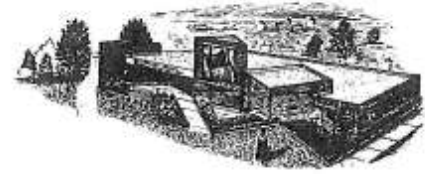


THE STATE ADJUTANTS LETTER



KANSAS DEPARTMENT



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MAY 2026

STATE CONVENTION: May 29, 30, and 31, 2026 at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, 420 S.E. 6th Street in Topeka -- call for housing reservations at 785-234-5400 and mention you are with the American Legion Family to receive the reduced Convention rate.

Saturday's program will begin at 8:30am. Speakers will include Midwest Region National Vice Commander Jerry Landkamer from Nebraska. Representatives from The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion has not been confirmed at this time. The Youth Champions will also be presented. Also, several reports and award presentations will be made.

The Sunday session will begin with the Memorial and Rededication Service, and also include Convention Committee reports along with other reports and presentations. Delegates will elect Delegates and Alternates to the Louisville, Kentucky National Convention and the 2026-2027 Department Officers.

Registration is just \$10.00 and pre-registration information will be mailed to all Posts.

CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION DINNER has been Cancelled.

AMERICAN LEGION LEADERSHIP COLLEGE – JUNE 5, 6, 7, 2026 -- CLOUD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE -- CONCORDIA, KANSAS. The American Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. members over the age of 21 are invited to attend the College. The cost of the College is \$100 per person which includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and chicken dinner at Concordia Post 76, and Sunday breakfast. In addition, the enrollment fee includes air-conditioned dorm housing at the College, attendees must bring their own sheets, pillow, pillowcase, blanket, bath soap, towels, and personal items. Check in for the College begins at 3:00 PM on Friday, June 5. Dinner will be available from 5:00 until 7:00 PM followed by a meeting of the Department Executive Committee. Sessions for all attendees will commence at 8:15 AM Saturday and 9:00 AM Sunday, June 6 and 7 with a break for lunch on Saturday and conclusion of the College on Sunday no later than noon. Tim Marlar, Department Service Officer will hold a Service Officer School Saturday. A hands-on myLegion.org class will be given along with information on other American Legion programs and activities. Please bring your own laptop or iPad to get the full effect of the training. Of course, the annual migration of the O-Poop-Pah-Doo will gather at the local Pizza Hut for its evening of fun immediately following the DEC meeting Friday. **Please remember to indicate your housing needs. We cannot guarantee housing will be provided if you do not check the box indicating your need for housing at the College.**

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POST ADJUTANTS LETTER: Post Adjutant, are you reading this newsletter at your Post's meeting? As usual during District Conventions many people asked Headquarters Staff why the only source of information, they had was the Sunflower Legionnaire. It is great to learn so many people are reading the paper, but it is your duty to keep your membership informed by reading this monthly Adjutant's Letter and any other mailing sent by Department Headquarters during your Post meetings. Then post the letter on your Post's bulletin board so it can be used as reference and reminder.

BUCKLE UP, LIGHTS ON AND LIVE -- FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026. Information on this great traffic safety program has been mailed to all Posts. Remember this community service program costs you nothing, just a few hours of dedication by four or five of your members. It is a great program that will help strengthen the goodwill in your community while gaining some favorable publicity. Order now while supplies last.

POST CONSOLIDATED REPORTS: All Post Adjutants must complete and return their Post Consolidated Report. The report can also be completed online. They are due now and are very important.

BASEBALL ENTRY FEES are due now. Please go to: "Kansas Legionnaire", click on "Programs", then click on "Baseball" for the complete list of fees. There have been many changes this year. Make sure You are On Time and Incompliance.

MEMORIAL DAY IS MAY 25, 2026. All Posts should observe this special day in some manner.

NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS: The National Convention will be in Louisville, Kentucky, August 28 – September 3, 2026. All Delegates, Alternates and Guests must make housing arrangements through Department Headquarters. If you are interested let us know and you will receive all pertinent information.

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF APRIL 10, 2026: District IV, 951 – 96.06%; District II, 2,871 – 93.98; District V, 2,192 – 92.61%; District III, 1,548 – 92.25%; District I, 1,857 - 91.52%; District XI, 1,459 - 90.85%; District VI, 1,052 - 90.22%; District X, 913 – 88.30%; District VII, 1,133 - 85.64%; District IX, 690 – 83.43% and District VIII, 551 – 82.24%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 1,014. Total membership is 16,252. Membership last year on this date was 16,744. We are BEHIND 492 members.