us for a relaxing evening at the VFW. If you have any questions, give me a call.

Fred Churchill
House Committee
fchurch614@aim.com
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For those of you who do not know what Safe Home is, they are an Organization who help Domestic Violence victims.

FROM THE CLUBROOM

Hear Ye Hear Ye

Anyone interested in working with some volunteers from the post to make some extra money for the post please talk to Farrah. These are the days I will need volunteers to work a booth at the Renaissance Festival.



September 1,2 & 3, September 8 & 9, September 15 &16, September 22 & 23, September 29 & 30

October 6, 7, & 8, October 13 & 14

9:00 am to 7:30 pm

We can rotate in 5 hour shifts morning to afternoon and afternoon to night.

Let Farrah know by Mid-August if you can help.

Buy your Chiefs tickets through the post website. Get discounted tickets and help the post at the same time.



Hot summer nights every Friday night in August at 10 pm the canteen will host an adults only glow stick Hide and Seek contest.



\$5.00 entry fee more details at the post. Cash prize at the end of the month.

Friday, August 3rd is International Beer Day. We will have \$1.00 regular Draws all day.



Tuesday August 7th Election Day



August 10th Steak dinner night we will have musical entertainment after dinner.



August 15th is Smoked Pork Chop dinner night hosted by Canteen and Volunteers. Dinner includes smoked pork chop and regular or sweet potato, salad and dessert for \$10.00



August 31st 2nd Annual Home-made Salsa Contest. Bring in a Salsa that you made and see how it competes against the other contestants. 7 pm



September 27th Beer Yoga in the clubroom



September 28th 2nd Annual Home-made Apple Pie contest. 7pm



Remember our

Yoga classes, the 2nd Monday and the 4th Monday and every Tuesday of the month.

And a very special thank you from me to all of the Volunteers who came out and helped move everything that was in the club room and large hall out of the building and then putting it all back so the floors could be stripped and waxed. And a special thank you to Randy, Cullen, Karen and Al for donating the materials for laying the new floor behind the bar in the large hall, it looks fantastic.

Farrah Erwin, Club Room Manager

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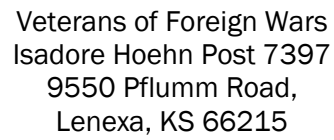
August 2018

don't forget all Friday's in August, the Glow Stick Hide and Seek Contest

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	3 \$1.00 Draws All Day 	4 Texas Holdem 1pm 
5	6 Burgers \$2  Korean War Vets 7pm	7 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA Election Day	8 MC League Officers Meeting 7pm 	9 AL Riders Meeting 7pm 	10 Steak Dinner, 6-7 \$15  VFW & Auxiliary Department School of Instruction, Ark City, KS	11 Texas Holdem 1pm  VFW & Auxiliary Department School of Instruction, Ark City, KS
12 Rider Breakfast 8:30-11:00  VFW & Auxiliary Department School Of Instruction	13 YOGA 	14 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA	15 Pork Chop Dinner 6:00pm \$10 	16 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm 	17 Hide & Seek  CIGARS 	18 Texas Holdem 1pm 
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ABOUT VCP

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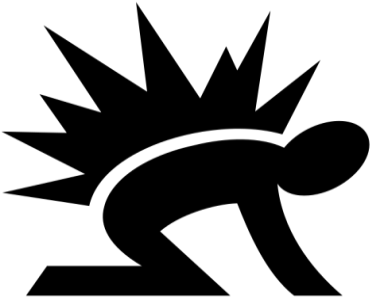
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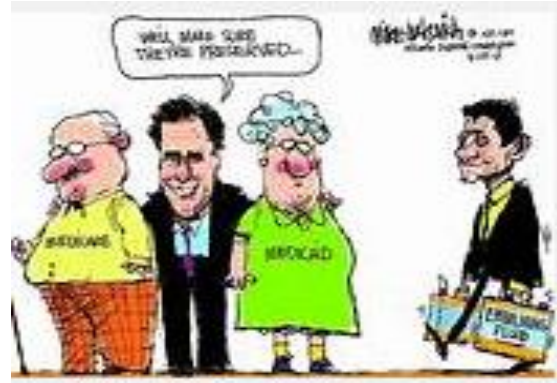
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