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**February
March 2023**

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From your VFW Commander

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

I hope everyone is having a safe New Year. We have completed the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year competitions. Of note for our Post, our High School Teacher of the Year applicant won the Department competition for the state of Kansas. The Post also submitted several applications for the Kansas VFW Endowment Association Scholarship. 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 90% for our membership renewal rate. We need 65 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 10th and March 10th. Additional emails will be sent out the week before Steak Nights. Please RSVP in advance so we can plan for our numbers.

As always, if you do any community service, you can enter it on our post homepage under the Community Service tab. You can also drop hard copied notes at the Post, or send an email to jrvic@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,

We made it through the Holidays! Now it is time to get started on our Buddy Poppy display. Watch for emails to meet at the Post and have some fun building a beautiful display to celebrate our Veterans.

All programs need to have reports submitted by March 31. Any little bit counts and helps us meet our reporting requirements. Just send your hours, mileage and any expenses to the committee chair and/or the auxiliary email vfw7397aux@gmail.com. Elections will be in April, please consider stepping up to chair a committee or hold office; if we all work together, we succeed.

We only need 6 more members to hit 100%, so talk with your friends and family.

Don't forget steak nights on February 10 and March 10, be sure to get your reservations made.

Yours in Service!

Tanya I Brunning
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VFW 7397 Riders



Nothing to report, it's too cold outside

Chris Stergos ~Jarhead~
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American Legion Post 407



To Legionnaires,

Hope things are going well for everyone is the New Year. Our meetings for February and March will be on February 20th at 7:00pm, and on March 20th at 7:00pm. As you know we are having only a chicken dinner in the months of February and March. The February dinner will be on the 15th from 6-7pm at a cost of \$13.00. The dinner in March will be on the 15th from 6-7pm for \$13.00 also.

The Boy Scout troop that we are sponsoring is having a pancake breakfast at our Post on February 11th from 8am to Noon. The cost will be \$8.00 . We will have ticket sales or you can pay at the door. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, syrup, butter, juice, milk and coffee.

Boys State is rapidly approaching. We need to get interested parties to go in June. They will need to be registered by the end of March. They can go on-line to do this at Boys State and putting down Post 407 as their sponsor. They should then let us know so we can pay our part of the registration.

Cadet Law will be June 11th at the Highway Patrol Training Center in Salina, KS. They need to go on-line to register. Applications must be received by March 31st.

The Mid-Winter Forum will be in Manhattan, KS at Post #17 on February 3rd-5th. Mail registration to Keith Coleman at 114 McCall Rd., Manhattan, KS 66502 or register by E-mail at keith.1.coleman@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

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American Legion Auxiliary Post 407



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

Dates to remember

February 3 – 5 American Legion Mid-Winter Forum will be held at Legion Post 17, 114 McCall Road in Manhattan, KS. Joint meeting will take place Saturday February 4th at 8 AM at the Post.

February 14th is Valentine's Day

March 17th is St Patrick's Day

March 25th The Second District American Legion Family Convention will meet at The Olathe Post 153, 410 Dennis Ave, Olathe, KS.

Dues for 2023 are still \$24.00 which are now due in order to maintain membership in the organization. If you have not already renewed, please keep the Auxiliary strong by doing your part today. Due to National increasing dues to \$18.00 and Department to \$10.00 per member, membership has voted to increase dues to \$30.00 starting 2024.

Thanks to all for your continued participation and support.
Be safe and keep well during these times.

Pat Willcox
American Legion Auxiliary President

Sons of the American Legion Post 407



American Legion Riders Post 407



On January 24th the monthly dining out was held at The Rub in Olathe.

Election of Officers was held at the January 2023 meeting:

- Director – Disaster D (Dee Smith)
- Assistant Director – Chindrive (Don Simpson)
- Treasurer – Gator (Mark Mooers)
- Secretary – Lil Hawaiian (Janette)

Appointed officers include:

- Chaplin – Miss G (Cheryl Garrett)
- Sargent of Arms – Scooter (Scott Schires)
- Ride Captain – Tedwak (Ted Wakeman)
- Webmaster – Chito (Juan Rivera)

Several riders attended the end of month ceremony at the Leavenworth National Cemetery in the last week of December and January.

Upcoming events are:

- ◆ MidWinter Forum in Manhattan Post 17 – Feb. 3rd -5th .
- ◆ District Oratorical Contest, Olathe Post – Feb. 11th
- ◆ District 2 Convention, Olathe Post – Saturday, March 25th.
- ◆ Department Convention, Topeka,

Our monthly recurring activity schedule is: the 2nd Thursday is meeting night at 7pm; the 4th Tuesday of each month is usually the Dine Out, 5:30 – 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 look forward to participating in other ALR Post activities when possible. Stay safe in your travels and activities in the new year and as spring approaches.

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From the Club Room

Important Dates

- Tacos Every Tuesday
- February 10th — Steak Night, 6pm—7pm, \$20 per person
 - Please RSVP by 5pm on February 9th to Quartermaster Jason Parkes at j.parkes@comcast.net
- February 11th — Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast, 8am—12pm, \$8.00 per person
- February 15th — American Legion Chicken Dinner, 6pm—7pm, \$13.00 per person
- March 10th — Steak Night, 6pm—7pm, \$20 per person
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- March 15th — American Legion Chicken Dinner, 6pm—7pm, \$13.00 per person
- March 17th — St Patrick's Day

See you in the Clubroom!
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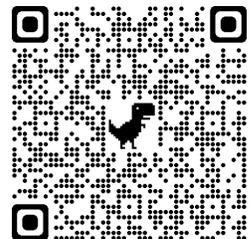


**Don't forget to check out our new swag
with the VFW Post Logo**

See the Display Case by the Canteen Door!

Check out our Google Calendar to stay current with upcoming events!

Scan the QR Code



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