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On Veterans' Way

VFW POST 7397

Greetings Comrades, Sisters & Brothers, 'tis truly the season of giving, we have several wonderful opportunities to give back this December.

The VFW & Auxiliary have put together a Tiny Homes benefit Christmas dinner on Friday December 22nd from 6-7pm. This dinner, besides feeding us, will provide hot meals for the inaugural residents at the Veterans Community Project - Tiny Home Village, and will provide non-perishable items for their food pantry. This dinner is limited to 100 attendees. We will be serving smoked turkey, pulled pork, smoked sausage, pit beans, cheesy corn & Cole slaw. We ask that anyone wishing to attend, please sign up with the bartenders. We also ask that you bring along a small side or dessert to share. This dinner will cost \$6 per person, or \$5 with a donation of non-perishable items.

Another great way to give back - we have put together an All-Post project - Helping needy Veterans and their families. The Donation Approved by the units at the Post for the Adopt-A-Veteran Families for Christmas is \$1200 (American Legion Riders - \$300, American Legion - \$300, Marine Corp League - \$300 and VFW - \$300.) We have confirmed we have four veteran families for the Adopt -A- Veteran Family for Christmas. We have one senior veteran and three veteran families who are from The Salvation Army Support Services to Veteran Families and one Student veteran family. We would like everyone to have the opportunity to participate in the "giving" so we will be putting a donation box out in the Club Room for dry good items for the families after Thanksgiving, We will end the drive on the Sunday, December 17th. On Sunday, the 17th we will put the boxes together for our families from 1pm to 4pm and we invite everyone to come out to help. If anyone would like to help with some of the shopping for the personal items for the families please contact Dee Smith 913-522-2740 email ksdisasterqueen@gmail.com (Please know Dee is out of the country from November 30th through December 9th.) or John Byrnes cell 913-268-9363 Email jjbyrnes23@gmail.com

On December 10th from 11am - 2pm - General Bunting (US Army Retired) and his Chuck Wagon team will be putting together care packages for Veterans at the VA at our post. If you would like to help out, please contact one of the VFW Officers for more details.

You may have heard rumors of a Memorial Garden in front of the Post. The rumors are true, we have been approached by a Boy Scout (candidate for Eagle). He asked to make the Memorial Garden his Eagle project. It has been approved by the VFW and the Eagle Scout review board. Construction will begin in the spring of 2018 with the dedication scheduled for Memorial Day. But you can purchase memorial bricks now. We will have order forms at the Post, we have attached one to this newsletter and are trying to get a downloadable version on the website.

The Department Convention will be held in Topeka January 12th - 14th, and the District Convention for the VFW only will be at the post January 27th, from 10-12. For more information please contact one of the Post Officers

I would also like to notify our membership, that this will be the last newsletter that has a hard copy mailed out to anyone. As we end the calendar year, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Comradeship,
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VFW AUXILIARY 7397

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all of our Veterans who participated in the Veterans Day Ceremonies in the KC area. Thank you to all who volunteered at the Buddy Poppy Drive last month as well!

December 7th will be the VFW & Auxiliary Christmas party instead of our monthly Auxiliary meeting; Happy hour 6-7 pm. Dinner at 7:00 pm. December 10th is the VA Christmas party in Leavenworth. Be at the Domiciliary at 1:00-1:30 if you would like to volunteer.

December 16th, Wreaths across America 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 war heroes. It's an awesome sight to behold & take part in.

Remember our Toys for Tots box at the Post. December 22nd at 6pm will be dinner for the Tiny Houses Food Project. Bring a covered dish and canned goods. List of items needed is attached. The Auxiliary also has a fundraising project going on, we are selling Suicide Prevention Pins, available in the club room for \$4 each.

Department Mid-Winter Convention is January 12th-14th in Topeka. We will not have a District meeting in January. Please note, December 31st is approaching fast to pay your dues. If you know anyone interested in becoming an Auxiliary member, be sure to contact Liz Moyer at 913-631-9377 or lizmoyer65@myccci.net, applications are also at the post. Wishing you and yours a wonderful and safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully
Kimberly Keane
VFW Auxiliary President
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AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407

Greetings Legionnaires

Hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. We had a nice turnout for our annual Membership appreciation spaghetti dinner. Thanks to Charlie Greico for preparing the delicious sauce and all those who helped make the dinner a success. Please be sure to get your renewals in if you haven't already. Remember to pass the word to friends and family of the benefits of joining the legion family. We'll be having our monthly Chicken and Fish dinner Wednesday Dec 20th from 6-7 PM. Take a break from Christmas shopping and join us for a great meal. Our all post-Christmas party will be Friday Dec 15th from 4-8. Always a good time to see everyone and enjoy the evening. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Don Lebens. Commander Post 407



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Once again, we come to the end of another year. Looking back, we have accomplished much in support of Veterans by meeting our mission goals and having fun at the same time. We must not forget those of our membership that have passed in 2017; we 'Salute You-Thank You for your service-And Rest in Peace'; you will not be forgotten.

