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**October-November 2020**

## VFW POST 7397

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

Fall is upon us, which is our busy time of the year for our programs. This year's Voice of Democracy theme is "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?" and the Patriot's Pen theme is "What is Patriotism to Me?". 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](http://vfw7397.org). All of these entries are due to the post by Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. Also, please keep an eye out or if you know of any deserving Law Enforcement, Firefighter, or EMT. Please see any of the officers for these submissions.

Due to the unforeseen economic impact that COVID-19 has brought many of our fellow comrades and their families of Post 7397, we are doing our part to help save money where we can. The Post is offering for a limited time a reduction of your annual dues.

During the September 2020 Post meeting, the membership voted to waive the Post portion of annual dues. What does that mean to you, from now until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, all membership renewals and new memberships will be reduced from \$40 to \$30. Many of you may be saying that your current membership doesn't expire until next year. That's okay. If your current membership expires April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, by paying early, your membership gets extended to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2022. You will not lose any months of membership by paying early. There are two very easy ways to pay your dues early. You can use the "Venmo" app and make a payment to @VFW7397, the information will be captured and your dues will be paid. Or can send payment directly to our Post Quartermaster Bob Moyer, by mailing a \$30 check directly to him or to the post.

Don't forget November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day. Be on the lookout for Veterans Day events or parades depending on the current situations. This year Johnson County is recognizing World War II veterans as we have had several anniversaries this year. We will pass along any information as it becomes available.

Save the date – District 2 Fall meeting will be October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1000-1200 in Ottawa. We can carpool from the post if you want to go. Let's keep the traveling trophy at home where it belongs!

Save the date – Steak nights will be October 9<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

Yours in Comradeship,  
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Jacqueline Abnos  
Scout of the year for VFW National Headquarters



Bob Moyer, Jacqueline, and Blake Steinmetz  
Eagle Scout, sponsored by VFW 7397 in 2014



Our very own Rustin Bolejack Receives Chaplain  
of the year for 2019-2020





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WE'RE OFF TO A GREAT START!



### *Did You Know...?*

If every VFW Post were to recruit **one** new member between now and the end of September, we would actually be ahead of where we were one year ago!

It's time to get out there and recruit! We want to see every Post put in a new member before the end of the month, and help launch us into some great recruiting momentum for the end of 2020!







Military Order of the Cootie - ...

Strawberry Hill Pup Tent #2  
Military Order of the Cootie  
Bruce Fischbach – Seam Squirrel (Commander)

Comrades –

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> article for the Military Order of the Cootie for Pup Tent #2. The MOC is an Honor Degree for the VFW and this Pup Tent was started at the VFW Post in KCK when there was a Strawberry Hill Post. When it closed, the Pup Tent was moved to VFW Post 56 in Leavenworth and now to try and expand the group, we are working on making it a traveling group that will meet in District 1 & 2 of the Kansas VFW. Today we meet in Leavenworth and Lenexa, working on adding one more post in each of the two districts. Each post would host 3 meetings per year.

Founded in New York City on September 17, 1920, the **MOC** is based on the principals of good humor and fun. Since 1923, our first year as a part of the VFW, the Cooties have worked hard to further the aims of the VFW while adding to it the frivolity known as Military Humor to the serious work of our parent organization. What would ultimately become known as the VFW National Home for Children, a sprawling campus of homes located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, started out as the brainchild of the MOC.

We firmly believe in caring for the widows and children of our Armed Forces. Literally millions of dollars have been raised and donated to help "our kids" over our history; starting with the library, the swimming pool, the Fire Department, and a host of other projects designed to make life fun and educational for the children during their stay at the National Home.

Additionally, we support the VA and VA programs. Currently we are working on setting up tours of the VA once COVID is over with and have been exploring a Suicide Survivors support group for Battle Buddies and families. We are in early stages of this.

Any VFW member in good standing is eligible and invited to join. Since the new VFW year began, we have added nine new members to the group. Cost to join is \$20 and the focus is on the VA and the National Home.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Regards –  
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## VFW AUXILIARY 7397

Greetings VFW Auxiliary members,

Respectfully

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No article submitted



# AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407



## Greetings Legionnaires

As the beautiful fall season begins, we are still in a fight with the Corona -19 Virus, I pray that you, your friends, and your loved ones remain healthy.

