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February 2022

March 2022

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From your VFW Commander

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

Another year has arrived. I hope everyone had a safe holiday season. Congratulations to our Voice of Democracy winner, Elizabeth Cross from Olathe Northwest High School. She won the District 2 level completion and competed at the Kansas Department level. Our Law Enforcement candidate, SGT Jay T. Richards of Lenexa Police Department, won the District 2 competition. Our next program is Scout of the Year. If you know an Eagle Scout, Gold Scout, and Summit Awardee please submit them for this prestigious competition. These nominations are due to the post by March 1st. Please see any of the officers if you have questions.

We just went over the halfway point of the membership year and are sitting at 94% for our membership renewal rate. We need 39 members to renew or join by June 30th. If you haven't renewed your membership please do so now. Also, please consider moving up to a Life Membership. This can be paid on an installment plan. Life Members, please consider the Legacy Life Membership.

We will hold Officer nominations in March with elections in April. If you want to become more active in the post or have questions please see any of the officers for more information. The duties of each position can be found in the VFW Congressional Charter Bylaws Manual of Procedure Ritual or online at <https://www.vfw.org/my-vfw/vfw-training-and-support/bylaws-training-forms-and-templates>.

We hope to see everyone at our Steak Nights which will be held February 11th and March 11th. Additional emails will be sent out the week before Steak Nights. Please RSVP in advance so we can plan for our numbers.

On February 12th at 5:00PM we will be dedicating the large hall to Bob Moyer. Please come by an honor this great Veteran that represented our Post for decades.

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 jvice@vfw7397.org. The Community Service year ends March 31st. Please get all your submissions in before then.

Lastly, if there is anything we can do for you please reach out. We are here to support Veterans.

Yours in Comradeship
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From your VFW Auxiliary President

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

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



Elections will be in April, so think about whether or not you want to hold an office and ask questions at the next meeting

Yours in Service!

Tanya I Brunning
VFW Post 7397 Auxiliary President
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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.

With this weird up and down winter weather, several of us got in a Christmas Ride, we missed getting in a New Years Day ride due to the snow, but we got out on New Years Eve. As the weather starts to warm up, keep an eye on the Facebook group for events.

Mark your calendars now - Saturday Jul 16, 2022 - VFW National Convention - with the VFW Riders Vanderclute Ride. If you remember 2018 we shut down I-35 to get from 7397 to downtown, we're planning on doing it again this year. National Leadership will once again be leaning on 7397 & 56 Riders to help organize and run this event. More info to come later.

Keep the Shiny Side UP

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



Greetings Legionnaires

We are having a chicken dinner on February 16th from 6pm to 7pm, just \$12.00 per person. In March, we are going to have a chicken and fish dinner on March 16th from 6pm to 7pm. As long as the virus stays down, we plan to continue with the fish and chicken dinners. The ladies auxiliary will provide desserts and the fifty-fifty drawing.

Meetings for the months of February and March are:

Monday, February 21st at 7:00pm and
Monday, March 21st 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



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

Coming events for the **Auxiliary**:

Saturday, February 5th, 2022 12: PM at Miami Legion Post 156, 5 Delaware, Paola, KS

2nd District Homecoming for American Legion District Commander George Honn, Auxiliary District President Betty Wright and SAL Commander Matthew Krupco.

*We are planning our **St. Patrick's Day dinner on Thursday, March 17, 2022, Dine in or carry out will be available.***
Please check bulletin board at the Post on your next visit for further details.

March 10th – 12, Kansas will be hosting the **American Legion National President Kathy Daudistel**. The tentative schedule has her visiting **THREE** units in District 2 Please try to attend one or all of them and meet our National Leader. Please watch Facebook for complete information.

The **American Legion Second District Convention** will be held **Saturday March 26, 2022**, at Lawrence Post # 14 3408 W 6th St, Lawrence, Ks. Look for the announcement from District for times and activities.

Dues for 2022 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

Sons of the American Legion Post 407



Happy new year from the SAL

We are still working on our membership for 2022. If you have not yet, please send your renewals in the self addressed stamped envelope I sent in the mail last August . You can also leave cash at the post on your next visit.

Thanks,

Jeff Carson
Squadron Commander
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American Legion Riders Post 407



Our annual Christmas dinner was held following the monthly meeting on December 9th. The meat will be catered, and potluck dishes were provided by our members.

This year ALR 407 adopted 3 veteran families and one single WWII veteran. The families were vetted by the Salvation Army Support Services to Veteran Families. 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 2022 consisting of the following: Dee 'Disaster D' Smith, Director; Cliff 'Paladin' Shinski, Assistant Director; Mark 'Gator' Mooers, 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 at the Post; the 4th Tuesday of each month is usually our Dine Out, 5:30pm – 8pm at selected restaurants; and rides are normally scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month.

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. We invite anyone to join us at this honor ceremony and we will send out notice of staging & KSU location & times.

