Hello Legionnaires,

First of all, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Members of The Department of Kansas American Legion for your support and trust in electing me as your 2023 – 2024 Department Commander. I look forward to growing along side of each and everyone as we move forward to an exciting year. There are many things that have been in the plans for Kansas over the last few years and they will be coming to realization. I would be remiss if I did not say I was fortunate to have been Mentored by Past Department Commander Jeremy Ehart.

All the Conventions have been completed with some leadership renewal or change. One thing is always constant and that is retention and membership growth in our organization is essential for sustainment. Kansas has worked hard again this year to maintain or increase Post memberships. Your success has kept not only your Posts thriving but the Department of Kansas and at the National Level.

I Challenge everyone, all Members of The Department of Kansas American Legion to go to MyLegion.org and complete your own Membership Profile. Here you can update your Name, Demographics, Military Service, Contact Information. If you misplace or if your Membership card is not readable print a replacement card quickly and FREE. The Link provides additional access for Membership Discounts and a way to apply for The American Legion Publications that you may not already receive.

For the Post, District and Department Leadership, The American Legion is transitioning documentation, communications, and growth by streamlining the paperwork from the local Post to the Department and National Headquarters. In providing the Department and National Leadership with current and accurate information the National Commander and the legislative teams can address Congress quickly and decisively on Veteran’s needs. Using the MyLegion.org web-based program is how this is accomplished.
MyLegion.org provides reports for American Legion Post and Sons of The American Legion Squadron Adjutants and Commanders through My Groups, which is the administrative side of MyLegion.org.

Consolidated Reports. Only Post and Squadron Adjutants have access to Consolidated Post Reports and Consolidated Squadron Reports. Consolidated reports are not available year-round – this report is closed June 30 each year. Once available, this report can be updated throughout the reporting year until finalized. Reports submitted from 2020 and 2021 can be viewed in this area at any time.

View Members. To view a member record, email members or create a listing, go to View Members. This listing displays the last paid year and contact information. To view more information about a member, or make updates, click on the member’s name to open more detailed information. The detail listing in View Members includes data for current membership year, minus two. Using the search and filter tools, this listing allows you to create a roster, expired, undeliverable and deceased listing from one location. Deceased membership is for the last two paid years. To process membership renewals, add members and transfer paying members click on Add/Modify Transmittal.

Reports/Labels. This area contains the Membership Roster and other reports. The current report area includes the most used reports for managing members, revitalization and communications.

Inside Reports/Labels you will find:

- Post/Squadron Current Roster. Membership roster includes status, paid year, contact information, war conflict, continuous membership years, branch of service and membership type. Begin creating the roster by entering the Group value, last paid year, and mailing status and View Report. Using the filter options allows you to customize your roster to recognize expired and undeliverable members. Save or print the roster using the export icon.

- Find Members in My Area. This listing provides an opportunity to create a list of Headquarters Post Members for a revitalization effort. This report provides contact information for Members in your Headquarters Post only within a designated area defined by ZIP code. When using this report, the ZIP code must be entered first. This report is sorted alphabetically, includes contact information on file at National Headquarters, and can be exported to save or print using the export icon.

- Member Online Renewals. This report identifies Members that renewed online and provides date range parameters. Using the small calendar icons, select the date range and View Report. Once the report is generated, it includes all online transmittals. The amount paid defines if the Member paid online or if the post submitted through MyLegion.org online membership processing.

- 3x10 Post Mailing Labels. Create mailing labels in a 30-sheet format. This feature is only available for Posts currently. Using the report wizard, select Last Paid Year and
sort type and “View Report” to generate. Complete by exporting the labels to PDF using the export icon to print.

Access to the MyLegion.org program is essential for the growth and sustainment of The American Legion and The American Legion Leadership who will have the tools to sustain the Largest Veterans Organization.

No Veteran is a Nobody, EVER VETERAN IS A SOMBODY!

