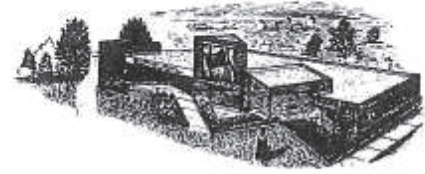


THE STATE ADJUTANTS LETTER



KANSAS DEPARTMENT



1314 SW TOPEKA BLVD. TOPEKA, KANSAS 66612-1885

NOVEMBER 2023

CONTRACT FOR POST/DISTRICT/DEPARTMENT FLAG SALES: Each American Legion Post within the Department of Kansas is able to sign up with National Emblem Sales to become a part of their Flag Rewards Program. Signing up is very easy. Have your Post Adjutant sign up your Post at: http://emblem.legion.org/flag_rewards_registration.asp it only take a few seconds. Start purchasing your American Flags and other flag items from American Legion National Emblem Sales at www.AmericanLegionFlags.com or you may call them at: 1-888-453-4466. Either option is very quick and easy! PLEASE give National Emblem Sales a try. I believe you will be very happy with their Service and products.

VETERANS DAY IS NOVEMBER 11. If your Post has not already planned a function for this Veterans Day now is the time to organize some type of activity. It is up to us as veterans to remind everyone of the sacrifices made by our nation's servicemen and women to preserve America's freedoms. It is fitting also, to honor and show appreciation to those in the National Guard and Reserve Forces. They are the ones who are preserving the peace and freedoms so many fought and died for, and we enjoy today. Don't let this Veterans Day slip by unnoticed in your community. P.S.: ALL of today's National Guard and Reserve are eligible for membership in The American Legion providing they have ONE Day of Active Duty since 7 December 1941 (Pearl Harbor Day). The key to success is asking our fellow veterans to join our ranks.

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: National Headquarters' second dues reminder arrived in October. Department Commander Frank asks each Post to conduct a membership drive this month. Posts must not substitute National's dues notice for their own membership plan. Posts should form membership teams to contact those who have not renewed their membership and to seek out new members. Knock on doors, organize telephone drives, divide unpaid members' names among membership workers, etc. Review old Post Rosters for members who may have forgotten to pay their dues in the past. They're a gold mine of opportunity to re-sign as new members. Do whatever is necessary to collect everyone's dues now.

PROCLAMATIONS: Suggested proclamations for Veterans Day, National Education Week and National Family Week can be found at Legion.org. All Posts are encouraged to seek local and county adoption for each. Invite the media for signing ceremonies.

ORATORICAL CONTEST: The Department Oratorical Contest is scheduled for March 16, 2024 at 9:00 at Manhattan Post 17. Over \$144,000 in scholarships will be awarded; make sure your community's students and parents are aware of this opportunity.

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EVERY POST has an obligation to provide their members the opportunity to enroll in the free \$1,000 accidental Death and dismemberment insurance policy which can increase to \$5,000 if the accidental death of a member occurs while attending, participating in, or traveling to or from an official American Legion sponsored event or activity. Members can sign up by calling 800-235-6943 or going to www.thelit.com and clicking on “SIGN UP NOW”.

GOLD AND SILVER STARS: Be sure to keep accurate records for all your membership workers and report them to Headquarters. Awards will be sent by Headquarters to every reporting Post. Deadline for qualifying for the Gold Star Club, Silver Star Club and Gold Star with Wreath is February 1, 2024. Remember a new member is one who was not a member of your local Post for 2023. If a member dropped out for a year or more and rejoins, they are considered a new member and are worth two (2) points, a renewal is one (1) point. Gold Star and Silver Star certification forms are included in the Adjutants Letter.

POSTS WITH A QUOTA OF 50 MEMBERS OR LESS: Adjutants can certify a member to the Gold Star Club if the member signed 60% of the Post’s Quota by February 1, 2024, and is certified to Department Headquarters by February 15, 2024.

STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT: Information and entries for the 77th State Bowling Tournament are being mailed to all past participants and bowling alleys. If your local bowling alley does not receive the information, please contact State Headquarters. This year’s tournament will be held at Gage Bowl, 835 S. Washington Street in Topeka January 6-7, 13-14 and 20-21, 2024.

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF OCTOBER 20, 2023: District X, 751 – 66.40%; District II, 2,136 – 65.84%; District I, 1,464 - 64.27%; District IX, 548 – 63.43%; District IV, 1,739 – 62.33%; District III, 1,074 – 57.90%; District VII, 881 – 57.81; District V, 1,490 – 57.35%; District VIII, 426 – 56.65% and District VI, 614 – 54.62%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 614. Total membership is 11,815. Membership last year this date was 12,172. We are BEHIND 357 members!

IN ORDER TO AVOID RECEIVING THE NEXT RENEWAL NOTICE ALL PAID MEMBERS’ CARDS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY DECEMBER 8, 2023.



DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

BALL-MCCOLM POST 5, EMPORIA

DECEMBER 16TH, 2023 12:00 – 3:00 PM

MENU: SMOKED HAM AND TURKEY, CHEESY POTATOES, GREEN BEANS AND VARIETY OF DESSERTS (\$17) KIDS 12 AND UNDER (\$5)

FEATURING A CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON THE CELLO
BY LOCAL ARTIST LIZA VIELCHEVA

+ Christmas Karaoke Challenge to benefit Boys State and Cadet Law

POST 5 WILL BE OPEN FOR SOCIAL HOUR 11 A.M. – 12 P.M.

PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING:

EMPORIA'S FIRST WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

11:00 AM, DECEMBER 16TH

MAPLEWOOD MEMORIAL LAWN CEMETERY

2000 PRAIRIE ST

EMPORIA, KS 66801

For more information contact:

postcommander5@kansaslegion.org or (620) 342-1119

Visit: <https://www.emporialegion.org/> for the latest information



RSVP WITH PAYMENT BY **DEC 1** TO:

AMERICAN LEGION POST #5

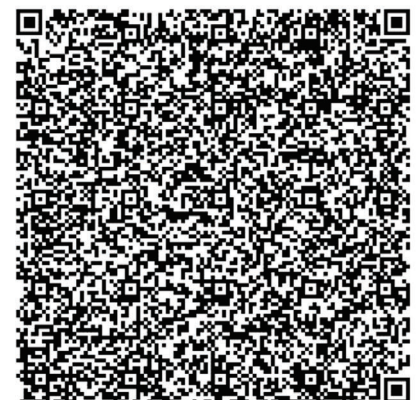
2921 W 12TH, EMPORIA, KS 66801

NUMBER OF ADULT MEALS (\$17 each): _____

NUMBER OF KIDS MEALS (12 and under, \$5 each): _____

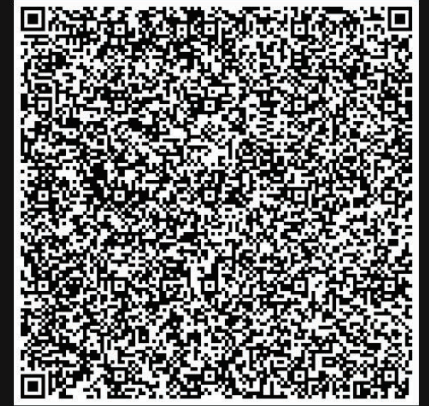
NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING:

Scan to email RSVP



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11AM- Wreaths Across America Ceremony
Maplewood Memorial Lawn Cemetery
2000 Prairie St Emporia, KS
Attendance Encouraged



11AM - 12PM- Social Hour at Post 5

12PM- Christmas Meal
Smoked Ham and Turkey
Cheesy Potatoes
Green Beans
Dessert
Cost \$17

Kids' Meal
Hot Dog and Mac & Cheese
Cost \$5

1PM: Christmas Concert
by Liza Vielcheva (Lizarraga) on the cello

2PM: Christmas Karaoke Challenge
to benefit Boys State and Cadet Law



Contact us at (620) 342-1119 or
email postcommander5@kansaslegion.org
RSVP with number of Adult and Kids Meals by Dec 1, 2023.
Checks payable to "American Legion Post 5"



BOWLING

Tournament

2024

77th Annual

★ Jan 6/7 & 13/14 & 20/21 ★

PLEASE READ TOURNAMENT RULES ON THE REVERSE

- * Entries will be given priority in order of receipt *
- * Team captains will be notified of times and dates *
- * Both Men and Women can compete—see rule #1 *
- * Multiple entries allowed—see rule #12 *

**** NO REFUNDS ****



4200 SW Huntoon
Topeka KS 66604

Teams will need to make their own reservations at the Host Motel (information on reverse)

Questions? Call (913) 680-8680



TOURNAMENT RULES

*Excerpts from the rules of the
Kansas American Legion Bowling Association*

- All participants of the Kansas American Legion Bowling Association shall be bowlers (male or female) with current Kansas American Legion card and current USBC card. Kansas SAL members over the age of 18 are eligible to bowl in this tournament if they have a current USBC card and a current paid SAL dues. Kansas Auxiliary members over the age of 18 are eligible if they have a current USBC card and current Auxiliary card.
- The annual bowling tournament of the Kansas American Legion Bowling Association shall include competition in the five-person Team, Doubles, Singles, and/or All-Events. Contestants entering Doubles must also enter Singles and vice-versa on the same entry sheet. Paid All-Events entries are not transferable unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all three events, and the transfer is made by the Tournament Director or Assistant(s) prior to the substitute's participation in the event.
- Handicap is based on **90% of 220**. Entrants will use their highest USBC or YABA sanctioned league average based on a **minimum of 21 games** for the 2022-2023 or the 2021-2022 season. If the current 21-game average as of December 1st, 2023, is 10 or more pens above 90%, the current season average must be used. If there is no average from the **2022-2023 season**, the highest USBC or YABA sanctioned average must be used, based on 21-games or more as of **December 1st, 2023**. Averages established in sanctioned leagues which start their seasons after March 15th for the summer season shall be accepted as official, provided the bowler does not have an acceptable regular season average. Bowlers may enter the tournament with a **175 average** if no league or tournament average has been set. **If the tournament average is higher than 175, the tournament average will be used. If the bowler has bowled in the tournament in previous years, the bowler can and will be rerated at the Tournament Director's discretion.**
- Five-person Teams or Doubles will bowl in the order they are entered on the entry form.
- In the event of mechanical failure, it is hereby agreed that the contestants affected shall be moved to the next available pair of lanes.
- Individuals will not be permitted to enter more than once in Doubles and Singles events. In case of emergency, a host bowler who has previously participated in the tournament may bowl with an out-of-town bowler in the Doubles event, only with the approval of the Tournament Director.
- All entry fees must be paid in full and must accompany the entry form. **Make remittances payable to KS AM Legion Bowling Assn.** No entry fees will be refunded.

