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December 2022
January 2023

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From your VFW Commander

Greetings Comrades, Sisters, and Brothers,

It is that time of year to celebrate the holidays. I'm sure most everyone had their fill of turkey and all the fixings. As many of you know, it's been a costly year for the Post. We had to replace all the air conditioning units on the roof, 6 in total. This was very costly for the Post. We are sending out a letter to the members of all our organizations asking for donations to our building maintenance fund. We anticipate numerous other expenses coming in the next 5-10 years and are preparing for them.

It is the busy time of year again. We were actively supporting our Programs and numerous Veteran's Day activities. We even had a team spend a Saturday assisting with construction of a house supporting the Kansas City Habitat for Humanity. We have completed the evaluation of the Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year competitions. We have sent out nominations to the District level for further competition. We now turn our attention toward the Law Enforcement, Firefighter, and EMT awards.

As in the past, our **December 1st** meeting will be our VFW Christmas party. The All-Post party will be **December 16th**. Farrah will have numerous activities and live holiday music.

Here are some events coming up:

- Department Mid-Winter will be **January 13-15, 2023** in Salina, Kansas
- District 2 Winter Meeting will be **January 21, 2023**
- Steak Nights will be **December 9 and January 13**

Remember, if you do any community service, youth service, veterans service, or legislative actions please report these to the Post Junior Vice with relevant details and pictures if you have any. You can drop a note off in the Community Service folder next to the office or send an email to jvice@vfw7397.org

As the year 2022 comes to a close I want to personally thank each and every one of you for what you do to take care of our Veterans and their families. May everyone have a safe and happy holiday season. Please keep our deployed Brothers and 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,

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From your VFW Auxiliary President



Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

The holidays are upon us! Among the hustle and bustle of the season, please remember those less fortunate. We are helping ALR with the 3 veteran families and 4 single veterans they have adopted for the holidays. If you would like to help on a personal level, please contact ALR.

This year has been very costly for our Post. The 6 HVAC units had to be replaced to keep our home comfortable. Please consider making a donation to the Building Maintenance Fund, if everyone gives a little, we can make a big dent in these expenses.

We had entries for both Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy which have been forwarded to District. The Buddy Poppy drive in November was a success, thank you to all who were able to participate.

As this year comes to a close, just wanted to thank all of you for remembering our veterans and doing what you can to help them.

Yours in Service!

Tanya I Brunning
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VFW 7397 Riders



Thanks to anyone who was able to attend the annual Toys for Tots ride - we gathered 202 toys and just over \$5,000.

Hopefully your steel horse has a warm place to nap and a good battery tender. If any decent enough days pop up, we'll try to wedge in a ride here or there, so keep an ear out.

December since the regular Post meeting is only a Christmas party, we won't have an official Riders meeting.

January we'll be back to meeting directly after the VFW/Aux meetings on 1st Thursday of each month.

Hope you and yours have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Chris Stergos ~Jarhead~
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American Legion Post 407



To all of the family members of Post 407:

For the month of December we will not have a Chicken and Fish Dinner because of all the holidays and family gathering. We will have the dinner in January.

December Meeting will be the 19th at 7:00 pm at the Post
January meeting will be on the 16th at 7:00pm at the Post .

The Chicken and Fish Dinner will be on the 18th from 6 to 7pm at the Post.

Hope you all can make the meetings and have a great holiday.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

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American Legion Auxiliary Post 407



Lets start off by hoping everybody had a nice Thanksgiving and enjoyed being with family.

We **will not** be having an **Auxiliary meeting in December** and hope to see everyone on **January 16, 2023** as we begin the New Year. Please make plans to attend. Your input and participation is important to our Unit.

If renewal dues have not been paid, a reminder that the due date is 12/31/22 in amount of \$24.00.

As we approach this season of the year, let us remember the country's Veterans, their families, and others who are in need.

It is with our deepest regrets to inform you one of our members, Sheryl Tuschhoff, passed away on November 7, 2022. She will be missed.

Wishing everybody and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year!

Stay Safe. Be Well.

Pat Willcox

American Legion Auxiliary President

Sons of the American Legion Post 407



American Legion Riders Post 407



The riders enjoyed the last scheduled to Rulo, Nebraska for lunch at Wild Bills on October 15th. Four riders rode to the Amsterdam Café for lunch on October 20th.

On October 25th the monthly dining out was held at Garazzo's in Overland Park. Dine outs are suspended during November and December for the holiday season.

We welcomed a new member, Kimberly Moorers (Foxy Lady) at our November meeting.

Winners of the Hunting Firearm raffle held on October 13th were Jim Skelton – Benelli M2 semi-auto 12-gauge shotgun, and Mark Wessel – Ruger 10/22 carbine. Thank you to all who participated in our fund-raising events this year that have provided funding to enable us to support a number of programs to assist veterans in our area.

Several riders attended the end of month ceremony at the Leavenworth National Cemetery in the last week of October and November.

Upcoming events are:

The December meeting and Christmas Dinner will be held at the post on December 8th at 6:30 pm. Hy-Vee will cater the main dishes. Please bring a side dish and a new unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program sponsored by the Marine Corps League. Check with Nancy on what to bring.

Please remember to support the families and individuals we are sponsoring in the Adopt a Family program. We have 3 veteran families and 4 single veterans.

Wreaths Across America at the Leavenworth National Cemetery on December 17th starting at 11:00am. Shuttle will start running at 10am at the old Sears building. Cars will not be allowed in the cemetery as there is no room for everyone to park.

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 – 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 holiday season and the new year.

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From the Club Room

Important Dates

- Tacos Every Tuesday
- December 9th — Steak Night, 6pm—7pm, \$20 per person
 - Please RSVP by 5pm on December 8th to Quartermaster Jason Parkes at j.parkes@comcast.net
- December 16th — Club Christmas Party
- January 13th — Steak Night, 6pm—7pm, \$20 per person
 - Please RSVP by 5pm on January 12th to Quartermaster Jason Parkes at j.parkes@comcast.net
- January 18th — American Legion Chicken & Fish Dinner, 6pm—7pm, \$17.50 per person

See you in the Clubroom!
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Join Farrah and the Bartenders on
December 16 for the
Club Christmas Party

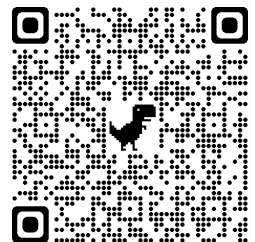


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with the VFW Post Logo**

See the Display Case by the Canteen Door!

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

Scan the QR Code



December 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 VFW & Aux Mtg 7pm	2	3 Hold'em 1pm
4	5	6 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm Hold'em 6:30pm	7	8 ALR Meeting 7pm	9 Steak Dinner 6-7pm	10 Hold'em 1pm
11	12	13 \$1.50 Tacos 5-7pm PTSD Class 6:30pm Hold'em 6:30pm	14 MCL Officers Meeting 7pm	15 Post Planning Meeting 7pm	16 Club Christmas Party	17 Hold'em 1pm
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