



RAYMOND VAIL ELECTED DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Newly elected Department Commander Raymond Vail receives the Commander pin from his wife Linda at the 97th annual State Convention in Topeka.

Raymond Vail was elected Department Commander during the closing session of the 97th annual State Convention in Topeka May 17. Commander Vail is a Life Member of Arma Post #182. He has served his Post as Adjutant, First Vice Commander, and Commander. He also served the Third District as Executive Committeeman, Vice Commander, and Commander, as well as Department Master-At-Arms, and Vice Commander. Raymond earned his eligibility when he enlisted in the Army in 1964.

Robert Munson, a seven year member of Pittsburg Post #64, was elected Department Vice Commander. Robert has served his Post as Commander, Service Officer, Executive Board Chairman, House Committee Chairman, and Office Manager. He also served Third

District as Vice Commander and Commander. Robert just completed a year as Department Master-At-Arms. He earned his Legion eligibility in the United States Navy from 1961-1991.

Keith Melick was elected Area East Vice Commander and will assist Posts in Districts I, II, III, and IV when called upon to do so. Keith is a 14 year member of Leavenworth Post #23, and has served the First District as Vice Commander and Commander.

Gary Foos was elected Area West Vice Commander. Gary will be available to respond to requests for assistance from Posts in District V, VI, VII, and VIII. He is a 14 year member currently with Post #76 in Concordia. He served his Post as Vice Commander and Commander, and the Sixth District

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Sweepstakes Results

The Spring Sweepstakes, held to benefit Children and Youth and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation programs, drawing was done during the Department Convention. The Grand Prize of \$2,500 went to John Ensley of Hoyt.

The second place winner was Marvin Stutheit from Norton who received \$1,000. Donald Cassel, Olsburg, was the recipient of the Third Place drawing of \$500.

Fourth Place winners of the \$250 prize were William Gardner, Emporia; Charles Sweeney, Killeen, Texas; Roy Schauvliege, Jetmore; Dennis Newton, Wathena; and John Meyer of Topeka.

Leon Clark, Tecumseh; Don Caillouet, Lawrence; Richard Belin, El Dorado; Vernon White, Saint John; and Eugene Shapland, Dighton; each received \$200.

Congratulations to all the winners! Headquarters wishes to thank everyone who participated in this opportunity to help fund American Legion Children & Youth as well as VA&R programs.

DEPARTMENT GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE

The tournament will be held on July 18th, and 19th, at Custer Hill Golf Course, 5202 Normandy Dr., Fort Riley, Ks. The tournament is a 36 hole stroke play tournament with 18 holes being played both days. Registration desk will be open at 7:00a.m. and the starting time is a shotgun start both days at 9:00a.m.

The tournament is for all American Legion Members, SAL, ALR, who are of 21 years of age and are in good standing. (Everyone must provide a paid up membership card at time of registration.)

The entry fee is \$125.00 for the tournament. The entry fee covers all green fees and cart fees and lunch for both days. There will be also range ball available both days. Included also in your entry fee you will receive a golf cap and ball when you register on Saturday.

This is a flighted tournament and the number of flights will depend on the number of participants. There will be a separate flight for seniors if enough seniors declare before Saturdays round. (Senior 70 and older)

On Saturday if players so desire they can enter a 2-man Handicapped Best Ball Tournament which will be played

in conjunction with the stroke play tournament. The entry fee for this is \$10.00 per team and this is a 100% pay out.

Due to the times we live getting to the facility has changed this year. For most of us your only access to the Post is through Henry Gate (Exit 301 on I70). Everyone must stop at the Visitors Center to receive a pass before entering Fort Riley (both days). This will take 10 to 20 minutes. If you have been through the gate before the length of time should be shorter.

If you are retired military and have a DOD ID you may enter as always. The Manager of the Golf Course has advised us if we have entrees in at least 2 weeks before he will preregister us at the gate for this tournament and this should help shorten the time spent at the gate.

If you are planning on playing in the tournament you will need to send your entry no later than Friday July 3. Otherwise your time spent at the gate may take longer.

If there are any questions you may contact Carroll Pepsack, 805 N. Kansas Ave., Frankfort Ks. 66427 Phone # 785-292-4665 email lefthandersden@netzero.net

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING PLANNED

The Homecoming Celebration for Department Commander Ray Vail, Auxiliary President Jeanne Haas, and SAL Commander Richard Strothman will be held Saturday July 25th at the Winfield Post #10 which is 10th and Main. The festivities will begin with social hour starting at 5:30PM and dinner at 6:30PM. Dinner includes dinner salad, pork loin or baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans or corn, dessert, rolls, and drink. The cost for this will be \$15.00 per person,

or \$3.00 for children.