- All entrants' first and last names must be listed; do not list nicknames. **PENALTIES:** Tardy players will start in the frame being bowled, with a score of zero being given for each frame missed. Use of an ineligible player or reporting an incorrect average will nullify all claims for any prize or award.
- It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, their team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to completion of the first game of the series shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average, or the base prize winnings of the submitted average is higher.
- Protests or errors in scoring/calculation must be made in writing to the Tournament Management within 24 hours after bowling, or the scores will stand as scored.
- The following USBC Rules will be used:
 - Rule 319-A - the "10 pin rule," with effective date of **December 1st, 2022**
 - Rule 319-A-3 - reporting of incorrect average provision
 - Rule 319-D - report winnings of \$300 or more in previous tournaments in the past year
 - Rule 319-E - average adjustments
- MULTIPLE TEAM ENTRY** - All bowlers may bowl the Team event twice. They must change two bowlers to bowl the second time. They must enter the second time before entries close. They may cash twice. **The highest Team Event score counts for the All-Events score.**
- Check in is 1/2 hour before the squad time.
- Next year's tournament location is to be determined.
- All prize checks must be cashed within 90 days.

*Unused Expense Funds and all other fundraising proceeds
from the tournament will be donated to
Kansas Department of Children and Youth. &
The National Commander Campaign Fund*



Host Motel

Endeavor Inn & Suites
924 Southwest Henderson Road
Topeka, KS 66615

Contact the Hotel at (785) 273-8888

**Rate: \$87.00 + tax * Double, Queen, or King
includes Free Breakfast &
2 Happy Hour Drink Tickets**

*When making reservations, mention that you are with
the American Bowling League. These rooms will be
given on a first come, first serve basis. To get this
special rate, rooms must be reserved no later than
Wednesday, December 8th, 2023 at 5 pm CST.*

77TH ANNUAL KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION BOWLING TOURNAMENT • 2024 ENTRY FORM

TEAM EVENT OFFICIAL LINE UP	2022-2023 AVERAGE	USBC ID NUMBER	AL ID NUMBER
1)			
2)			
3)			
4)			
5)			



SINGLES/DOUBLES OFFICIAL LINE UP	2022-2023 AVERAGE	USBC ID NUMBER	AL ID NUMBER	ALL EVENTS
1)				
2)				
1)				
2)				
1)				
2)				

Squad Times

Saturday—Sgls & Dbls 11am
Teams 3:30pm

Sundays—Teams 9am
Sgls & Dbls 1pm

Preferred Singles & Doubles

Dates	Times
1.	
2.	
3.	

Preferred Team

Dates	Times
1.	
2.	
3.	

Please allow time for lane dressing between squads

INDIVIDUAL USBC SANCTION AND
KS AMERICAN LEGION/SAL/AUX CARDS
MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE TIME OF BOWLING

MORAL SUPPORT IS SANCTIONED BY USBC

Unavailable dates: _____

TEAM NAME: _____
 CAPTAIN: _____
 PHONE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 EMAIL: _____

ENTRY FEE BREAK-DOWN			
	TEAM	DOUBLE	SINGLE
PRIZE FUND	\$62.50	\$25.00	\$12.50
BOWLING FEE	\$62.50	\$25.00	\$12.50
EXPENSES	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$150.00	\$60.00	\$30.00

MINIMUM TOTAL PER PERSON = \$60
(\$30 per event per person)
OPTIONAL ALL EVENT FEE = \$8.00

Reserved entries close at midnight November 11th, 2023
 Non-reserved entries close at midnight December 9th, 2023
 Money without an entry form will NOT hold your spot

Prize Ratio is at least 1 out of 10
 Prize fund payout is 100%

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE—OFFICE USE ONLY

Team \$: _____ All Event \$: _____
 Single \$: _____ Double \$: _____
 Total \$: _____ Check # _____
 Date Rec'd: _____

Make checks payable to
KS AM Legion Bowling Assn
 Mail entries to:
 Michael Cole
 918 Josela Court
 Leavenworth, KS 66048

Team @ \$150.00.....	\$	_____
Doubles* @ \$60.00.....	\$	_____
Singles* @ \$30.00.....	\$	_____
All Event @ \$8.00.....	\$	_____
TOTAL DUE.....	\$	_____