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April - May 2021

VFW POST 7397

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

First of all, I hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and well. Please continue to stay safe out there, eventually, we will get back to the normal flow of events.

March wrapped up most of our remaining programs. We submitted a scout for Scout of the Year. March 31st was the close of the Community Service program, so any new reports will now be submitted for the next year. Our only remaining program still open is Membership, which runs till June 30th. We are close to achieving 100% for 5 consecutive years. Let's finish this program out strong. If you are an annual member that expires by June 30th, please renew soon. You will not lose any time as the renewal will add a year to your current expiration date. Also, consider moving up to a Life Member which does have an installment plan. Life Members, please consider moving up to Legacy Life Member.

We will be holding officer elections on April 1st. If you are interested in any positions, please see any of the officers. In May, we will have the installation of officers.

April 17th, District 2 Spring meeting will be from 1000-1200 at VFW Post 6654 (DeSoto).

June 18th – June 20th, Department Convention will be in Topeka. Please see any of the officers if interested in attending.

April 9th and May 14th will be Steak nights, we will have drive through and eat in, which ever you prefer. Please RSVP to Bob Moyer, 913-631-9377 or bobmoyer67@mycci.net in advance so that we can plan for our numbers.

Finally, I want to thank you all for what you do and have done to support me over the past 2 years. I especially want to thank my officers and peers that I continue to look to for guidance as it hasn't all been easy. I know you are in good hands with the next commander. It's been a fun but interesting ride, especially with the last year as we have not seen anything like this before. But it's been with all of your help, that we continue to move forward and get the mission done of taking care of our veterans and families.

JP Out!

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

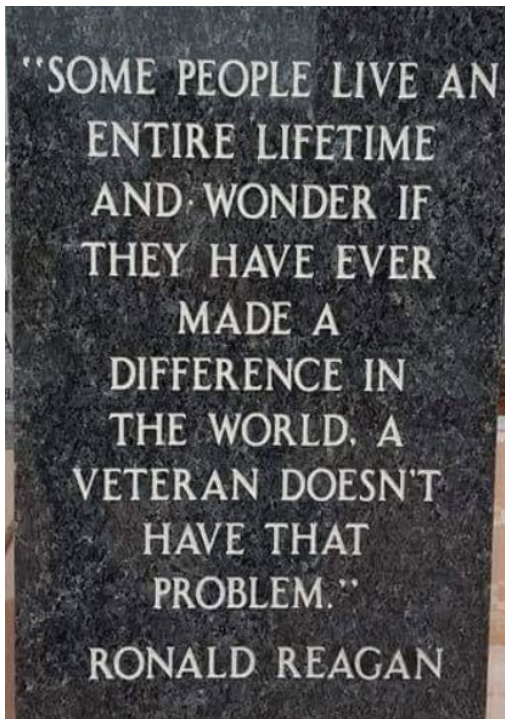
Yours in Comradeship,
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Tombstone of Veteran Leonard Matlovich



I HAVE DONE THINGS

THAT HAUNT ME AT NIGHT

SO YOU CAN SLEEP IN PEACE

I HAVE BEEN AWAY

FROM MY FAMILY A LONG TIME

SO THAT YOURS CAN BE SAFE

I HAVE SACRIFICED

A LOT IN MY LIFE

SO THAT YOU MAY LIVE FREE

I HAVE DONE THESE THINGS

BECAUSE I HAVE SWORN AN OATH

TO MY COUNTRY

AND I WILL LIVE BY THIS OATH


UNTIL THE DAY I DIE

BECAUSE I AM & ALWAYS WILL BE A

U.S. VETERAN



A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE VIETNAM WALL



There are 58,267 names on the wall.

39,996 were just 22 or younger.

8,283 were 19. 33,103 were 18.

12 were 17 years old.

5 soldiers were 16.

There are 3 sets of fathers and sons on the wall.


31 sets of parents lost 2 of their sons.

997 were killed their first day.

1,448 were killed on their last day.

8 women were on the wall, nurses.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the war and 153 of them are on the wall.





With us being closed for 3 months last year, our finances have drastically decreased. With money continually going out, and nothing coming in, we need your support more now than ever.

Farrah, our Club Room Manager is trying very hard to come up with new ideas to bring members and their guests to the post.