But we are not idle in fulfilling the needs of others thru the end of the year and beginning of 2018. Here is a schedule of events:

December 10: Monthly Breakfast, 8:30-11am; at the Post

December 14: Monthly Meeting/ Christmas Party; at the Post

December 16: Wreaths across America, 11am; Ft Leavenworth & Leavenworth National Cemeteries

December 17: Christmas boxes for Adopted Families

January 1: Polar Bear Run, 1-3pm; Location to be determined

January 11: Monthly Meeting, 7-8pm; at the Post

January 14: Monthly Breakfast, 8:30-11am; at the Post

January 23: Monthly Dine Out, 6-8pm; Garrozzo's Italian Restaurant at 9550 College Blvd

On behalf of ALR 407 Riders, we would like to express our thanks & appreciation of the support everyone has given us this year and to wish all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

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American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with their family and friends.

Upcoming Events

February 2-4th Mid-Winter Forum will be held at Manhattan, Ks Post # 17 more information to be forthcoming.

Please remember if you have not paid your dues they need to be paid by 12/31/17 dues are \$24.00. Also if you know anyone that is eligible please let them know we are always looking for new members.

We **will not** be having an **Auxiliary meeting in December**, see you on the 3rd Monday in **January, 2018 at 7 P.M.**

Wishing everybody and their families plus Veterans Happy Holidays.

Pat Willcox, President
American Legion Auxiliary

FROM THE CLUBROOM

Where has this year gone?

We have a busy December in the clubroom, Jane Anderson suggested we have a drink special for the month, it will be Cranberry Mules.

December 2nd Karaoke Quarterfinals 8 pm.



The winner will be announced December 16th. We will have online voting to determine the winner. December 9th will be the Kids Christmas party. Bring the kids or grandkids down for some holiday fun, activities, games, & treats.



December 15th is the All Post Christmas party 4 to 8 pm.



We will have Chuck Shoemaker and his award winning keyboard skills.

Please note, this is the last newsletter to be mailed out, if you have an email address and would like to receive the newsletter, please send me your email address to the address listed on the last page or you can stop by the post and pick one up.



Also, Caricatures by Dorina an acclaimed artist, she will be drawing pictures for those interested.



SILENT AUCTION

Door prizes, silent auction



Please bring your favorite dish, the meat will be provided by the post.



Also drink specials, plus a New Year's Eve Theme Announcement.

Clubroom will be closed Christmas Day and reopened Tuesday for Tacos and Cards.



December 31st New Year's Eve Party with specialty food and drinks based on the theme to be announced.



January Drink of the month will be a Hot Blueberry Tea cocktail. January 1st Texas Holdem tournament and snacks. The 2nd and the 4th Monday in December & January we will be playing Video Bowling! Try your luck at making it into the High Bowlers Club.



\$1 Tacos every Tuesday 3 pm to 9 pm / Karaoke every Saturday. Next Karaoke Contest starts in February! The Brick Memorial Garden is beginning. This is your chance to purchase a brick in your name or donate one with someone else's name. Two engraved lines for \$50 or three engraved for \$75. Get your form at the post















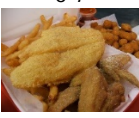






Farrah Erwin, Club Room Manager

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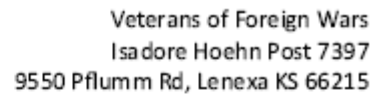
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December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Texas Holdem 1pm  Karaoke Tournament 8pm
3	4	5 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30 pm	6	7 VFW & Auxiliary Christmas Celebration 6pm 	8 Steak Dinner 6-7 \$15 	9 Texas Holdem 1pm  Children's Christmas Party 6-8pm
10 Rider Breakfast 8:30-11:00  Assembling Care Packages 11-2	11 Video Bowling Tournament 7pm 	12 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30 pm	13 MC League Officers Meeting 7pm 	14 Rider Meeting 7pm 	15 Club Room Christmas Party 4-8 Bring a dish	16 Texas Holdem 1pm  Wreaths across America 
17	18 AL, & SAL Meetings 7:00 \$2 Burgers 	19 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30 pm	20 Fish & Chicken Dinner 6-7 	21 VFW Planning Meeting 	22 BBQ Dinner For Tiny House Project RSVP Required 	23 Texas Holdem 1pm 
24 31 NEW YEARS EVE PARTY	25 Club Room Closed CHRISTMAS	26 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30 pm	27 MCL & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	28	29	30 Texas Holdem 1pm 

January 2018

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	1 \$2 Burgers  Texas Holdem Tournament 1:00pm Bring a Dish	2 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30 pm	3	4 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	5	6 Texas Holdem 1pm 
7	8 Video Bowling Tournament 7pm 	9 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30pm	10 MC League Officers Meeting	11 Al Riders 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 \$2 Burgers 	16 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30pm	17 Fish & Chicken Dinner 6-7 	18 VFW Planning Meeting 	19 MC League BBQ Dinner 6-7 \$12 	20 Texas Holdem 1pm 
21	22 Video Bowling Tournament 7pm 	23 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30pm Rider Dine-Out	24 MC League & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	25	26	27 Texas Holdem 1pm  District Convention 10-12 AT THE POST
28	29	30				



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

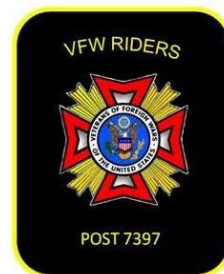
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits or anything for a healthy dessert
- Tuna and Crackers Snack Packs
- Hand-Held Soups
- Creamed Soups (Cream of Mushroom, Cream of Chicken, Broccoli Cheese Soup, etc.)
- Packs of Instant Coffee
- Healthy Snacks for Kids
- Canned Meats (Spam, Chicken, Tuna, Roast Beef, 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

SUICIDE PREVENTION PINS



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

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