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April - May 2019

VFW POST 7397

Greetings, Comrades, Sisters and Brothers.

Congratulations to all Comrades!!! As we near the end of the VFW Year, we have completed our community programs and we've reached 100%+ in membership making us eligible for the prestigious honors of All-State and All-American. All-State judging is occurring in early April, All-American runs through the end of June and will be decided in early July. As a Post Family we have yet again done some amazing work to be in the running for these awards.

One note for our Annual Members - if you haven't renewed yet for the year, we voted to run an "early bird special" with \$10 off your renewal if you bring it by the Post or mail it to the Post (addressed to Bob Moyer - Quartermaster) through the end of April. If you go online to the National website to renew, you'll still pay full price. We voted at the last meeting to do this because the National Commander issued a challenge - the top 10 Posts with the largest percentage increase will be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 prize. Plus it gives you the great excuse to come down and enjoy one of the many family meals, watch one of the games on the big screens, or just hang out.

At our April Meeting (Thursday April 4th - 7pm) we will re-open the nominations for the 2019-20 Officers and finalize the elections. And during our May meeting night (May 2nd - 7pm) we will install these new Officers and celebrate them alongside our Sister's & Brothers in the Auxiliary.

April 27th we will host at 7397 the 2nd District Meeting. **The meeting will begin at 9am, an hour earlier than normal** due to Farrah's hard work at getting the hall rented.

Save the date - for the Department on June 7th-9th in Hutchinson, KS. If you are interested in attending get in touch with one of the Post Officers and we can get you details.

Saved the date - Saturday June 1st - our 3rd Annual Car & Bike Show - Thrivent Financial & Chris Cakes will be running the pancake breakfast from 8-11 in the large hall, and the car & bike portion will be in the backyard 10-2.

This year the VFW membership has voted to aim our fundraising efforts in a 1/3 equal split with - Veteran's Community Project - Tiny Homes, War Horses for Veterans, and Post 7397. In the spirit of the VFW motto "No one does more for Veterans", we chose these organizations because VCP gets them off the streets, and War Horses gets their minds right.

Veterans Community Project - www.veteranscommunityproject.org

War Horses for Veterans - warhorsesforveterans.com

On a personal note, as this will be my last newsletter - I want to take the time to thank each and every VFW member for their hard work and dedication to our cause. It has been an extremely humbling experience to be the Post Commander these past 2 years. To be surrounded by so many individuals who pour their heart and soul into our mission, it makes me proud to be part of this Family. I had some incredibly large shoes to fill following the examples set by Bruce, Ralph, Lee and Big Mike. I would also like thank the entire 7397 Auxiliary for their dedication and hard work, without this part of our Family we would surely fall flat on our face. Like any family we've had some ups and downs and our share of squabbles, but in the end we always come back together for the betterment of our beloved organization. Thank you Comrades, Sisters and Brothers for putting your trust in me the last 2 years. I hope I did right by you, and I know you will be in great hands next year with Jason at the helm.

Semper Fidelis

Yours in Comradeship
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Vietnam Veteran 50th Commemoration Program:

On May 19th our Post will have a 50th Commemoration Program about the biggest battle of 1969. It involved mostly the 101st Airborne Division at Hill 937, Dong AP Bia, aka Hamburger Hill. It will start at 1:00 pm at our VFW Post 7397, 9550 Pflumm Road, Lenexa. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a short Memorial Service afterwards. We would like the input of anyone that was involved in the battle to please contact me.

Fred Churchill
POW/MIA Chairman
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With the weather changing, our Cigar night is back, come on down, relax and visit with other members.

Hello everyone,

We need your help, if you move or change your phone number, address or email, please let your organization membership chairman know of the change's or you can let Liz know, she keeps the master roster for all organizations. It is important for us to keep up to date records.

Thank you in advance

Bob Moyer
Quartermaster
VFW





VFW AUXILIARY 7397

Auxiliary Members,

Thank you to all of our members who supported our auxiliary's Mardi Gras dinner and silent auction. Thank you, auxiliary members, for all your hard work.

April 4th meeting will be nomination and election of new officers. If anyone is thinking of getting more involved or have new ideas that you would like to see happen in the auxiliary, now is a great time to come to a meeting. Next Buddy Poppy drive will be May 18th at Hy-Vee, 87th and Pflumm from 10-2.



Our 2nd District Spring Convention will be held Saturday, April 27st at our Post starting at 9:00 am. Our May 2nd meeting will be installing new officers.

May 27th is Memorial Day, we will have a wreath laying ceremony at St John's cemetery, with a ceremony at the post. The Department convention will be in Hutchison, June 7th- 9th.

Thank you for all you do to support our veterans.

Respectfully
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VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

Frequently Asked Questions

What does it cost to run the National Home and how is it funded?

- A. It costs approximately 5.2 million a year to operate the National Home and it receives no state or federal funding.