We have a new VFW member, Doug West, along with his wife Claudia, are serving food every Thursday and Friday night, trying to generate business for the Club Room. The last 2 weeks that they have served food, the Bar finally made a profit.

So please, come for the dinners, breakfasts or any function that the Manager and or Organization is putting on. If you don't want to eat, just come in for a beer.

Your support is greatly appreciated and needed. We are trying to keep the Post open. Donations are welcome.

Bob Moyer
Quartermaster

Strawberry Hill Pup Tent #2

Military Order of the Cootie Bruce Fischbach – Seam Squirrel (Commander)



Hello all!

Team – as things seem to be lightening up on the lockdown, we are limited who can get into the hospital. Some great news; regardless of if you are in the VA system, all veterans can now get into the VA in KCMO and get the COVID vaccine shots. If you are in the VA system, you should be getting a call to get your shot. Spouses and caregivers over 18 are also eligible. Call 816-922-2619 to get scheduled!

We had our 1st meeting at DeSoto and our next meeting is April 10th at the Tonganoxie Post.

This far we have added 20 to the Pup Tent this year and we have been named the Worst Pup Tent in the Nation. (Translated to the best in non-Cootie language!) we are at 54 and were 34 last year. We are 154.28%. All members of the VFW are eligible for the Military Order of the Cootie and we would welcome you to join us.

We have published the Suicide Survivor Meeting guidelines and unfortunately, we had a test run of the information with a recent suicide.

We will be having the State (Grand) Cootie convention at the Post (7397), in Lenexa on May 15th from 8:00a-12:00p.

2021-2022 Officers for Pup Tent 2 are:

Seam Squirrel (Commander) - Bruce Fischbach – Post 7397
Blanket Bum (Sr. Vice) - Jim Whittington – Post 7397
Hide Gimlet (Jr. Vice) - Nate Coffey – Post 7397
Crummy Custodian of the Duffel Bag (QM) Jim Jenkins – Post 6401
Tightwad 1 (Trustee) – Bon Teetsel – Post 7397
Tightwad 2 (Trustee) – Rick Caya – Post 56
Tightwad 3 (Trustee) – Rick McKenna – Post 7397
Sky Pilot (Chaplain) - Jim Jenkins – Post 6401
Provost Marshall (Appointed) (Off. of the Day) - Jim Speranza – Post 56
Jimmy Legs (Appointed) (Off. of the Guard) - Ralph Schneider – Post 7397
Keeper of the Lousy Records (Appointed) (Historian) - Bruce Fischbach – Post 7397
Shyster (Appointed) (Judge Advocate) - Bob Teetsel – Post 7397
Pill Pusher (Appointed) (Surgeon) - Jason Parkes – Post 7397
Hungry Cootie (Appointed) (Adj) - Jaimie Cox – Post 56
Hospital Chairman (Appointed) - Lynn Rolf II – Post 56

Thanks for all you do!



Regards

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VFW AUXILIARY 7397

No article submitted

Respectfully

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VFW National Home for Children

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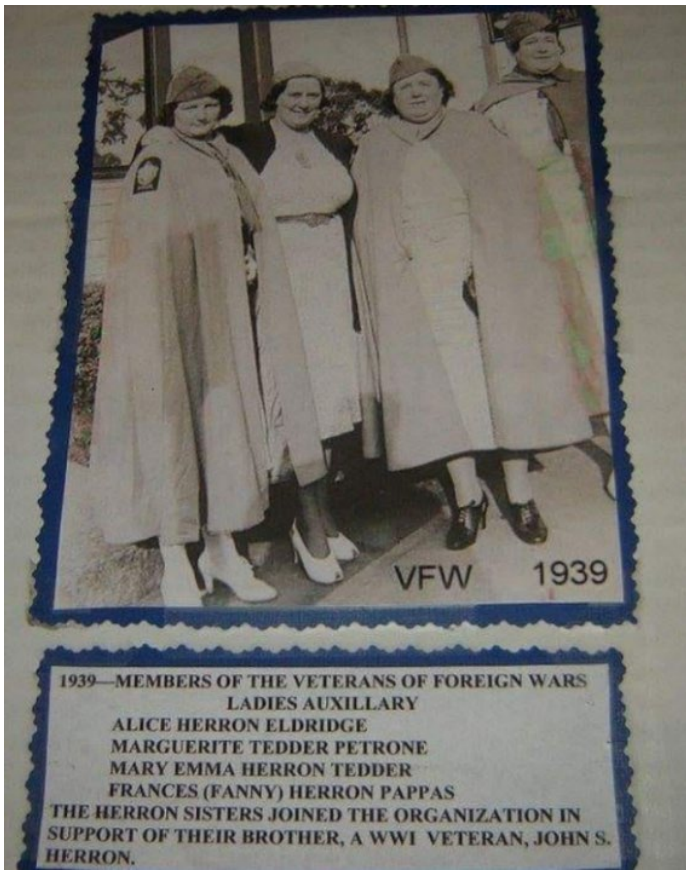
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Throwback Thursday!

