



The American Legion  
Department of Kansas  
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The Voice for Today's Veterans and Military  
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## Notes from the Department Commander

Greetings...I hope everyone had a nice relaxing Thanksgiving. During this time of the year, we have so many things to be thankful for; I am thankful we have a great American Legion Family. I am proud to say National has listened to everyone's feedback and they have provided fillable PDF versions of the 2024-2025 CPR and CSR (see the links below). When you click on the first link it will take you to the legion information. There is a lot of great information located within this link. Under the officer's manuals & documents area, the first item listed is the fillable CPR. What a great way to keep up to date with your post's activities.

During the National Vice Commander's tour, he reiterated some challenges he gave every department this year. The first is reaching 100% of our membership goal; the 2<sup>nd</sup> goal is 100% CPR reporting. Every department that reaches these goals will receive either \$100 of prime beef or \$100 in gift cards. I believe we can reach these goals. National has made it easier for us to reach the 100% CPR reporting by adding the fillable PDF version of the form to legion.org.

The second link directs you to information for the Sons of The American Legion. Also, located in the link is some great information for your squadrons, to include a fillable PDF for the Consolidated Squadron Report. The IT division is currently working on getting the CPR updated within mylegion.org and it is expected to be live soon. Please pass this information on to every post commander and post adjutant.

<https://www.legion.org/information-center/in-the-media/publications/organization-membership-awards>

<https://www.legion.org/about/american-legion-family/sons-of-the-american-legion/publications-and-forms>

We have a responsibility to train and mentor our members and the future leaders of our great organization. It takes all of us to share the importance of The American Legion. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to call anytime. Thank you for all you do!!

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### **Notes from the Department Vice-Commander and Membership Chairman**

Greetings all. It has been a busy two weeks traveling with National Vice Commander James Kellogg. It was a good trip then on to Indianapolis for National American Legion Leadership College. It was a fun and busy week. I highly recommend it, learned a lot, and knew more than I thought. Membership is doing good as a Department, we reached our national goal of 65% so let's keep up the good work and try and be well ahead of the goal for next month. Hope everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Thanks for all your hard work!

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## Department Adjutant's Newsletter December 2024

**FEBRUARY 1 DEADLINE REMINDER:** An important date for membership workers. This is the LAST chance to qualify for the Gold Star Club and other awards. ADJUTANTS ARE TO REPORT WORKERS NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15. Reporting forms were mailed last month, let us know if you need additional copies.

**THREE DUES NOTICES** have been sent by National Headquarters; the easy ones are in; the rest will require personal contact. Organize membership drives now before everyone gets caught up in Christmas shopping, etc. For those Posts with club rooms/lounges: Your lounge workers should have a list of unpaid members available to them and they should be collecting dues. It does not matter who collects dues -- but they must be collected. Listed below are suggestions on how to collect membership.

1. Divide all unpaid renewals among your membership workers and Post Officers. These people should contact every person on their 'list' this month.
2. Divide your membership workers and Post Officers into teams similar to the above suggestion #1. Perhaps your Post can award a prize to the most successful team and/or individual.
3. Use the 'buddy system' to organize an old-fashioned door-to-door membership drive to seek out new membership, renewals and those who can be reinstated.
4. Ask those who have never helped out on a membership drive to help. Who knows, you might find a permanent membership worker. Ask all your membership to help out by remembering who went to service with them and get them signed up. Ditto for all other veterans including today's active-duty military and the current Guard and Reserve Personnel. Who is a 'new' member? Anyone who did not pay their dues to your Post last year but does so this year. There are over 200,000 eligible veterans in Kansas who still haven't been asked to join.

**STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT:** Information and entries for the 78th 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 or Chairman, Mike Cole at 913-680-8680. This year's tournament will be held at Gage Bowl, 4200 SW Huntoon Street in Topeka January 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26, 2025.

**TRANSFERS:** The Post Transfer section of the Member Data Form must be filled out for all members transferring their membership to another Post. This includes DMS members and is very important because of permanent member ID numbers.

**POST EXCELLENCE AWARD** To qualify for the Post Excellence Award, a post is required to achieve excellence in four areas: membership, submission of the Consolidated Post Report (CPR), attaining a 90% renewal rate and community activity. The purpose of this award is membership growth, and increased visibility of the

American Legion Family through service through service projects. A post achieving this qualification will have had numerous post members involved in planning and achieving these goals. Many posts are already active in these areas and will qualify without extra effort. Others, however, will need to increase their efforts in one or more areas to qualify for the award. **The standard to be achieved in each area is as follows:**

**Membership:** The Post must attain at least 103% of their membership goal. At least one post officer attends district meetings. **Consolidated Post Report:** CPRs must be submitted by July 1. The American Legion's federal charter requires the submission of an annual report to Congress on activities for the year. MyLegion.org has made it simple for a post to submit its CPR in a timely manner. **90% Renewal Rate:** The post must renew at least 90% of their members that were on the 2024 roster. **Community Activity:** The post must conduct an event that connects the local community with The American Legion post. The objective is to open your doors, welcome the community in, and educate them on what The American Legion is all about and how the post is an asset to the community. Posts do not need to have a physical building to accomplish this. This activity can be held in a park, a community center, or anywhere the post can welcome and interact with the local community. **Certification for the Award:** The district commander responsible for the post will certify a post as having achieved the four specified criteria. The district commander will submit a list of posts meeting the criteria to Department Headquarters. That list should include the post name, phone number, address and commander's name. If possible, accompany the last two criteria with copies of press releases submitted to the local media about the projects to show that the projects were not only accomplished but that an attempt was made to enhance the image of The American Legion through local media. The copy submitted should include a date and time stamp showing receipt by the media outlet.

POSTS INTERESTED IN HOSTING 2025 BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS must notify Headquarters before January 2, 2025.