The hotels for the event will be the Super 8 located at 3803 S. Pike Road with rates \$67.49 for double bed or \$63.89 for a King bed. Be sure to let them know you are with The American Legion. Their phone number is 800-536-0367. Rates at The Comfort Inn, 3800 S. Pike Road, are: double bed \$85.00 King bed \$89-98 and a Suite \$107.99 per night. The phone number is 620-221-7529, again let them know you are with The American Legion to ensure you

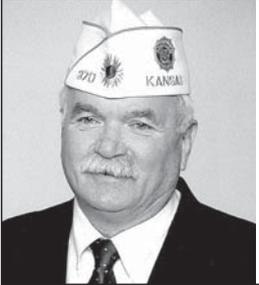
receive the discounted rate. There will be about 50 rooms per hotel, so be sure to make your reservations soon.

A membership turn-in will be conducted during the Homecoming, however Posts are asked not to hold their membership transmittals until the Commander's Homecoming. Instead Posts are to continue transmitting every paid member's dues at least every two weeks.

See page 2 for registration coupon.

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This is my last article to you as your Department Commander. The Department Convention is over and I ask that you support your new Commander as you have supported me this past year. I want to thank you for the rewarding, humbling and memorable experience that being your Department Commander this past year has afforded me. I have been to every corner of the state, and am proud to have met with the most sincerely dedicated Legionnaires and Legion family members that our Organization has to offer. I am so proud of the works that I witnessed in progress and the accomplishments that I saw each District bring to fruition.

A special thank you is to my wife, Norma. She has been my rock this past year, accompanying me on most of my events and supporting me in everything that I have tried to accomplish. She is the reason I was able to do all that I have done as your Department Commander.

I want to thank my Vice Commander, Ray Vail, for all his help and support this year. It has been an honor and a privilege serving with him. We toured with the National Commander throughout our state and met with hundreds of Kansas Legionnaires and Legion Family members. We had the honor of being part of the Kansas Delegation to Washington DC in February, and meeting with National Commander Helm prior to his testifying before the

Veterans Affairs Committee. National Commander Helm is very dedicated to standing up and fighting for our rights, holding our national leaders accountable to the commitments and promises that were made to our Veterans.

I have put over 35,000 miles on the Commander's Car this past year, traveling across Kansas for all the tours and events I have been privileged to have been involved in; as part of the Kansas Party for the National Convention; the delegation to Washington I mentioned earlier; representing Kansas at the pilgrimages for Presidents Lincoln and Truman; as well as visiting posts across the state as a Department Commander is prone to do.

I am very proud to have been on the ground floor of a project that is very close to my heart, the planning of a memorial park in Topeka to honor past National Commander and the father of the GI Bill, Kansas' own Harry W. Colmery.

We need to do everything we can to keep our veteran benefits, to actively recruit the veterans we meet to become members, and to renew our delinquent members.

We have until June 28th to meet and exceed our goal of 34,193 members. I challenge each Kansas Legionnaire to sign up at least one new member or renew one delinquent member in June.

While visiting the McPherson Post 24, I learned of the area's School Days Parade; a community wide event held each year. Well last week I attended and I was totally amazed by the communities' involvement and attendance. Events like this may be common place across this land of our (one can only hope), but understand this...I was raised in Orange County, California and it's still a miracle I turned out the way I have! Hopefully someone will think that's good? Events just like these just don't happen. Yeah, they are depicted in black and white movies made in the fifties. However... men, women and children of all ages were setting out in the cool morning, possibly ten rows deep all sides of the road, up and down for blocks! Some older lady had been setting there with her blanket three hours before the parade began, but let me tell you she had a great spot set out for herself to watch her parade!

McPherson Post did a great job selling brats and burgers again this year as was usual but I understand and did witness competition down the block! Stay innovative Post 24!

Post 24 is also selling pavers of several sizes and with as many emblems you could desire for their new "Walk of Honor" which broke ground February 20, 2015. The sales of the pavers will help cover the cost of the fence and parking lot. Go by take a look and buy one to pay tribute to a family member who served our country!

On June 22, 1944, surrounded by Harry Colmery, National Commander Warren Atherton, former Illinois Gov. John Stelle, and other Legionnaires, President FDR signed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, better known as the GI Bill, into law.

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 ELECTED DEPARTMENT
 COMMANDER**

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as Vice Commander and Commander.