Today we're sharing this newspaper clipping from 1949 of the groundbreaking ceremony for an addition onto the National Home's hospital (now the Health & Education building)



National President Helen Murphy, of the Ladies Auxiliary (right) and three Past National Presidents, took part in recent ground-breaking ceremonies for the \$75,000 addition to the hospital at the V.F.W. National Home, Eaton Rapids, Mich. Others who participated (lt. to rt.) Bess Hanken, Boston; M. Frances Anderson, Bridgeport, Conn.; and Florence Stark, Camden, N. J.





VFW Auxiliary-National Organization

Just now · 🌐

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See a child thanking a veteran? Witness a youth place their hand on their heart correctly? Know a child who can sing the national anthem? See a child being respectful during patriotic events? Reward them with a Random Acts of Patriotism card. R.A.P. cards are appropriate for elementary age youth. The R.A.P. card template is available for free from the National website here: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/resources/>.



NICE R.A.P.!

Random Act of Patriotism



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VFW National Home for Children updated their profile

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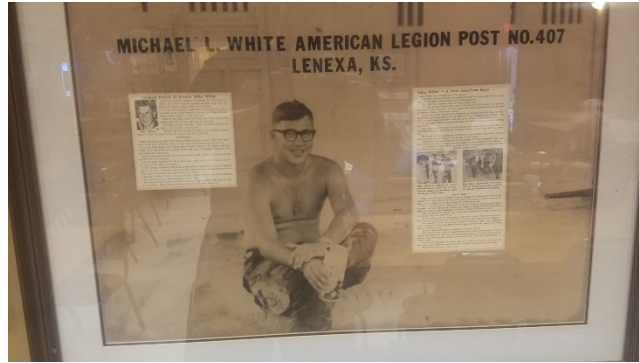
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The VFW National
Home for Children
Celebrates
Month of the
Military Child



AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407



Greetings Legionnaires

We enter April and May still in a fight with the Corona-19 virus. Things are looking brighter with the vaccine becoming more available to our families. I pray you your friends and loved ones continue to remain healthy.

REGULAR MEETINGS:

April 19th. Monday @ 7:00 PM
May 17th Monday @ 7:00 PM

Fish and Chicken Dinners remain suspended due to Corona 19 restrictions.

Membership at this writing is at 105.0%. Wonderful job everyone, let's keep moving forward. We need to expand our presence in our community, talk it up to every veteran with an Honorable discharge. They are out there, find them, and get them signed up as an active member in your Post.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

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Kansas American Legion 2nd District Convention at Lenexa on March 27, 2021.



Our guys Leo Porath, Ralph Schneider and Tony Pantoja





American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407



Auxiliary Members,

We would like to thank everyone who came to our St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Of course, we could not have had a successful event without our Auxiliary members volunteering their time to cook, decorate, bake and serve the traditional Irish cuisine. It was a job WELL DONE!

Our Unit was pleased to host the annual District 2 American Legion Auxiliary Convention Saturday March 27th. We especially want to thank Farrah, the post manager, for her hard work in providing the lunch and assistance with the logistics.

The 2021 Kansas American Legion Kansas Convention will be held in Topeka beginning on Friday, May 14th through the Sunday, May 16th. The Legion has arranged for special rates at the Ramada Inn, 420 S.E 6th Ave, where the event will be held. When booking, mention attendance at the convention to receive the special rate. Look for additional information in the April edition of the Sunflower.

