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**June - July 2020**

## VFW POST 7397

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

First and foremost, I hope this newsletter finds you all well in the current times. It's been a few months since the last newsletter as we needed to shut down all events at the post. Our events will slowly come back as we reopen the post, and the canteen will reopen no earlier than June 8<sup>th</sup>. We held our May steak dinner on the 15<sup>th</sup> in which we had curbside delivery. Thank you to all that came out for the event and to those that helped put this on. It was great to see you all.

Even though we could not have physical meetings, we have transformed and used technology available to still conduct business. We held our elections over our Zoom meeting in April and installed the new officers in May. Our membership year is not over yet, and we still have time to hit 100% membership again. For those annual members, please renew your dues or consider a life membership. Until June 30<sup>th</sup>, annual renewals and new member dues have been reduced to \$30. This can be paid via cash/check and credit card which is turned over to the Quartermaster or electronically via Venmo. Please reach out to myself or Sr Vice Rick McKenna for details. Because of the restrictions and planning in place, Department and National Conventions have been cancelled this year.

Save the date – Steak nights will be June 12<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>. For June 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be offering the curbside delivery again. Please send your reservations by noon on Thurs June 11<sup>th</sup> to [bobmoyer67@mycci.net](mailto:bobmoyer67@mycci.net) or call 913-631-9377 and talk to Liz or Bob. Again, please RSVP in advance so that we can plan for the number attending.

Please welcome the 2020-2021 officers:

Commander	Jason Parkes	3 Yr. Trustee	Corey Hunt
Sr Vice	Rick McKenna	2 Yr. Trustee	Jeff Winters
Jr Vice	Dave DeWitt	1 Yr. Trustee	Chris Stergos
QM	Bob Moyer	3 Yr. House	Bridgett Shannon
Chaplain	John Linstra	2 Yr. House	Ralph Schneider
Surgeon	Jeff Laurendeau	1 Yr. House	Fred Churchill
JAG	Bruce Fischbach	Service Officer	Big Mike Petersen
Adjutant	Bob Teetsel		

Please remember, if you do any community service, drop our Post Jr. Vice, David DeWitt a note with the relevant details. You can drop hard copied notes at the Post, or send an email to - [jvice@vfw7397.org](mailto:jvice@vfw7397.org).

As always, if there is anything, we can do for you, let us know.

Yours in Comradeship,  
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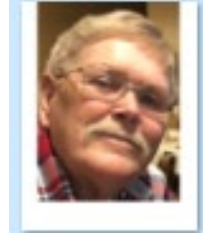
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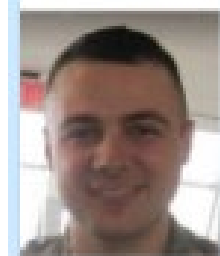
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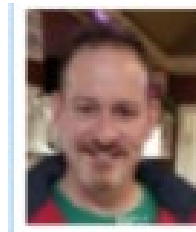
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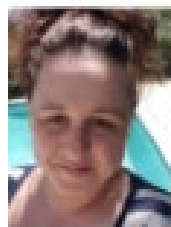
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Mike Petersen







## VFW AUXILIARY 7397

Auxiliary Members,

I am honored to accept the VFW Auxiliary Presidency for 2020 - 2021. Sr. Vice is Cheryl Garrett, Treasurer is Maribeth Fischbach, and Secretary is Kristy Fomin.

VFW Department Convention is canceled along with the VFW National Convention

We will have our monthly meeting on June 4th at 7pm on Zoom. I will be emailing the information in order to join.

July 4<sup>th</sup> activities all canceled too.

Once again thank you for the confidence you have showed by electing me to be your President.

Respectfully

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# AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407



Greetings Legionnaires

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# American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

Thanks to all for your continued participation and support.

