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February - March 2019

VFW POST 7397

Greetings, Comrades, Sisters and Brothers.

I hope that 2019 has started off great for you and your families. We have wrapped up the Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year programs. Congratulations to the Post winners, and congratulations to our Teacher winners who also won at the District Level. Laura Moyers (K-5) and Tim Cunningham (9-12). Our next program is for Scout of the Year, remember entries are due to the Post no later than March 1st. This program is for Eagle or Gold Scouts. Please contact one of the Post officers for more details if you have a Scout that would like to compete for this college scholarship program.

Speaking of Scouts, we have another Eagle Scout Candidate that will be sprucing up our Banquet Hall. The work days will be Saturday February 9th, Sunday February 10th, Saturday February 16th, and Sunday February 17th. We have March 9th & 10th blocked off just in case we need to put any finishing touches on the project. If you can help out even for 1-2 hours, or more, please come up. We'll be painting and adding some decorative features designed by our own Alaire McCune.

We're in the running for All-State and All-American again this year, only item left to complete our eligibility is reaching our Membership goal of 100%+. As of this newsletter we're at approximately 95%. So keep up the great work on recruiting new members. And if you're an annual member make sure you're up to date. The All-State and All-American programs are a nice way to recognize the Post for all the hard work everyone puts in all year long.

Thank you for all you do.

Yours in Comradeship

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VFW Post 7397 – Commander

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Vietnam Veteran 50th Commemoration Program:

On May 19th our Post will have a 50th Commemoration Program about the biggest battle of 1969. It involved mostly the 101st Airborne Division at Hill 937, Dong AP Bia, aka Hamburger Hill. It will start at 1:00 pm at our VFW Post 7397, 9550 Pflumm Road, Lenexa. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a short Memorial Service afterwards. We would like the input of anyone that was involved in the battle to please contact me.

Fred Churchill

POW/MIA Chairman

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Time spent outdoors can help foster a sense of teamwork, mission, and purpose that a veteran may be missing once they return home. **The goal of the Sierra Club's Military Outdoors is to ensure that service members, veterans, and their families have the skills, knowledge, confidence, and resources to access and enjoy the outdoors.** We know that time spent outdoors with other veterans helps in the transition from a military lifestyle to a healthy and purposeful civilian lifestyle.

WHO WE ARE

The Sierra Club Military Outdoors was established in 2006 as a volunteer run and led program, and since then we have facilitated outdoor opportunities for more than 85,000 veterans and their families.

UPCOMING TRIPS AND TRAINING THRU JUNE 2019

Learn how you can join us on an outing or become a trained outings leader, helping to expand our program, and get even more veterans and their families outdoors to experience the healing power of nature!

Monthly Day Hike 02 February & 02 March

Join us for a short hike, rain or shine, from 0800-1000 at Shawnee Mission Park. Led by Vietnam veteran and retired Sergeant Major Dave Stroman, come out and learn some basic wilderness skills and hear about our veterans outdoors program. We will use the network of natural trails when possible and the asphalt network when necessary. In case of a deluge, we can relocate to the nearest shelter and enjoy a seasonal beverage together and discuss future activities...camaraderie; the foundation of the Veteran community.

Outings Leader Training 27-28 April

Learn how to be an outings leader and plan your next wilderness adventure! The Sierra Club has over 125 years of experience training people like you to plan and lead safe and enjoyable wilderness trips. Join us for our next Outings Leader Training course and become a certified outings leader with the Sierra Club Military Outdoors. Our next 2-day training course begins on Saturday, 27 April at 8 a.m. with classroom training. Day 2 (28 April) will focus on leadership and safety practical exercises on a hiking trail beginning at 9 a.m. Locations will be provided after registration. **This course is free, contact the course instructor Dave.Stroman@combatveteran.vet to register, add your name to the waiting list, or for more information.**

