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**February –
March 2021**

VFW POST 7397

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

Welcome to 2021 and I hope that this newsletter finds you all well. Congratulations to our Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy winners. Ava Key placed 1st at the Post level and 2nd at District for Patriot's Pen. Bethany Stuart placed 1st at Post and Damien King placed 2nd at District for Voice of Democracy. Our next program coming up is Scout of the Year which is for Eagle Scouts, Gold Scouts, and Summit Awardees. These are due to the post no later than Mar 1st. Please see any of the officers if you have questions.

We are a little over halfway into the membership year. Currently, we are over 94% and less than 40 members to achieve 100%. If you are an annual member that expires by June 30th, please renew soon. You will not lose any time as the renewal will add a year to your current expiration date. Also, consider moving up to a Life Member which does have an installment plan. Life Members, please consider moving up to Legacy Life Member.

We will be holding Officer nominations in March with elections in April. If you want to step up or have questions, please see any of the officers for more information.

Save the date – District 2 Spring meeting will be April 17th from 1000-1200 at VFW Post 6654 (DeSoto).

Save the date – Department Convention will be June 18-20 in Topeka.

Please see any of the officers if interested in attending.

Save the date – Steak nights will be February 12th and March 12th.

An additional email will be sent out the week of steak nights. Please RSVP in advance so that we can plan for our numbers.

As always, 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.

March wraps up our year for community service, so all submissions need to be in before March 31st.

Last but not least, LET'S GO CHIEFS!

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

Yours in Comradeship,
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Don't forget to order your Brick



Installing new member

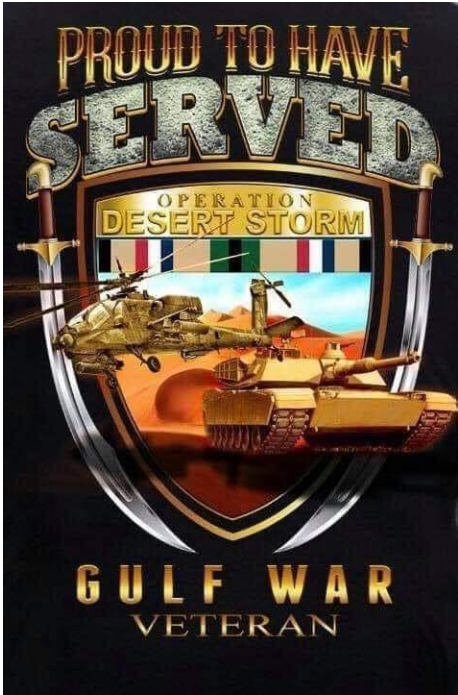


 VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars of Lenexa, KS #7397 is at The Home Depot (5000 S 4th Street, Leavenworth, KS).
December 19, 2020 at 9:43 AM · Leavenworth · 🌐

Thank you Home Depot for selecting Post 7397 to be the recipient of your Foundation's "Operation Surprise"



Bob and Liz Moyer, retired 900 Flags on December 10, 2020



Strawberry Hill Pup Tent #2

Military Order of the Cootie Bruce Fischbach – Seam Squirrel (Commander)



Military Order of the Cootie - ...

Hello all!

As you know we are all still on lockdown and we cannot get into the hospital but good news is the VA in KCMO and Leavenworth are giving COVID vaccine shots to those Veterans 65 and older and in high-risk categories. If you are in the VA system, you should be getting a call to get your shot.

Good news in trying to grow the pup tent, we have gotten approval from the DeSoto and Tonganoxie posts to meet at their posts, as well as the existing Leavenworth and Lenexa posts.