An early reminder: Memorial Day is approaching and help will be needed in placing flags on our Veterans graves. Please also check with the American Legion regarding the time to meet at the post for the May 31st event. This is one service we should all make time in which to participate.

If you wish to continue your service years of membership with the Auxiliary, please support our post by paying your dues

Thanks to all for your continued support, participation and dedication to the Unit and the Kansas American Legion Auxiliary.

Pat Willcox,
American Legion Auxiliary President





PURPLE UP!

for military kids

April is celebrated as "Month of the Military Child" in conjunction with American Legion Family "Children and Youth" program. This year Wednesday April 22nd has been designated as "Purple Up Day" by DoDEA (Department of Defense Education Activity). Please show your support of these children and our military during this time of "unrest" in our world.

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DISTRICT INFORMATION:

District Two is located in the east central portion of Kansas. There are 9 counties and 20 American Legion Auxiliary Units in this district.

DISTRICT UNITS			
UNIT LOCATION	UNIT NO	UNIT LOCATION	UNIT NO
Argentine	111	Moran	385
Armourdale	188	Mound City	248
Baldwin City	228	Olathe	153
Blue Mound	279	Osawatomie	204
Gardner	19	Overland Park	370
Garnett	48	Paola	156
Iola	15	Quindaro	199
Lawrence	14	Shawnee	327
Lenexa	407	Spring Hill	350
Louisburg	250	Wellsville	194



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

American Legion Riders

At our February meeting the new slate of officers for the riders 2021 consisting of: Dee 'Disaster D' Smith, Director; Cliff 'Paladin' Shinski, Assistant Director; Vince 'Ironhorse' Chirafisi, Treasurer; and Jan 'Lil Hawaiian' Crosier, Secretary were installed by George Honn, Area Director of the Kansas ALR. Mr. Honn also presented the group with a Kansas American Legion Riders Excellence Award for 2020. Harlen Fletcher, Director of Post 156 was a guest at the meeting.

At our March meeting we were pleased to welcome back Larry Saunders (Buckeye) who renewed his membership.

On February 13th Disaster Dee and Paladin attended the Area Directors meeting in Paola where a number of constructive and relevant ideas were shared among the group attending.

On March 18th five of the riders attended the Iwo Jima Ceremony which was held at Overland Park Post 370 this year.

On March 19th several of the riders attended the 100th birthday celebration held at Post 370 for Max Deweese, a WW2 Veteran.

On March 20th 17 riders enjoyed a warm day and participated in Ted's Ride, the first scheduled ride of 2021. The ride included lunch at the Summerset Café in Dover Kansas.

February and March dining out events were held at Barley's Brewhouse in Shawnee and Haywards BBQ in Overland Park. It appears that all of our group has had either one or both Covid vaccinations and we intend to resume Wednesday morning breakfasts together beginning March 31st.

Our next rides are scheduled for April 17th, (Dam Run) and May 15th (Rulo Run)

Our monthly reoccurring activity schedule is: the 2nd Thursday is our meeting night at 7pm; the 4th Tuesday of each month is usually our Dine Out, 5:30 pm – 8p at selected restaurants; and breakfasts together each Wednesday (BBBG) 8:30 at various locations to be announced.

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

We are looking forward to our scheduled monthly rides as warmer weather has finally arrived.

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



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GREETINGS FROM THE CLUB ROOM

Hello from the Clubroom

Saturday, April 3rd Jam night at the post with a few of our Veterans and guests playing guitars and singing.



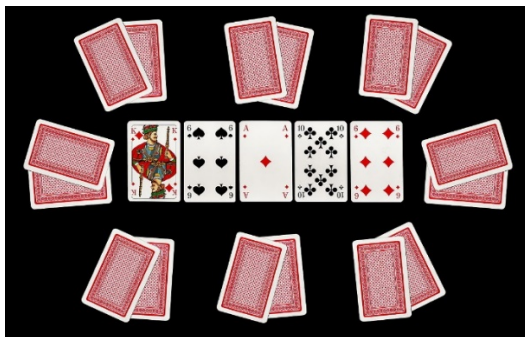
Roller Yoga - April 19th at 8:00 pm



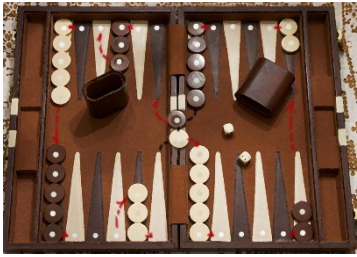
Taco Tuesdays 5-7 pm.