Randy Frank
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Department of Kansas
Departmentcommander@kansaslegion.org
563-419-1474

Notes from the Department Vice-Commander and Membership Chairman

Greeting Kansas Legion Family,

First, I want to say thank you for everyone’s support at this past weekend’s Department Convention. I am so humbled by all the support. I am very excited to represent each of You and the State of Kansas as your Department Vice-Commander. I know the membership year is winding down, but we still have a few weeks left, I hope each of You finish the membership year strong. As we start to look toward the new membership year, below are a few recruiting tips to help your membership year start off strong. All of this information can be found at https://www.legion.org/membership/tips

Recruiting Tips

- Be ready with a 30-60 second "elevator pitch" on the importance and benefits of Legion membership.

- Download the Legion app. You’ll be ready to sign up Members on the spot.

- Keep a few membership applications handy.

- Have a supply of "Why You Should Belong" and "This Is The American Legion" brochures for informational/recruitment events.

- Access your Post’s Expired Members listings under the Find Members in my Area section on mylegion.org. Post Adjutants and Commanders only have access to this.
• Build and maintain a relationship with military installations. Refer to the publication *Access Granted* for details on how.

• Build and maintain a relationship with the person in charge of veteran admissions and/or veteran student organizations that may be on college campuses.

• Network with first responders, civic and community organizations, as well as other veteran service organizations to expand your pool of potential members.

• Ensure that your post is building its brand -
  
  o Send a localized version of the Post’s CPR to the media outlets in your area, and publish this same information in the Post’s newsletter.
  o Make sure your Post is actively participating in at least one program, and that it is done WELL. See American Legion programs.
  o Make sure your Post is an asset to the community; inform them of your Post’s programs, participation in parades, service activities, etc.
  o Be seen in your Legion apparel.

• Don’t narrow your focus to veterans in only one or two war eras. Any veteran *may be* eligible, but you won’t know if you don’t ask!

• Don’t let all of your hard work go to waste - **RETAIN THE MEMBERS YOU HAVE**

Put these tools in your toolbox and be prepared for the upcoming membership year. I look forward to helping you in any way I can. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to call anytime. Thank you All, for all You do!!

Angela Evans  
Department Vice-Commander  
The American Legion, Department of Kansas  
departmentvicecommander@kansaslegion.org
JUST 2,293 MORE MEMBERS are needed to reach 20,433 (our Nationally assigned goal). Contact your un-renewed members and mail every available 2023 membership to Headquarters as soon as possible.

STATE CONVENTION: June 2, 3, 4, 2023 at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, 420 S.E. 6th Street in Topeka -- call for housing reservations and mention you are with the American Legion Family to receive the reduced Convention rate of $91.00 a night.

Saturday’s program will begin at 8:30am. Speakers will include National Vice Commander Glenn Wahus from North Dakota, Ann Rehbein Auxiliary National Vice President from Iowa, Don “JR” Hall Leading Candidate for S.A.L. National Commander from Maryland and Michael Kirschner S.A.L. National Vice Commander from Colorado. The Youth Champions will also be presented. Also, several reports and award presentations will be made.

The Sunday session will begin with the Memorial and Rededication Service, and also include Convention Committee reports along with other reports and presentations. Delegates will elect Delegates and Alternates to the Charlotte National Convention and the 2023-2024 Department Officers.

Registration is just $10.00 and pre-registration information has been mailed to all Posts.

KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE – JUNE 9, 10, 11, 2023 -- CLOUD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE -- CONCORDIA, KANSAS. The American Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. members over the age of 21 are invited to attend the College. Cost of the College is $85 per person which includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and chicken dinner at Concordia Post 76, and Sunday breakfast. In addition, the enrollment fee includes air-conditioned dorm housing at the College, attendees must bring their own sheets, pillow, pillowcase, blanket, bath soap, towels, and personal items. Check in for the College begins at 3:00 PM on Friday, June 9. Dinner will be available from 5:00 until 7:00 PM followed by a meeting of the Department Executive Committee. Sessions for all attendees will commence at 8:15 AM Saturday and 9:00 AM Sunday, June 10 and 11 with a break for lunch on Saturday and conclusion of the College on Sunday no later than noon. Dan Bartlett, Department Service Officer will hold a Service Officer School Saturday. A hands-on myLegion.org class will be given along with information on other American Legion programs and activities. Please bring your own laptop or iPad to get the full effect of the training. Of course, the annual migration of the O-Poop-Pah-Doo will gather at the local Pizza Hut for its evening of fun immediately following the DEC meeting Friday. Please remember to indicate your housing needs. We cannot guarantee housing will be provided if you do not check the box indicating your need for housing at the College.

