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October-November 2018

VFW POST 7397

Greetings, Comrades, Sisters and Brothers

Fall is upon us, and so is a busy time of year around the Post.

If you have submissions for Teacher of the Year, Patriot's Pen, or Voice of Democracy, remember they are due at the Post no later than October 31st.

Farrah has been working her hind-end off with the fundraising booth at the Renaissance Festival - she can really use some help. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the clubroom. Check your schedule and see if you can help her out.

We voted at September meeting to have a new meal - Smoked Pork Chop dinner on the last Friday of each month. We'll use this extra income to help pay for the plumbing repairs. Come on out and enjoy another meal with the family.

Steak Nights on the 2nd Friday of each month are always a big draw, and we can always use help with desserts, setup/cooking and cleanup.

While Steak Night is going on Friday, October 12th, there will be a team conducting the annual Eisenhower vigil at his graveside in Abilene, KS. District 2 time-slot is approximately 1600-1800hrs. If you are interested in attending please contact one of the Post Officers.

On Saturday October 13th, we will host the registration/start point for the Scott Lalumondier Memorial Poker Run. The Riders will be at our Post 9-10am and then head out. This ride is raising funds for the National Desert Storm Memorial that will be built on the National Mall in DC. All Riders, cars, scooters, etc. are invited to participate. The Ride will start at our Post, head to Desoto VFW, then on to Leavenworth VFW, over to the KCK Legion, finally ending up at the Overland Park VFW for music & BBQ.

Also on Saturday October 13th, we'll have a visit from the National Auxiliary President. Please talk to one of the Auxiliary Officers to see how you can assist.

Saturday October 27th is the District 2 meeting down at Post 1980 in Emporia. The meeting runs 10-12, we will carpool from the Post if you would like to attend.

The end of October signals the beginning of the Toys for Tots campaign. Keep an eye out for the boxes to start showing up at the Post and around town. The Marines will need all the extra help they can get this year after losing Toys-R-Us.

Veterans Day is just around the corner, Honor Guard - have your uniforms ready - like every year, we will be asked to participate in various ceremonies around town

Buddy Poppy distribution and money collection will be at the Hy-Vee (87th & Lackman) on Sunday November 11th - 10am-2pm. Please help out if you can.

Keep an eye out for our annual gun raffle/fundraiser. At the time of printing, we're still finalizing details. But like usual, the drawing for the winners will be on the Steak Night during Veterans Day Weekend (Friday, November 9th)

If you have Monday November 12th off work for the official government observation of Veterans Day - you can make your way up to Leavenworth to watch the Veterans Day Parade. "The oldest Veterans Day observance in the nation and the largest parade west of the Mississippi."

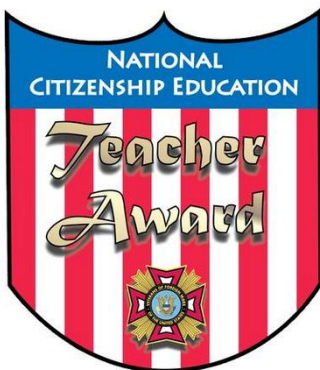
Thank you for all that you do. Keep up the great work.

Yours in Comradeship

Chris Stergos

VFW Post 7397 – Commander

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VFW AUXILIARY 7397

Auxiliary Members,

Thank you everyone that attended the POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony, Friday September 21st. Our National President, Sandi Kriebel will visit our post and have dinner with us on October 13th. 5:00 will be reception/social hour and pot luck dinner at 5:30. What a great honor this will be. We need side dishes, please let me know if you can bring something, 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 12th in Abilene, KS. If you would like to go and take watch, let me know. The dress of the day is black slacks, white or blue blouse, black shoes, (no open toe) and black jacket. Our time will be 4:45pm to 6:48pm.

The Fall District meeting will be in Emporia on October 27th, Post 1980 at 10:00am. 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.

As you know, our annual membership is now due. Please send in your renewal to Liz Moyer, 7807 Lackman Road, Lenexa, KS 66217. If you need to contact her, please do so, lizmoyer65@mycci.net, 913-631-9377. We would love to have you join us at a meeting, come and see what we do to help our veterans and members of the community.

Respectfully
Kimberly Keane
VFW Auxiliary President
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District Meeting and POW/MIA ceremony



District President, Dana Pflumm



AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407

Greetings Legionnaires

Thanks to all who attended our first Chicken/Fish dinner of the season. We had a nice turnout and hope to see you October 17th for the next one.

We will be having a membership drive in the near future, and we will be asking for a few volunteers to join us in contacting members who haven't renewed their memberships as of yet. This will only take an hour or so depending on how much help we have. I will send out the details as soon as we have a date and time.

Also, your help is needed for our monthly meetings, we would like to have as many members as possible attend. They are held the third Monday of the month at 7PM. Hope to see you there.

Enjoy the cool weather!