Thank you for your excellent response to our 2020 membership drive. As of this writing we have achieved 75% of our goal. Now on to 100% by the end of October, we only need 39 to meet our goal. We should be able to blow the walls out this year I would like to set a new goal at 110% this year.

WE can do it; every Veteran with an Honorable Discharge is eligible. They are out there let's find them and get a new member.

## Regular Monthly Meetings:

October 19<sup>th</sup>. Monday @ 7:00 PM  
November 16<sup>th</sup>. Monday @ 7:00 Pm

Fish and Chicken Dinners -----remain suspended due to the Corona- 19 virus restrictions. Thank YOU all for your great support at our RIBB's and Smoked Meat sale, it was a huge success. Big thanks to Ralph Schneider and his BBQ Team for their hard work in making it a successful event.

I appreciate your support to our American Legion without it we could not continue our important programs for our veterans and family.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

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Thank you for your service.

Website: [kslegion407.org](http://kslegion407.org)







# myLegion Bulletin Board

Sept. 14, 2020

Post – County - District



James W. "Bill" Oxford,  
National Commander

## Undeliverable Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) Member Addresses

An Undeliverable Paid Up For Life (PUFL) report is available to identify members with an undeliverable address. This report is located in the Report Server. Please contact these members to assist National with updated contact information. The updated report reflects changes received and processed since our previous request in July.

Responses can be mailed to THE AMERICAN LEGION, PUFL SPECIALIST, PO BOX 1954, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206 or faxed to 317-860-3130 or scanned and emailed to [pufl@legion.org](mailto:pufl@legion.org).

If National Headquarters can verify the member's location, we will update their mailing address and make prompt payment of his/her PUFL dues to the post and/or your department.

## Online Membership Processing

Online transmittals must be submitted within 14 days or the transmittal will be deleted. This is to ensure member payments are expedited in a timely manner and prevents paid members from receiving renewal notices. If you need assistance with submitting the batch, please contact your myLegion Support Team. Deleted batches will have to be re-entered.

### NEED HELP?

To contact myLegion support:

Email:  
[myLegion@legion.org](mailto:myLegion@legion.org)

**myLegion Support  
NEW CONTACT #:  
833.253.9995**

**8:00am – 4:30pm EST (M-F)**

General membership questions  
please call 800.433.3318  
8:30am – 5:30pm EST (M-F)

### MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING

**Transmittals should be  
submitted within 14 days of  
opening the batch.**

Only members that are paying current dues can be transferred electronically. Transfers without payment must be submitted through the paper PDF to your state headquarters.

### NEW MEMBER CARDS

New members that join at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) can print a membership card with a temporary ID#. These cards should be honored as you welcome new members to your post.

### Training Materials

[www.legion.org/training/membership](http://www.legion.org/training/membership)





# American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407



Auxiliary Members,

We are starting off by hoping everyone is well as of this writing.

**The following traditional Legion Family events have been cancelled.**

In October the Eisenhower Pilgrimage, Abilene, KS



In November the Big Red Turkey Run at Fort Riley



Remember **November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day**. Please check Posts and other news sources for Activities held on this day.



Also, **Membership dues for 2021 are now due**, the renewal cost is \$24.00. Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 7:00 PM at the VFW 9550 Pflumm Road in Lenexa. All members are welcome to attend.

We are always on the lookout for new members, tell your friends about the Auxiliary, let them know the benefits of belonging to the Auxiliary and serving our Veterans.

We hope that everyone will have the chance to be with their family and loved ones this Thanksgiving. And for those that are able, remember the needy during this time of year with any help you can provide,

Please be careful by practicing safety guidelines published by the State and Local Officials. We look forward for a return to normalcy for our Auxiliary Members, Families, Friends and Country.

Stay safe. Be well.

Pat Willcox,  
American Legion Auxiliary President



## Mission & Vision

### Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support [The American Legion](#) and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

### Vision Statement

The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support [The American Legion](#) while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security. [Learn More](#)

## What We Do

Our members do incredible work. On average, each year, they...

