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October 2022
November 2022

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From your VFW Commander

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

Fall is finally upon us. Thank you all for a great summer filled with support and events helping our Veterans.

Now that school is back in session it is time to find Students to enter the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy competitions. This year's Patriot's Pen theme is "My Pledge to Our Veterans" and the Voice of Democracy theme is "Why is the Veteran important?" 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. Each of these entries are due to the post by **Oct 31st**.

November is coming soon, which means it is time mid-term elections. It has always been the VFW's position that political candidates can address VFW members. There is no prohibition on VFW members from being at or hosting political events as long as they are not espousing a position that is clearly partisan in nature or implying an official VFW endorsement. All members are encouraged to vote and actively campaign for the candidate(s) of their choice, if so desired. Members are also permitted to wear their VFW caps as visible reminders that veterans' issues and votes matter. They are there as individuals who happen to be members of the VFW; they are not and should never misrepresent themselves or their presence as an endorsement by any official entity of the VFW. Of course, we have to initially rely on our individuals' good and professional judgment that they understand not to involve the VFW's name in partisanship activities.

Friday, November 11, is Veterans Day of course. We have been asked to support many events this year. If you can assist with any of these events we need the help.

We have numerous events coming up these next couple months:

- Oct 1: District 2 Meeting, Ottawa, KS
- Oct 6: VFW Post Meeting.
- Oct 14: Steak Night.
- Oct 14: Eisenhower Vigil, Abilene, KS
- Oct 20: VFW Post Planning Meeting.
- Nov 3: VFW Post Meeting
- Nov 11: Steak Night
- Nov 12: Buddy Poppy Drive
- Nov 17: VFW Post Planning Meeting

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,

The time is almost up!! 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!**

Don't forget to vote on November 8 (and turn in your time voting and sifting through all the political ads to Liz Parkes)

The holidays will soon be upon us. Starting with Veteran's Day on November 11. This is the reason we are all here, so please remember to thank them! We are planning a Buddy Poppy Drive on Saturday, November 12; more details to follow. Then comes Thanksgiving, a time to spend with friends and family. Take the time to be thankful for all that you have and remember those serving away from their families to keep us safe.

There will be numerous programs and opportunities to help those less fortunate this holiday season. We will do our best to keep you posted. Please help when you can.

The new programs have kicked 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, there's a few fun toy runs coming up in October and November to help kids have a good Christmas. The big one being the official Toys for Tots ride on Sunday, November 6, starting at Rawhide Harley Davidson. Remember to keep submitting any community service to the Post Jr Vice.

Riders meeting directly after regular Post/Aux meetings first Thursday of the month.

Chris Stergos ~Jarhead~
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American Legion Post 407



To all of the family members of Post 407:

To start out with, our meeting is on Monday, October 17, at 7:00pm. We then have the Chicken & Fish dinner on Wednesday, October 19, from 6-7:00 pm. The cost will be \$17.50 per person.

October 8, is District 2 Family Homecoming in Olathe with a social hour starting at 6:00pm, Dinner will be at 7:00pm.

On October 15, we will recognize Eisenhower's birthday, and the Vice Commander's Homecoming in Abilene, KS. November 11, is Veteran's Day. Hope you can all get the free meals at various locations around the Metro. November 16, is the Chicken & Fish dinner from 6-7pm. Our November meeting will be on Monday, November 21, at 7pm

Hope you all can make it. It is also time for the SAL's to pay membership dues by mailing dues to 9550 Pflumm Rd, Lenexa, KS 66215 or by stopping in at the Post.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

407 Commander

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American Legion Auxiliary Post 407



Following are upcoming events:

- October 13: US Navy Birthday
- October 15: Eisenhower Pilgrimage Abilene, KS
- November 10: Marine Corp Birthday
- November 19: Big Red 1 Turkey Run (8:00 AM Fort Riley KS)
- November 24: Thanksgiving

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

Membership dues of \$24.00 for 2023 are now due.

We are always on the lookout for new members so let your friends that qualify know the benefits of belonging to the Auxiliary.

Pat Willcox

American Legion Auxiliary President

Sons of the American Legion Post 407



American Legion Riders Post 407



The riders enjoyed a nice, but Kansas “warm” summer day for a ride to Atchison for lunch at Muellers Lockerroom on August 20.

The riders and passengers participated in the “Road Construction Ride” to Dover, KS, for lunch at the Sommerset Café on September 17. Orange Barrel days are not over yet!

On August 23, the monthly dining out was held at Barleys Brewhouse in Shawnee.

On September 27, 15 attended the dining out that was held at The Blue Moose in Lenexa.

We are pleased to welcome a new member; Blane (Bear) Skelton who joined us in August.

Sporting KC honored Ted (Tedwak) Wakeman, and other area Purple Heart Recipients during one of their games in September.

On September 23 and 24, Disaster Dee and Scooter attended the Kansas State American Legion Riders Rally in Manhattan.

We were sad to hear of the passing of one our members, Tom (Wingman) Wing. A celebration of life for him will be held at 1300 (1:00 PM) on October 30, at the Post, 9550 Pflumm Road in Lenexa. We also lost Jack (Lucky) Turnage who has been living in Arizona. Services were held in Lenexa and Riders escorted him to the Ft. Scott Military Cemetery.

Four riders attended the end of month ceremony at the Leavenworth National Cemetery.

Upcoming events are:

- October 15th - Fall Color Ride to Rulo Nebraska for lunch at Wild Bills
- November – nothing scheduled at this time

Additional 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. The drawing for the two guns will be held during our October 13, meeting. See any of the riders to get your raffle tickets.

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, from 5:30 – 8pm 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 cooler fall months ahead

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From the Club Room

Important Dates

- Tacos Every Tuesday
- October 14th — Steak Night, 6pm—7pm, \$20 per person
 - Please RSVP by 5pm on October 13th to Quartermaster Jason Parkes at j.parkes@comcast.net
- October 19th — American Legion Chicken & Fish Dinner, 6pm—7pm, \$17.50 per person
- November 11th — Steak Night, 6pm—7pm, \$20 per person
 - Please RSVP by 5pm on November 10th to Quartermaster Jason Parkes at j.parkes@comcast.net
- November 12th — Veteran's Day Breakfast at the Post
- November 16th — American Legion Chicken & Fish Dinner, 6pm—7pm, \$17.50 per person

See you in the Clubroom!
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*Come by the Post on Saturday,
11/5 from 2-4pm to get some
tasty baked goods!
Proceeds to go to the A/C Fund*

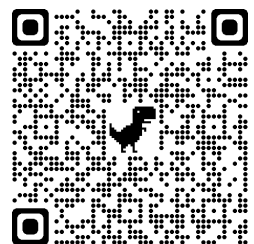


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with the VFW Post Logo**

See the Display Case by the Canteen Door!


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

Scan the QR Code




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