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December 2018-January 2019

## VFW POST 7397

Greetings, Comrades, Sisters and Brothers. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

For Christmas this year - we are adopting 2 families. The list of items needed/wanted will be posted in the clubroom, and will have a box for each family. 1 Family is a Veteran family and they are struggling with tough times and could use the help to have a Merry Christmas, the other Family is a Leavenworth County Sheriff. Their home burned to the ground shortly before Thanksgiving. Please help out where you can, or go in with your buddies to donate items.

Our Annual Gun Raffle Fundraiser is going on now. Grand Prize is a Browning "Sweet 16" semi-automatic shotgun (donated by Bruce & Maribeth Fischbach), 2nd Prize is a Bushnell 2x7x36 Scope, and 3rd Prize is a Bushnell "Red Dot" scope (scopes courtesy of Cody and Hillary Granger and Bushnell). Tickets are available from any of the VFW Officers or from the Bartenders. \$5 per ticket or a book of 5 for \$20. We will draw for the winners on Super Bowl Sunday. (See picture for the shotgun) Please take a minute to thank our generous donors for getting these items for us either free or at extremely discounted pricing so that we can have this fundraiser.

January 11th - 13th will be the Department Mid-Winter meeting, if you want to attend, please contact one of the VFW Officers for details. At the banquet Saturday evening the Department winners for Patriot's Pen & Voice of Democracy will be announced.

January 26th - will be our District Meeting at Post 7397 -10am - 12pm - At this meeting we will present the Post & District level awards to our Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Winners.

Thank you to all who donated blood and/or registered to be bone marrow donors at our drive on November 17th. This drive was hosted at our VFW in honor of Brandon Woods. He was a Soldier with the KS National Guard until he was diagnosed with Leukemia. This event was such a success that he asked for it to be a repeat affair in 2019. We are working with Brandon, KU Med Cancer Center and the Community Blood Center to coordinate a date for the fall of 2019 keep an eye out for details to come.

Our Post & District Chaplain, Rustin Bolejack, is continuing to develop the Suicide Prevention program. He is still looking for a few more volunteers to be trained as "first responders". If you are interested in helping, please drop him a note at the Post or email him - [chaplain@vfw7397.org](mailto:chaplain@vfw7397.org)

As always, if you do any community service, drop our Post Jr. Vice, David DeWitt a note with the relevant details. You can drop hard copied notes at the Post, or send an email to - [jvice@vfw7397.org](mailto:jvice@vfw7397.org)

As we wrap up 2018 and begin 2019, I wish you all have a safe and happy holiday season. Please keep our deployed Brothers & Sisters in Arms in your prayers & thoughts.

Yours in Comradeship

Chris Stergos

VFW Post 7397 – Commander

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Sweet 16 Shot Gun



EVERYONE,  
PLEASE HELP ME GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THE AMERICAN  
LEGION RIDERS, THEY ARE A BUNCH OF DEDICATED  
MEMBERS, THEY PARTICIPATE IN EVERY  
ORGANIZATIONS DINNERS AND FUNCTIONS, WELL  
DONE, WE DON'T THANK YOU ENOUGH.





# VFW AUXILIARY 7397

Auxiliary Members,

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all of our Veterans who participated in the Vietnam Ceremony in Overland Park and Veterans Day Ceremonies in the KC area. Thank you to all who volunteered at the Buddy Poppy Drive last month as well! December 6<sup>th</sup> will be the VFW & Auxiliary Christmas party instead of our monthly Auxiliary meeting; Happy hour 6pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. December 9<sup>th</sup> is the VA Christmas party in Leavenworth. Be at the Domiciliary at 11:00 if you want to volunteer. We need 5 dozen cookies and individual crackers. The party begins at 1:00pm.

Wreaths across America is December 15, at Leavenworth National Cemetery & Ft. Leavenworth National Cemetery at 11:00 am. We would like to invite everyone to join us in laying wreaths on the graves of our fallen heroes. It's an awesome sight to behold & take part in and a wonderful honor to be part of.

