

April-May 2017

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On Veterans' Way



VFW Post # 7397

As I wind down my time as Commander I would like to take this time to thank all of my Officers for their hard work and dedication to the post and our organization. With that said we cannot let up we have hit all our marks for All State again except one we need your help we are 15 members either new or reinstated away from 100% if all of our 20 expiring members renew. Plan on making a few phone calls after the April election meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at are upcoming events.

District meeting-- April 8th 10AM at the Desoto post

Meeting night first Thursday every month 7PM

Steak Night 2nd Friday 6-7

Poker Run May 6th

Car and Bike show May 20th

Regards

Big Mike Petersen, Commander, Post 7397

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No One Does More for Veterans

VFW Auxiliary Post # 7397

Our Mardi Gras dinner & silent auction was a huge success! Thank you auxiliary members for all your hard work & everyone that supported our auxiliary. Thank you for the great donations. April 6th meeting will be nomination & 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.

Our 2 District Spring Convention will be held April 8 in De Soto, Ks. at VFW Post 6654. Starting at 10:00 am.

Instead of our May 4th meeting, we will be using this time for installing new officers.

May 20, Armed Forces Day, the VFW & VFW Auxiliary will have a Buddy Poppy drive. At Hy-Vee 87th & Pflumm from 10-2 pm. All VFW & VFW Auxiliary members are invited to come join us.

May 29th Memorial Day, We will have a wreath laying ceremony at St. John's cemetery. Memorial Day ceremony at VFW Post 7397.

Our Department Convention will be held in June 9-11 2017 in Manhattan, Ks.

Cheryl Garrett, Auxiliary President

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SAL

Greetings from the SAL.

Please join us Friday May 5th for our annual Cinco de Mayo dinner, 5:30 to 7:00 buffet style for \$8. Proceeds to benefit the post building fund.

April is officer election month so please join us for our meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month.

That's to Carla for her many years of service to the post and welcome to Farrah.

See you in the canteen.

Jeff Carson, Squadron Commander

American Legion Riders Post # 407

Spring has sprung and Daylight Savings time has jumped forward on us, so that means 'Riding Season' is here. Our first ride of the season is Saturday, April 1st (Doc Peterson's 3rd Annual Ride)! The enclosed flyer** explains the details of the ride; its approx. 165 miles. Our monthly Dine Out for March will be on the 28 and we are going to Hayward's Bar-B-Que, located on 12804 Santa Fe Trail Drive, Lenexa; 1800-2000hrs (6p-8p). Everyone is invited so please join us. However, before I close out March, I want to 'THANK & RECOGNIZE' our own Dee 'Disaster D' Smith for conducting a First Aid/CPR/AED class for members of the Post that included personnel from the Riders, VFW, & Canteen. We all learned what to do in an Emergency situation. Great job Dee!

April's schedule includes our ALR Breakfast on the 2nd Sunday, 8:30am – 11:00am; and our monthly meeting on the 2nd Thursday. We will continue our FUN-FOOD-FELLOWSHIP Dine Outs is our Fund Raiser dinner on the last Tuesday of the month. April will take us to Johnny's Tavern on April 25, same time as mentioned above.

Our monthly Ride will be a Poker Run scheduled for April 22. More details will be available in April.

Our 407 riders continue to be present monthly at the Leavenworth VA National Cemetery to honor our fellow brothers and sisters who have passed away that may not have family present to say 'Thank you' for your service. It is an honor and moving experience to be present to honor these fallen veterans. This event occurs on the last Thursday of every month.

The month of May is scheduled the same as our month activities of Breakfast and Meeting. The Ride for May is scheduled for May 13, Louis' Run. More details closer to time. The 407 Riders will support the cross country 'Ride for the Wall' (RFTW) on May 22 in Concordia, MO. This will be a fuel stop for the RFTW riders and our riders will assist in fueling those bikes running the middle route to Washington DC for Memorial Day. It's quite an experience to be involved with 300 plus bikes at a refueling stop.

May's Dine Out on the last Tuesday will be at Johnny Cascone's Italian Restaurant. You are all welcome to join us.

That covers ALR 407 for now; remember to "Keep the Wind at Your Back and Enjoy Our Journey"; Safe travels to everyone. Let us all be mindful and thankful for what we have, blessed for all that we do for others; never forget our Vets before us that have given their 'ALL'.