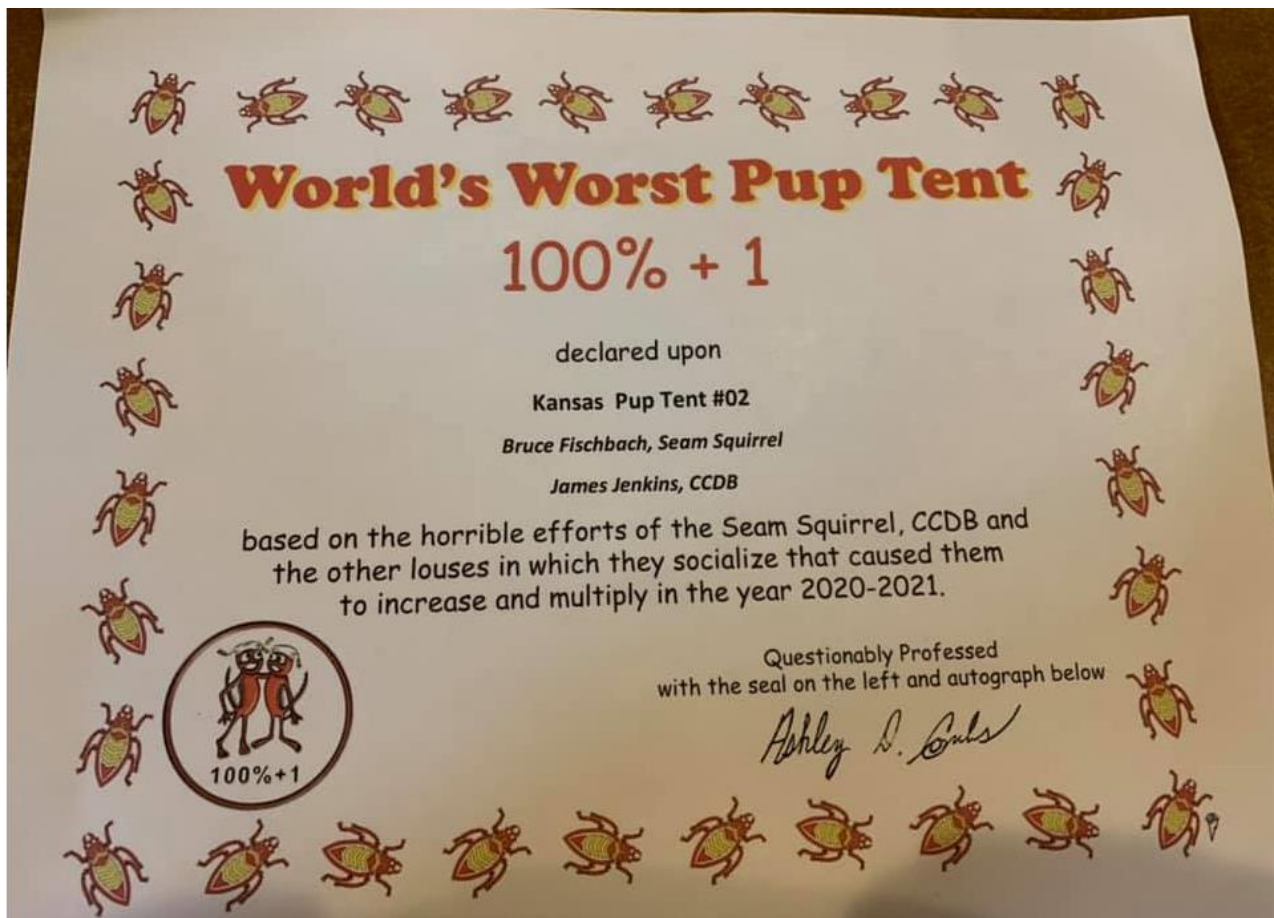
Our next meeting is February 9th at 10:00am in Leavenworth.

Our membership continues to grow with three more this past month. This far we have added 16 to the Pup Tent this year and we have been named the Worst Pup Tent in the Nation. (Translated to the best in non-Cootie language!) Also, we have been awarded a complimentary hotel stay at the National Corrie Convention for being so lousy. Crummy job by all you louse's!

All members of the VFW are eligible for the Military Order of the Cootie and we would welcome you to join us. We will be discussing the suicide survivor support issue at the next meeting as I had a call with a First Sergeant who just lost a soldier last month and exactly what we have been discussing is what he just went through.

Thanks for all you do!

Regards –
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MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE OF THE UNITED STATES

"The Honor Degree of the VFW"

December 9, 2019

Listen Seam Squirrel Bruce Fischbach

I want to congratulate you on the lousy job you did getting your Pup Tent (KS-002 Strawberry Hill) to 100% plus 2 new or reinstated cooties this membership year. We had a total of 13 Pup Tents that achieved this distinct honor this year. Your name has been drawn to receive a 3 day stay at this year's Supreme Convention in Baltimore, MD. Your hotel room will be paid for by the Supreme organization. It can only be used by you and is not transferable. You will need to bring this letter to the convention and present it at check-in at the hotel. It is Cooties like you that make this organization the honor degree of the VFW. I look forward to seeing you at the Supreme Convention.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Yours in L.O.T.C.S.

Gary Dressel

Gary Dressel
Supreme Quartermaster
Supreme Membership Chairman



VFW AUXILIARY 7397

No article submitted

Respectfully

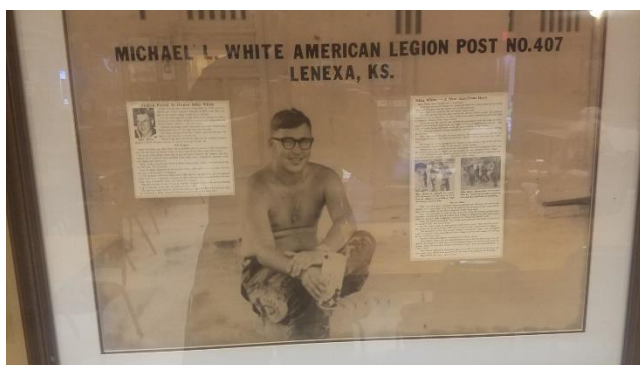
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AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407



Greetings Legionnaires

We enter February and March still in a fight with the Corona-19 virus. Things are looking brighter with the vaccine becoming more available to our families. I pray you, your friends and loved ones continue to remain healthy.