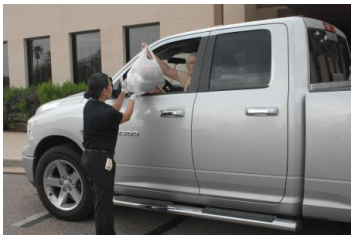
Cards are back, every Tuesday, come and enjoy Taco's and a friendly game of Holdem



Come play Checkers, Chess, or Backgammon on the last Monday of the month at the post February 22nd & March 29th at 6:30 pm.



Don't miss these dinners coming up. Steak night, Friday, April 9th and May 14th, 6-7 pm.



EAT IN OR DRIVE THROUGH

Thursday and Friday come enjoy empanadas and other Argentinian dishes prepared by Mom's Empanadas, we have paired some nice wines to accompany the Meals.



Every Thursday and Friday, except Steak Dinner from, 5-7pm. Menus are on the last page.

Ladies Gun Club, the 2nd Monday of the month



Hope to see you all in the canteen and until then enjoy the April showers that bring those May flowers.












Thanks for your support

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April 2021

Holdem start's again on Tuesday's

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>HOLDEM IS BACK</p>		<p>1 VFW & Auxiliary 7pm</p>  <p>Empanadas 5-7 pm</p>	<p>27 Empanadas 5-7pm</p>  <p>Good Friday</p>	<p>3 Jam Night</p> 
<p>4</p>  <p>EASTER</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Tacos 5-7pm</p>  <p>HOLDEM</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>MCL Officers Meeting</p>	<p>8 ALR Meeting 7pm</p> <p>Empanadas 5-7 pm</p>	<p>9 Steak Dinner 6-7pm</p> 	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>5 Ladies Gun Club 7pm</p> 	<p>13 Tacos 5-7pm</p>  <p>HOLDEM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm</p>  <p>Empanadas 5-7 pm</p>	<p>16 Empanadas 5-7pm</p> 	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 American Legion & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm</p> 	<p>20 Tacos 5-7pm</p>  <p>HOLDEM</p>	<p>21 MCL Regular Meeting</p> 	<p>22 Empanadas 5-7 pm</p> 	<p>23 Empanadas 5-7pm</p> 	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 Backgammon, Chess , Checkers</p> 	<p>27 Tacos 5-7pm</p>  <p>HOLDEM</p> <p>Rider Dine Out</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Empanadas 5-7 pm</p> 	<p>30 Empanadas 5-7pm</p> 	

May 2021

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2	3	4 Tacos 5-7pm  HOLDEM	5 MCL Officers Meeting  VETERANS DAY	6 VFW & Auxiliary Installation of Officers  Empanadas 5-7 pm	7 Empanadas 5-7pm 	8
9  MOTHER'S DAY	10 Ladies Gun Club 7pm 	11 Tacos 5-7pm  HOLDEM	12	13 ALR Meeting 7pm  Empanadas 5-7 pm	14 Steak Dinner 6-7pm 	15  ARMED FORCES DAY
16	17 American Legion & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm  1927 American Legion Auxiliary Past National President Adrian Macquay (1927-1927) and other ALA members walk in The American Legion Parade in Paris, France.	18 Tacos 5-7pm  HOLDEM	19 MCL Meeting 	20 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm  Empanadas 5-7pm	21 Empanadas 5-7pm 	22
23	24 Backgammon Checkers Chess, 6:30pm ----- 31  MEMORIAL DAY	25 Tacos 5-7pm  Rider Dine Out HOLDEM	26	27 Empanadas 5-7pm 	28 Empanadas 5-7pm 	29

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Mom's Empanadas Menu

Dinner & International Catering



Thursdays & Fridays

On Steak Nights only desserts or frozen Empanadas (to take home) will be available.

We serve our delicious Empanadas "just baked" at the Post, from 17:00 to 21:00 🕒

What is an Empanada.?

Empanadas are traditional Argentinean hand-held turnovers, featuring a crispy homemade dough encasing tender, flavorful filling. Our Empanadas are artisan, hand crafted one by one.