Don Lebens. Commander Post 407

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Brett P. Reistad, National Commander of The American Legion



American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

Following are upcoming events

October 13th, the 38th annual Eisenhower Pilgrimage will be held in Abilene, Ks. Program starts at approximately 10 AM. If you have not attended, it would certainly be worth the trip to Abilene, the boyhood home of the President.

Immediately following the ceremony there will be a Homecoming Luncheon at the Greyhound Hall of Fame, 407 south Buckeye Avenue, Abilene, KS 67410. We will be honoring our state representatives listed below.

**Chuck Shoemaker, Department Vice Commander,
Paula Sellens, Department Auxiliary Vice President and
Tom Wallsmith, S.A.L. Detachment Vice Commander**

Meal provided by Snuffy's Barbeque, tickets are \$12.50 if paid by October 8, 2018, or \$15.00 at the door. Send Reservations and check payable to Chuck Shoemaker, PO Box 3277, Shawnee, KS 66203

November 4th 2nd District Membership Rally held at American Legion Post 5, Delaware Street, Paola, KS

December 3 - 6 Gift Shop at VA Hospital, Leavenworth, KS, further information to follow.

Please remember **membership dues for 2019** are due now. If you know anyone that would be interested in joining the American Legion Auxiliary, give them an application, tell them about us and what we do.

Pat Willcox, President
American Legion
Auxiliary President

Kathy Dungan, National President



Advocacy for Veterans



Youth Development



Veterans/Military Support



Family Support





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Greetings from the Sons of the American Legion.

2019 membership is in full swing, you should have received your renewal notices by now. Please renew your dues promptly to remain a member in good standing.

A fresh batch of burritos is ready in the canteen, please ask your friendly bartender to hook you up.

See you in the canteen.

Jeff Carson
Squadron Commander



Greg "Doc" Gibbs
Sons of the American Legion
Commander



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Rides: November 11, 2018 is Lawrence's Veteran's Day Parade. This conflicts with our regular fund-raising breakfast so if you're participating in the parade swing by the post for a healthy breakfast on your way.

Leavenworth's Veteran's Day Parade is on the 12th. Forms can be obtained on line if a group wants to participate or let Sparky know and she will help.

November 21st, is the Fall Fun Run. Details will be finalized at the next meeting

We are in the process of finalizing an orientation manual for new riders. Included in this will be history of the post, regulations, ride leader signals and much more. This will be posted when it becomes final.

REMINDERS:

- # Dues for 2019 are now due, you can pay anytime and are delinquent on December 30th

- # Need to think about officers for 2019.

- # October 6th is the Community Packing Party at the post from 9 until noon. Invited the Boy Scouts to participate In this event and Wreath's Across America.

- # October 23rd, monthly dine out, Stroud's (25%)

- # November 10th, 6:30 am is the Marine Corp breakfast at the Lenexa Community Center. Please bring a new Unwrapped toy.

- # November 27th, monthly dine out, Barley's Brew House (25%)

Erick Jensen,
Director

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FROM THE CLUBROOM

The Renaissance is almost over, and we have raised just over \$1,500.00 so far by my calculations. Thanks to the continued support by Volunteers Cliff, Cheyenne, Misty, Karen, Jane, Randy, Carla and Carla's family, Kathy, and Steve. We will really need some helpers for October 6th and 7th as Cliff and I will both have other obligations. If you can help those days please sign up on the bulletin board at the post.



October 6, 7, & 8, October 13 & 14

9:00 am to 7:30 pm

We can rotate in 5 hour shifts morning to afternoon and afternoon to night.

We have a new group of guys who have stepped up to Play live Music for us the String Benders on Friday nights and Jack Martin on Sunday afternoons. Thank you and Welcome to the post. Come out and give these guys a listen they are great. Tips appreciated.



Yoga every Tuesday at 7 pm in the large hall and Beer yoga in the canteen the last Thursday, and the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

Yoga Asanas Dos and Dons for Beginners





Halloween party will be October 27th the Saturday night before Halloween. If anyone has any theme ideas they want me to try let me know via Facebook or email



November will be here very soon and I will have a new last name as well as some much needed time off. I will be gone from October 29th until November 10th. So, if you have a problem, or need something, please contact Cleo Hansen first, she will be taking over for me while I am gone. And if she can't help contact Bob Moyer, or Ralph Schneider. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.



The Clubroom will be closed on Thanksgiving so that the bartenders may be with their families. Keep checking Facebook for new ideas and activities to come.

And always, remember the \$2 Burgers, \$1 Fries and \$2 Onion Rings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.



Farrah Erwin, Club Room Manager
VFW 7397
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To remember everything that is going on, take the calendars out and hang them on your refrigerator.

Another item we ask that you save, are the box tops for education, if you don't save them for your children, would you drop them off at the post.



Please save your pop tops for Ronald McDonald House, these help keep the cost free for families that stay there. Just drop them off at the post





Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City (RMHC-KC) has three Houses as well as a Family Room program to assist families who have a critically-ill or injured child.



