

**On  
Veterans  
Way**



**December 2021  
January 2022**

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### **From your VFW Commander**

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It certainly has been an interesting but trying year. Continue to keep yourself and your families safe as we move into the new year. I want to personally thank all of you for what you do with taking care of our veterans and their families.

This is our busy time of year with the Programs and Veteran's Day activities. We did have a few Veteran's Day events including visiting with a couple of our elementary schools. We have wrapped up Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the year. We have Law Enforcement, Firefighter, and EMT that will be due soon.

Our December meeting will be our VFW Christmas party. The All-Post party will be December 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 PM. Farrah has some fun new ideas for the party.

#### **Save the Dates**

- Department Mid-Winter will be January 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> in Junction City, KS. Please see any officer for details.
- District 2 Winter meeting will be January 29<sup>th</sup> from 1000-1200 hosted at VFW Post 846 in Overland Park, KS. We will have the District Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy winners present.
- Steak nights will be December 10<sup>th</sup> and January 14<sup>th</sup>

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

As we wrap up 2021 and bring on 2022, I wish you all have a safe and happy holiday season. Please keep our deployed Brothers & Sisters in Arms in your thoughts and prayers. 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,

It's that time of year again with all its hustle and bustle. No matter your faith, remember the reason for the season; spend time with family and friends. Its not abut the material things, its about the relationships and memories.

Keep working our programs and make sure to report the details to our chairpersons.

Our December meeting is the Post & Auxiliary Christmas party, so come by and spend some Post and Auxiliary members. Be sure to check out the All Post Christmas Party on December 17 from 4—8pm, Farrah has some great plans!

### Save the Dates

- Department Mid-Winter will be January 14 – 16 in Junction City, KS; see the Sunflower Express for details
- District 2 Winter meeting will be January 29 from 10:00-12:00 hosted at VFW Post 846 in Overland Park, KS

Yours in Service!

Tanya I Brunning  
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### VFW 7397 Riders



Reminder we meet 1st Thursday of each month directly after the regular VFW and Auxiliary meetings. If you would like to join us just ask.

As winter approaches, our riding will be hit and miss.... But keep an eye on the Riders group page on Facebook for spur of the moment/ pop up events.

Keep the Shiny Side UP

Chris Stergos ~Jarhead~  
7397 Riders President  
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## American Legion Post 407



Greetings Legionnaires,

We are approaching the holidays. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meetings for the months of December and January are:

Monday, December 20th at 7:00pm  
Monday, January 17th at 7:00pm

If you can, talk to friends and neighbors about the American Legion, and see if we can recruit new members for our post.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

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## American Legion Auxiliary Post 407



First and foremost this month, let us start by saying Thank You to everybody who supported our Octoberfest celebration this year. And to those who donated their time, prepared food, donated raffle ticket and food items, and worked to set up the event, a special note of appreciation is warranted. With everyone working together, the success of these enjoyable and important fund raising missions will be attained and, importantly, these efforts continue to allow us to support our Veterans.

We **will not** be having an **Auxiliary meeting in December**. Will see everyone on **January 17, 2022** as we begin the New Year. Please make plans to attend. Your input and participation is important to our Unit.

If renewal dues have not been paid, a reminder that the due date is 12/31/21 in amount of \$24.00, one of the lowest in the state.

As we approach this season of the year, let us remember the country's Veterans, their families, and others who are in need.

Wishing everybody and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year!

Stay Safe. Be Well.

Pat Willcox  
American Legion Auxiliary President

## Sons of the American Legion Post 407



No Update

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## American Legion Riders Post 407



No Update

Stay safe in your travels and activities during the holiday season.

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## From the Club Room

Greetings from the Clubroom!

Happy Holidays and I hope you and your family are well. This year the holiday fun will start with the kids Christmas party Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6 pm. We will have pizza and fun making decorations for the post, also a snow people decorating activity.

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> kicks off Membership drive weekend with Steak dinner night at the post. 6-7 pm and on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> a Cornhole Tournament starting at 10:00am.

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> is our all post Christmas party with music by Chuck Shoemaker. Bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert. Post will provide the Meat. Events will include: Silent Auction, cake walk, big wine Game, making spirits bright white elephant exchange. Anyone 21 and older interested in participating in the white elephant exchange should bring a bottle of wine, pint of liquor, or six pack of something interesting to exchange!

### Important Dates

- The Post will be closed Saturday Dec 25<sup>th</sup>
- Dec 31<sup>st</sup> join us for an Early Bird New Years Eve  
Champagne cocktails and appetizers 6-8 pm
- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> New Years Day will be business as usual, Texas style. Bring a side dish.
- Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Life for Past Commander Dave Stauch, 5:00 to 8:00pm
- Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Steak dinner and Membership Drive 6:00 to 7:00 pm (Invite anyone who may be eligible to join)
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Cornhole Tournament starting at 10:00am
- Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Comic book show in the big hall.

Merry Christmas to all and please remember our Troops! God Bless us all.

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



# December 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 VFW & Aux Mtg 7pm VFW Riders	3	4 Hold'em 1pm
5	6	7 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm Hold'em 6:30pm	8	9 ALR Meeting 7pm	10 Steak Dinner 6-7pm	11 Cornhole 10am Hold'em 1pm
12	13	14 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm Hold'em 6:30pm	15 MCL Officers Meeting	16 Post Planning Meeting 7pm	17	18 Hold'em 1pm
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26	27	28 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm Hold'em 6:30pm	29 MCL Meeting 7pm	30	31 	

# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Hold'em 1pm
2	3 Korean War Veterans Post 181 6:30pm	4 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm Hold'em 6:30pm	5	6 VFW & Aux Mtg 7pm VFW Riders	7	8 Hold'em 1pm
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