

THE STATE ADJUTANTS LETTER



KANSAS DEPARTMENT



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JUNE 2026

JUST 916 MORE MEMBERS are needed to reach 17,450 (our Nationally assigned goal). Contact your un-renewed members and mail every available 2026 membership to Headquarters as soon as possible.

STATE CONVENTION: May 29, 30, 31, 2026 at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, 420 S.E. 6th Street in Topeka -- call for housing reservations and mention you are with the American Legion Family to receive the reduced Convention rate of \$94.00 a night.

Saturday's program will begin at 8:30am. Speakers will include National Vice Commander Jerry Landkamer from Nebraska. 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 will also include Convention Committee reports along with other reports and presentations. Delegates will elect Delegates and Alternates to the Louisville National Convention and the 2026-2027 Department Officers.

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

KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION 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. 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 on 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. (THE DEADLINE FOR BOTH HOUSING AND MEALS WAS 20 MAY 2026)!**

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2027 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN: Officially gets underway July 1, 2026. The new membership cards will be picked up or delivered to every Post after the KALC in Concordia in the next couple of weeks. Don't forget to transmit your Post's Officers and Life Member cards to Headquarters immediately and all others at least every two weeks, more often if necessary.

ATTENTION: Early Bird will be determined by your Post's membership transmitted and received at Department Headquarters as of September 15.

NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS: National Convention will be in Louisville, Kentucky, August 28 – 3 September 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.

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 digital 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.

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.

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF MAY 22, 2026: District IV, 967 - 97.68%; District II, 2,917- 95.48%; District V, 2,240 - 94.63%; District XI, 1,511 - 94.08%; District III, 1,571 - 93.62%; District I, 1,884 - 92.85%; District VI, 1,069 - 91.68%; District X, 919 – 88.88; District VII, 1,144 – 86.76%; District IX, 701 – 84.76% and District VIII, 562 - 83.88%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 1,028. Total membership is 16,534. Membership last year this date was 17,120. We are BEHIND 586 members.