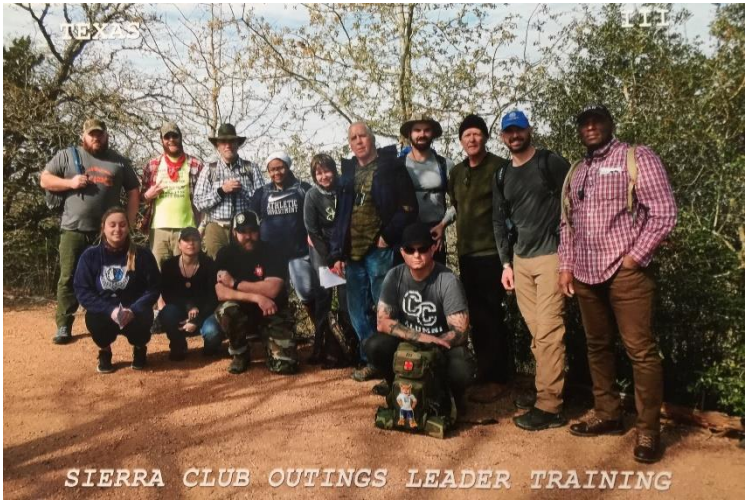
New Outings Leader Check Ride on 4 May at Shawnee Mission Park

For recent graduates of our Outings Leader Training, this 4-hour day hike will test your skills and knowledge in working through common safety and planning issues for wilderness trips. You do not need to be a graduate to join us! You can still participate, be a training aid, and help us throw a wrench into the best laid plans of our new outings leaders!

Introduction to Overnight Backpacking 15-16 June

Learn how to plan and resource an overnight backpacking trip. Skills reviewed/taught include packing a back pack, meal planning and prep, selecting tent/hammock sites, and leave no trace. Limited gear is available for loan.

dave.stroman@combatveteran.vet SGM (Rtd), Veteran, Outdoors-person, Sierra Club Volunteer Outings Leader, Cowboy Action Shooter, generally pleasant to be around.





VFW AUXILIARY 7397

Auxiliary Members,
Happy New Year 2019!

Thank you to all our auxiliary members who helped out on our projects last year. Thank you for your great support. We are planning our goals for the coming year. First auxiliary fundraiser, "Laissez les bons temps rouler", (*Let the good times roll*) will be a Mardi Gras dinner & silent auction. Friday, March 1st. Dinner from 6-7 pm. \$10.00 per person includes chicken & sausage Gumbo, potato salad, French bread, tossed green salad & King cake. Our auction will close at 7:00 pm. Come & enjoy all the fun & get your Mardi Gras beads!

Respectfully
Kimberly Keane
VFW Auxiliary President
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AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407

Greetings Legionnaires

Hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. It's a new year and things are happening.

Our chicken dinners have had good attendance. Thanks for all of you that support us. Our next dinner is Wednesday February 20.

Please join us for our monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month. The Legion, SALS and Ladies Auxiliary all meet and it would be great to see you there.

Our 2nd District Convention will be held March 23rd at Post 19 in Gardner. If you're interested in attending please contact any of our officers for registration information.

Thanks to all of you who are current on your dues. Please renew if you haven't. Let's keep our membership strong. Have a great year and I hope to see you at the Post.

Don Lebens,
Commander Post 407
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Jeff Stoffer



Bill Oxford





American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

As this is the first issue that provides an opportunity to say it, here's wishing everybody a Happy New Year!

Coming events for the **Auxiliary**:

The **American Legion Mid-Winter Forum** will be held at Dodge City, KS, February 1- 3, 2019. Joint meeting Saturday February 2 at 8 AM Post 47, 801 South 14th St, Dodge City, KS. The Auxiliary will meet In the Conference Room At the Dodge House Hotel: 208 West Wyatt Earp Blvd, Dodge City, KS after the joint meeting.

We have the honor of the **American Legion Auxiliary National President Kathy Dungan** and **Bill Oxford, the Leading Candidate for National Commander** from the Department of North Carolina and **National Media and Communication Director Jeff Stoffer from National Headquarter in Indianapolis** attending Mid-Winter Forum meeting.

