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June-July 2018

VFW POST 7397

Greetings, Comrades, Sisters and Brothers

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Memorial Day activities & ceremonies. June and July will be a busy time around the Post. Many of you have probably heard by now that our plumbing on the south half of the building is in dire straits. We have narrowed down the bids from various contractors and replacement work will begin soon. When the work begins we will be closed for roughly 7-10 days, so keep an eye out for the notification. Plan A (we have to do) is to replace the plumbing for both bars, the utility room and the walk-in cooler and will cost us roughly \$20,000. Plan B (potential additional work based on what the contractor finds and recommends) will be decided on by the time this newsletter has been published and it would replace the main line under the banquet hall and to just outside the front of the building. This would cost an additional (roughly \$8,000). So we will be spending either roughly \$20,000 or \$28,000. We will be financing this expenditure, but if anyone would like to donate directly to this repair there are little boxes around the clubroom or feel free to contact the Quartermaster.

June 8th and July 13th are the upcoming Steak Nights - and as usual we can always use volunteers to help with desserts and clean up.

June 9th we will be hosting two wonderful events to benefit our Post and our community. 8-11 am – In the large hall, Thrivent Financial will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast with the proceeds going towards Heartland Honor Flight

10am - 2pm – In the parking lot, Thrasher KC Car Club will be sponsoring our 2nd Annual Car & Bike show with the proceeds split between the VFW and Veterans Community Project, Tiny Home Village. The Car & Bike show will be featuring BBQ meals by our very own Marine Corps League BBQ Team

June 15-17 will be the Department Convention in Wichita - if you are interested in attending please contact one of the VFW Officers for more details

July 4th - We will be once again lead the Lenexa Parade. Once the Parade is complete, we can all enjoy some tasty BBQ at the Legion's Annual BBQ Lunch

At 1300 hrs. (1pm) - we will be having our official ribbon cutting and dedication of the Brick Memorial Garden

July 20th-25th - The VFW National Convention.

Saturday, July 21st - The VFW Riders will stop by in the afternoon as part of the Annual Vander Clute Memorial Ride

Sunday, July 22nd - We are hosting a Past Department Commanders & Past Presidents Banquet (pending possible date change)

Monday, July 23rd - We are hosting another Past Department Commanders & Past Presidents Banquet

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, will be the official meetings for the Convention down at Bartle Hall - if you are interested in attending please talk to one of the VFW Officers

Thank you for everyone's continued hard work and efforts helping the Veterans, Family Members and our Community.

Yours in Comradeship

Chris Stergos

VFW Post 7397 – Commander

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New members taking their oath



STEAK NIGHT



STEAK NIGHT



FUTURE LEADERS



NOW THAT IS KITCHEN HELP





Shrine Legion of Honor , ABOU BEN AD-HEM from Springfield, MO. They heard about the hospitality of our post and came over for a visit before returning home.

Do You Know the Signs?

A staggering 20 veterans commit suicide every day. The VFW is committed to helping change the narrative and stigma surrounding mental health.



4th of July Parade, Downtown Lenexa

Mike Petersen being sworn in as the New District 2 Commander for 2018-2019



Post Officers for 2018-2019



Chris Stergos, Commander,
Bruce Fischbach, Installing Officer
Bob Moyer, Quartermaster





VFW AUXILIARY 7397

Auxiliary Members,

I am honored to accept the VFW Auxiliary Presidency for 2018-2019. Our officers for the coming term are, Sr. Vice, Lou Hopkins, Jr. Vice, Cheryl Garrett, Treasurer/Secretary, Liz Moyer, Chaplain, Susie Puckett, Conductress, Angie LeDoux, Guard, Mary Landis, Patriotic Instructor, Kendra Bolejack, 3 Yr. Trustee Berna Hughes, 2 Yr. Trustee Diane Revels and 1 Yr. Trustee Carol Adler. I would like to thank everyone that came out and helped with the Buddy Poppy drive. It was a great success!

VFW Department Convention will be in Wichita, KS. June 15th-17, 2018.

VFW National Convention is in KCMO, July 21st -26th. The post will be having events through the week, check out the calendar.

Be on the lookout for communication pertaining to 4th of July, as always the American Legion and Auxiliary will be hosting another great BBQ luncheon after the parade. Also in July, dues notices will go out, please try and get those in as soon as you can, last year was the first time in 20 years we were not a 100%. Also, we would like to encourage everyone to purchase a life membership if you possibly can.

Once again thank you for the confidence you have shown in me to be your President again this year.

