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## VFW POST 7397

Greeting Comrades!

As we begin the new calendar year, we start the downhill portion of our VFW Programs Year. But that doesn't mean our work stops. We are still looking for candidates for the Scout of the Year (deadline March 1st). And we're always in the never ending battle to chase Membership. As of this year VFW Nationwide is at approximately 1.2 Million Members Strong, but there are roughly 16-17 Million eligible Veterans out there, ranging from WW II through the ones that just got home last week. We owe it to them to find them and talk to them. To help them receive the benefits they have earned. To help them find that camaraderie we all enjoy. To support those Veterans and their families. Even if it's to just remind them "hey, we have your back". If you recruited someone, you brought them into the family for some reason. Have you talked to them lately? How are they doing? Do they need some help moving things around the house? Do they need the Service Officer to help with the VA? Do they need to find the math tutor on campus? Remember our motto "No one does more for Veterans", and keep doing all the great things we do. If you have a smart phone, you can go to the Apple or Android store and download the VFW Mobile Recruiter App. If you are an Annual member, have you renewed your membership? Have you considered the Life Member Installment plan? If you are a Life Member, have you considered the Legacy Life Membership?

VFW National Website - ([www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)) you may have noticed some changes over the last 1-2 years on the National Website. They are working to make it more accessible and easier to use. If you already have a login, you can continue to use that. If you have not set up an online account, it will now ask you to create an ID.me account. This will have the added benefit of helping to receive Veterans related discounts and bonuses while shopping on certain websites. I know for the KS Speedway if you have an ID.me account you will receive free Pre-Race on the track passes. So while it seems like an extra step, it will pay off in the end. If you have any issues - please call (toll free) 844-VFW-VETS ([844-839-8387](tel:844-839-8387)).

Department of Kansas Website - ([www.vfwks.org](http://www.vfwks.org)) the Department of Kansas has upgraded their website as well. It is a work in progress, but just like National they are working to make it more accessible and easier to use. If you have any issues, you can ask any of the Post Officers or contact the Department Offices.

By the time this is printed the Veterans Community Project Tiny Home Village will have its inaugural residents in the Tiny Homes. The Marine Corps League is heading up a food and clothing drive (boxes are in the clubroom). See the list of items requested later in this newsletter. Let's do like we did at Christmas and surprise Veterans Community Project with how generous we can be.

At the March regular meeting we will begin the process of nominations and elections for Post Officers for 2018-19. March we will open the nominations, April we will re-open the nominations and hold the elections. If you are interested in taking on a leadership role, or committee chair, please talk with one of the current Officers.

If you like to eat, this is the time of year to come eat with your family. VFW Steak nights, VFW Auxiliary Mardi Gras feast, Legion Fish & Chicken dinners, Marine Corps League BBQ nights, Legion Auxiliary St. Patrick's dinner, Taco Tuesdays, Legion Riders breakfasts. Check the calendar and come enjoy.

Don't forget to order your brick for the Memorial Garden - a copy of the order form is in this newsletter and on the Post website - [www.vfw7397.org](http://www.vfw7397.org)

I would also like to remind everyone - If you are struggling, please reach out. Call a buddy, a family member, anyone from the Post or Auxiliary, your clergy, anyone, just reach out. If you want anonymous help - you can contact the VA Crisis Line [1-800-273-8255](tel:1-800-273-8255) and Press 1, or send a text message to [838255](tel:838255). **You had the courage to be one of America's finest and to defend her, muster a tiny fraction of that courage one more time and reach out.**

Yours in Comradeship,  
Chris Stergos, Commander  
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## VFW AUXILIARY 7397

Happy New Year 2018! Thank you to all our auxiliary members who helped out on our projects last year. Thank you for your support. We are planning our goals for the coming year. First auxiliary fundraiser, "Laissez les *bons temps rouler*", will be a Mardi Gras dinner & silent auction. Friday, February 23rd. Dinner from 6-7 pm. \$10.00 per person includes chicken & sausage Gumbo, potato salad, French bread, tossed green salad & King cake. Our auction will close at 7:00 pm. Come & enjoy all the fun & get your Mardi Gras beads!

If you did not pay your dues by December 31st, your membership is no longer active. If you wish to renew your membership, you will need to go through the process of submitting a new application and start over as a new member.

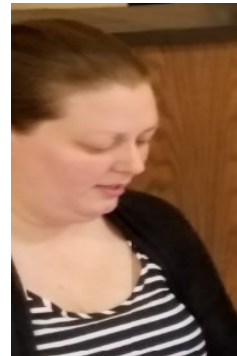
Respectfully

Kimberly Keane

VFW Auxiliary President

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### Some of your Auxiliary Officers



One of our members has asked me to mention, Veterans can receive free tickets to different events by signing up with <http://www.vettix.org/index.php>



## AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407

Greetings Legionnaires

It's a new year. Hope everyone had a good holiday season. We're still asking anyone who hasn't renewed their 2018 membership to please send it in or pay it on line. It's important that we maintain our roster and hopefully increase our membership. Our fish and chicken dinners have been well attended. Thanks to all who support our dinners and we encourage anyone who hasn't to join us. Good food and camaraderie! Our next dinner will be February 21st at 6 PM.