- ★ Help nearly 3 million veterans
- ★ Contribute \$36 million toward veterans and military families
- ★ Volunteer 9.3 million hours to support veterans programs
- ★ Contribute more than \$2 million to programs benefitting children and youth
- ★ Volunteer 630,000 hours for active-duty military

## Why We Matter

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary helps to advance the mission of The American Legion. With nearly three-quarters of a million members, it is one of the nation's most prominent supporters of veterans, military, and their families. ALA members volunteer millions of hours annually, with a value averaging \$2 billion each year. From helping to draft the GI Bill in 1944 to advocating for veterans on Capitol Hill, The American Legion Family has been instrumental in advancing legislation that improves the quality of life for our nation's veterans. To learn more and get involved, we encourage you to browse our expansive website!

[www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)



# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

## American Legion Riders

With good weather the last few months, the Riders continued those activities that we can, given the Covid-19 restrictions.

On August 22<sup>nd</sup> we rode south to Chicken Mary's and enjoyed lunch there. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 14 of the group enjoyed a ride to Dover, Kansas for lunch at Connie's Corner Cafe.

The Riders have one more scheduled ride for this year which will be the October 17<sup>th</sup> fall colors ride along the backroads to Atchison with lunch at Mueller's Locker Room and return through Weston. Our ride donation is \$10.00 per person (rider, passenger or cage). KSU usually occur at 10am the morning of the ride; more details will be sent out closer to the day of the ride.

The monthly dining out for August 25<sup>th</sup> was at the Blue Moose in Lenexa, and the dining out for September was held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Maggiano's in Overland Park. Future dates for the dining out are October 17<sup>th</sup>, place TBA, and November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Moose.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> Dee Smith and Loueta Tostrud delivered backpacks and a cash donation for hygiene kits to the Veterans Community Project on behalf of ALR 407 Riders.

Our monthly reoccurring activity schedule is: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month is our meeting night at 7pm; the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month is usually our Dine Out, 6pm – 8pm at selected restaurants; and members of the group continue to enjoy breakfasts together each Wednesday at various locations. Our schedule has been altered occasionally due to some of our regular establishments not taking larger groups.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday is normally our ALR Breakfast however buffet breakfasts are not permitted in the current environment. We have cancelled plans for breakfasts for the remainder of the year and will review the situation in January 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 the last ceremony. The National Cemetery is still not allowing group activity but is allowing support for some funerals. We invite anyone to join us at this honor ceremony once this event resumes; we send out notice of staging & KSU location & times.

Enjoy the upcoming fall months and stay safe in your travels and activities

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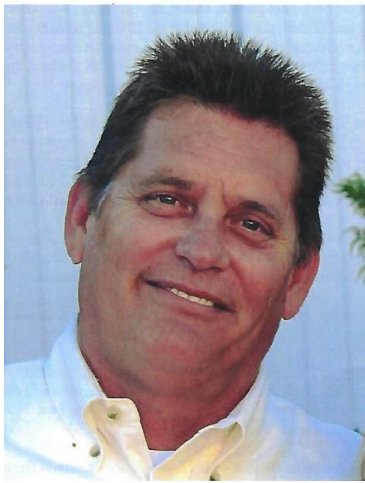




## SAL

One of our own passed away last month, keep his family in your thoughts. Gone to soon.

*In Loving Memory of  
Bryan Dale Salzman*



*October 15, 1962  
August 18, 2020*

Bryan D. Salzman, 57, Midlothian, Texas, passed away peacefully at home with his wife by his side on Aug. 18, 2020. Bryan was born at Richards-Gebaur Air Base, Belton, Mo. on Oct. 15, 1962, the son of (CW3) Larry R. and Wilma N. (Williams) Salzman. Growing up he lived in Fort Ord, Fort Carson, Colorado, Germany, Fort Bliss, Pittsburg and Girard, Kan. Bryan served in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Gerszewski Barracks in Karlsruhe, Germany. Bryan married his wife Gale E. (Garber) on Sept. 19, 2008 where they lived in Lenexa, Kan., before settling in Midlothian, Texas.