2024 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN: Officially gets underway July 1, 2023. The new membership cards will be picked up or delivered to every Post after the KALC in Concordia in the next couple of weeks. Don’t forget to transmit your Post’s Officers and
Life Member cards to Headquarters immediately and all others at least every two weeks, more often if necessary.

**ATTENTION:** Early Bird will be determined by your Post’s membership transmitted and received at Department Headquarters as of September 15.

**STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT** is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2023, at Western Hills Golf Course located at 8533 SW 21st Street, Topeka, Kansas. Tee Time is set for 9:00 am. Cost is $80.00 each (or a team of four for $320.00). Cost includes golf cart, fees, lunch, and awards ceremony. For further information contact State Golf Chairman Lonny Cook, telephone 785-286-2134 or email kickaron01@sbcglobal.net.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS:** National Convention will be in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 26 – 31, 2023. All Delegates, Alternates and Guests must make housing arrangements through Department Headquarters. If you are interested let us know and you will receive all pertinent information.

**POST ADJUTANTS LETTER:** Post Adjutant, are you reading this newsletter at your Post’s meeting? As usual during District Conventions many people asked Headquarters Staff why the only source of information, they had was the Sunflower Legionnaire. It is great to learn so many people are reading the digital paper, but it is your duty to keep your membership informed by reading this monthly Adjutant’s Letter and any other mailing sent by Department Headquarters during your Post meetings. Then post the letter on your Post’s bulletin board so it can be used as reference and reminder.

**POST CONSOLIDATED REPORTS:** All Post Adjutants must complete and return their Post Consolidated Report. The report can also be completed online. They are due now and are very important.

**DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF MAY 19, 2023:** District V, 2,442 - 91.09%; District IV, 2,650- 90.11%; District VI, 1,180 - 89.73%; District II, 3,103 - 88.83%; District I, 2,193 - 88.14%; District VII, 1,422 - 87.19%; District X, 1,047 - 86.74%; District III, 1,721 – 84.86; District VIII, 683 – 84.11% and District IX, 778 - 81.81%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 921. Total membership is 18,140. Membership last year this date was 19,510. We are BEHIND 923 members.
AMERICAN LEGION TEAM KANSAS
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Blue Mound, KS 66010
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** ACTUAL COLORS MAY VARY.
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
AMERICAN LEGION
FAMILY DAY
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

For kids:
- Bounce houses
- Balloon animals
- Board games
- Face painting
- Sidewalk chalk
- Water balloons
- Candy prizes

For adults:
- Cornhole tournament
- Door prizes
- Horsehoes
- Picture booth
- Military displays
- Motorcycle displays
- Karaoke

SATURDAY
JULY 22
10AM - 8PM
730 W. 4th
Hutchinson, KS

HAWAIIAN LUAU THEME
The American Legion Family Homecoming

HONORING:
RANDY FRANK- AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
CHERYL EASTEP- AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT
JIM GALLENTINE- AMERICAN LEGION SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER

August 12, 2023
12:00 pm Social Hour; 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Meal and Program

Shelton Beaty, American Legion Post 18
115 East Washington Ave, Arkansas City, KS
$15.00 per person (RSVP by August 1, 2023), $17.00 at the Door

Keynote Speaker – LTG Perry Wiggins

Luncheon Menu:
Brisket
Cowboy Beans, Potato Salad, and Cole Slaw
Dinner roll with Butter and Desert

For Additional information or to RSVP, contact Randy Frank; 563-419-1474
(Please include the note below on meal selection)
-or-
Make checks payable to Randy Frank and send to
211 Floral Drive, Hillsboro, KS 67063

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NAME(S) ____________________________________________

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