Hope everybody is doing well at this unprecedented time in our County's History.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to cancel previous meetings, we are planning to meet, if possible, at the VFW on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Some other dates to be aware of are:

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – D-Day

Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Flag Day

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Father's Day

Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day (at this time our traditional B-B-Q is cancelled)

Lenexa will have a Community days Porch Parade in lieu of the traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July Independence Day Parade. For more information on that event, visit [Lenexa.com](http://Lenexa.com).

Stay Safe, Be Well!

Pat Willcox,  
American Legion Auxiliary President







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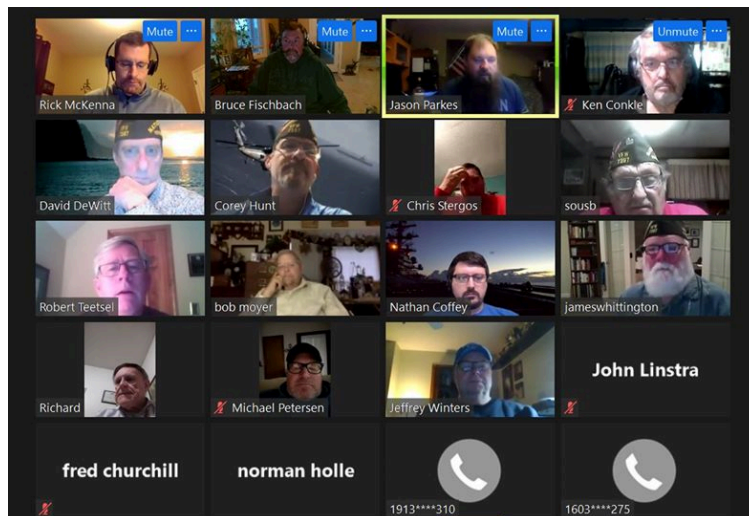
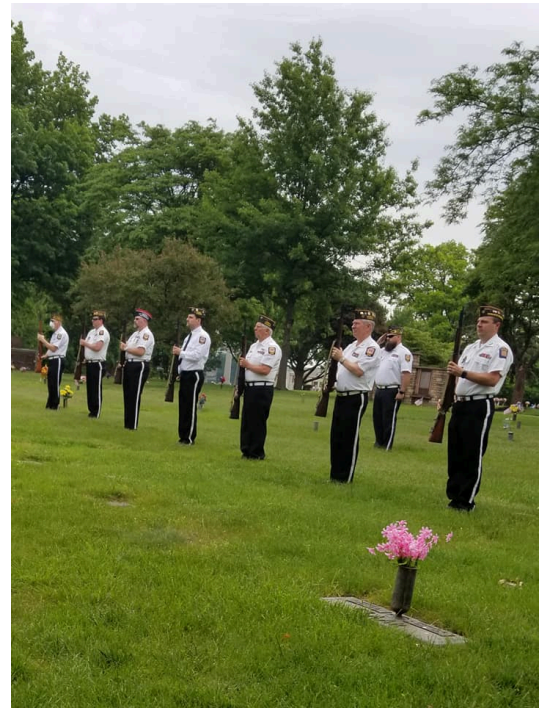
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Post 7397's own Mike Petersen is running for Department Jr. Vice for the State of Kansas.



My name is Carl "Bob". I am 100 years old today. I served in the Army for WWII. My party was cancelled due to COVID-19. We are celebrating on Facebook. Can we get 100 shares for 100 years?







# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

## American Legion Riders

Spring has arrived with the hopes of wonderful riding weather; but as we know in Kansas the weather can be anything but what is expected. Additionally, the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic resulted in a "stay at home order", and the cancellation of numerous activities.

Nine of our riders attended the Iwo Jima 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony at the Leavenworth National Cemetery on March 7<sup>th</sup>. 10 (ten) of our riders participated in several of the events honoring Officer Michael Mosher, Overland Park police officer killed in the line of duty.

