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VFW POST 7397

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We have wrapped up our busy time of the year with our programs and Veteran's Day events. Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year programs have ended. We have Law Enforcement, Firefighter, and EMT that will be due soon. Thank you to all that participated in the Veteran's Day events, whether that was school visits, visiting our veterans in the retirement communities, and the Buddy Poppy drive.

We have several events coming up in the next few months. Keep an eye out on the calendar. One of the events involve the VFW National Unmet Needs Program. We have \$10 raffle tickets for a custom Jackyl Chainsaw and a 2019 Harley Davidson Street Glide. Both entries are available in the clubroom. Jesse James Dupree of Jackyl is working with the VFW Unmet Needs program to raise funds for those veterans in need. He will also have a concert at the Midland Theater on December 21st. If you can, please help support this program.

Our December meeting will be our annual Christmas party and then on December 20th will be the All Post Christmas party.

Department Mid-Winter conference will be January 10th-12th in Topeka. Please see any of the officers if interested in attending. District 2 Winter meeting will be January 18th from 10:00-12:00, hosted right here at our Post. We will have the District Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy winners present their essays.

Steak nights will be December 13th and January 10th. Pork Chop nights will be January 31st.

As always, if you do any community service, drop our Post Jr. Vice, David DeWitt a note with the relevant details. You can drop hard copied notes at the Post, or send an email to - jvice@vfw7397.org

As we wrap up 2019 and begin 2020, I wish you all 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,
Jason Parkes
VFW Post 7397 – Commander
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Hello everyone

Just a reminder, at the end of January, your ad for the newsletter will become due. \$20 for one newsletter ad, \$100 for the Year. If you would like to renew or place a new ad, let me know, bobmoyer67@mycci.net or call me at 913-631-9377.

Also, I would like all VFW members to send me your address, phone number and date of birth, I am updating all of my records, making sure I have everything correct, I would appreciate your help, I cannot get your birthday from national, and sometimes their addresses and mine don't match.

And one more item, if you go to warmer climates during the winter, please give me the address and times you are gone, I have several but not sure I have everyone. National now has a place for your Snowbird address as they call it and will no longer put you on undeliverable status because the postal service does not forward 3rd class mail.

Thanks

Bob Moyer
Quartermaster



VFW AUXILIARY 7397

Auxiliary Members,

Thank you goes out to the VFW Auxiliary and VFW who volunteered at the Buddy Poppy Drive in November!

December 5th will be the VFW & Auxiliary Christmas party instead of our monthly Auxiliary meeting; Happy hour 6pm. Dinner at 6:30pm.

December 8th is the VA Christmas party in Leavenworth. Be at the Domiciliary by 11:30 if you want to volunteer. We need 5 dozen cookies. If you will be dropping off cookies at the post please mark them, VA Party. I will be at the Post at 9:30 that morning for breakfast with the American Legion and leave at 11:00 if anyone wants to ride. The party begins at 1:00pm.

Wreaths across America is December 14th, at Leavenworth National Cemetery & Ft. Leavenworth National Cemetery at 11:00 am. We would like to invite everyone to join us in laying wreaths on the graves of our war heroes. It's an awesome sight to behold & take part in and a wonderful honor to be part of. Remember our Toys for Tots box at the Post.

January 10th-12th is our Mid-Winter Conference in Topeka, KS. If you know anyone interested in being an Auxiliary member, be sure to contact Maribeth Fischbach at 913-620-0913 or mbf1923@gmail.com.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful and safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Respectfully

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Dave DeWitt, Bruce Fischbach



Angie LeDoux, Kim Keane, Lou 'GS', Lou Hopkins,
Mary Landis



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Rick McKenna, Cheyne Worley



AMERICAN LEGION POST # 407



Greetings Legionnaires

Just wanted everyone to know that Bill (Coach) Mace passed away several days ago. He was a mainstay at the post, a wonderful human being and much loved by everyone who knew him. Rest in peace Bill, you will be missed.



Remember Annual free Insurance sign up time, don't miss out on \$1000 TO \$5000 policy.
Log in to: www.thelit/nocost-legioncare Or call 1-800-235-6943.

Mark the date for the Clubroom Christmas Party, December 20th from 4 pm to 8 pm. Bring a side dish and join the fun.

Membership is still our # 1 Goal

As of November 27th, our post is at 82.5%, what a fantastic job guys, we only need 27 more members paid to reach our Goal of 154.

Now on to build new members with the rule change.

Any honorable discharged veteran can become a member of the American Legion, if each of us could bring in just one new member by July of 2020 we can double our membership. We can do this!

Meetings 3rd. Monday. December 16th 2019, and January 20th, 2020.