REGULAR MEETINGS:

February 15th. Monday @ 7:00 PM

March 15th. Monday @ 7:00 PM

Fish and Chicken Dinners...remain suspended due to corona 19 restrictions.

Membership at this writing is at 99.0%, wonderful job, let's keep moving, we need to expand our presence in our community talk it up. Every veteran with an Honorable discharge is eligible, they are out there, find them, get them signed up as an active in our Post.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

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American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407



Auxiliary Members,

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

Coming events for the **Auxiliary**:

*We are planning our **St. Patrick's Day dinner** on **Wednesday March 17, 2021, from 5 to 7 PM.**
Dine in or carry out will be available.*

Please check bulletin board at the Post on your next visit for further details.

The **American Legion Second District Convention** will be held **Saturday March 27, 2021**, at Lenexa Legion Post #407. Measures will be taken to ensure all in attendance a safe and comfortable convention. Look for the announcement from District for times and activities.

Dues for 2021 are now due in order to maintain membership in the organization and to continue our work in supporting our Veterans. If you have not already done so, please keep the Auxiliary strong by doing your part today. Dues are still **\$24.00**.

Lastly, I would like to thank our dedicated members who attend the meetings and donate their free time to ensure our activities continue. Without them the unit's mission would not be successful. If able, we encourage each of our members to attend meeting and become active participant.

Thanks to all for your continued participation and support.

Pat Willcox,
American Legion Auxiliary President





AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

American Legion Riders

Our annual Christmas dinner was held following the monthly meeting on December 10th. The meat was catered, and potluck dishes were provided by our members.

This year ALR 407 adopted 3 veteran families and one single veteran. The families were vetted by the Salvation Army Support Services to Veteran Families. One family recently lost the veteran father/husband as a result of the coronavirus. This effort is supported by the American Legion, VFW Auxiliary, Marine Corps League, and American Legion Auxiliary. The family members provided us their gift requests and we were able to provide each family with requested items, nonperishable items, all the fixings for a holiday, and gift cards for perishable items.

At our January meeting a new slate of officers for the riders was elected for 2021 consisting of the following: Dee 'Disaster D' Smith, Director; Cliff 'Paladin' Shinski, Assistant Director; Vince 'Ironhorse' Chirafisi, Treasurer; and Jan 'Lil Hawaiian' Crosier, Secretary. The following were appointed for the coming year: Cheryl 'Mrs. G' Garrett, Chaplin; Scott 'Scooter' Schires', Sargent At Arms; Ted 'Tedwak' Wakeman, Ride Captain; and Juan 'Chito' Rivera, Webmaster.

Our monthly reoccurring activity schedule is: the 2nd Thursday is our meeting night at 7pm; the 4th Tuesday of each month is usually our Dine Out, 6p – 8p at selected restaurants; and breakfasts together each Wednesday (BBBG) at various locations. are suspended until further notice.

The 2nd Sunday is normally our ALR Breakfast, however, buffet breakfasts are not permitted in the current environment. We have cancelled plans for breakfasts indefinitely and will review the situation periodically to determine if buffet style breakfasts will be permitted and continue to explore alternatives if they are not.

The last Thursday of the month the Riders normally attend an End of Month (EOM) ceremony at Leavenworth National Cemetery to honor our brothers & sisters that have passed away since last ceremony. The National Cemetery is still not allowing group activity but is allowing some support for funerals. We invite anyone to join us at this honor ceremony once this event resumes; we send out notice of staging & KSU location & times.

We are looking forward to warmer weather and resuming our scheduled monthly rides in March, weather permitting. Stay safe in your travels and activities during the remaining winter months ahead.



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GREETINGS FROM THE CLUB ROOM

Hello from the Clubroom,

How about those Chiefs!

Gun club super bowl party February 7th.



Taco Tuesdays 5-7 pm.



Come play Checkers, Chess, or Backgammon on the last Monday of the month at the post February 22nd & March 29th at 6:30 pm.



Don't miss these dinners coming up. Steak night, February 12th and March 12th 6-7 pm. Drive through only.



DRIVE -THRU

American Legion Auxiliary St Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage March 17th 5 -7 pm.
All precautions will be taken for your safety.



We hope to see you in the Clubroom!
Thanks for your support

Farrah Fiocati,
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February 2021

Holdem suspended until further notice

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Tacos 5-7pm 	3	4 VFW & Auxiliary 7pm	5	6
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28	29 Backgammon Checkers Chess, 6:30pm 	30 Tacos 5-7pm 	31			

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