We're also open to ideas for fundraisers. Let us know what type of activities you might be interested in. Our next monthly meeting will be Monday February 19th at 7PM. Please join us. See you at the canteen.

Don Lebens. Commander Post 407



# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

ALR 407 began 2018 with our Polar Bear Run on January 1. The weather was bitterly cold; but we had a couple of brave souls' ride...thank you Bob 'Double Tap' Callahan & his riding buddy for braving the temps that day! ALR 407 has a new slate of officers for 2018: Director, Erick 'Ratchethead' Jensen, Assistant Director, Juan 'Chito' Rivera, Secretary, Nancy 'Sparky' Chirafisi, and Treasurer, Dee 'Disaster D' Smith. Congratulations to all and we look forward to working together for a great 2018. As we look forward to February and March our activities will be appointing the balance of positions and approving our 2018 budget along with planning our rides throughout the year. Specific dates of known events: ALR Breakfast **February 11<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>**. Monthly Dine Out dinners February 27<sup>th</sup> at Fortune Palace at 87<sup>th</sup> & Quivira & March 27<sup>th</sup> at Hayward's Barbeque on Sante Fe Trail Drive in Lenexa. We will send out emails and post flyers for those events. Our 407 riders continue to be present monthly at the Leavenworth VA National Cemetery to honor our fellow brothers and sisters who have passed away and have no family present to say 'Thank you' for your service. It is an honor and moving experience to be present to honor these fallen veterans. This event occurs on the last Thursday of every month. Let us all be mindful and thankful for what we have, blessed for all that we do for others; never forget our Veterans before us that have given their 'ALL'. As the Riders say 'Chrome Side Up' with safe travels.

Vincent 'IronHorse' Chirafisi, Past Director

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# American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

As this is the first issue that provides the opportunity to say it, here's wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

## Coming Auxiliary events

**American Legion Mid-Winter Forum** will be held at Legion Post 17, 114 McCall Road in Manhattan on February 2-4<sup>th</sup>. A joint meeting will take place Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8 AM at the post. Immediately following, the Auxiliary will meet in the Conference Room at the Comfort Suites located at 1020 Hostetler Dr., Manhattan, Ks

Annual **St. Patricks' Day dinner** will be held on **Saturday, March 17, 2018** from **2 to 5 PM**. Come hungry and bring your friends.

The **Second District Convention** will be held **Saturday, March 24, 2018**. The Legion will meet at Overland Park Post 370, 7500 W 75<sup>th</sup> St, Overland Park. The **Auxiliary** will meet at Shawnee Post 327, 6513 Nieman Rd, Shawnee,

Dues for 2018 are now due in order to maintain membership in the organization. If you have not already done so, please keep the Auxiliary strong by doing your part today. Dues are still \$24.00 for 2018. Due to National increasing dues they will increase for 2019 to \$25.00.

Thanks to all for your continued participation and support.

Pat Willcox, President  
American Legion Auxiliary



# FROM THE CLUBROOM

Hello from the Canteen,  
New Year and new fun events to entertain us.  
Karaoke has started back up on Saturday nights.  
Every Saturday night in February come sing the night away.



February's drink of the month will be the chocolate martini.



February 4th is the Lenexa Gun Club Super Bowl party!



Sunday February 25th come play Dominos with us in the clubroom at 3:00 pm.



March 2nd the canteen will host a Friday night Fondue dinner starting at 6 pm, \$5 per person. Cheese Fondue and Chocolate Fondue, sign up in the clubroom.



March 3rd come out, rain, shine or snow for tough man horse shoes. We now have a picnic table next to the horse shoe pit, thank you Liz Moyer for that donation.



March Madness will bring back the orange sorbet-basketball martini and the Irish Joe drinks of the month.



March 20<sup>th</sup>, Spring begins.



March 24<sup>th</sup> a great day to get some all post Spring Cleaning done. Come volunteer some time and help clean the walls and baseboards, starting at 9 am. The canteen will be providing donuts, coffee, & juice for all Volunteers.



March 29<sup>th</sup> is National Vietnam Veterans Day recognizing those who served during the Vietnam War. Thank you Vietnam War Veterans.



The following Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> we will have an SOS breakfast with eggs and fruit cocktail at 9am. (Fred promises the toast will be properly dried).



