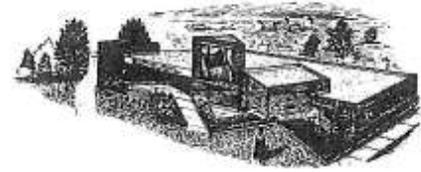


THE STATE ADJUTANTS LETTER



KANSAS DEPARTMENT



1314 SW TOPEKA BLVD. TOPEKA, KANSAS 66612-1886

SEPTEMBER 2025

SCHOLARSHIPS: Information on all American Legion Scholarships is available on the Department website: kansaslegion.org. Copies may also be obtained from this office. Contact your nearest High School counselor's office to make sure this information is available to students. Don't deprive a young person in your community of the opportunity these programs offer. Have copies available at your Post Home for interested students and let members know they are available. The Hugh A. Smith, Ted and Nora Anderson, Albert M. Lappin and Rosedale Scholarships are available to children of Legion or Auxiliary members. The Charles and Annette Hill are for descendants of Legion and Auxiliary members. The Music and Shooting Sports are available to any qualified student. These are all due February 15. The Sons of the American Legion scholarships are available on their website salks.org/resources. These are also due February 15. The Eagle Scout of the Year is available to Eagle Scouts who are either members of Troops sponsored by Legion Posts or the son or grandson of Legion members is due March 1. The Oratorical Contest information will be mailed to the Posts and Schools after District locations and contests are finalized.

EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE: Enclosed is the information for this year's Eisenhower Pilgrimage scheduled for Saturday, October 11 in Abilene. All Posts are encouraged to have someone at the Eisenhower Center to place their Post's Memorial Rose, however Department will furnish a representative for your Post should no one be available from your Post. Deadline for ordering a Memorial Rose or District Wreath is October 1.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE - THE HOMECOMING FOR Department Vice Commander George Pogge, S.A.L. Detachment Vice Commander Michael Weber and Department Vice President Cindy Ward will be held on October 11, 2025 at the Greyhound Hall of Fame which is directly adjacent to the Eisenhower Memorial in Abilene at 12:00pm. Cost of the Luncheon is \$20.00 at the Door (\$18.00 if pre-registered by 1 October 2022) and catered by Joe Snuffy's. Reservations are to be sent to: George Pogge, 16718 13th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

More information and a coupon for ordering a Rose or a Wreath, and the Vice Commander/Vice President's Homecoming is enclosed and in the Sunflower Legionnaire.

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FREE INSURANCE: As previously reported there have been a few changes to the free Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance program. It is now called LegionCare and while it still pays \$1,000 for an Accidental Death or Dismemberment, if the accident occurs while attending or traveling to and from an American Legion event or activity the benefit increases to \$5,000. However, every member desiring coverage under the group must enroll to begin the term of their individual coverage under the group policy. Enrollment forms are available, and enrollment can be accomplished or verified at 1-800-235-6943 and on the website www.theLIT.com. Make sure your members have this information. The No-Cost AD&D policy is just one benefit of your American Legion Membership. There is no obligation to purchase additional coverage.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL was back in full swing this year. Pittsburg Post # 64 won the Class A (previously the AAA) Tournament that was held in Topeka, and they went on the National Mid-South Regional Tournament that was held in Washington, Missouri. Garnett Post # 19 won the Class B (previously the AA) Tournament that was also held in Hiawatha. Garnett Post # 19 won the Class C (previously the A) Tournament that was held in Topeka. It was great to see Our Young People playing and enjoying the National Past time this year!

THE BIG RED '1' TURKEY RUN: is scheduled to be held on Fort Riley on 15 November 2025. Donation of specific items and/or funds will be posted on the Kansas Legion Website later this month. This is a wonderful event and is enjoyed and very helpful to those Soldiers that need a boost during this time of the year.

*** DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF AUGUST 28, 2025: District I, 1,067 – XX.XX%; District II, 1,815 – XX.XX%; District III, 840 - XX.XX%; District IV, 564 – XX.XX%; District V, 1,160 – XX.XX%, District VI, 665 – XX.XX%; District VII, 633 – XX.XX%; District VIII, 323 – XX.XX%; District IX, 378 – XX.XX%; District X, 567 – XX.XX% and District XI, 835 – XX.XX%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 562. Total membership is 9,409. Membership last year this date was 9,188. We are AHEAD 221 members! ***

*** The 2025 – 2026 Membership Goals are being inputted as of this Correspondence. ***

IN ORDER TO AVOID RECEIVING THE NEXT RENEWAL NOTICE ALL PAID MEMBERS' CARDS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 17, 2025.

45th ANNUAL
EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE

Enclosed is our payment for a rose or wreath to be placed at the
Eisenhower Memorial on Saturday, October 11, 2025.

Post, Unit, and/or Squadron: _____
Post / Unit / Squadron Number, City

No. of Roses _____ Amount Enclosed _____
(\$10 for each rose requested)

WREATH - DISTRICT LEVEL OR HIGER
District or Department _____ (\$20 for one wreath)
Name _____ Person Placing the Wreath

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (Day Time) _____

RECEPTION & DINNER
Chapman Post #240
Friday, October 10
Social Hour: 6:00 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM
No. of Dinner Reservations _____ Amount Enclosed _____ (\$25 per person)
_____ _____ Persons Attending Dinner

MAIL TO:
KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION
EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE
1314 SW Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, KS 66612

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2025