Remember our Toys for Tots box at the Post. January 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> is our Mid-Winter Conference in Junction City, KS. If you know anyone interested in being an Auxiliary member, be sure to contact Liz Moyer 913-631-9377 or [lizmoyer65@mycci.net](mailto:lizmoyer65@mycci.net). The auxiliary is also selling suicide pins for \$4. If anyone is interested please contact Liz or I, and they are available at the post as well. The Club room Christmas Party is December 21, if you have anything to donate for the silent auction, please get it to Farrah, remember all proceeds go to the Club room. Bring your covered dish as well, great food and lots of fun. We are also having our annual Mardi Gras party, March 1 so mark your calendars. More information will be in the next newsletter. Wishing you and yours a wonderful and safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully  
Kimberly Keane  
VFW Auxiliary President  
913-709-3639 [keane.kim@gmail.com](mailto:keane.kim@gmail.com)





## AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407

Greetings Legionnaires

Hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. Also hope you made it safely through the blizzard. November was a rather slow month. We cancelled our fish and chicken dinner due Thanksgiving the following day. We will resume our dinners on December 19th. Look forward to seeing you then. Our annual Christmas party will follow on the 21st at the post. It's always a fun evening and a chance to see some members we don't see during the year. Just a reminder. We really need all members who have not renewed their membership to do so. We need to keep our organization strong. Thanks to all who have renewed.

If you have moved, changed your phone number or set up another email account, please let me know.

Best wishes to all our members and their families for a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!

Don Lebens. Commander Post 407

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# American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

Let us start by saying hope everybody had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Mid-Winter Forum will be held in Dodge City, KS in February. Information regarding Programs are discussed. More information to come.

We **will not** be having an **Auxiliary meeting in December** see you on **January, 2019**.

Wishing everybody and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Pat Willcox, President  
American Legion  
Auxiliary President



# SAL

Greetings from the Sons of the American Legion.

Season's greetings.

I hope everyone had a great thanksgiving and are looking forward to a wonderful Holiday Season. Membership for 2018 is still going strong, please get your dues up to date. If your card says 2018, you are no longer a member in good standing.

The Burritos have been flying out the door, thanks for your support. Looks like we will be making more soon.

See you in the canteen

Jeff Carson  
Squadron Commander





# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Welcome to the Holiday season. I hope all had a blessed Thanksgiving. With Christmas coming faster than we would like, I pray that all is well. I am really glad to hear that those who had surgery are healing and ready for the season.

ALR 407 is in the middle of nominations for next year's officers. There are two more chances to nominate someone or volunteer for those positions. One will be before our Christmas party on December 13 or our regular meeting on January 10.

Events coming up:

Christmas party – December 13

We are asking that you bring an unwrapped gift (approx. \$10.00). These will be added to the Marine Corps Toys-for-Tots program. We also have adopted 2 individuals for this season. Contact Dee, Loueta or Nancy for what is needed.

The timeline for December 13:

6:00 pm – gathering and cocktails

6:30 pm – short meeting for nominations

7:00 pm – let the party begin

Don't forget Wreaths Across America at Fort Leavenworth and National cemeteries on December 15, come around 10:30 am to insure parking, ceremony starts at 11:00 am sharp. The Boy Scouts will also be present to help.

If you have any good ideas for future rides contact Ted with your suggestions. He is in planning stage, so the more ideas he gets the better.

I will not accept a nomination for another year. Between personal health and family, I feel is best for me and ALR. I have had the privilege to work with some exceptional people. I cannot express enough how much you have helped me through the year.

God bless you all and have a very Merry Christmas.

Erick Jensen,  
Director

[ratchtheadjensen18@gmail.com](mailto:ratchtheadjensen18@gmail.com):



# FROM THE CLUBROOM



Happy Holidays everyone,

I hope that this holiday season finds you all in a festive mood!

Thanks to Jodi and Mike Petersen for providing a Thanksgiving Dinner this year for some of our members, it was a great success and from what I have heard it was much appreciated!