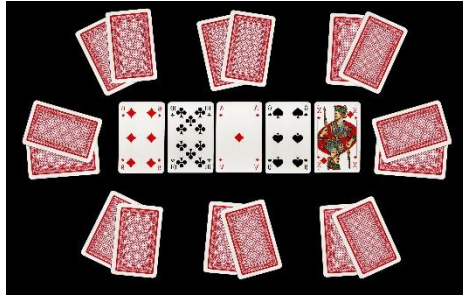
Bryan loved to ride his motorcycle and travel with his wife throughout the United States and abroad. He enjoyed pheasant hunting; target shooting; watching car racing, Kansas City Chiefs and KU Jayhawks; reading; listening to music; competing in BBQ and Chili competitions, and he especially loved laughing and spending time with friends.

Bryan was a longtime member and past officer of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 407, Lenexa, Kan., and Lenexa Gun Club. He loved volunteering for Veterans and children's causes.

# GREETINGS FROM THE CLUB ROOM

Hello from the Clubroom,

Starting in October we have the Tuesday night Texas Holdem games starting back up at 6:30 pm.



We also have Tacos back ever Tuesday from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, for just \$1.00 each and you choose how you want them. Get your taco order form from the bartender fill it out and give it to the server, then we will make them how you like them.



Tuesdays also offer \$2.75 domestic bottle beers and \$3.25 margaritas!



Every Friday we will have a fresh batch of warm crock pot drinks from ciders to hot chocolates that can be made into adult beverages with your choice of liquors. A cozy way to enjoy fall.



Trunk or treat for the kids will be on Halloween from 2:00 - 3:00 pm all treats will be in bags and the kids can just grab a bag rather than grabbing from a bowl.



The canteen will be starting an ongoing fundraiser until the end of October. Which Commander or Past Commanders of the post would you like to see dress up as a Lady? Cans will be put out with the Commanders pictures on them, put money in their can. The top three money making cans will be pulled a week before Halloween and those 3 men will dress like a woman, with the help of the bartenders. We will make them pretty as they can be. The lucky guys that get to become gals will show off their look at the Halloween party this year.



Halloween night will be a patriotic celebration! Dress in costumes with major red white and blue flare. prizes will be given for the most red, white & blue / most patriotic / and best historical American figure. Check out the clubroom bulletin board for upcoming jam nights.





November 1st there is a Toys for Tots ride starting at 11am.



November 14th and 15th the Vinyl record show will be in the big hall.



Happy Thanksgiving everyone.



I hope to see you in the clubroom!

Thanks for your support

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# October 2020

## Tuesday Holdem is back, no Saturday Holdem

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm	2	3
4	5	6 Tacos Return 5-7pm  HOLDEM IS BACK	7	8 ALR Meeting 	9 Steak Dinner 6-7pm 	10
11	12	13 Tacos 5-7pm  HOLDEM IS BACK	14 MCL Officers Meeting 	15 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm 	16	17
18	19 AL & ALA Meetings 7pm 	20 Tacos 5-7pm  HOLDEM IS BACK	21 Ronnie's breakfast 	22	23	24 Rawhide BBQ Lunch 1100 – 1600 
25 Rawhide BBQ Lunch 1100-1600 	26	27 Tacos 5-7pm  HOLDEM IS BACK Rider Dine Out	28 MCL Regular Meeting 	29	30	31 Halloween Trunk or Treat 2-3pm Evening Party 7pm

## 5-CARD STUD EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

# November 2020

## TUESDAY HOLDEM IS BACK NO Saturday Holdem

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Toys for Tots HD Ride w / Lunch	2	3 Tacos 5-7pm  HOLDEM IS BACK ELECTION DAY	4 MCL Birthday Dinner 	5 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	6	7
8	9	10 Tacos 5-7Ppm  HOLDEM IS BACK	11 Veterans Day  MCL Officers Meeting	12 ALR Meetings 7pm 	13 Drive Through Steak Night 6-7 	14
15	16 American Legion & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	17 Tacos 5-7pm  HOLDEM IS BACK	18	19 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm 	20	21
22	23	24 Tacos 5-7pm  HOLDEM IS BACK Rider Dine Out	25	26 Thanksgiving 	27	28
29	30					

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