We have initiated a Fund Raiser with Savers Thrift Store. Members and their friend ad family are asked to gather 30–33-gallon bags of clothing – anything wearable plus linens or jewelry. We will post the date in April or May when we will complete the collection and take all the bags to their warehouse. In the meantime, get your bags of clothing and wearables to Dee as we have a storage space to collect them.

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

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

Dee 'Disaster D' Smith, Director
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From the Club Room

Greetings from the Clubroom!

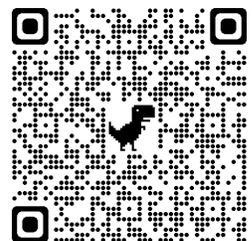
Important Dates

- Tacos Every Tuesday
- Feb 11th—Steak Night, 6pm—7pm, \$20 per person
- Feb 16th—American Legion Chicken & Fish Dinner, 6pm—7pm, \$12 per person
- Feb 27th—Mardis Gras Brunch, 10am—2pm
- Mar 9th—Life Line Screening, flyers in the Club Room
- Mar 11th—Steak Night, 6pm—7pm, \$20 per person
- Mar 16th—American Legion Chicken & Fish Dinner, 6pm—7pm, \$12 per person

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**Don't forget to check out our
new can and bottle koozies with
the VFW Post Logo
Available for purchase from
your favorite bartender!**

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



Hey Post Members, interested in showing off your Post pride? Here's a great opportunity. We're taking orders for these nice looking collared shirts with the VFW/Post Logo on the chest.

The Augusta shirts are \$20 from size small - 2X, 3X is \$23 and 4X and up are \$25. we need to have a minimum order of 12 to get this reduced pricing. Here's the link to what the shirts look like, you can order any color that they have.

Men's Shirt link

<https://www.augustasportswear.com/augusta-bi-color-vital...>

Women's Shirt link

<https://www.augustasportswear.com/augusta-ladies-bi-color...>

The Core shirts are \$22 from Small - XL, \$24 for 2X and \$26 for 3X and up. Same for this shirt, we need to order a minimum of 12 pieces regardless of color.

Men's shirt Link:

<https://www.alphabroder.com/.../core-365-mens-pinnacle...>

Women's Shirt Link:

<https://www.alphabroder.com/.../core-365-ladies-pinnacle...>

If interested please send a FB Message to Rick McKenna or email him at rick.mckenna@vfw7397.org with shirt type, shirt color and logo color (logo color should match the shirt trim, long sleeve recommend white in most cases, some black on others) once we have a minimum of 12 orders for either shirt, we'll reach back out for payment thru PayPal.



VFW Post Membership Incentive Contest

Greetings Post 7397 Members

In an effort to increase overall membership specifically Life Membership and Legacy Membership for the 2021-22 membership year for Post 7397, we are offering an incentive to all new, lapsed/reinstated life members, current annual members and our Life and Legacy members.

We will hold a lottery style drawing to award 1 grand prize on July 4th 2022.

Eligibility/Entry:

Join Post 7397 or current Post member upgrade from Jul 1, 2021 through Jun 30, 2022

- New or Lapsed/Reinstated Life member or Upgrade to Life Membership – receives 10 chances
- Life Member that upgrades to Legacy Membership – receives 15 chances per level increase (Bronze, Silver or Gold)
- Any current Legacy Members that upgrades to the next level (Silver, Gold) – receives 15 chances for each additional level
- If a member is currently enrolled in the Installment Life Plan, they must complete their upgrade by June 30th, 2022 to be eligible for the drawing
- Recruiter – brings in new member who signs up as a Life member – receives 10 chances
- Post Gold Legacy Members are eligible as a recruiter and will receive 10 chances for recruiting a new or reinstated Life member
- On or after Jun 30,2022 - Sr. Vice will finalize entries and prepare the slips for the tumbler

Prizes Options: (winner's choice)

Option 1 – VFW Henry Rifle (VFW Tribute edition if available) (approx. value \$800)

- Winner will be required to pass standard firearms background check in order to receive rifle



If you have any additional questions about the contest, please contact Post 7397 Senior Vice Commander & Membership Chairman (Rick McKenna) at rick.mckenna@vfw7397.org or 913.481.2973

February 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm Hold'em 6:30pm	2	3 VFW & Aux Mtg 7pm VFW Riders	4	5 Hold'em 1pm
6	7	8 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm Hold'em 6:30pm	9	10 ALR Meeting 7pm	11 Steak Dinner 6-7pm	12 Hold'em 1pm Bob Moyer Memorial 5pm
13	14	15 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm Hold'em 6:30pm	16	17 Post Planning Meeting 7pm	18	19 Hold'em 1pm
20	21 American Legion , SAL Meeting 7pm	22 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm Hold'em 6:30pm	23	24	25	26 Hold'em 1pm
27	28					

March 2022

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		1 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm	2	3 VFW & Aux Mtg 7pm	4	5 Hold'em 1pm
6	7 Korean War Veterans Post 181 6:30pm	8 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm Hold'em 6:30pm	9	10 ALR Meeting 7pm	11 Steak Dinner 6-7pm	12 Hold'em 1pm
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