This year's **Christmas party** will be on Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>.

We will have door prizes, silent auction items, and drink specials from 4 to 8pm, the post will provide a main course and everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish for the annual Christmas dinner. The Big Ball of Christmas fun will also be making a return!

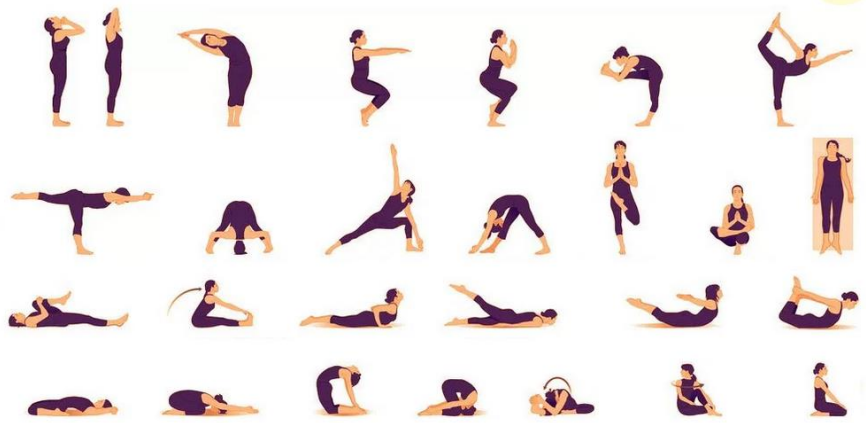


Don't forget Tacos every Tuesday 3-9 pm, and cards starting at 6:30.



Yoga every Tuesday at 7 pm with Kathy Walker in the large hall and Beer yoga in the canteen, the last Thursday the month.

### Yoga Asanas Dos and Donts for Beginners



And always, remember \$2 Burgers, \$1 Fries and \$2 Onion Rings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month.



Thanks

Farrah Erwin, Club Room Manager  
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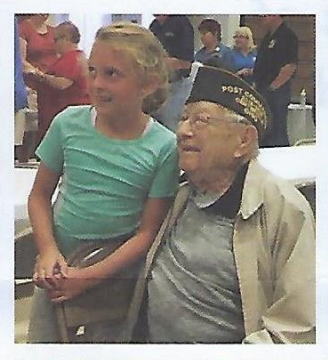
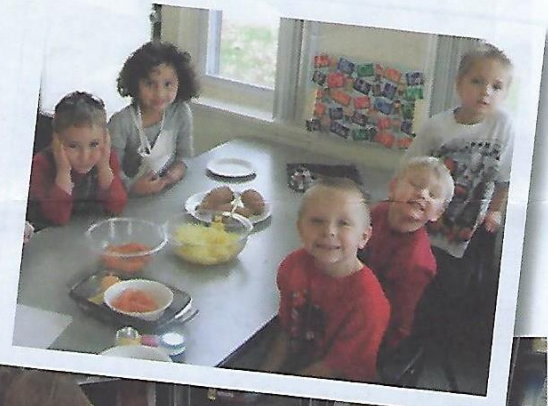
# PLEASE GIVE TO OUR 2018 FOOD FUND

From snacks for children at our day care center to family grocery shopping trips to special events, food needs at the National Home campus are constant all year long. Your gift to our 2018 Food Fund today will help defray the costs of this essential part of the National Home's yearly budget.



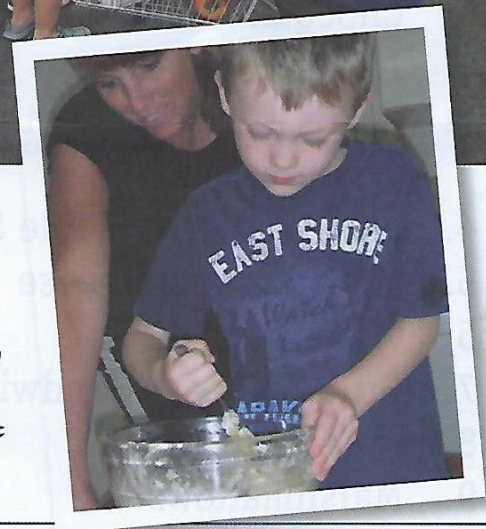
*Snacks for our "littlest patriots" at our day care center.*

