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August-
September 2019

VFW POST 7397

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters

First of all, I would like to congratulate the post on earning All-American honors for the 2018-2019 year. Thank you to all for what you do as this was a team win. Also, congratulations to our new VFW Commander in Chief William "Doc" Schmitz and Auxiliary National President Peggy Haake along with the rest of the leadership as we look forward to another exciting and productive year.

It has been a busy summer so far around the post. We held out 3rd Annual Car & Bike Show along with the Thrivent hosted pancake breakfast and silent auction. The pancake breakfast and auction raised over \$9000 with all of the proceeds going to the Veterans Community Project! The Car & Bike Show proceeds were split between VCP and Warhorses for Heroes. Even though we were rained out again for the July 4th parade, the American Legion BBQ still went on! Our 3rd Eagle Scout project in the last 2 years was also completed, as we now have a memorial fire ring for retiring flags. The Scouts are already looking forward to a future date for a memorial and flag retirement.

As summer starts to wind down, it's back to school time. This year's Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy themes are the same, "What Makes America Great". Please help push these 2 programs along with Teacher of the Year for Elementary, Middle, and High School.

Save the date – KS VFW Department Mid-Summer Meeting and School of Instruction will be on August 9-11 in Hayes, KS. If you are interested in attending, get in touch with one of the Post Officers and we can get you details.

Save the date – District 2 Mid-Summer and School of Instruction will be on August 17th at 1000 hours at VFW Post 846 in Overland Park.

Save the date – Steak Night has been changed for August, due to most of the officers and helpers in the kitchen will be out of town for the convention. **It will be held on the 3rd Friday August 16th.** September will be back to the 2nd Friday, September 13th.

Save the date – Pork Chop nights will be August 30th and September 27th.

As always, if there is anything we can do for you, let us know.

Yours in Comradeship,
Jason Parkes
VFW Post 7397 – Commander
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**Leavenworth VA Hospital
Education Fair**

Representatives from each of these colleges will be available on site to answer your educational questions and provide information on majors and programs available in the area.

EKHCS may be able to fund your program. Stop by EKHCS' Scholarship Table to learn more

SCHOOLS IN ATTENDANCE

- Baker University
- Cleveland Chiropractic
- Columbia College Kansas City
- Friends University
- Johnson County CC
- Missouri Western
- Ottawa University
- Rasmussen College
- Park University
- University Central Michigan
- University of St. Mary
- More maybe to come....

Tuesday, August 13
8:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Building 71, Room 25

On Friday September 20th we will hold our annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at our Post home at 7:20 pm.

This to further awareness in the POW/MIA Issue and to reiterate our promise that "You are Not Forgotten."



Fred Churchill POW/MIA Chairman



VFW AUXILIARY 7397

Auxiliary Members,

Even though the 4th of July Parade was canceled, we had a great turn out to decorate the float. I thank you. Also, I would like to thank all of the VFW and auxiliary for supporting the American Legion BBQ lunch, they had a great turn out.

Department Mid-Summer Council of Administration and school of instruction is in Hays, KS August 9th - 11th. You can find all the information in the July Sunflower Express.

District 2 School of Instruction is August 17th at Post 846, Overland Park at 10:00am. If you know anyone who would like to be part of the VFW Auxiliary, let Maribeth Fischbach or I know and we will get the application to you.

Membership is now due. If you haven't done so, please send in your remittance, the auxiliary receives awards for having 100% when dues are paid early. Think about life memberships also. Any changes of address, emails or phone numbers can be directed to Maribeth at mbf1923@gmail.com or 913-620-0913.

Remember our Buddy Poppy Drive November 9th at the Hy-Vee in Lenexa, corner of Pflumm and 87th street from 10am to 2pm.

Respectfully
Kimberly Keane
VFW Auxiliary President
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AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407

Greetings Legionnaires

Welcome to fall and a new Membership campaign. We just missed our goal last year. We want to get off to a fast start, so when you receive your dues notice please pay it ASAP, by doing so, this helps us meet our annual goal of 100% paid.

POST 407'S MEMBERSHIP MOTTO FOR THE YEAR WILL BE:
I'M ONE I'LL GET ONE

Working together we will meet our goal!

Our Fish and Chicken Dinners will resume in September at 6:00 PM. One change for September's dinner, it will be on the 4th Wednesday of the month. SEPTEMBER 9/25/19. See you all at the dinner bring your friends.

Post 407 regular meetings remain the third Monday of the month: August 19th and September 16.

Thank you for your hard work.