Another event on March 31<sup>st</sup> the Marine Corps League will host a Comedy Show in the big hall. Come out with the family and have some laughs. Details will be posted in the Clubroom.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Chocolate Martini Is the Drink of the month</p>				<p>1 VFW &amp; Auxiliary Meetings 7pm</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Texas Holdem 1pm</p> 
<p>4 Lenexa Gun Club Super Bowl Party</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Taco Tuesday</p>  <p>Texas Holdem 6:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 AL Riders Meeting 7pm</p> 	<p>9 Steak Dinner 6-7 \$15</p> 	<p>10 Texas Holdem 1pm</p> 
<p>11 Rider Breakfast 8:30-11:00</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Taco Tuesday</p>  <p>Texas Holdem 6:30 pm</p>	<p>14 MC League Officers Meeting 7pm</p>  <p>Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm</p> 	<p>16 MC League BBQ Dinner 6-7 \$12</p> 	<p>17 Texas Holdem 1pm</p> 
<p>18</p>	<p>19 AL, &amp; SAL Meetings 7:00 \$2 Burgers</p> 	<p>20 Taco Tuesday</p>  <p>Texas Holdem 6:30 pm</p>	<p>21 Fish &amp; Chicken Dinner 6-7</p> 	<p>22 VFW Planning Meeting</p> 	<p>23 VFW Auxiliary Mardi Gras Party 6-8</p> 	<p>24 Texas Holdem 1pm</p> 
<p>25 Dominos 3pm</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Taco Tuesday</p>  <p>Texas Holdem 6:30 pm</p> <p>Rider Dine Out</p>	<p>28 MCL &amp; Auxiliary Meetings 7pm</p> 			



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<p>Orange Sorbet Basketball Martini &amp; Irish Joe Drinks</p>	 			<p>1 VFW &amp; Auxiliary Meetings 7pm</p> 	<p>2 Fondue Dinner 6pm, \$5</p> 	<p>3 Texas Holdem 1pm</p>  <p>Horse Shoe Tournament</p> 
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25	26	27	<p>28 MC League &amp; Auxiliary Meetings 7pm</p> 	<p>29 National Vietnam Veterans Day</p> 	30	<p>31 Texas Holdem 1pm SOS Breakfast 9am</p> 



## Dinner & Silent Auction

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February 23rd

Dinner 6:00 - 7:00p.m. \$10.00 Per Person

Auction Closes at 7:00p.m.

Includes:

Chicken and Sausage Gumbo, Potato Salad,

French Bread, Tossed Salad &

King Cake

POST 7397 LENEXA, KS

*A VFW Auxiliary Fundraiser*





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## BRICK MEMORIAL GARDEN ORDER FORM

Order made by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

The cost for a 4" x 8" brick engraved with up to 14 characters (including spaces and punctuation) per line is list below. Please fill out 1 order form per brick requested.

Make Checks Payable to: VFW Post 7397

EXAMPLE:

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I	S	A	D	O	R	E		H	O	E	H	N	

2 – lines of text - \$50


3 – lines of text \$75




American Legion Auxiliary  
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner  
2-5 pm  
\$10.00





**Tiny Houses  
Needs for Food Pantry  
At Veterans Community Project**

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits or anything for a healthy dessert
- Tuna and Crackers Snack Packs
- Hand-Held Soups
- Creamed Soups (Cream of Mushroom, Cream of Chicken, Broccoli Cheese Soup, etc.)
- Packs of Instant Coffee
- Healthy Snacks for Kids
- Canned Meats (Spam, Chicken, Tuna, Roast Beef, etc.)
- Black Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Crackers
- Taco Seasoning
- Mac N' Cheese, both boxed and ready-to-go cups
- Chef Boyardee Meals
- Velveeta Cheese
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal, All Kinds
- Granola Bars
- Baby Formula
- Baby Food



## Needs for Clothing items At Veterans Community Project

Pants (jeans especially) that are smaller sizes in the waist, such as 30, 32, and 34.

Gently-used or new tennis shoes of all sizes

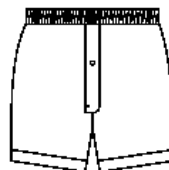
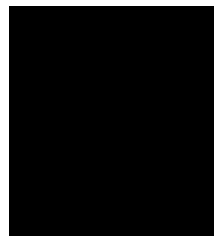
New boxer shorts of all sizes

T-shirts of every size

Small winter gloves would help, since all of the gloves we received are larges or x-large

Gently used winter coats

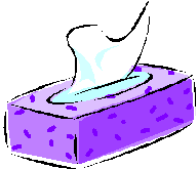
Beside the above any nice presentable clothing that veterans could use when going on job interviews would be greatly appreciated.



## Needs for Hygiene Products At Veterans Community Project

- Wet Ones Wipes, Singles
- Single Pack of Tissues
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Body Wash
- Shampoo and Conditioner

- Deodorant
- Comb
- Washcloths
- Women's Sanitary Products
- Toothbrush and Toothbrush Holder
- Toothpaste

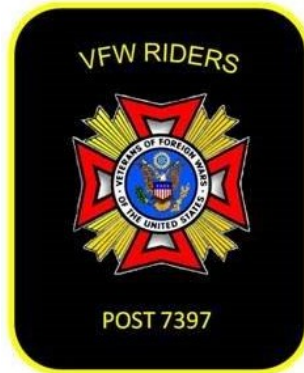


## SUICIDE PREVENTION PINS



VFW Auxiliary fund raiser, Suicide Prevention Pins, \$4 each  
Available in the Club Room. Thanks for your support.





## HONORING OUR VETERANS & ACTIVE DUTY PERSONAL

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