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September 2022

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### From your VFW Commander

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

First of all, I would like to congratulate the post on earning All-State for the 2021-2022 year. Thank you to all for what you do to support Veterans and the members of our post.

We recently had to replace all the air conditioning units on the roof of our facility. We had to take out a substantial loan to cover the cost of this expenditure. We are developing a long-term strategic plan to try and get ahead of the future maintenance costs our facility will need. We will hold an All-Posts meeting soon to discuss the plan.

We have numerous events coming up these next couple months:

- Aug 4: VFW Post Meeting
- Aug 12: Steak Night
- Aug 12-14: Kansas Department School of Instruction will be held in Salina, KS. If you are interested in attending, get in touch with one of the Post Officers and we can get you details
- Aug 18: VFW Post Planning Meeting
- Aug 20: The District 2 School of Instruction will be held at Garnett, KS, VFW Post 6397
- Sep 1: VFW Post Meeting
- Sep 2: Shrimp Boil \*\*Special Event
- Sep 9: Steak Night
- Sep 15: VFW Post Planning Meeting

It's almost back to school time. This year's Voice of Democracy theme is "Why is the Veteran important?" and the Patriot's Pen theme is "My Pledge to Our Veterans." Please help push these two 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 31st.**

As always, 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,

First, Congratulations are in order, our Buddy Poppy Display took 1st Place in Category 1 Public Promotion of the Buddy Poppy at the National Convention. Also, our Auxiliary made the Circle of Achievement for the Department of Kansas.

The State School of Instruction and Mid-Summer Conference is August 12—14 at Salina VFW Post 1432. The District 2 School of Instruction is August 20, at the Garnett VFW Post 6397. If you can make either of these, please try and attend.

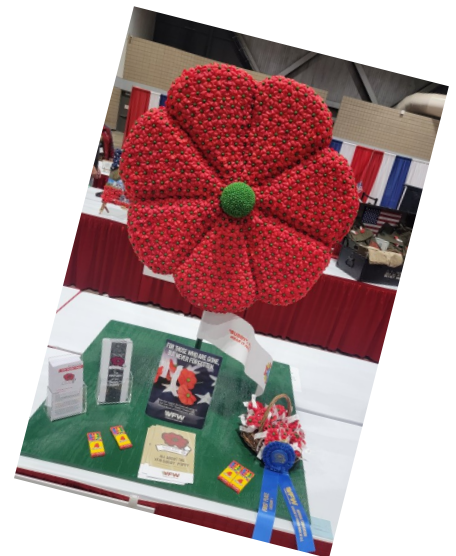
This year's Voice of Democracy theme is "Why is the Veteran important?" and the Patriot's Pen theme is "My Pledge to Our Veterans.". Please be sure to pass the word to kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and neighbors about these great opportunities.

**All entries are due to the Post by October 31!**

The new programs are kicking off, so be sure to join us at the meetings to find out what we can do for our Veterans.

Yours in Service!

Tanya I Brunning  
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## VFW 7397 Riders



Riders - been a busy summer so far, and there's still plenty more to do for the fall. Remember to submit any community service to our Post Jr Vice - [jrvice@vfw7397.org](mailto:jrvice@vfw7397.org) - remember to include all the details.

For the National Vanderclute Ride, we helped support over 120 participants, and the ride raised over \$23,000 for National VMS programs. Keep an eye on our Facebook group for events to support, or share events there if you find one. Anyone wanting to ride together to the Department School of Instruction in Salina (Aug 12-13), we'll be leaving sometime that Friday morning. Anyone interested in heading to Bossier City, LA the last weekend of Sept for the Operation Daily Battle event put on by Depts of TX, LA, OK & AR - let me know and I'll get you details.

Remember we meet directly after the VFW/Aux meetings on first Thursday of each month. Keep the shiny side up

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## American Legion Post 407



To all of the family members of Post 407:

By now you know that we have cancelled the chicken and fish dinner for July and August. We will resume having this dinner in September. It will be held on September 21st from 6-7pm.

I would like to thank all of the members that helped with the preparation, serving and cleaning up at the July 4<sup>th</sup> lunch. As I know right now, we did fairly well and sold out of a lot of items. We will be having meetings on August 15, and September 19, at 7pm at the Post. At the August meeting, we will have the Department Commander, Jeremy Ehart, joining us for dinner and our meeting. We need to know how many plan to come to that meeting by letting the post bartenders know by phone or in person.