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The Houses, known as the Wylie House, Cherry Street House, and the Longfellow House are designed to provide "a home away from home" for families who do not live in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

The Family Room, located inside the hospital, is designed to be a comfortable space for families to get away from the hospital environment.

Ronald McDonald House

It's hard enough for a family to cope when a child is seriously ill or injured. When parents and children must travel far from home, the disruption of family life only adds to the stress.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City alleviates some of the stress by providing a temporary home for families who have children receiving inpatient or outpatient treatment for critical illness or injury. Three Houses are located within walking distance of Children's Mercy Hospital. Each House provides indoor and outdoor spaces for families to relax and socialize while remaining close to their child's bedside.



Cherry Street House



Wylie House

Families receive their own guestroom, which can sleep up to six people, with attached private bath. Amenities include 24-hour access to a fully-stocked kitchen and pantry, laundry rooms, hygiene products, a medical room as well as supportive services by caring staff and volunteers. At the Ronald McDonald House, families can be together and keep the routines of normal life, away from hospital lobbies and hotel rooms.

Families who have never stayed at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City must be referred by a Social Worker. For more information, contact (816) 234-3670.

Ronald McDonald House Family Room

When a family is spending long, stressful hours at the hospital with a seriously ill or injured child, parents can find much-needed respite and support inside the hospital in Ronald McDonald House Charities Family Room.

Located on the second floor of the West Tower at Children's Mercy Hospital, the Family Room offers a home-like environment where parents can relax and take care of personal matters such as showering, laundry and meals without going all the way home. The space also has seven sleeping rooms designed to provide overnight accommodations for parents of PICU, ICN, burn and bone-marrow transplant patients.

Even better, these accommodations are available free of charge to parents of all children who are inpatients at Children's Mercy Hospital.

For more information, call (816) 234-1533.

WISH LISTS

As you can imagine, it takes a lot to make a Ronald McDonald House feel like a “home away from home”. To provide a loving Caring and supportive environment. Ronald McDonald House Chartities relies on the generous donations from our community. Our wish lists contain food pantry goods, storage and paper items, cleaning supplies, linens and household items, personal Care and family items, and office supplies.


























Donations can be dropped off seven days a week between 8am and 8pm, at the Longfellow House, 2502 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64108.

Top 10 Wish List Updated 9/15/18









Bleach (powdered and liquid needed)
Umbrellas
Gallon-sized Ziplock Bags
Coffee and Creamer
Boxed Disposable Non-Latex Gloves

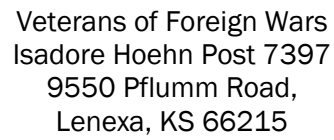
Disinfectant Wipes
Kitchen-sized Trash Liners (13 gal)
Deodorant (men and women's)
Large Outdoor Trash Liners (45-50)

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings  KVV Meeting 7pm	2 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA 	3	4 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	5	6 Texas Holdem 1pm 
7	8 YOGA  Columbus Day	9 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA 	10 MC League Officers Meeting 7pm 	11 AL Riders Meeting 7pm 	12 Steak Dinner, 6-7 \$15  Eisenhower Vigil, Abilene, KS	13 Texas Holdem 1pm  VFW Auxiliary National President's Visit Dinner 5:30
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 Fish & Chicken Dinner 	18 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm 	19 CIGARS 	20 Texas Holdem 1pm 
21	22 YOGA 	23 Taco Tuesday 6:30 pm YOGA  Rider Dine Out	24 MC League & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm	25 Beer Yoga 	26 Pork Chop Dinner 6-7 \$10 	27 Texas Holdem 1pm  
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4 America Legion & Auxiliary District Meeting Paola, KS	5 Burgers, Fries Onion Rings  Korean War Vets Meeting	6 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA 	7 MCL Birthday Dinner	8 AL Riders Meeting 7pm 	9 Steak Dinner 6-7 \$15 	10 Texas Holdem 1pm  Johnson County Ceremony Vietnam Era Veterans Antioch Park 11:00 Color Guard
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25	26 YOGA 	27 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA 	28 MC League & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	29	30 Pork Chop Dinner 6pm \$10 	



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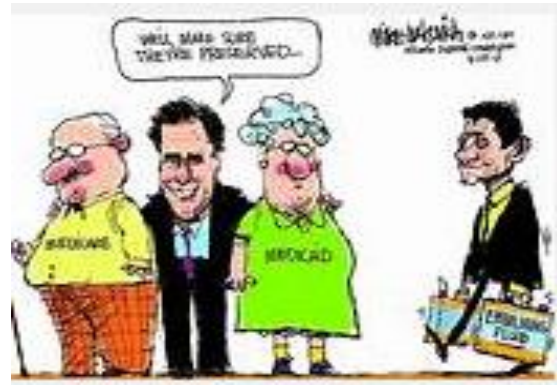
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