*Food for special cooking and nutrition classes provided to both parents and children at the National Home.*



*Snacks and drinks for field trips to parks, museums, campouts and more.*

*Debit cards must be funded monthly, to allow our families to purchase food at a variety of stores.*



**SEND YOUR REPLY FORM WITH YOUR MOST GENEROUS GIFT TO OUR 2018 FOOD FUND TODAY.  
THANK YOU!**

# THROUGH THE YEARS AT THE VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

The VFW National Home for Children has been an American institution since 1925, providing safe refuge and professional support services for the families of our nation's war heroes.



National Home kids coming home from school in the 1960s.



We're all in our places with bright, shiny faces!

## Top 10 Favorite Foods of Kids at the National Home

1. Chocolate Milk
2. Animal Cookies
3. Candy from the Cooties  
at Christmas
4. Pancakes with Maple Syrup
5. Macaroni and Cheese
6. Cheerios
7. Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
8. Orange Juice
9. Marshmallows
10. French Fries



# December 2018

# YOGA EVERY TUESDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Texas Holdem 1pm 
2	3 Burgers, Fries Onion Rings  KWV Meetings	4 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA  	5	6 VFW & Auxiliary  6:00 Drinks 6:30 Sandwich's	7	8 Texas Holdem 1pm 
9 Rider Breakfast 8:30-11:00 	10	11 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA  	12	13 Rider Meeting 	14	15 Texas Holdem 1pm 
16	17 AL, ALA & SAL Meetings 7:00 Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings 	18 Taco Tuesday 6:30 pm YOGA  	19 Chicken & Fish Dinner 	20 VFW Planning Meeting 	21 Canteen Christmas Party 4-8 	22 Texas Holdem 1pm 
23  ----- 30	24  ----- 31	25 CLUB ROOM CLOSED  CHRISTMAS	26 MC League & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm	27	28 Pork Chop Dinner 6-7 \$10 	29 Texas Holdem 1pm 

# January 2019

# YOGA, EVERY TUESDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>VFW POKER GAME</b> Bring a covered dish 1:00 pm \$35	2	3 VFW & Auxiliary 7pm 	4	5 Texas Holdem 1pm 
6	7 <b>Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings</b>  Korean War Vets Meeting	8 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm <b>YOGA</b>  	9 MC League Officers Meeting 	10 AL Riders Meeting 7pm 	11 Steak Dinner 6-7 \$15 	12 Texas Holdem 1pm 
13 Rider Breakfast 8:30 - 11 	14	15 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm <b>YOGA</b>  	16 Chicken & Fish Dinner 6pm 	17 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm 	18	19 Texas Holdem 1pm 
20	21 AL, ALA & SAL Meetings 7:00 <b>Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings</b> 	22 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm <b>YOGA</b>  	23 MC League & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	24	25 <b>Pork Chop Dinner</b> 6-7 \$10	26 Texas Holdem 1pm  <b>VFW District Meeting</b> 10:00 am
27	28	29 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm <b>YOGA</b>  	30	31		



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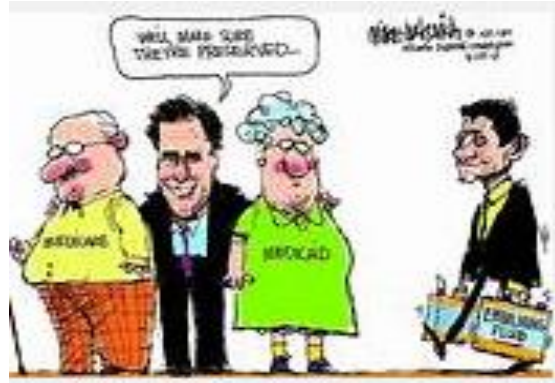
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