Charile Grieco,
Commander
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American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the annual 4th of July Bar-B-Que including Cooks, servers, bakers, and to everyone who helped set up and clean up and to everyone who donated to the bake sale. Also, would like to thank all organizations who attended, we did have a great turn out.

Upcoming Events

Saturday August 17th

Department Homecoming for American Legion Commander RC 'Chuck' Shoemaker, Auxiliary President Paula Sellens and SAL Commander Terry Harris at the Shawnee American Legion Post, 6521 Nieman Rd, Shawnee, KS

Starts at Noon Luncheon Tickets \$15.00 per person \$18.00 at the door. Checks payable To RC Shoemaker, PO Box 3277, Shawnee, KS 66203 with names of people attending.

August 23rd thru the 29th

National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Also would like to remind everyone that our 2020 Membership is now due. Our dues are \$24.00.

Pat Willcox,
American Legion
Auxiliary President





SAL

Greetings from the Sons of the American Legion.

Mother Nature didn't cooperate again this year on the 4th of July, but the BBQ still went well. Thanks to everyone who helped again this year.

Thanks to everyone who paid their 2019 dues, this earned us 100%.

The 2020 membership year has started, you will be receiving your renewal notices in the mail soon. Let's reach our goal of 100% again this year.

Come join us for a meeting the third Monday of each month. See you in the canteen.

Jeff Carson
Squadron Commander



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

The Riders activities for the month of July ended with ride to Olpe, Kansas to visit the Chicken House for lunch. It turned out to be one of our largest attendance for our rides to date this year.

Our August activities begin on Saturday, August 3rd in the Gardner Parade in support of our Fellow Chapter 19; parade begins at 10:00am.

On Sunday, August 4th, we plan to attend our Fellow Chapter 153 in support of their monthly Breakfast; they serve from 8:00-11:00am.

On Mondays, August 5th & 19th, we will support Burger & Fries night here at VFW 7397. Also, on the 19th we will attend our monthly meeting for American Legion Post 407 from 7:00-7:30 pm.

On Thursday, August 8th, the Riders will have our Monthly Meeting at the Post; we hope to have a guest speaker, an attorney will talk to us about Veteran services, which his firm provides at no charge. These are everyday 'Life' events that happen to everyone; however, Veterans are served at no cost; it will be interesting.

On Sunday, August 11th, our Monthly Breakfast will be 8:30-11:00am. We invite everyone to come join us.

On Sunday, August 18th, our Monthly Ride is in the planning stages and more information will be provided later. The Riders have two (2) other events that we will support our Fellow Chapter 370; Saturday, August 24th, on their Annual Ride to Remember and their monthly Breakfast on Sunday, August 25th, 8:30-11:00am.

On Tuesday, August 27th, will be our Monthly Dine Out; this month we will meet at Barleys Brew House at 119th and Quivira. We invite everyone to join us from 6:00-8:00pm.

On Thursday, August 29th, we attend the End of Month Ceremony at Leavenworth National Cemetery which begins at 2:30pm.

Many of our activities throughout each Month include sadly the attendance of funeral support of our fellow veterans. We never know until a request is made by the veteran's family. We do this in Honor of our Brothers and Sisters.

Our September calendar includes our set activities of our Meeting, Breakfast and Dine Out. Other activities are in the planning stages and will be distributed as details are available.

The ALR State Rally occurs in Topeka this year on September 20th, 21st, & 22nd. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Tiny B [Director] or Iron Horse [Assistant Director] for Registration forms. Suffice to say our September calendar is a work in progress.

All food events listed that are sponsored by ALR 407 has an open invitation of attendance as these are our fund raising events to support our Veteran & Community Activities; so please plan to attend if possible.

Dine Out Dates

August 27th – Barley's Brew house

September 24th – Blue Moose

October 22nd – Stroud's

November 26th -Barley's Brew house

December – no dine out

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GREETINGS FROM THE CLUB ROOM

We have a new fire ring at the post in the field thanks to the Eagle Scout projects. They did a great job.



Here are the August and September events in the clubroom.

Burger Night August 5th and 19th. September 2nd and 16th

\$2 Burgers, \$1 Fries and \$2 Onion Rings



As always, Tacos every Tuesday 3-9 pm, and Cards starting at 6:30



Karaoke is moving to Friday nights in August and September starting at 8:00 and Live Music Jam night is getting started on Saturday nights 6-9 pm. All members are welcome to play or bring a friend who does.



August 1st the canteen will be raising drink prices a Quarter across the board, we have avoided doing this for many years, but prices have risen. We will still have drink specials and some special nights.

