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**August
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2021**

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From your VFW Commander

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

First of all, I would like to congratulate the post on earning All-State and All-American for the 2020-2021 year. Thank you to all for what you do as this was a team win.

We have adapted well this past year with everything going on in our nation. The pandemic has not put a stop to our dedicated support to our Veterans and their families. Please continue to be safe so we can continue to support those in need.

We have numerous events coming up these next couple months. The VFW National Convention will be here in Kansas City, MO, though in limited capacity, July 31st to August 3rd. Feel free to attend if you have not been there. Although it will be pared down some good information get passed along. Here is a [link](#) to the tentative agenda.

The Kansas Department School of Instruction will be held August 13th to August 15th in WaKeeney, KS. If you are interested in attending, get in touch with one of the Post Officers and we can get you details. The District 2 School of Instruction will be held at the Ottawa, KS, VFW Post 5901 on September 11th.

It's almost back to school time. This year's Voice of Democracy theme is "America: Where do we go from here?" and the Patriot's Pen theme is "How can I be a good American?". Please help push these 2 programs along with Teacher of the Year for Elementary, Middle, and High School. The program information is under Programs & Newsletters on vfw7397.org. All of these entries are due to the post by Oct 31st.

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

I want to start by thanking our Past President Kim Keane and her officers; they did an outstanding job over the past years. We are working on fundraiser ideas for the Endowment Fund as well as for our Relief Fund, so please participate when you can. If you have any ideas on something fun to do, be sure to let us know.



The Department Convention was held in Topeka June 18—20 and District 2 won all three categories in the Buddy Poppy displays, including our entry created by Kim Keane and team for Category 1. Unfortunately we learned that there were no displays at the National Convention held in Kansas City this year. Start thinking up ideas for next year!

The annual conference was moved from Baltimore to Kansas City, hope you were able to make it. And to make things more exciting, the National Conference will be in Kansas City again next year. They will be looking for volunteers; please try and make the time.

Steak Night is the 2nd Friday of each month from 6—7pm, please stop by to have dinner or lend a hand!

Looking forward to the coming year!!

Tanya I Brunning
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Military Order of the Cootie, Strawberry Hill Pup Tent #2



Hello Crummy Comrades -

A reminder the National Cootie Convention is coming up in Overland Park at the Marriott August 4th – August 7th. Might be a good opportunity to talk to other louses to see what kind of shiznit they are doing.

July is the beginning of the new Cootie membership year and our Crummy Custodian of the Duffel Bag will be looking for you to pay your dues! Reminder - \$20 for the lousy membership renewal. Let's see if we can get them paid for early and see if we can multiply our number like ticks!

As you know the Cooties mission includes working with veterans in the VA as well as supporting the National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, MI. The National Home has a fundraiser going on to purchase a new snowplow; cost is approximately \$43,000. Had a suggestion we do a fundraiser to help. Thought was we could raise \$500 from members via a fundraiser, posts could do a fundraiser and if funds are available, the Pup Tent could match up to a certain part. Perhaps a goal of \$1,000 from the Worst Pup Tent in the World would show why we are lousy.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 14th at 10:00a in Leavenworth, however that is the same weekend of the Department School of Instruction for the VFW in WaKeeney. Will likely move the date – be on the look out for an update to the date/time. Also please submit your hospital reports to Lynn Rolf Jr.

Thanks for all you do!
Bruce Fischbach
Strawberry Hill Pup Tent #2
Seam Squirrel

VFW 7397 Riders



From the 7397 Riders - Despite the challenges over the last year and a half we continue to grow and do great things in our Community. The committee leadership chose to think towards the future to start off the 2021-22 year and we have formalized our leadership and structure. We have selected Officers and will have actual meetings now. The officers will follow the VFW/Aux calendar for nominations & elections moving forward.

The 2021-22 Officers
President - Chris Stergos
Vice President - Maribeth Fischbach
Road Captain - Bruce Fischbach
Chaplain - Corey Hunt

We will meet on the First Thursday of each month directly following the VFW and Auxiliary Meetings. To join the 7397 Riders you must be a member in good standing with the VFW or Auxiliary, have proper license and insurance, and of course ride a motorcycle capable of highway travel (2 or 3 wheels).

