

**On
Veterans
Way**



**June 2022
July 2022**

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From your VFW Commander

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

As I begin my second year as your Commander, I want to thank each and every one of you for your unwavering support. We have accomplished a lot this year and have quite a bit to be thankful for.

I want to start off by thanking all the officers from 2021-2022 on a job well done. We achieved every task needed to obtain All-State, except having a Patriot's Pen essay entry. I look forward to working all the programs this year. The themes for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen have been announced. They are "VOD" – "Why is the Veteran Important?" and "PP" – "My Pledge to Our Veterans." I am sure we will get some excellent entries this year.

As we move forward, I want to take this opportunity to challenge everyone to get involved with supporting and assisting our Veterans. Any act no matter how small can provide huge dividends to those Veterans in need. Here are some events that are coming up. Our next general meeting will be June 2.

I am excited to tell you we will hold our Car Show June 4. This should be a great time. Please come out and enjoy the day with the Post. The State Convention will be held in Hays at the Hilton Garden Inn June 10-12. We will have Steak Night on June 10th.

For all the Units calling our great facility home, we are planning on clearing out the unnecessary files, memorabilia, and basic clutter in the attic on the weekend of June 24th. We will have a dumpster available.

Our July general meeting will be on July 7. Lenexa is planning on holding their July 4th Parade this year. We will have a trailer and Color Guard for the parade. Then our July Steak Night is on July 8. The VFW 123rd Annual Conference will be in Kansas City this year. The event will be from July 16 to the 21. There will be many Comrades in the Kansas City metro. Please give them a warm welcome when you cross their paths.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you over the next year. Let's continue the great work we have accomplished the past several years and keeping moving forward. If there is anything we can do for you let us know.

Yours in Comradeship,

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From your VFW Auxiliary President



Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

Summer is here and there is always something to do with family and friends.

We had two successful Buddy Poppy drives on May 21 & May 29. Lenexa is holding their 4th of July Parade this year and the Post and Auxiliary will have a trailer and color guard. If you want to join us, please be at the Post at 8am on July 4 (and don't forget that 95th street will be closed until after the parade)

The Department of Kansas Auxiliary is looking for volunteers for the National Convention running July 16—21 in downtown Kansa City. Please try and make time to attend, even if you just come wand walk the vendors and look at all the Poppy Displays and Patriotic Art; they truly are a sight to see!

We are still trying to come up with some fun and interesting fundraisers for the coming year. Here are a couple ideas:

- Game Night
- Murder Mystery Dinner

Let's see what you can come up with!

The topics for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen have been announced; "Why is the Veteran Important?" and "My Pledge to Our Veterans", respectively. Talk to you kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews this summer and get them interested!

Yours in Service!

Tanya I Brunning
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VFW 7397 Riders



Our Car and Bike Show is Saturday June 4th 10-2. Bring your ride to show off, come help run the event, or just come out for the fun of it. We'll award 1st Place Car, 1st Place Bike and People's Choice. Vendors, Food Trucks and beverages will be available for sale. Proceeds will support your VFW and Cars 4 Heroes.

Our Annual Poker Run is Saturday June 18th. Come on out and enjoy a nice day. Proceeds will support your VFW and Cars 4 Heroes.

Riders meet directly after the VFW/Auxiliary meetings on 1st Thursday of the month.

Keep the shiny side up

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



Greetings Legionnaires

Meetings for the months of June and July are:

Monday, June 20 at 7:00pm and
Monday July 18 at 7:00pm

Our chicken and fish dinner will be June 15, 6-7pm and July 20, 6-7pm.

State Convention is the 3,4,5 in Topeka. The American Legion Leadership College is June 10,11,12 at the Cloud County Community College, Concordia , KS.

We have two boys going to Boys State this year .We are starting plans for the 4 or July need input and people to help with all the work this help us pay the rent. The dinners have gone well , but can always use more help.

