

**On  
Veterans  
Way**



**October  
November  
2021**

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### **From your VFW Commander**

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

Where did the summer go? Fall is here, which is a busy time for our programs. The theme for the Patriot's Pen competition this year is "How can I be a good American?" For the Voice of Democracy, the theme is "America: Where do we go from here?" All entries should be submitted to the Posts. Please help push these 2 programs along with Teacher of the Year. This year there will only be one Teacher. All grades compete together. The program information is under Programs & Newsletters on [vfw7397.org](http://vfw7397.org). Each of these entries are due no later than Midnight, October 31st to the post. Also, please keep an eye out or if you know of any deserving Law Enforcement, Firefighter, or EMT. Please see any of the officers for these submissions.

Don't forget November 11 is Veteran's Day. Be on the lookout for Veteran's Day events or parades depending on the current situations. For instance, Overland Park has a free event honoring veterans on November 10 where you can learn and tour helicopters and military equipment with an A-10 flyover; free entry to the Kansas City Automotive Museum; or go to the Falcon Lakes Golf Club and play for cart fee. We will pass along any information as it becomes available.

Save the date – District 2 Fall meeting will be October 16, from 1000-1200 at our post. Steak nights will be October 7th and November 12th.

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

Yours in Comradeship,  
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### **From your VFW Auxiliary President**

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

Time is just flying by! Submissions for the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy are due to the Post by Midnight on October 31; checkout the post [website](http://website) for details or contact Maribeth.

Exciting changes are here for reporting. No longer are we submitting bi-annual reports, rather we now submit activities as they happen through the online portal. Be sure to attend our October meeting to learn more.

Veteran's Day is November 11, don't forget to show your Veteran some love.

We are still working on fundraisers, so please send us your ideas. With the holidays swiftly approaching, please think of ways we can help veteran families in need during this time.

Don't forget to bring your individually packaged goodies for the first responders baskets we are making at the October meeting.

Yours in Service!

Tanya I Brunning  
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## VFW 7397 Riders



Been a busy season, and we've done a lot of good out in the community. As the weather changes we'll be looking for alternate means to support the Post, Auxiliary and our community.

Remember we meet 1st Thursday's directly after the regular VFW/Aux meetings. If you would like to join us just ask.

Keep the Shiny Side UP  
Chris Stergos ~Jarhead~  
7397 Riders President  
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## American Legion Post 407

Greetings Legionnaires

We had a good meeting in September and hope to have as big a crowd or bigger in the next two months. We will be sending out e-mails to all members and SAL members to remind them of the meeting dates and any changes from the monthly calendar.



The regular meeting dates are as follows:

Monday October 18th @ 7:00 PM

Monday November 15th @ 7:00 PM

We will be having an all post Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, November 17 from 6-7 PM. This event will be on a donation basis.

We will be having a speaker from Two Men and A Truck at the October meeting. They will be handing out signs for people to place in their yards for Veterans Day. At the November meeting, we will be having a speaker from Monkey Brain Art. Bobby J Jackson, Team Leader will enlighten us about the activities, focusing on PTSD, with this organization.

Had a great time with the group that helped the SAL roll burritos. Hope everyone has tried them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

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## American Legion Auxiliary Post 407



We certainly hope that everyone will have the chance to be with their family and loved ones this Thanksgiving. And for those who are able, remember the needy during this time of year with any help you can provide.

Please remember the membership dues of \$24.00 for 2022 are now due. We are always on the lookout for new members so let your friends that qualify know the benefits of belonging to the Auxiliary.

Following are upcoming events:

**October 13 US Navy Birthday**

**November 6 2<sup>nd</sup> District Membership Rally – American Legion Post, 5 Delaware St, Paola, KS**

**November 11 Veterans Day**

**November 13 Marine Corp Birthday**

Please continue to stay safe.

Pat Willcox  
American Legion Auxiliary President

## Sons of the American Legion Post 407



Greetings from the Sons

2022 membership is moving right along. Everyone should have received your renewal info in the mail in August. Thanks to everyone who has paid and those of you that have please do so as soon as you can. Burritos are back and we thank you for supporting our fundraiser .

Jeff Carson  
Commander  
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## American Legion Riders Post 407



Thirteen riders enjoyed the August 21st Ride to Holton, Ks. with lunch at the Trails Café. On September 19th sixteen riders enjoyed lunch at Chicken Annie's in Pittsburg followed by a visit to the spectacular Veterans Memorial Amphitheater in Pittsburg.

Our next two scheduled rides are Fall Colors Ride to Mueller's Lockerroom in Atchison on October 16th if mother nature cooperates. Alternative will be to the Sommerset Café in Dover which we will do. Ted Wakeman, Ride Captain will make the call at the October Meeting. Weather permitting, we plan on a November ride, destination to be announced at the November meeting.

The riders held a dine out on August 24th at Haywards BBQ in Shawnee. The September dining out was held at Barley's Brewhouse in Shawnee. Dine out for October will be Maggiano's Italian.

ALR 407 is sponsoring a raffle for a gorgeous ATI Cavalry SXE 12 gauge over/under shotgun with a 21-inch barrel and extender tube set. The drawing will be held at the November 11th Monthly Meeting and the winner notified. You can obtain raffle tickets from any of the ALR members. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20.

Our normal monthly reoccurring activities are: the 2nd Thursday is our meeting night at 7pm and the 4th Tuesday of each month is usually our Dine Out, 5:30 pm – 8p at selected restaurants.

The last Thursday of the month the Riders normally attend an End of Month (EOM) ceremony at Leavenworth National Cemetery at 2:30 pm to honor our brothers & sisters that have passed away since last ceremony. We invite anyone to join us at this honor ceremony once this event resumes; we send out notice of staging & KSU location & times.

As a reminder, please provide your service hours to Janette Crosier by November 30th. Stay safe in your travels and activities during the autumn months ahead.

Stay safe in your travels and activities during the summer months ahead.

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**From the Club Room**

Greetings from the Clubroom!

Starting in October the Clubroom will be serving Soft pretzels with salt for \$3.00.

This year the Kids Halloween party in the Clubroom Saturday October 23, 5 - 7 pm. Scary Clown theme this year! Scary Spaghetti will be served.

Adult party will be Saturday October 30, 8 -10pm. No theme for the Adults but come in costume for a special discount.

November 25, Thanksgiving Day, the Clubroom will be open Noon to 6pm.



Every Tuesday is Tacos starting at 3 pm.

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**Bake Sale, November 21, 2—4pm**

Come watch the Chiefs play and get some tasty goodies!



Proceeds to benefit the Tiny Homes Village for Veterans

**Mom's Empanadas**

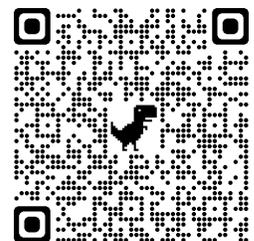
We will have food available for purchase prior to the VFW meetings on the first Thursday of the month

Please join us for tasty empanadas!

Claudie & Doug West



Check out our Google Calendar to stay current with upcoming events! Scan the QR Code below



# October 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Hold'em 1pm
3	4	5 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm Hold'em 6:30pm	6	7 VFW & Aux Mtg 7pm VFW Riders Following	8 Steak Dinner 6-7pm	9 Hold'em 1pm
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**Lenexa Chilli Cook-Off**

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	1 Korean War Veterans Post 181 6:30pm	2 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm Hold'em 6:30pm	3	4 VFW & Aux Mtg 7pm VFW Riders Following	5	6 Hold'em 1pm
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