Respectfully
Kimberly Keane
VFW Auxiliary President
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Our winning display



Kristi Mead,
Department President
2018-2019



Dana Pflumm
District 2 President
2018-2019



Officers for 2018-2019



Poppy Drive at Hy Vee





AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407

Greetings Legionnaires

Hope everyone had a safe Memorial Day. Thanks to all who participated in the various observances. A special thanks to Dennis Coulthard and Ralph Schneider for placing the flags on the tombstones of our fallen veterans.

We have not reached our 100% goal for this year, it is still not too late for those of you who have not renewed. Please send in as soon as you can, because the 2019 year starts in July.

Our Chicken and Fish dinners have been suspended for this season. Thanks to all who come out in support our dinners. Hope Everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. Check the calendar for upcoming events, lots going on

Don Lebens. Commander Post 407

The young man listed below is who our Unit was named after. He was killed in Vietnam on September 23, 1969





SAL

Greetings from the Sons of the American Legion.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Cinco de Mayo dinner. We were able to donate over \$400 to the building fund from the profits. Next up is the annual joint Legion 4th of July BBQ. Please come and join us for good food and good times. 2018 membership is winding down, we need 9 more renewals to achieve our 100%. See you in the canteen



Jeff Carson
Squadron Commander

This is for the VFW and Auxiliary

We have a request, if you winter in another state, would you please email us your vacation address, the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary at National will put you as undeliverable because the mail they send out is 3rd class and the Post Office will not forward. It is greatly appreciated, since we like to keep our records up to date. Also, if you move or change your email address or phone number, please let us know, it sure saves on a lot of verifying.

Thanks
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VFW Auxiliary & Newsletter Editor
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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

The weather seems to have a grudge on the American Legion Riders 407. Most of the rides scheduled so-far have had to be cancelled or rescheduled. We would still like to set-up Doc's Memorial Run. Definitive date(s) will be forthcoming. Through the past weeks the ALR 407 has still kept busy. Mother's Day breakfast (including flowers and Mimosa) was appreciated. A committee has been established to "Adopt a Christmas Family". 10 Bikes and 1 cage participated in The Run for the Wall. I have never seen anything like that. I was honored to help with such a massive undertaking. The station I was at has eight (8) pumps. We did 250 bikes in 17 minutes. Pending rides and dine-outs are as follows:

ALR Ride Schedule:

June 23, 2018	Dam Fun Run
July 28, 2018	DQ/Dice Run
August 23-25, 2018	Bass-Pro Run (Springfield, Mo) <i>*More info coming</i>
September 22, 2018	Ted's run
October 20, 2018	Flint Hills Run

For more information, check out the Legion website, www.legion.org and our Facebook page, American Legion Post 407, Lenexa, KS and American Legion riders Post 407 Kansas Chapter

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For more information the ALR 407 or Legion website.

June 26 th , 2018	Blue Moose, 10064 Woodland Road, Lenexa (25%)
July 24 th , 2018	Barley's Brew House, 11924 West 119 th Street, Overland Park, KS (25%)
August 28 th , 2018	Fortune Palace, 12102 West 87 th Street, Lenexa, KS (20%)
September 25 th , 2018	Blue Moose (25%)
October 23 rd , 2018	Stroud's (25%)
November 27 th , 2018	Barley's Brew House (25%)

I would remind you this is a large part of our income for the yearly budget, and I encourage you to mark your calendar and bring friends and family. Please note after the location I have put the percentage we will receive from our bill, minus alcohol and taxes. Let's make this a record year for attendance.

Dee Smith, Treasurer
"Disaster D"
American Legion Riders #407
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Run For the Wall stop in Concordia, MO. 10 bikes from ALR 407 and one cager. American Legion Riders assist with refueling at 2 gas stations. Our group did 250 bikes in 17 minutes - 4 islands and 8 pumps. Just a few sprinkles on our way. We stopped at the rest area to get flags out ...and bathroom stop. The sun came out at noon. Great lunch compliments of the community in Concordia - shredded turkey and pulled pork sandwiches, chips, celery and carrots, piece of fruit and homemade cookies 😊 Bikers arrived just after noon and left at 1330 for Wentzville, MO.



"Run for the Wall" 2018 Concordia, Mo. Bob & Ret Major Reuben 75th Ranger K. CO 2012 Siverling First Ride 🇺🇸



American Legion Riders 407 getting ready to ride to Concordia, Mo. to help with refueling bikes "Run for the Wall" 2018





American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

Rueben Sandwich's/Chips Friday June 15 from 5 to 7pm

We will have our annual **Bar-B-Que Dinner, Wednesday, July 4, 2018, from 11am to 2pm**, right after the Lenexa Parade. Our meal includes Ribs, Chicken, Hot Dogs, Polish Sausage, potato salad, baked beans and coleslaw.