Don't forget

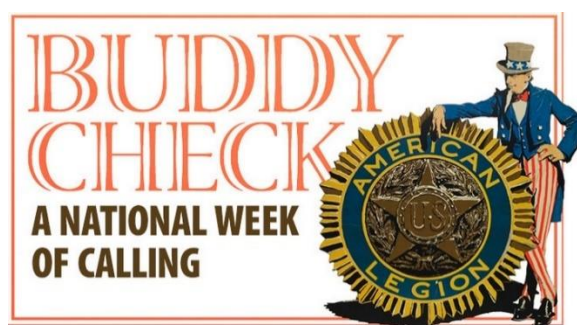
Fish - n - Chicken Dinners, 3rd. Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 and January 15th, 2020

I would like to wish you and your Families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Looking Forward to a great 2020

Thank you for your service and for your hard work.

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As American Legion members, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans. As a way to reach out to members and former members who may need help, the National Executive Committee passed Resolution 18 during Spring Meetings in May 2019. The resolution calls for Buddy Checks to be conducted Legion-wide on the weeks of The American Legion's birthday, March 15, and Veterans Day. However, American Legion posts are encouraged to perform this vital function whenever it makes the most sense in their communities.

The idea is to reconnect with veterans who may need assistance but don't know where to go or who to ask. These contacts may be made by a personal visit, phone or email, or a combination. The important part is to reach out to veterans in your community to let them know you care and can provide whatever assistance they may need. It's what we do for our battle buddies.

How do I organize a Buddy Check?

1. **Gather up a team** if possible to call or personally visit members and former members of The American Legion. If each member in a team of 10 contacts just 10 Legionnaires or former Legionnaires, 100 veterans can be reached in one sitting.
2. If you don't have a list of members and former members at your fingertips, **visit myLegion.org and download the names of current members and those who have let their memberships expire.**
3. Save the file of members and those whose memberships have expired onto a spreadsheet or copy and paste into a Word file to distribute among your team members. **Print several copies of the lists.**
4. **Divide up the call list among your team members.** Some may have personal connections with the member or the former member and should make that particular buddy check.
5. **Start making connections** – either from a quiet place inside the post or from your home – to see how the members and former members are doing, ask if they need anything and invite them to any event or activity planned to help celebrate the Legion's birthday or Veterans Day.

6. Make sure you **thank the member or former member** in the beginning and at the end of your call.
7. If the member or former member wishes to renew, be sure to **have your post's payment procedure at your fingertips**, the address to send a check or offer to stop by in person to pick it up (another opportunity to connect).
8. **Leave contact information** in case the member or former member can't take the call or needs anything in the future.



(Photo by Steven B. Brooks)

'An act of faith and kindness': How Buddy Checks make a difference



American Legion Auxiliary Post # 407

Let us start by saying hope everybody had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Mid-Winter Forum will be held in Fort Scott, KS on Friday 1/31/20 through Sunday 2/2/20. Information regarding Programs are discussed. More information to come.

We **will not** be having an **Auxiliary meeting in December** see you on **January 20, 2020**.

If renewal dues have not been paid, they are due by 12/31/19 in amount of \$24.00.

Wishing everyone and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Pat Willcox,
American Legion
Auxiliary President





SAL

Greetings from the Sons of the American Legion.

Jeff Carson
Squadron Commander



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

American Legion Riders

Season Greetings to everyone. The Riders wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We will close out 2019 with our annual Christmas Party held on our regular meeting night, Thursday, December 12. Members and family will enjoy a catered dinner at the Post and share in more of our Fun-Fellowship-Food which seems to occur frequently.

Also, in the spirit of the season, we and our American Legion parent have supported two (2) veteran families for the holidays. Working with the Salvation Army, we are giving food, clothing, and gifts to these families so they can enjoy the happiness of the Christmas season.

Additional events in December include our regular monthly breakfast on Sunday, December 8; serving starts at 8:30am to 11:00am.

On Saturday, December 14 @11:00am, Wreaths Across America has two (2) ceremonies; one on Post at Ft. Leavenworth & one at Leavenworth National Cemetery. You have the option to choose which to support if it fits your schedule. You can also go online and support thru a monetary gift for a wreath to be laid.

The last activity in December is the End of Month Ceremony (EOM) at Leavenworth National Cemetery; take note that it will occur one week earlier than usual; Thursday, December 19 to avoid conflict with the Christmas week. The Riders will not have a Dine Out in December.

January 1, 2020 will begin with our annual Polar Bear ride. We will ride (hopefully weather permitting) to Fortune Palace Restaurant at 87th & Quivira. Meet in mass at 1:00pm. More details later.

At our January regular meeting night, we will nominate our new officers for the 2020 year. And of course, our regular monthly breakfast will be the second Sunday in January.

The Riders would like to thank everyone that supported us this past year at our Breakfast and Dine Out activities. We hope to see you again in 2020 along with your family and friends.

We wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

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GREETINGS FROM THE CLUB ROOM

Season's Greetings everyone, the clubroom was filled with great dinner, this Thanksgiving, a big thank you goes out to Kathy Putnam and Jodi Petersen for all the delicious food.