What are residents charged to live at the National Home?

- A. Residents live in a single family home completely free of charge. In addition, they also receive free childcare for children 5 and under. The burden of these two expenses alone is often a hindrance to a family moving forward towards their long term goals. The National Home's program lifts these burdens and allows families to focus on rebuilding their lives.

What is the National Home's population?

- A. The National Home provides housing, case management services and educational services to military and Veteran families. The age groups vary by family and there are typically 90 children and 50 adults living on campus.

Do the children who live at the National Home attend public school or is there a school on campus?

- A. The children living at the Home attend public schools.

Does the National Home pay for medical and dental expenses?

- A. Residents of the National Home are required to have some form of medical insurance and we also offer medical, dental, and vision assistance on an as-needed basis.

Do children at the National Home participate in extra-curricular activities?

- A. The children have the opportunity to take part in many activities, both through the public school system and our on-campus programs. The home offers many activities such as: 4-H club, Cool Beans life skill program, summer enrichment programs and piano lessons. Kids also have access to a full gymnasium, basketball court, baseball field, and many playgrounds.



AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407

Greetings Legionnaires

Spring has arrived. Hope everyone is enjoying the end to a tough winter.

Thanks to all who joined us for our Chicken and Fish Dinner's. We had a nice turnout. Our next dinner will be April 17th.

Our District II convention was held Saturday March 23rd at Gardner Post 19. It was well attended. Membership was a high priority. Please renew and bring a friend!

Thanks to Post 19. They have completed a major renovation and it looks great. Be sure to stop by if you're in Gardner.

Boys State applications are being accepted through April. It is a great experience for eligible high school Junior's. You can go on line at 'kansasboysstate.org' for complete information.

We will be having nominations and election of officers at our April 15th meeting. Please make plans to attend and consider holding a position in our Post.

Enjoy the nice weather and hope to see you at the Canteen.

If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces during any of the war eras listed below And have been honorably discharged or are still serving, you are eligible for membership in the American Legion. Tell your friends.

WWI	APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918
WWII	DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946
KOREAN WAR	JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955
VIETNAM WAR	FEBRUARY 28, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975
LEBANON/GRENADA	AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984
PANAMA	DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JANUARY 31, 1990
GULF WAR/WAR ON TERRORISM	AUGUST 2, 1990 - PRESENT

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American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

We would like to thank everyone who came to our St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Of course, we could not have had a successful event without The Auxiliary members who volunteer their time for several days to cook, decorate, bake and serve the Irish cuisine.

Kansas Department Convention will be held in Hutchinson, KS, May 17th through the 19th At the Atrium Hotel and Conference Center, 1400 N. Lorraine St, Hutchinson, Ks 67501. More information will be posted at the post once received.

Please check with the American Legion regarding time to help place flags for the Memorial Day weekend and help with picking them up.

Membership for 2019 are now due if you have not renewed, please do so.

Thanks to all for your continued participation and support.

Pat Willcox, President
American Legion
Auxiliary President





SAL

Greetings from the Sons of the American Legion.

Spring has finally arrived, hopefully the ice and snow have moved on for good.

Thanks for everyone supporting our burrito sales, we use the profits for the sales to benefit veteran and community activities.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday May 5th for our annual Cinco De Mayo Mexican Fiesta. Tacos, burritos and all the fixings.

Our monthly meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month, at 7pm, stop by and see us.

Jeff Carson
Squadron Commander





AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Spring has sprung with the hopes of wonderful riding weather; but as we know in Kansas the weather is anything but what is expected. The Riders have scheduled rides for April 27 (Poker Run) and May 18 (Louis' Run). Our ride fee is \$10.00 per person (rider, passenger or cage). KSU usually occur at 10am the morning of the ride; more details will be sent out closer to the day of the ride.

Our monthly reoccurring activity schedule is, the 2nd Thursday is our meeting night at 7pm; the 2nd Sunday is our ALR Breakfast, 8:30am – 11am (\$8.00 for an excellent buffet breakfast); and the 4th Tuesday of each month is our Dine Out, 6p – 8p at selected restaurants, see below.

The last Thursday of the month the Riders attend an End of Month (EOM) ceremony at Leavenworth National Cemetery to honor our brothers & sisters that have passed away since last ceremony. We invite anyone to join us at this honor ceremony; we send out notice of staging & KSU location & times.

A May 20 activity that we will support is the Annual Run for the Wall fuel stop support in Concordia, Missouri. There will be more information on Staging – KSU time & Location at a later date. Plus the Riders will participate in any Memorial Day activities at the Post.

Safe Travels & Enjoy our Journey.

