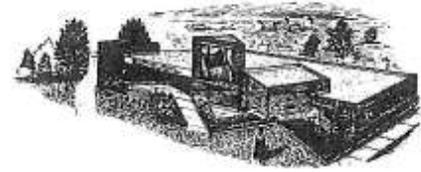


# THE STATE ADJUTANTS LETTER



KANSAS DEPARTMENT



1314 SW TOPEKA BLVD. TOPEKA, KANSAS 66612-1886

## **FEBRUARY 2026**

**LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE:** Call 1-800-432-3924 to learn the status of a bill or leave a message for your State Senator or Representative.

**RENEWAL TARGET #5:** All unpaid and paid members whose membership cards are not received in Topeka by February 13, 2026, will receive a national dues renewal notice around March 1. All Posts are urged to conduct membership drives to help Kansas meet its nationally assigned target. Do not hold members' cards--transmit them to Headquarters at least every two weeks. Please do your part.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Applications for the "Eagle Scout of the Year," "Albert M. Lappin," "Ted and Nora Anderson," "Hugh M. Smith," "Music," "Rosedale," "Charles and Annette Hill" and "Shooting Sports" are available on the Kansas American Legion website [www.ksamlegion.org](http://www.ksamlegion.org). Click on Programs on the top and then Scholarships. The "S.A.L. Jay B. Thielen Scholarship" and S.A.L. U. S. 'Udie' Grant Scholarship" are available on the S.A.L. website [www.kssal.org](http://www.kssal.org). These represent \$14,800 in scholarships available to Kansas students. Make sure your community knows about them. Deadline for applying is February 15, 2026.

**BOYS STATE** will be held on the Kansas State University Campus, May 31 to June 6, 2026. Applications have been mailed to all Posts and High Schools and past sponsors. Deadline for applying is April 30; additional applications are available online at [www.kansasboysstate.org](http://www.kansasboysstate.org) or by calling 785-550-6492.

**CADET LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY:** Information on the Cadet Law Enforcement Academy is enclosed with this Adjutants' Letter. Dates are June 1 to 5, 2026.

**RENEWAL POST CARDS:** Department Headquarters has a supply of the 2026 Membership Renewal Post Cards. These post cards can be highly effective when sent to delinquent members. Contact Headquarters with the number that you need.

**SERVICE OFFICER REPORTS** have been mailed to all Post Service Officers. Reports must be completed and returned to: The American Legion DSO, 1314 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66612 by March 1, 2026. An additional copy is enclosed.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH REPORTS** are due to your District Chairman no later than your District Convention. Report forms have been mailed to District Chairmen for distribution to Posts.

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POST CONSOLIDATED REPORTS will again be sent to the Posts by Department Headquarters. They will be sent to the Post Adjutants shortly.

POST DATA FORM will be enclosed with the Consolidated Report. This report is particularly important as it will contain the information for your Renewal Notices.

STATE CONVENTION: Dates for 2026 are May 29 to 31, 2026. This year's State Convention will be held at the Ramada Hotel, 420 SE 6th Street in Topeka.

STATE CONVENTION HOUSING: As in the past, Posts who reach or exceed their membership quota by February 15, will be given priority housing at the State Convention. Posts with priority housing status must exercise their option by March 15 after such time housing availability is open to everyone on a first come, first served basis. Priority housing winners will be notified when they start making their reservations.

POST ADJUTANTS be sure to notify Department Headquarters of any changes or corrections in Post Officers or changes in their addresses. Notify Department Headquarters separately from the Member Data form sent to National (Post Officers only).

POST HISTORIES AND SCRAPBOOKS must be certified by their respective District before they can be considered for state and national competition. Certification forms are enclosed; please see that your Post Historian receives it. Outlines are in the Post Officers Guide.

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF JANUARY 23, 2026: District IV, 902 - 91.11%; District II, 2,697 - 88.28%; District III, 1,453 - 86.59%; District I, 1,745 - 86.00; District V, 1,990 - 84.07%; District VI, 978 - 83.88%; District X, 856 - 82.79%; District XI, 1,324 - 82.44%; District VII, 1,035 - 78.23%, District IX, 640 - 77.39% and District VIII, 503 - 75.07. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 940. Total membership is 15,084. Membership last year this date was 15,207. We are BEHIND 123 members.

**IN ORDER TO AVOID RECEIVING THE NEXT RENEWAL NOTICE ALL PAID MEMBERS' CARDS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 13, 2026.**

**POST SERVICE OFFICERS  
ANNUAL REPORT  
REPORTS DUE IN BY MARCH 1, 2026**

This report will be considered for the top PSO in each District and Department

**SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITIES TO NEEDY VETERANS AND FAMILIES**

1. Number of veterans you have furnished food and/or lodging? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of veterans or veteran's families assisted financially with other needs, such as rent, utilities, medical of transportation? \_\_\_\_\_
3. **TOTAL EXPENDITURE** for above related assistance. \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICES TO VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS**

1. Assisted veteran's dependents in the application for VA compensation or pension benefits. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Assisted veteran's with VA From 10-10 EZ. (Enrollment Application for VA Health Care.) \_\_\_\_\_
3. VA forms for burial related benefits? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Condolence calls or cards or letters sent? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Non-VA forms completed for veterans of dependents? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Number of referrals to American Legion Service offices located at Wichita, Leavenworth or Topeka? And how many to each location? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Number of referrals to the Kansas Commission of Veterans Affairs Office, to include location of office? \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICES TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS**

1. Did your Post purchase canteen books for VA Patients?  Yes  No
2. Does your Post sponsor an entertainment night at a VA Hospital?  Yes  No
3. Does your Post sponsor an entertainment night at a local hospital of nursing home?  Yes  No
4. How many of your Post members act as hospital volunteers in a VA Hospital, VA Community Base Out-Patient Clinic, local hospital or nursing home to include location facility and in what manner? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many veterans were visited by the Post Service Officer or members of your Post during the past year? \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICES TO DECEASED VETERANS**

1. Does your Post have an Honor Guard?  Yes  No
2. Does your Post have a Veterans Day activity?  Yes  No
3. Does your Post have a Memorial Day activity?  Yes  No
4. Does your Post have an Avenue of Flags?  Yes  No  
If yes, how many Flags? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many Veterans graves did your Post decorate this year? \_\_\_\_\_

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Do you have a current Post Service Officer Guide?  Yes  No
2. Do you or your Post have use of internet access?  Yes  No
3. Does your Post have a website?  Yes  No

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Post Service Officer

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Post Commander

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Dist.

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Post No. & City

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:  
THE AMERICAN LEGION DSO  
1314 SW Topeka Blvd.  
Topeka, KS 66612-1886.  
ADDITIONAL REMARKS**