THE AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM will be held at 9:00am, March 15, 2025, at American Legion Post # 400, 3029 US Hwy 24 in Topeka. Prior to the State Contest there are ten District Contests scheduled for the winner to qualify for the state contest. Scholarships vary for each District with scholarships given to the top three District Contestants. They then move on to the State Contest where eleven contestants compete for \$1,000; \$500; and \$250 and \$150. The state winner gets an all-expense trip to the National Finals Contest. The three National finalists receive scholarships as follows; 1st Place, \$25,000; 2nd Place, \$22,500; and 3rd Place, \$20,000.

RENEWAL POST CARDS: Department Headquarters will receive a supply of the Membership Renewal Post Cards. These cards can be very effective when sent to delinquent members. Contact Headquarters with the number that you need.

**IN ORDER TO AVOID RECEIVING THE NEXT RENEWAL NOTICE ALL PAID MEMBERS' CARDS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY DECEMBER 6, 2024.**



Department of Kansas *Holiday Party*

Miami Post 156

5 Delaware St, Paola

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 11:00 Social, 12:00-3:00

MENU: Meatloaf and Ham, Mashed Potatoes w/Country Gravy, Green Beans, Cheesy Corn w/Cream Cheese, soup & side salad and various desserts.

Activities include:

- Holiday Pictures
- Ugly Sweater Contest
- Night Before Christmas Gift Exchange for those who bring a gift.
- Dept Officer Baby Pic Match
- 50/50 Proceeds to Presidents Project
- Pull Tabs



ARMY vs NAVY  
2:00 pm Watch Party, bring snacks.

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

American Legion, Miami Post 156

PO Box 126, Paola, KS 66064

For more information contact: [postcommander156@kansaslegion.org](mailto:postcommander156@kansaslegion.org) or (913) 314-2306

Number of adult meals : \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.



# BOWLING

78th Annual

# Tournament 2025

★ Jan 11/12 & 18/19 & 25/26 ★

**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*

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 2023-2024 or the 2022-2023 season. If the current 21-game average as of December 1st, 2024, is 10 or more pins above 90%, the current season average must be used. If there is no average from the **2023-2024 season**, the highest USBC or YABA sanctioned average must be used, based on 21-games or more as of **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**. 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.**
4. Five-person Teams or Doubles will bowl in the order they are entered on the entry form.
5. In the event of mechanical failure, it is hereby agreed that the contestants affected shall be moved to the next available pair of lanes.
6. 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.
7. 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.

8. 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 use an incorrect average will nullify all claims for any prize or award.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. The following USBC Rules will be used:
  - Rule 319-A - the "10 pin rule," with effective date of **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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
12. **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.**
13. Check in is 1/2 hour before the squad time.
14. Next year's tournament location is to be determined.
15. 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: \$85.00 + 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, 2024 at 5 pm CST.*

# 78TH ANNUAL KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION BOWLING TOURNAMENT • 2025 ENTRY FORM

TEAM EVENT OFFICIAL LINE UP	2023-2024 AVERAGE	USBC ID NUMBER	AL ID NUMBER
1)			
2)			
3)			
4)			
5)			



SINGLES/DOUBLES OFFICIAL LINE UP	2023-2024 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Reserved entries close at midnight November 15th, 2024*

*Non-reserved entries close at midnight December 7th, 2024*

*Money without an entry form will NOT hold your spot*

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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
MINIMUM TOTAL PER PERSON = \$60 (\$30 per event per person) <b>OPTIONAL ALL EVENT FEE = \$8.00</b>			

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

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

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





Kansas Honor Flight is proud to be in our 13th year of sending Kansas WWII, Korea and Vietnam era veterans on their trip of a lifetime to visit their Memorials in Washington DC in appreciation of their service.

We are now seeing the number of applications we receive is slowing down. Don't be left behind because we very much want to send YOU! So now is the time for veterans who still want to go to fill out an application.

Kansas WWII, Korea and Vietnam era veterans can easily get on the waiting list by applying online on our website. Veterans applying now would likely fly after 2024. (Veterans go in order of applications received, with WWII, Korea era, and veterans with terminal health issues always going to the head of the line.) Kansas WWII, Korea & Vietnam era veterans are eligible to go no matter where they physically served. Veterans can also arrange to go on the same trip with other eligible veterans they know.

There is no cost to the veteran as trips are made possible completely through donations and volunteers. If assistance is needed on the trip, Guardians who pay their own way, will accompany the veteran. Kansas Honor Flight also has volunteer Guardians who pay their own way to assist any veterans who may not have anyone available to go with them.

We need you to apply now to join our wait list so you're not left behind when the time comes for our Mission to successfully wind down. Please share with any eligible veterans you know. Complete information and application is on our website. <https://kansashonorflight.org/>

# AMERICAN LEGION TEAM KANSAS ORDER FORM

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_



**T-SHIRTS \$20.00 POLOS \$30.00**

	Grey T-shirt	Red T-shirt	Purple Polo	Blue Polo	Blue Polo w/Pocket	Red Polo	Red Polo w/Pocket	Total Shirt	Amount Due
Youth Small									
Youth Med									
Youth Large									
Youth XL									
Adult Small									
Adult Med									
Adult Large									
Adult XL									
Adult XXL +\$2									
Adult XXXL +\$3									
Adult XXXXL +\$4									
								Totals	

**Mail / Call / Text  
orders and payments to:**

Marri Krupco  
510 E Main St.,  
Blue Mound, KS 66010  
(620-224-7354)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
KS NATIONAL COMMANDERS CAMPAIGN FUND**

**CASH**

**PAYPAL**

**CHECK**

**VENMO**

**CASH APP**

**ZELLE**



\*\* ACTUAL COLORS MAY VARY.