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On Veterans' Way



Comrades, Sisters and Brothers - by the time you read this fall will be in full swing. It's always a busy time around the Post. Chiefs games on the big-screens in the Clubroom, the Legion's Fish & Chicken Dinners return, our Annual Gun Raffle and not to mention all the activities surrounding Veterans Day.

This year for the Gun Raffle, one of our new members Richard Calvert (a Master Gunsmith) has generously donated a "build your own" AK-47 in his shop, with his help, as the Grand Prize. He also donated the 2nd prize - an AR style bull-barrel .22 hunting rifle. Life Member Cody Granger worked with his employer Bushnell Optics to put in 3 amazing optics for the 3rd thru 5th prizes (3x magnifier AR Scope, Red-dot AR scope, & 10x spotting monocular). A huge THANK YOU to these two dedicated Members for these items. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. We will draw for the winners on Nov 10th at Steak Night.

October 11th - our very own VFW Auxiliary 7397 has the honor of hosting a reception and dinner for the VFW Auxiliary National President. This honor is not bestowed on many Auxiliaries due to the President's busy schedule. If you would like to attend the dinner or more importantly, if you can spare some time to help make this a success, please talk to 7397 Aux President Kim Keane or any of the Auxiliary Officers and let them know where you want to help out. Let's show the National Auxiliary President how we do it 7397 style and impress the heck out of her.

October 13th is Steak Night - again like every month we need volunteers to help cook, bring desserts, and to help clean up. We will have several of our regular volunteers out that night, so we'll need some new blood to step up to the challenge and help out.

October 21st is our fall District meeting at Post 6654 in De Soto, KS - 33725 W 84th Street, De Soto, KS 66018. The meeting will begin at 1000hrs (10am). District Commander Dave Cuba promises it will be as quick as possible so that we don't interfere with the NASCAR events at KS Speedway.

October 28th (tentatively scheduled date) - one of our KS Nation Guard adopted units - Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 137th Infantry will be having an open house at their Armory (18200 W 87th, Lenexa KS 66219). Keep an eye out on our Facebook page and around the clubroom for more details as they finalize the planning for this event. Should be a fun day to go meet with our Citizen Soldiers and see the gear, vehicles and tanks they use.

October 31st is the deadline for submitting to the Post nominees for Teacher of the Year, and for entries in Voice of Democracy & Patriots Pen.

November is when it gets really busy. The week leading up to Veterans Day, we have been asked to present in schools and take part in ceremonies all over the area. If you can spare some time to speak with students in the classroom or would like to help out with one of the ceremonies, please talk with one of the Post Officers. There are events on Wed Nov 8th, Thurs Nov 9th, Fri Nov 10th and Sun Nov 12th.

November 10th - VFW Steak Night, VFW Gun Raffle & United States Marine Corps 242nd Birthday. We will need as many volunteers as we can get for cooking, desserts, and cleanup. Last year our Veterans Day Steak Night was one of the biggest on record, and we're expecting this year to be even bigger.

November 11th, no rest for the weary - we'll be hosting an open house from 1200-1600 hrs. (12pm noon till 4pm). We will have all the wonderful story boards that Gerry Shirel has created highlighting each era of conflict. And we'll be specifically honoring our Vietnam Veterans as the 50th Commemoration continues. We would like to have as many volunteers as we can to be present to talk with all the visitors.

As November winds down, we'll all have the opportunity to sit down with our friends and family and reflect on all the things we're thankful for. And I know that, like all of you, I'm very thankful for our VFW Family and what we have done, are doing and will do for today's Warfighters, Veterans and all the family members.

Yours in Comradeship,

Chris Stergos

VFW Post 7397

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VFW Auxiliary Post # 7397

Thank you everyone that attended the POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony, Friday September 15th. The 2nd District Hospital picnic will be held Saturday October 7th at Overland Post 486, 8804 Grant. If you would like to come out and volunteer, visit and help with BINGO, please be there at 10:30.

Our National President, Dee Guillory will visit our post and have dinner with us on October 11th. 5:00 will be reception and pot luck dinner will be at 6:00. What a great honor this will be. Please let me know if you will be bringing a dish, if you haven't already. Let's show our National President what a great post and auxiliary we have by attending.

Eisenhower Vigil will be October 13th. If you would like to go and take watch, our time will be 4:45pm to 6:48pm in Abilene, KS. Please contact me if you are interested.

The Fall District meeting will be in De Soto on October 21st. Our Buddy Poppy Drive will be on Veterans Day, November 11th from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Hy-Vee, 13400 W 87th St Pkwy, Lenexa. There will be Veterans Day ceremonies all around the Metro. Please honor our Veterans by attending one.

Respectfully

Kimberly Keane

VFW Auxiliary President

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Dee Guillory

VFW Auxiliary

National President

American Legion Riders Post # 407

We are on the down side of another year; where has the time gone so quickly. The Riders usual activities for the next couple of months include our Breakfast on the second Sunday of the month; our ALR meetings will convene on the second Thursday of the month; and our Dine Out occurs on the last Tuesday of the month. These activities are monthly recurring events.