We have raffle tickets for the Jesse James Dupree Chainsaw and Harley Davidson Motorcycle, just ask the bartenders. Proceeds are going to the unmet needs for our veteran's program's. Check the post for more details.



Also, the Marine corps league has a raffle going on for an 8 days 7 nights Florida vacation get your tickets asap.



Thank you Alaire McCune and her helper elves for the beautiful Decorations.

The Kids Christmas party this year will be on Friday December 6th. 7:00-8:30pm. Bring the Kids for games and sweet treats plus they can write their letters to Santa.



The clubroom will be closed early at 5 pm on Monday Dec 9th, however the Wounded warrior project meeting will still be held in the large hall that evening, please enter through that door.

The clubroom Christmas party will be Friday December 20th from 4-8 pm. The clubroom will provide the Baron of beef and shrimp. Everyone attending, is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the clubroom.



We will be ringing in the New Year as usual in the clubroom from 8pm – 12am, we will provide appetizers, all members and your guests are welcome.



Check post for super bowl party information. Don't miss the tacos every Tuesday 3-9 pm and burgers on the 1st and 3rd Monday every month. Beat the holiday stress with yoga 7pm every Sunday.



Just a reminder please keep our troops, public service, and first responders in your thoughts this holiday season and always remember kindness does not cost a cent. Thank you to our memberships for your generosity year after year.



Burger Night

\$2 Burgers, \$1 Fries and \$2 Onion Rings



As always, Tacos every Tuesday 3-9 pm, and Cards starting at 6:30



Yoga is back, now on Sunday's at 7:00 pm in the large hall everyone is welcome and please note, this is a donation-based class.



Steak Dinners the 2nd Friday of the month



Thanks for your support

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PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR ALL EVENTS

December 2019

TEXAS HOLDEM AND TACO'S EVERY TUESDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p>   <p>Yoga</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Burgers, Fries Onion Rings</p>  <p>KWV ARL Officers Meeting 5:30pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Tacos Texas Holdem 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>VFW & Auxiliary Christmas Party 7pm</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>5 Card Stud 7pm</p> <p>KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 7:00-8:30 PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Texas Holdem 1pm</p> 
<p>8</p>  <p>Yoga 7pm</p> <p>Rider Breakfast 8:30 - 11</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>CLUB ROOM CLOSED AT 5:00</p> <p>WOUNDED WARRIOR LARGE HALL ENTER THROUGH HALL, NOT CLUBROOM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Tacos Texas Holdem 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>MCL</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>AL Rider Meeting Christmas Party 7pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Steak Dinner 6-7pm \$15</p>  <p>5 Card Stud 7pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Texas Holdem 1pm</p> 
<p>15</p>  <p>Yoga 7pm</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings</p>  <p>AL, ALA & SAL Meetings 7:00</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Tacos Texas Holdem 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Chicken & Fish Dinner 6pm</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>VFW Planning Meeting 7pm</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>CLUB ROOM CHRISTMAS PARTY 4PM-8PM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Texas Holdem 1pm</p> 
<p>22</p> <p>Yoga 7pm</p>  	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Tacos No Texas Holdem</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>VFW CLOSED Christmas Day</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5 Card Stud 7pm</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Texas Holdem 1pm</p> 
<p>29</p> <p>Yoga 7pm</p>  	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve Celebration 8 - 12</p> 				

5 CARD STUD EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

January 2020

TEXAS HOLDEM AND TACO'S EVERY TUESDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
  YOGA			1 NEW YEAR'S TEXAS HOLDEM 1pm Riders Polar Bear Ride	2 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm 	3 5 Card Stud 7pm  	4 Texas Holdem 1pm 
5 Yoga 7pm  	6 Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings  Korean War Vets Meeting ARL Officers Meeting 5:30pm	7 Tacos Texas Holdem 6:30 pm 	8 MCL 	9 AL Rider Nomination of Officers 	10 Steak Dinner 6-7 pm \$15   5 Card Stud 7pm VFW Department Meeting Topeka	11 Texas Holdem 1pm  VFW Department Meeting Topeka
12 Rider Breakfast 8:30 - 11 am  Yoga 7pm VFW Department Meeting Topeka	13	14 Tacos Texas Holdem 6:30 pm  Wreaths Across America Leavenworth	15 Fish & Chicken Dinner 6pm 	16 VFW Planning Meeting 7pm 	17  5 Card Stud 7 pm	18 Texas Holdem 1pm  VFW District Meeting Large Hall 10 - 12
19  Yoga 7pm 	20 AL, ALA, & SAL Meetings 7pm  Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings	21 Tacos Texas Holdem 6:30 pm 	22	23	24 5 Card Stud 7pm  	25 Texas Holdem 1pm 
26 Yoga 7pm  	27	28 Tacos Texas Holdem 6:30pm  Rider Dine Out	29 MC League Meeting 7pm 	30	31  5 Card Stud 7pm	

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