Nine riders participated in our ALR 407 ride to the Amsterdam Café on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and the weather cooperated. We anticipate that we will now be able to resume the following scheduled activities.

The Riders have scheduled rides for June 20 (Dam Fun Run) and July 25 (Freedom Run). Our ride donation is \$10.00 per person (rider, passenger or cage). KSU usually occur at 10am the morning of the ride; more details will be sent out closer to the day of the ride.

Our monthly reoccurring activity schedule is: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday is our meeting night at 7pm; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday is our ALR Breakfast (NO breakfast in June since we do a buffet), 8:30am – 11am (\$8.00 for an excellent buffet breakfast); and the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month is our Dine Out, 6p – 8p at selected restaurants (June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Barley's on 119<sup>th</sup> Street & July 28<sup>th</sup>, place to be announced).

The last Thursday of the month the Riders attend an End of Month (EOM) ceremony at Leavenworth National Cemetery to honor our brothers & sisters that have passed away since last ceremony. At this time the National Cemetery is closed but hopefully will be re-opened in June. We invite anyone to join us at this honor ceremony when they resume; we send out notice of staging & KSU location & times.

Enjoy the upcoming summer months and stay safe in your travels and activities.

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# GREETINGS FROM THE CLUB ROOM

Hello Members,

We will be reopening the clubroom on June 8th. This has been a very difficult time for many of us and we have missed you all.

We have also been busy throughout the last two and half months. For your safety we have sanitized the building and are putting up a plastic partition for both the bartenders and the customers safety. We will have hand sanitizer at the door and we strongly recommend you use it every time you enter the building, it is by the sign-in book at the door.

Our bartenders will be sanitizing hands before each customer is served. We will have spaces marked 6 feet apart at the bar, so our bar seating will be limited but there are plenty of places to sit at the tables. We would like for our table guests to now order from the corner of the bar marked with Coaches spot there will also be a sign that says **"order here"**. We have had our ice machine professionally cleaned and sanitized during this down time. We also have had to repair our walk-in cooler as it crashed on us and we lost a large amount of inventory, however that did not get us down. We just start fresh and new again.

Thank you all for your support and we hope to all of you soon. I asked the bartenders if they had any messages to pass on to you and these are the comments I got back. "Wash your hands" lol - "It was all a dream" - Was it a dream or a nightmare?" - "Remember to Social distance!" - "Thumbs up". If you can guess what bartender said what comment you will win a prize!

One more note, something new. We have come up with new drinks from our down time, they are "Murder Hornet shot"/cocktail and a "Cucumber cooler". God bless you all and we will see you June 8th.

Thanks for your support

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**OUR CALENDAR IS KIND OF BLANK FOR NOW,  
BUT WE HOPE TO BE BACK IN FULL SWING REAL SOON**



# June 2020

## No Tuesday or Saturday Holdem, Yoga or Tacos until further notice

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	5	6  D - DAY
7  FLAG DAY	8 Clubroom Opening 3pm	9	10 MCL Meeting 7pm 	11 ALR Meeting 7pm 	12 Drive Through Steak Night 6-7 	13
14  FLAG DAY	15 American Legion & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm  <small>1949 Contributions by Legion posts and Auxiliary units in Arkansas made the purchase of this vehicle possible for the use of volunteer hospital workers at the VA hospital in North Little Rock.</small>	16	17	18 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm 	19	20
21  FATHERS DAY	22	23	24 MCL Meeting 7pm 	25	26	27
28	29	30				

### 5-CARD STUD EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT



# July 2020

## No Tuesday or Saturday Holdem, Yoga or Tacos until further notice

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	3	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	6	7	8	9 ALR Meetings 7pm 	10 Drive Through Steak Night 6-7 	11
12	13	14	15	16 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm 	17	18
19	20 American Legion & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm  1927 American Legion Auxiliary Past National President Adalyn Macauley (1926-1927) and other ALA members walk in The American Legion Parade in Paris, France.	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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