*We are in the planning stages of our **St. Patrick's Day dinner on Sunday, March 18, 2019 from 1 to 4 PM.** Please Check the bulletin board and Facebook for details.*

The **Second District American Legion** convention will be held **Saturday March 23, 2019**, at Gardner Post #19, 315 South Meadowbrook Circle, Gardner, KS.

Dues for 2019 are now due in order to maintain membership in the organization and continue our work in supporting the Veterans. If you have not already done so, please keep the Auxiliary strong by doing your part today. Dues are still **\$24.00**.

Thanks to all for your continued participation and support.

Pat Willcox, President
American Legion
Auxiliary President



National President Kathy Dungan and ALA National Headquarters staff hard at work packing respite bags for the caregivers who will be accompanying their veterans to the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. ALA NHQ was selected in the spring to receive a grant from the Elizabeth Dole Foundation as one of its 2018 #HiddenHeroesFund recipients.





SAL

Greetings from the Sons of the American Legion.

Happy New Year. By the time you read this, there should be a fresh batch of burritos in the canteen. Thanks for your patience.

We still have some work to do on membership. Join us for meetings the third Monday each month.

See you in the canteen

Jeff Carson
Squadron Commander



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

The Riders closed out 2018 with our annual Christmas party in December. We had a great turnout and everyone had a good time. We began 2019 with the traditional Polar Bear Run on January 1. Weather being a definite 'no' for sensible riding everyone 'caged' to our luncheon at Fortune Palace. Our first meeting for 2019 elected a corps of new officers for the Riders:

Director = Bob 'Tiny B' Garrett, Assistant Director = Vince 'Iron horse' Chirafisi, Secretary = Nancy 'Sparky' Chirafisi, and Treasurer = Dee 'Disaster D' Smith. They were sworn in by Don Lebens, Commander American Legion Post 407.

We continue having our ALR Breakfast on the Second Sunday of every month and our ALR Dineout on the Fourth Tuesday of every month. As we move into February, we will be planning Rides throughout the year; thank you Ted 'TedWak' Wakeman and Jerry 'Cheese Head' Bascombe for being our Ride Captains. We will publish a new Ride schedule at a later date.

Our Finance committee which includes the Officer Corps and Juan 'Chito' Rivera will be meeting in February to set our 2019 Budget and discuss new revenue events.

Our Membership is always open for additional riders and those that want to have some FUN-FOOD-FELLOWSHIP. So if you know of anyone please let anyone of us know.

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DINE OUT SCHEDULE FOR 2019

February 26th- Fortune Palace, 12102 W. 87th St. Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66215

March 26th – Stroud's, 8301 W. 135th St., Overland Park, KS 66223

April 23rd – Barley's Brew house, 11924 W. 119th St. OP KS 66212

May 28th – Hayward's Bar B Que, 12804 Santa Fe Trail Drive, Lenexa, KS 66215

June 25th – Blue Moose

July 23rd – Stroud's

August 27th – Barley's Brew house

September 24th – Blue Moose

October 22nd – Stroud's

November 26th -Barley's Brew house

December – no dine out

OUR NEW OFFICERS



FROM THE CLUBROOM

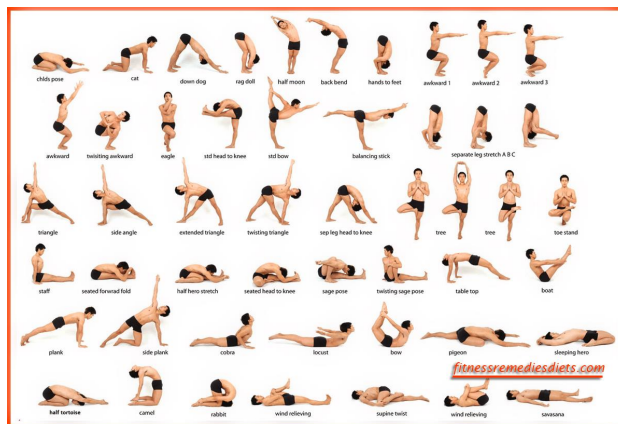
February 1st

Lifeline screening will be here in the large hall if anyone is interested in getting a checkup. I should be receiving flyers for the clubroom with details of how to register.