Dine Out

- April 23rd – Barley's Brew house, 11924 W. 119th St. OP KS 66212
- May 28th – Hayward's Bar B Que, 12804 Santa Fe Trail Drive, Lenexa, KS 66215
- June 25th – Blue Moose
- July 23rd – Stroud's
- 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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FROM THE CLUBROOM

Greetings from the Canteen, April showers bring May flowers, and that's just what I plan to do. Anyone who likes to garden and would like to help start some raised garden beds here at the post. Be here Sunday March 31st 2pm and April 1st 2pm. I will draw out my vision and we can discuss how to improve and bring it to fruition.



Aloha April 20th the Canteen will be hosting a Luau Dinner for \$8.00 and the bar will have Pina colodas and Kona Brewing Company's Hawaiian beers. There will prizes and a Hula Hoop contest. Aloha.



Because I love it, once again we will have Kentucky Derby Day! On May 4th, the most exciting 2 minutes in sports, a day filled with History, Tradition, Sports, Fashion, Food and Drinks. Fun starts at 2pm Ladies wear your hats!



May 30th all day Thursday the Life line screening folks will be back in the big hall check the post for details closer to the event we will have flyers available.



Don't forget, Yoga every Tuesday, two classes, 7-8 pm and 8-9 pm, this is a donation class, with Kathy Walker in the large hall.



April 17th will be the American Legion Chicken and Fish dinner from 6-7 pm.



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



And don't forget the \$2 Burgers, \$1 Fries and \$2 Onion Rings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.



Thanks for your support

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PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR ALL EVENTS

April 2019

YOGA, TEXAS HOLD'EM AND TACO'S EVERY TUESDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Burgers, Onion Rings & Fries  KVV Meetings	2 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30pm YOGA 	3	4 VFW & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm 	5	6 Texas Holdem 1pm 
7	8	9 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA 	10 MCL Meeting 7pm 	11 Rider Meeting 7pm 	12 Steak Dinner 6-7 \$15 	13 Texas Holdem 1pm 
14 Rider Breakfast 8:30-11:00 	15 AL, ALA & SAL Meetings 7:00 Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings 	16 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA 	17 Chicken & Fish Dinner 6pm 	18 VFW Planning Meeting 	19 Cigars 8:00 PM 	20 Texas Holdem 1pm Luau Dinner 5-8pm \$8 
21	22	23 Taco Tuesday 6:30 pm YOGA  Rider Dine Out	24 MCL & Auxiliary Meetings 	25	26 Pork Chop Dinner 6-7 \$10 	27 Texas Holdem 1pm  VFW & Auxiliary District Convention Lenexa 9am
28	29	30 Taco Tuesday 6:30 pm YOGA 				

May 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 VFW & Auxiliary Installation of Officers 7pm 	3	4 Texas Holdem 1pm  Kentucky Derby Day 2pm 
5 SAL Cinco De Mayo Dinner  5-7 \$9	6 Burgers, Fries Onion Rings  Korean War Vets Meeting	7 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA 	8 MC League Officers Meeting 	9 AL Rider Meeting 	10 Steak Dinner 6-7 \$15 	11 Texas Holdem 1pm 
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19 Vietnam Veteran 50th Commemoration Program 1pm 	20 AL, ALA & SAL Meetings 7:00 Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings 	21 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA 	22 MC League & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	23	24	25 Texas Holdem 1pm 
26	27	28 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA  Rider Dine Out	29	30 Life Screening All Day 	31 Pork Chop Dinner 6-7 \$10 	

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Outings Leaders at work across the United States in 2017/2018.

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Sierra Club Outings Leaders have helped over 85,000 veterans and their families get outside on single- and multi-day wilderness adventures since 2006. We primarily recruit veterans to become Outings Leaders, but family members and all who work with veterans are welcome to apply. You do not need outdoors experience or any special gear!

JOIN US FOR OUTINGS LEADER TRAINING 27-28 APRIL 2019 IN KANSAS CITY!

The Sierra Club Military Outdoors will host a free 2-day training course beginning on Saturday, 27 April at 9am with a full day of classroom training. Day 2 (28 April) will focus on leadership and safety practical exercises run outdoors.

Contact the course instructor Dave Stroman at sgt.strodog@gmail.com for more information. If you would like to register for the course include a phone number and a date/time you are available for a screening call. Course syllabus, packing list and training location provided following registration.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

How to plan a safe and enjoyable wilderness adventure, from short hikes in a city park to more challenging multi-day outings in the wilderness. Classes include:

- Trip Planning
- Risk Management
- Recruiting Veterans for Outings
- Small Group Leadership
- Sierra Club Policies & How to Access Sierra Club Resources

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT, LEARN HOW YOU CAN JOIN US

To get involved, or to simply be invited to future trips and events, email Dave Stroman, *Outings Leader*, at sgt.strodog@gmail.com or visit sc.org/military.



Outings Leader Jon Turner, Acadia National Park

We are about 45 days out from the Outing Leader training. Get signed up and spend more time outdoors; not because you have to, but because you want to.

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