I want to mention two (2) activities that the Riders participated in that we feel were well received: one in August, was the Kansas National Guard Unit of Lenexa Deployment overseas ceremony where we presented the Unit with a signed "We Support Our Troops" flag to take with them and the Kansas State ALR Rally in Olathe in September where the Riders performed the Closing Ceremony & Flag Retirement at the close of the event.

On October 1, we will have a Family Fun Run down to Pittsburg, KS where we will visit the Viet Nam Memorial on the PSU campus and then partake in one of the local chicken dinner restaurants. Also, in October 21st, Ted's Run on Saturday,

October 21 is on the calendar as a fund raiser for our Veteran donations. We will also begin the process of nominations for new officers in 2018.

Our annual Xmas gathering will occur in December on the second Thursday in lieu of our usual meeting. We invite everyone to join us for FUN-FOOD-FELLOWSHIP at our Breakfast & Dine Out days; look for flyers posted at the VFW Post at the entrance door & bulletin board. Safe Travels Everyone & Enjoy Our Journey in the upcoming fall months.

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American Legion # 407

Greetings Legionnaires

Fall is here and the Fish and Chicken Dinners are back. We had a good turnout for our September dinner. Thanks to all who helped and all of you who attended. Our next dinner will be October 18th. Membership is in full swing. We're about half way to our goal of 100%. Please renew if you haven't already.

As usual, we welcome new members and transfers. Let's keep our Post strong! Be sure to check out our Facebook page for upcoming events and news. Enjoy the coming fall weather and we'll see you at the Post. Watch for other happenings at the canteen. Hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable summer.

Don Lebens. Commander Post 407.

American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

October 14th Eisenhower Pilgrimage will be held in Abilene, KS, if you have not attended, It would certainly be worth the trip to Abilene, the boyhood home of the President.

November 5, 2nd District Membership Rally – American Legion Post, 5 Delaware ST, Paola, KS

November 11th Veterans Day

November 27-30 Gift Shop at VA Hospital Bldg. # 200, Leavenworth, KS, hours Monday thru Wednesday 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Thursday from 9:30 AM to finish? Gifts are due by November 3, 2017. They need Volunteers and donations to continue service to our Veterans.

We certainly hope that everyone will have the chance to be with their family and loved ones this Thanksgiving. And for those who are able, remember the needy during this time of year with any help you can provide. Please remember the **membership dues** are now due for 2018. We are always on the lookout for new members so let your friends that qualify know the benefits of belonging to the Auxiliary

Pat Willcox, President
American Legion Auxiliary

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rider Family Fun Run To Pittsburg, KS	2 KWVA Meeting 7pm \$2 Burgers 	3 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30 pm	4	5 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	6	7 Texas Holdem 1pm District Hospital Picnic 846 OP Post <u>And in the Club Room</u> Brats or Cabbage Rolls 2-4pm \$7
8 Rider Breakfast 8:30 -11:00 	9 COLUMBUS DAY	10 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30pm	11 MC League Officers Meeting DINNER FOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT DEE GUILLORY 6:00pm	12 AI Riders Meeting 7pm 	13 Steak Dinner 6-7 \$15 	14 Texas Holdem 1pm 
15	16 AL, ALA & SAL Meetings 7:00 \$2 Burgers 	17 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30pm	18 Fish & Chicken Dinner 6-7 	19 VFW Planning Meeting 	20 MC League BBQ Dinner 6-7 \$12 	21 Texas Holdem 1pm Rider Run VFW & Auxiliary District Meeting, De Soto, KS
22	23	24 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30pm	25 MC League & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	26	27 RWB Halloween Game Night Wear your Costume's 6:30 pm	28 Texas Holdem 1pm  Halloween Costume Party
29	30	31 HALLOWEEN Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30pm Rider Dine Out				

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From the Canteen

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October 7th event starts at noon dinner from 2-4 pm Brat or Cabbage roll, with German potato salad, Red Cabbage, Glazed Carrots, and oven Fried Apples. \$7.00 we will also have games contest \$10 entry fee, swag bags for the 1st 50 people in the door, and prize baskets for game winners.



We do Tacos every Tuesday all day long starting at 3pm.



Congratulations to the winners of the Salsa contest Emil DeBrabander and Jon Bolander.

October 28th Halloween party come dressed up in costume Best costume will win a prize.



November 11th is Veterans Day check the post for events that day



We are in full swing with Chiefs Games come watch the game with our new overhead sound system have a Bucket of Beer and Jell-O-Shots.



Congratulations to Misty Loftus for being the high score bowler on the Big Lembowski night. 184 great score.

November 18th we enjoy another funny film by quoting it all evening long. "**Better off Dead**" with a Moonshine Jell-O-Shot special.



Happy Thanksgiving to everyone on the 23rd. The Clubroom will be closed that day so that the bartenders can be with their families. Thank you all for the continued support and I hope to see you at the upcoming events.

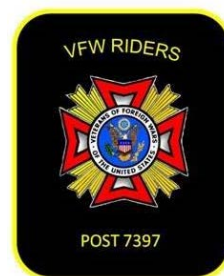
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