We are looking for Volunteers to help set up on Tuesday, serve on Wednesday and clean up after.

Also if anyone can help with bringing cakes, cookies, pies, hot dog buns, pop, etc. please let us know.

If you can't volunteer than please come hungry and bring friends.



Pat Willcox, President
American Legion Auxiliary



Come join us on the 4th for a
Great BBQ Dinner

FROM THE CLUBROOM

It's important to share our post and encourage new people to join. Let's welcome everyone who stops in to see us and what we are all about, this makes for a great first impression.

We still have **Tacos every Tuesday and Burgers the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month**. So consider bringing a friend, coworker, neighbor, or family to our events.

Thanks to everyone who come out and participate in the events I have planned and continue to plan.

I have some brand new activities coming to the post. **BEER YOGA** that's right you have seen it on Facebook and now I am bringing it to the post on the last Thursday of every month. Join us in the clubroom with yoga instructor Cathy Walker and enjoy your favorite brew while melting your stress away. The class is based on a donation policy only, as all of the yoga classes have been. If you plan to participate and we do not carry your favorite beer please let me or the bartenders know. We will be adding additional **regular yoga classes every Tuesday** as well as every other Monday when there are no meetings.



Brand new drain pipes will be added soon, scheduled for the last week in June. Check post for details closer to that date. We also have donation boxes located around the post to help offset the cost.



June 9th Car and bike show.



The American Legion & Auxiliary 4th of July BBQ, what a great time to bring new and old friends to the post



National Convention is almost here July 21 – 24th. There will be events going on every day of the Convention.






















Friday, **July 27th**, 6pm in the Clubroom, we will host a **Meatloaf** recipe cook off. Bring in your favorite or grandmas recipe, fully cooked to be sampled and judged. The winner will be determined by secret ballot. All persons in the clubroom may be a judge for \$1.00 donation.



Keep me notified of any activities you would like to try at the post. Thanks again to the Marine Corps League for the horse shoe pits, they are located on the side of the building next to the patio. Come on down and have a friendly game

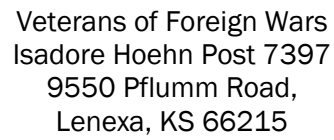
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June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Texas Holdem 1pm 
3	4 Burgers \$2  Korean War Vets 7pm	5 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA	6 ALL POST MEETING 7PM  D DAY	7 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	8 Steak Dinner 6-7 \$15 	9 Texas Holdem 1pm 
10 Rider Breakfast 8:30-11:00 	11 YOGA	12 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA	13 MC League Officers Meeting 7pm 	14 AL Riders Meeting 7pm FLAG DAY 	15   VFW Department Convention Wichita, KS 15 th Thru 17 th Ruben Sandwiches \$7 5-7 pm	16 Texas Holdem 1pm 
17 	18 AL, & SAL Meetings 7:00 \$2 Burgers 	19 Taco Tuesday  Texas Holdem 6:30 pm Rider Dine Out YOGA	20	21 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm 	22	23 Texas Holdem 1pm 
24 NEED HELP AT THE POST, MOVING THINGS STARTING 4	25 CLUB ROOM CLOSED	26 CLUB ROOM CLOSED	27 CLUB ROOM CLOSED	28 CLUB ROOM CLOSED	29 NEED HELP CLEANING & PUTTING EVERYTHING BACK. WILL EMAIL THE TIME TO THOSE THAT VOLUNTEERED	30 Texas Holdem 1pm 

July 2018

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VETERANS COMMUNITY PROJECT TINY HOUSES



Brandonn Mixon (from left), Kevin Jamison and Bryan Meyer are three of the military veterans behind the Veterans Community Project. It plans a village of tiny houses for veterans on a plot at Troost Avenue and 89th Street, and on Thursday will hold a grand opening for a “Veterans Outreach Center” nearby. Supporters signed the conference room table. **Rick Montgomery** - rmontgomery@kcstar.com



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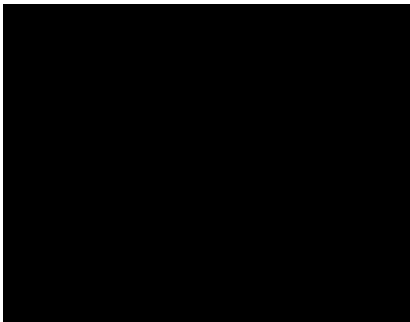
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