Sunday August 4th 1-4 pm The Bulldog rescue will be in the big hall. The red carpet event is a fundraiser and anyone is welcome to come for a \$10.00 donation. Events include Taco & Nacho bar, Ice Cream Bar and a Silent auction. This is also a pet friendly event and you can bring your own pup so long as they are up to date on all vaccination shots.



Saturday August 10th 7 pm. Get in the new card game raffle, every game day. See post for details.



The clubroom will be going to the Dogs on the Friday August 2nd and August 4th and Monday August the 12th and 26th, so bring in your dog from 5-9 pm. All dogs must stay on leash with owner and be up to date on all vaccinations and shots as well.



AUGUST STEAK NIGHT MOVING TO THE 16th. Changing for August only.



RIB CHALLENGE- The clubroom is Kicking Chiefs Football season with yummy ribs. September 7th come to post pay \$20 and choose your slab of ribs to prepare. Bring back slab on September 8th at noon for the judging. You can be a judge for \$10 per person see clubroom for details.



September, Friday the 13th is also a full moon night. Anyone in scary movie attire from a t-shirt to full on costume will get wicked discounts; this is also Steak dinner night so we will start the scary stuff at 8pm.



Our neighbors P1 Group will be renting our parking spaces on Wednesday, September 18th. They are Celebrating 100 years in Business. So The American Legion's Chicken and Fish dinner will Move to following Wednesday, September 25th. Thank you to the American Legion for the flexibility.

Pork Chop Dinner, last Friday of every Month



Cigars. 3rd Friday of the Month



Yoga will be on Tuesday this week, after that, the classes will be on hold until we can find a new instructor. We will be trying to have classes on Sunday in the future.



Thanks for your support

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PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR ALL EVENTS

August 2019

TEXAS HOLDEM AND TACO'S EVERY TUESDAY

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|
|  | | LAST YOGA ON THE 6TH  | | 1 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm  | 2  Bring your dog day 5-9 Karaoke 8pm | 3  Texas Holdem 1pm Live Music 6-9  |
| 4 DOG RESCUE LARGE HALL 1-4  Bring your dog to the clubroom day | 5 Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings  KWV Meeting 7pm | 6 Tacos Texas Holdem 6:30 pm  YOGA  | 7 | 8 AL Rider Meeting 7pm  | 9 5 Card Stud 7pm  Karaoke 8pm | 10  Texas Holdem 1pm Live Music 6-9  |
| 11 Rider Breakfast 8:30 - 11  | 12 Bring your dog day 5-9  | 13 Tacos Texas Holdem 6:30 pm  | 14 MCL Officers Meeting 7pm  | 15 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm  | 16 Steak Dinner 6-7 pm \$15 Cigars 8pm  Karaoke 8pm | 17  Texas Holdem 1pm Live Music 6-9  |
| 18 | 19 Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings  AL, ALA & SAL Meetings 7:00 | 20 Tacos Texas Holdem 6:30 pm  | 21 NO CHICKEN DINNERS UNTIL SEPTEMBER | 22 | 23 5 Card Stud 7pm Karaoke 8pm | 24  Texas Holdem 1pm Live Music 6-9  |
| 25 | 26 Bring your Dog day 5-9  | 27 Tacos Texas Holdem 6:30 pm  Rider Dine Out 6-8  | 28 MC League Meetings 7pm  | 29 | 30 Pork Chop Dinner 6-7pm \$10  5 Card Stud 7pm Karaoke 8pm | 31  Texas Holdem 1pm Live Music 6-9  |

5 CARD STUD EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

September 2019

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Friday the 13 th Scary Movie Contest, 8pm  | 2 Burgers, Fries Onion Rings  Korean War Vets Meeting | 3 Tacos Texas Holdem 6:30 pm  | 4 | 5 VFW & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm  | 6 5 Card Stud 7 pm Karaoke 8pm | 7 Texas Holdem 1pm Pick up Your Ribs  Live Music 6-9 |
| 8 Rider Breakfast 8:30 – 11am  Rib Challenge Check times at post | 9 | 10 Tacos Texas Holdem 6:30 pm  | 11 MCL Officers Meeting 7pm  | 12 AL Rider Meeting 7pm  | 13 Steak Dinner 6-7 pm \$15  5 Card Stud 7pm SCARY MOVIE CONTEST Karaoke 8pm | 14 Texas Holdem 1pm  Live Music 6-9  |
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- Please join us on October 10th or November 21st at 5:00 PM, for a financial education seminar
 - The seminar is FREE, will last approximately 1.5 hours, & refreshments will be provided
 - Address: 9900 W. 109th Street, Suite 200, Overland Park, Kansas 66210
 - The seminar is focused on financial education & wellness, and it will cover topics such as:
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