Vincent 'IronHorse' Chirafisi, Director

American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

Thanks to everyone who came to our St. Patrick's Day Dinner, it was a great success.

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 Topeka, Ks, May 19th through the 21st at the Ramada Inn. More information will be posted at post once received.

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership for 2017.

Thanks to all for your continued participation and support.

Pat Willcox, President
American Legion Auxiliary

American Legion # 407

Greetings Legionnaires

We have a few things coming up in the next few weeks.

Our post elections will be held at our April meeting. If you'd like to serve as an officer please contact any of our officers for information.

The SAL's will be having their annual Cinco de Mayo dinner on, you guessed it, May 5th. Check the calendar for details.

Membership is going well. We still need about 5 new members or renewals to make 100%. Let's make it happen.

Don't forget our fish and chicken on the third Wednesday of each month. Thanks to all who support these dinners.

Enjoy the arrival of spring and we'll see you at the canteen.

Don Lebens. Commander Post 407.

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Texas Holdem 1pm April Fool's Day
2	3 KWVA Meeting 7pm \$2 Burgers	4 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30pm DANCE LESSONS 7pm	5	6 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm	7	8 Texas Holdem 1pm VFW & Auxiliary District Convention
9 Rider Breakfast 8:30-11:00 Palm Sunday ROYALS TAILGATING	10 AMVETS 7:00pm	11 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30pm DANCE LESSONS 7pm	12 MC League Officers Meeting 7:00	13 AL Riders Meeting 7pm	14 Steak Dinner 6-7 \$15 Good Friday MIMI AUTO SHOW	15 Texas Holdem 1pm
16 EASTER PARADE & POT LUCK DINNER EASTER	17 AL, SAL & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00 \$2 Burgers	18 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30pm DANCE LESSONS 7pm	19 Chicken & Fish Dinner 6-7 \$9	20 VFW Planning Meeting	21	22 Texas Holdem 1pm ALR Poker Run
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May 2017

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7 Be Kind to Animals Week	8 AMVETS Meeting 7:00	9 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30pm	10 MC League Officers Meeting 7:00	11 Al Riders Meeting 7pm	12 Steak Dinner 6-7 \$15	13 Texas Holdem 1pm ALR Louis' Run
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



The club room manager will post anyone's activities on our Face Book page, so let Farrah know.

Please note, I have changed my email address to lizmoyer65@mycci.net and Bob Moyer, the quartermaster has changed his to bobmoyer67@mycci.net

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE CALENDAR IS PRETTY FULL AND I HAVE HAD TO TAKE OUT HOLDEM ON MAY 6TH, ALWAYS HOLDEM ON SATURDAY

From the Canteen

Hello everyone and greetings from the Clubroom. Wowzer, Carla sure did a lot around here! As for me, I am getting more comfortable with the day to day routine. I am planning some fun events in the canteen for the next months and summer ahead. Come out for our **Royals Tailgate parties**, starting at noon in the parking lot. We will have a section for games and grilling. **Tailgate** parties are planned for **April 9th & 23rd and May 21st & 28th. Easter Day Parade and Pot luck** dinner Kicks off at 1:00pm Easter Sunday. I encourage all members with young kids or grandkids age 10 and under to create an Easter float using wagons, bikes, or tricycles. The Parade will be followed by an Easter egg hunt in the back field. This is the first time for an event like this so I hope for a nice turnout. More details in the clubroom. **Dance Lessons** provided by Arthur Murry begin April 4th in the big hall this is a new event organized by the Marine Corp League and will continue every Tuesday in April. Classes are only \$20 dollars per person per class. So let's get to Dancing with the Veterans! We do not slowdown in May. May events kick off May 5th with the SAL's **Cinco De Mayo** Celebrations with their awesome dinner. May 6th is the **Kentucky Derby**. A full Day of events will begin at noon with Prizes for hats and the most exciting 2 minutes of sports. I enjoy dressing up for this event each year and hope you all will join me in the fun and tradition of it all. **Shanghai Rummy Saturday nights** have been a lot of fun and will continue **April 29th and May 27th at 7:00 pm** this is a free game and open to anyone willing to learn. May 29th is **Memorial Day**, stop by the post to join in the annual ceremonies. Don't forget about those great dinners and breakfasts provided by the various organizations each month.

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