

# THE STATE ADJUTANTS LETTER



KANSAS DEPARTMENT



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## JANUARY 2026

GOLD STAR DEADLINE -- FEBRUARY 1, 2026: This is the last day to qualify for the Gold Star Club and other awards. Membership counted for these awards must be received at Headquarters by February 1. Adjutants must report their membership awards to Department Headquarters no later than February 15, 2026.

MID-WINTER FORUM AT DODGE CITY, January 30 – February 1, 2026. There is a List of Hotels attached to this Newsletter. There is also a Statewide Basketball Tournament of Champions taking place during this time. No Block Room Rates have been negotiated. PLEASE contact Your Hotel of Choice for the Best Option from the attached List.

The Legion will meet at the VFW Post located at 909 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Auxiliary and the S.A.L. will meet at the Dodge City Legion Post # 47 located at 801 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

A great program is being planned. See information in the *Sunflower Legionnaire* for more details on meals and a schedule.

DUES NOTICES: The January dues notice will be in the mail shortly for all members whose 2026 dues were not received at Department Headquarters by December 9, 2025. Every member who has not paid their dues should be contacted by your membership workers. As of December 31, Kansas still needs 4,609 members to reach its nationally assigned goal. We need more renewal, reinstatement, and new members -- remember everyone on active duty is eligible for membership.

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION has been CANCELLED.

INCORPORATION: Posts should be incorporated thereby relieving your Post Officers and members of liability incurred by the Post. Simple annual reports are required to maintain incorporated status. If your Post is already incorporated, you should have received your annual report to be filed with the Kansas Secretary of State. If your Post is not incorporated and it should be, or you have not received your annual report, contact the Secretary of State's Office, 1st Floor, 120 W. 10th St., Topeka, KS 66612, phone 785-296-4564.

ORATORICAL CONTEST: Your Post should be promoting this great scholarship program for high school students. Information has been published in the *Sunflower Legionnaire*. Information is also available online at [www.kansaslegion.org/scholarships.htm](http://www.kansaslegion.org/scholarships.htm).

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

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EMPLOYER AWARDS: Information and nominating information for National's Employer of Veterans Awards and the Award to Enhance the Lives of Disabled Persons is available on our website and by contacting Department Headquarters. These nominations must be received at National by January 15. Headquarters relies on you to submit nominations; the winner may as well be from your community, your employer or firm. Please consider an employer in your town for this honor.

CHALLENGE: This month each Post is challenged to poll their membership asking what improvements, activities, or programs they would like to see at your Post. This challenge can be accomplished very easily through a simple letter to each member, be sure to ask how they would support their suggestions (either financially, by volunteering their services or time, or all three). You never know until you ask, and you may increase more members' involvement which can improve your Post.

AMERICAN LEGION SCHOOL AWARDS: Looking for a way to establish a good working relationship with your local schools? The American Legion School Award Program provides an excellent means to recognize boys and girls in Elementary, Junior High or Middle School and High School for their courage, honor, leadership, service, scholarship, and patriotism at little expense. Students are proud to receive this type of recognition, and their schools often welcome the opportunity to include the program in their spring activities. Awards are available from Emblem Sales and your Post's membership performance can earn these awards for presentation at no cost to the Post. Contact your schools now to schedule a presentation.

A REMINDER NOMINATIONS for National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and National Firefighter of the Year must be received by January 15, 2026, here at Department Headquarters. These awards are presented every year to deserving officers and firefighters at the National Convention. The rules and entry information for the Law Enforcement Officer Award are available at [http://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/ns\\_officeroftheyear.pdf](http://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/ns_officeroftheyear.pdf). Rules and entry information for the Firefighter award are available at [http://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/firefighter\\_award.pdf](http://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/firefighter_award.pdf).

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF DECEMBER 19, 2025: District I, 1,634 - 80.53%; District II, 2,520 - 82.49%; District III, 1,335 - 79.56%; District IV, 860 - 86.87%; District V, 1,771 - 74.82%; District VI, 922 - 79.07%; District VII, 959 - 72.49%; District VIII, 475 - 70.90%; District IX, 603 - 72.91%; District X, 802 - 77.56% and District XI, 1,231 - 76.65%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 852. Total membership is 13,987. Membership last year on this date was 13,832. We are AHEAD 154 members.

**IN ORDER TO AVOID RECEIVING THE NEXT RENEWAL NOTICE ALL PAID MEMBERS' CARDS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 9, 2026.**

2026 Mid-Winter Forum Meals  
January 30-31, February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Dodge City Post #47

Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

Dinner: \$15 KC Strip, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad

Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, hash browns (Free to registered members)

Lunch – On your own (there are food trucks at each location that should be open)

Dinner: \$15 Brisket, pulled pork, smoked sausage, potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, dessert.

Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

Breakfast: Community Breakfast at the VFW (\$15 per person).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Unit/Squadron \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Friday Night Dinners to be reserved x \$15: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Saturday Night Dinners to be reserved x \$15: \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed for the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

Main to:

American Legion Post #47

PO Box 359

Dodge City, KS 67801

Friday Dinner and Saturday Breakfast will be at Post 47. Saturday Dinner will be at VFW Post #1714.

## **La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Dodge City**

2400 W Wyatt Earp Blvd, Dodge City, KS 67801  
620-488-6484

## **Best Western Plus Country Inn & Suites**

506 N. 14th Avenue, Dodge City, KS 67801  
620-225-7378

## **Super 8 by Wyndham Dodge City**

1708 W Wyatt Earp Blvd, Dodge City, KS 67801  
(620) 682-4524

## **Hampton Inn & Suites Dodge City**

4002 West Comanche, Dodge City, KS 67801  
(620) 225-0000

## **Best Western North Edge Inn**

404 W Frontview, Dodge City, KS 67801  
(620) 371-6441

## **Quality Inn**

2000 W Wyatt Earp Blvd, Dodge City, KS 67801  
(620) 471-0690

## **Windsor Inn & Suites**

2320 W Wyatt Earp Blvd, Dodge City, KS 67801  
(620) 227-5000

## **Comfort Suites**

2700 W Wyatt Earp Blvd, Dodge City, KS 67801  
(620) 801-4545

## **Holiday Inn Express & Suites Dodge City by IHG**

201 4th Avenue, Dodge City, KS 67801  
(620) 225-1000

## **Towne Place Suites by Marriott Dodge City**

2800 W Wyatt Earp Blvd, Dodge City, KS 67801  
(620) 371-7171

## **Regency Inn and Suites**

2110 E Wyatt Earp Blvd, Dodge City, KS 67801  
(620) 225-2654