I know it is summer and we all have thing we want to do or need to do ,but if you can try to make the meeting and help where you can that will keep the post going.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

407 Commander

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American Legion Auxiliary Post 407



It appears that the past isolation and social separation over the past months may be coming to an end.

Hope everybody is doing well at this time in our Country's History.

Some upcoming events:

Friday-Sunday, June 3 to 5 –State Convention in Topeka at Ramada Inn

Monday, June 6 – D-Day

Tuesday, June 14 - Flag Day

Sunday, June 19 – Father's Day

Monday, July 4 – Independence Day

We are in planning stages of having our annual 4th of July dinner serving chicken, ribs and side dishes. More information will soon be forthcoming.

For those who have paid dues for 2022, please know that our unit appreciates and depends on your support. If you have not paid the 2022 dues, please do so to ensure your membership in our Auxiliary continues.

And for those that have not had the opportunity to attend, a reminder that our unit meetings are still held on the third Monday at 7 pm of each month at the VFW post. It would be great to see everyone and provide input into our various activities to support the veterans.

Our Auxiliary Officers are:

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| President | Pat Willcox |
| Vice President | Alaire McCune |
| Treasurer | Jane Anderson |
| Secretary | Carla McCane |
| Sargent of Arms | Farrah Fiocati |

Stay Safe...and continued best wishes for you and your family's well-being.

Pat Willcox

American Legion Auxiliary President

Sons of the American Legion Post 407



Greetings from the SAL,

I look forward to seeing you all at our monthly meetings.

Jeff Carson
Squadron Commander
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American Legion Riders Post 407

On April 16, the ALR Post 407 Riders held the Dam Fun Run with lunch at Miss B's Café in Louisburg with weather that was much better than the thunderstorm we encountered on this ride last year. On May 14, nine Riders enjoyed a pleasant spring day for a ride to the 54 Café in Nevada, Mo.



On April 10, Disaster Dee and Paladin attended the quarterly Regional ALR Director's meeting held at the Gardner Post.

On April 27, 17 participated in the monthly dine out held at Barley's Brewhouse in Shawnee. On May 24, the monthly dine out was held at Garazzo's in Overland Park with 15 participating.

Ten ALR 407 riders traveled to Concordia, Missouri, on Monday, May 23, to assist in refueling for the riders on the Central Route for Run For The Wall across the county to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C.

The Riders are proud to have delivered 2,901 pounds of donated clothing and other household items to the Savers Warehouse in Kansas City, Missouri. Thanks to all who helped make the event a success. The money raised goes into our budget.

As this goes to press the Riders are preparing our 2nd Annual Memorial Day Rib Fundraiser. The proceeds will be used for various projects in support of our local veterans.

Upcoming events are:

- June 18 – Ride to Rulo, NE for lunch at Wild Bills Saloon
- July 16 – Ride to Chicken Annie's in Pittsburg, KS.
- August 20 – Ride to Holton, KS for lunch at the Trails Café

Addition information will be provided prior to each ride. Cost for our events this year will be \$15 per rider, and \$10 for passengers.

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, 6p – 8p 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 during the summer months ahead.

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

Important Dates

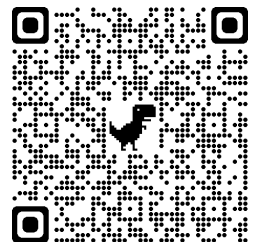
- Tacos Every Tuesday
- June 10th— Steak Night, 6pm—7pm, \$20 per person
 - Please RSVP by 5pm on June 9th to the Quartermaster Jason Parkes at j.parkes@comcast.net
- June 15th— American Legion Chicken & Fish Dinner, 6pm—7pm, \$12 per person
- July 4th— Lenexa Parade with BBQ to follow
- July 8th— Steak Night, 6pm—7pm, \$20 per person
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- July 20th—American Legion Chicken & Fish Dinner, 6pm—7pm, \$12 per person

See you in the Clubroom!
Farrah Fiocati
Club Room Manager
VFW Post 7397
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New Items Added!!!!!!!
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



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

June 2022



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