Enjoy them for breakfast, lunch or dinner, served as an appetizer or main dish. You can eat them with your hands and a glass of wine or a beer

You can take them home and Store them in the fridge for up to 3 days, or freeze for up to 3 months.



Spicy Beef Empanada



Spinach Empanada

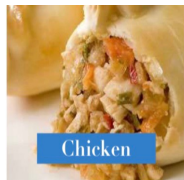
“Dinner Nights”

Every Thursdays and Fridays at the Post,
(Except on Steak Nights) we will be serving a selection of our
delicious International Dishes.
They all pair well with the Argentinian Malbec wine, available
for purchase at the bar.

On Fridays, there will also be a band, to play amazing music.
Friends, delicious food, your favorite drinks and your Club. A
perfect combination to enjoy life!

Our Weekly Menu

Argentinian Empanadas



🥟 Beef 🥟 Spicy Beef 🥟 Chicken 🥟 Spinach
🥟 Ham & Cheese 🥟 Apple Pie 🥟 Banana Nutella

Mexican- Argentinian – Peruvian Tamales



🥟 Argentinian beef tamales 🥟 Mexican red pork tamale
🥟 Mexican green tamales 🥟 Peruvian chicken Tamales

Argentinian Cuisine

(Only Order in Advance)

We cook for you!!!

Invite your family and friends and come to the post Thursdays or Fridays, to “DINE IN” our delicious Empanadas, Tamales (Mexican, Argentinian and Peruvian), desserts, or placed an order from the following menu (minimum 48 hours in advance)

- Milanese Napolitana (Veal Parmigiana)
- Sandwich de Milanese (Veal, lettuce and tomato, served in French bun with our special sauce)
- Bombas de Papa (Mashed Potato masa, filled with melted cheese or with ground beef, boiled eggs, onions)
- Spinach Cannelloni with white and Italian sauce
- Spaghetti with Meatballs
- “Tortilla de Papa a la Española” (Potatoes, eggs, onions and pepperoni quiche)
- Paella Spanish dish of rice with saffron, chicken, seafood and delicious spices)
- Lomo al Verdeo (Steak with heavy cream, green onions, cheese and tomatoes)
- Pot Roast with homemade country style mashed potatoes
- Kipes (ground beef knead with thin burgol wheat) served with humus, babaganoush, pita bread and Greek Mediterranean salad.
- Potatoes Gnocchi with Italian tomatoes sauce.

Celebrate your birthday, get together with family and enjoy our Argentinian, TexMex and International cuisine and the Bar’s great beverage selection.

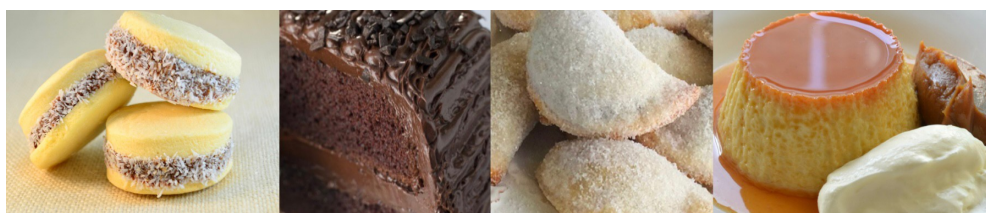
ENGLISH TEA FINGER SANDWICHES
Available also every Thursdays and Fridays at the Post
(From 15:00 to 21:00 🕒)

Roasted Beef, peppers and eggs 🍳 Tuna, cheese and black olives



ARGENTINIAN PASTRIES

Chocolate Sacher Cake 🍰 Argentinian Moon Pie.
Italian homemade Tiramisu 🍰 Argentinian Flan
Sweet Empanadas. 🥟 Flan 🍰 Cupcakes



**ORDER A DOZEN of our MOUTH MELTING Desserts TO TAKE HOME OR
GET TOGETHER AT THE POST and SHARE them with FAMILY or FRIENDS
FOR ANY SPECIAL OCCASION.**

Ham & Cheese 🍷 Blue Cheese and celery
Chicken, peppers and eggs 🍷 Prosciutto and Parmesan

Claudia Luna West

Mom's Empanadas

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Very Grateful to Serve you!!