The super bowl party hosted by the Lenexa Gun Club will be on February 3rd if you have any questions or plan to join the Gun Club please contact John Klusman.



Also Yoga every Tuesday two classes, 7-8 pm and 8-9 pm, this is a donation class, with Kathy Walker in the large hall.



The post has been gifted a gaming system, MVP Player and on Monday February 11th we will be testing it out! (Thanks again Andrew Coleman) come on down and play



Thursday February 14th 8-10 pm, come for appetizers. Couples, singles, groups everyone is welcome, a big box of chocolate and dancing. Special valentine's drinks will be available. Free to all



Hey NASCAR Fans Sunday February 17th the canteen will host a Daytona 500 watch party brats at noon and bucket special during the race.



March will be loaded with good times.

March 1st the VFW ladies Aux will host their Mardi Gras party come enjoy the food, games, and fun?



March 16th the Clubroom will host an Irish breakfast 8-11am \$5.00.



March 17th the American Legion Aux will host their annual Corn beef and cabbage St Patrick's Day event from 1-4 pm.



March 20th will be the American Legion Chicken and Fish dinner from 6-7 pm.



March 29th we will have Fish instead of Pork from 6-7 pm. February and March bring a lot of fun and some new events to attend, I hope to see you all in the clubroom! If you have any event request please let Farrah or the bartenders know.



As always, Tacos every Tuesday 3-9 pm, and Cards starting at 6:30.



And don't forget the \$2 Burgers, \$1 Fries and \$2 Onion Rings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.



Thanks

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PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR ALL EVENTS

February 2019

YOGA, TEXAS HOLD'EM AND TACO'S EVERY TUESDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Texas Holdem 1pm 
3 Super Bowl Party 	4 Burgers, Fries Onion Rings  KVV Meetings	5 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA  	6	7 VFW & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm 	8 Steak Dinner 6-7 \$15 	9 Texas Holdem 1pm 
10 Rider Breakfast 8:30-11:00 	11 New MVP Player Test 6:30 	12 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA  	13 MCL Meeting 7pm 	14 Rider Meeting 7pm Valentine's Day Dance 8-10 	15 Cigars 8:00 PM 	16 Texas Holdem 1pm 
17 NASCAR 12PM Brats & Beer 	18 AL, ALA & SAL Meetings 7:00 Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings 	19 Taco Tuesday 6:30 pm YOGA  	20 Chicken & Fish Dinner 6pm 	21 VFW Planning Meeting 	22 Pork Chop Dinner 6-7 \$10 	23 Texas Holdem 1pm 
24	25	26 Taco Tuesday 6:30 pm YOGA 	27 MC League & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	28		

March 2019

YOGA, TEXAS HOLD'EM AND TACO'S EVERY TUESDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Mardi Gras Party 6-7 \$10 	2 Texas Holdem 1pm 
3 	4 Burgers, Fries Onion Rings  Korean War Vets Meeting	5 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA  	6 MC League Officers Meeting 	7 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	8 Steak Dinner 6-7 \$15 	9 Texas Holdem 1pm 
10 Rider Breakfast 8:30 - 11 	11	12 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA  	13	14 AL Rider Meetings 	15 Cigars 8pm 	16 Texas Holdem 1pm Irish Breakfast 8-11 \$5 
17 ALA Corned Beef Dinner 1-4  St Patrick's Day	18 AL, ALA & SAL Meetings 7:00 Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings 	19 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA  	20 Chicken & Fish Dinner 6pm 	21 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm 	22	23 Texas Holdem 1pm 
24	25	26 Taco Tuesday Texas Holdem 6:30 pm YOGA  	27 MC League & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	28	29 Fish Dinner 6-7 \$10 	30 Texas Holdem 1pm 

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