With the National Convention switching to KC this year there will be no official Howard Vander Clute Memorial Ride to raise funds for the National VMS Programs. Rrest assured the ride will be in full force when the Convention comes to KC in 2022 (you may remember 2018 when we shut down I-35 to travel from 7397 to Liberty Memorial).

The Dept's of TX, LA, OK, & AR have put together a VFW Riders Rally the weekend of Aug 27-29 down in Texarkana, TX. Their goal is to get VFW Riders from across the country together for the year and to raise money for Suicide Prevention Programs and National VMS Programs. If anyone is interested please contact me for details.

Keep the Shiny Side UP
Chris Stergos ~Jarhead~
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American Legion Post 407



Greetings Legionnaires!

I would like to thank all that helped with the July 4th lunch. We did make some money to pay for rent for the year. In order to start the chicken and fish dinners we need volunteers to work the meals.

Our group for monthly meetings has been small. We could use more members so we could do more business and see new faces.

Please note that our District Commander will be at our August Meeting to hand out awards. Please do your best to attend!

Regular meetings:

Aug 16 Monday @7:00PM

Sept 20 Monday@7:00PM

Hope to see you all there.

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American Legion Auxiliary Post 407



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Pat Willcox

American Legion Auxiliary President

American Legion Riders Post 407



We are pleased to welcome several new members during the last several months. Welcome to Don Simpson "Chain Gear" and Jim Saunders "Roadrunner."

The riders enjoyed the June 19th Rulo Run with lunch at Wild Bill's Bar & Grill. 23 riders participated in the July 17th Dam Fun Run with lunch (and the accompanying downpour from mother nature) at Miss B's Café in Louisville, both of which had been rescheduled after inclement weather the prior two months.

Our next two scheduled rides are Holton, Ks Trails Café Run on August 21st and Olpe, Ks Flint Hills Run on Sep. 18th. We are looking forward to our scheduled monthly rides as summer has finally arrived.

On June 24th several of the riders attended a ceremony in Topeka where Gov. Kelly signed into law SB-67 which provides important additional safeguards for riders during funeral procession escorts.

On July 1st, members assisted in preparing 100 slabs of ribs, and 320 pounds of chicken for the July 3rd picnic at the post. July 2nd the meat was smoked and available for anyone wanting to pick up their order for the weekend. The picnic was a great success.

On July 22nd seven of the riders participated in the monthly End of Month Ceremony at the VA National Cemetery in Leavenworth. The ceremony honors those veterans who died in the past month but due to Covid restrictions there has not been a monthly ceremony. We were honored to have as a participant, Max DeWeese, 100-year-old Marine veteran.

The riders held a dine out in June at Stroud's in Overland Park and in July we had a record 25 people at the dine out at El Toro Loco in Lenexa.

Our normal monthly reoccurring activities are: the 2nd Thursday of every month is 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.

The 2nd Sunday has normally been our ALR Breakfast, however, we have not resumed this event. When the monthly breakfast resumes, we will send out a notice. Thanks for your support.

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

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Sons of the American Legion Post 407

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From the Club Room

Greetings from the clubroom

Every Tuesday we have 1.50 tacos. Steak dinner is the 2nd Friday each month from 6 to 7 pm. Wednesday, Sept 29th from 6-8 pm enjoy Oktoberfest dinner from American Legion Auxiliary



The clubroom is now serving hot spinach and artichoke dip with tortillas and raspberry cheesecake rolls \$5 each. Friday nights we have live music in the clubroom. Hope to see you in the clubroom.

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Mom's Empanadas

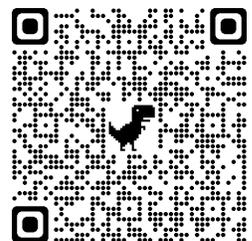
We will have food available for purchase prior to the VFW meetings on the first Thursday of the month

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



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