It is also time to start thinking about new members and paying our annual dues. We would like all SALS to attend the meeting with us.

Hope all are well and can be at the meetings.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

407 Commander

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## American Legion Auxiliary Post 407



We would like to take this opportunity to hope everybody is safe and well.

Thank you to everyone who attended, worked and donated to our July 4<sup>th</sup> Barbeque event. It was a success.

August 27, 2022 to September 1, 2022 – American Legion and Family Convention is being held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

September 5, 2022 is Labor Day.

As a reminder the 2023 Membership renewals are due. They are still \$24.00.

Our meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 o'clock. Should anyone have ideas on future fundraisers please let us know.

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



### American Legion Riders Post 407



The ride scheduled for June 18, to Rulo, Nebraska was cancelled and has been rescheduled for August 20. Eighteen riders and passengers participated in the ride to Holton, KS. with lunch at the Trails Café on July 16. The pie was wonderful.

On June 28, the monthly dine out was held at The Blue Moose in Lenexa. Twenty riders and guests attended time of fellowship and good eating. On July 26, the monthly dining out was held at El Toco Loco also in Lenexa.

Many of the Riders participated in preparing ribs, decorating the Post, smoking ribs and chicken and serving the annual American Legion Independence Day Picnic. Many of the community took advantage of the great food and fellowship in supporting the American Legion.

On July 16, Disaster Dee attended the American Legion Area Directors Meeting held in Fort Scott. Representatives from five Posts and Barry Maples, the new Chairman for the ALR Committee in Kansas were present.

Several riders participated in honoring Martin Reese, a WWII Army Air Corp veteran in Topeka on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In June the flag trailer cover was replaced, and lettering and decals were added prior to participating in the Independence Day parade in Lenexa. Also, during the month, the Riders storage at the Post was cleaned out, inventoried and secured.

We have started a new community program where we have purchased American Flags and offer them to companies where their flag is in bad shape. We distributed one last month.

Upcoming events are:

- August 20 – Ride to Rulo, NE for lunch at Wild Bills Café
- September 17 - Ride to Dover, KS for lunch at the Dover Café
- October 15 - Fall Color Ride to Atchison, KS with lunch at Mueller's Lockerroom

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

Please support our Hunting Firearms Fundraiser. We are raffling a Benelli M2 field grade semi-auto 12-gauge shotgun and a Ruger 10/22 Carbine, .22 caliber, synthetic package. See any of the riders to get your raffle tickets.

Our monthly reoccurring activity schedule is: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday is our meeting night at 7pm; the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month is usually our Dine Out, 1730 to 2000 at selected restaurants; and rides are normally scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 hot months ahead.

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## From the Club Room

### Important Dates

- Tacos Every Tuesday
- August 12<sup>th</sup> — Steak Night, 6pm—7pm, \$20 per person
  - Please RSVP by 5pm on August 11<sup>th</sup> to the Quartermaster Jason Parkes at [j.parkes@comcast.net](mailto:j.parkes@comcast.net)
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> — Shrimp Boil 6:30pm \$20 per person
  - Please RSVP by calling the Post or letting your favorite bartender know, we want to make sure to have enough for all who want to attend!
- September 9<sup>th</sup> — Steak Night, 6pm—7pm, \$20 per person
  - Please RSVP by 5pm on September 8<sup>th</sup> to the Quartermaster Jason Parkes at [j.parkes@comcast.net](mailto:j.parkes@comcast.net)
- September 21<sup>st</sup> — American Legion Chicken & Fish Dinner, 6pm—7pm, \$17.50 per person



See you in the Clubroom!  
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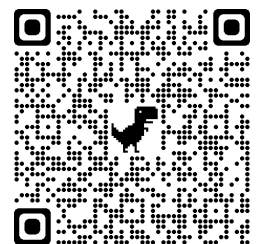


*Don't forget to check out our  
new swag with the VFW Post  
Logo*

*See the Display Case by the  
Canteen Door!*

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

Scan the QR Code





# August 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm Hold'em 6:30pm	3	4 VFW & Aux Mtg 7pm VFW Riders Following	5	6 Hold'em 1pm
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