Harold Scheaffer, a 10 year member of Andover Post #406, was elected Department Master-At-Arms. Harold has served the Fifth District as Vice Commander, and most recently

as Commander.

Also elected as Master-At-Arms was George Grimm. Georger is a 12 year member of Leavenworth Post #23. George served the First District as Vice Commander, and just completed serving as Commander.

Greetings American Legion Family.

As this year is ending and the new year is starting I want to thank everyone for all the hard work for last year, it has been an honor serving as your Department Vice Commander. This has been a great year I have traveled across the state and made so many good friends and it has been a fantastic experience for me and I want to thank everyone for your support, your help, and friendship. It has been an honor working with Commander McKimmy this past year he has been a good friend and helped me so much and is a true gentleman.

By the time this paper is out the Conventions will be over and new officers elected. We still have some time left before this year is over. We need every Post to go out and contact your unsigned members for there are a number of Posts in every District that needs 10 or fewer members to reach 100% so don't let them slip out the back door and miss out on your chance to make that goal. If there is someone who can no

longer get out and come to you, this would be a good opportunity to go out and visit them, you both could be better for the visit. We have the leadership college coming up in June. We need all District officers and new Post officers and everyone who wants to make new friends and have a great time to sign up and plan to come and join us. Last year was one of the largest classes yet so let's make this year even bigger I hope to see everyone there.

I look forward to the new challenges this year if elected as your Department Commander. The American Legion Family is made up of the greatest people in the world the Sons of the American Legion, the Ladies Auxiliary, and the Legion Riders when you put us all together you get The American Legion and I am thankful that I have the opportunity to be a part of this great organization. So again thank you for everything and I look forward to this next year working with you all. May God bless you and may he continue to bless our United States of America.

LEGION FAMILY HOMECOMING

**Saturday, July 25
 115 W. 10th Ave., Winfield**

RSVP by July 3

Name _____

Post//Unit/Squadron _____

Guest Names _____

No. of Adults (\$15 each) _____

No. of Kids (\$3 each) _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of _____

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Take Charge of your VHA Healthcare Online

By Janet Barrett

Online technology is becoming a part of our everyday lives. Veterans of all ages and eras are using computers and mobile devices to manage their VHA healthcare online using the My HealtheVet website. My HealtheVet (www.myhealth.va.gov) is a Web health that portal launched nationwide on Veterans Day 2003. It enhances the Veterans' VHA experience and allows them to become active partners in their healthcare.

Specific features in My HealtheVet are available to Veterans based on account type.

All users who have a Basic account are able to view their self-entered information. Some of the Basic account features include the ability to self-enter medical information such as vital signs and use My HealtheVet as a personal health record. The information will not be transmitted to the VA patient's medical chart. Another feature is the Veterans Health Library, a source for trusted medical information.

VA patients with an Advanced account will be able to refill their VA medications online and track their delivery. Advanced account holders will also be able to view limited VA and/or DoD records.

Once a VA patient completes the IPA, they will have a Premium account and access to all features on My HealtheVet. Some of these features include:

- Secure Messaging - communicate non-urgent issues with their health care provider teams (similar to email)
- Blue Button – view and/or download key portions of your VA health records including appointment notes, lab results, radiology reports, and more
- Appointment Calendar – view future scheduled appointments

Using My HealtheVet is more than just managing your healthcare online. Use Secure Messaging and stop playing phone tag with your health care teams. Avoid repeating lab tests with a non-VA provider by printing and sharing your lab results using the Blue Button. Save time by refilling your medications online instead of over the phone.

To get started using My HealtheVet, a VA patient should register a basic or advanced account at www.myhealth.va.gov. If you are a VA patient, you can upgrade your account to Premium by completing the In Person Authentication (IPA) at the closest VHA facility, including all of our community clinics. After the IPA is completed, a VHA staff member will upgrade the Veteran's account to a Premium Account. The Premium account will unlock all features on My HealtheVet.

For more information you can contact your local My HealtheVet Coordinator.

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You can also call the My HealtheVet Help Desk You can also call 1-877-327-0022 Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Central Time) or, 1-800-877-8339 (TTY)

LEGION LAUNCHING TRIBUTE TO OLD GLORY

The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization, is launching a multimedia tribute to Old Glory that will explore the flag's meaning, the price paid for all it symbolizes, and the special place it occupies in our conscience and culture.

The American Legion wants the public to be a part of this tribute to our flag. Social media users are encouraged to post photos of Old Glory, or share what the U.S. flag means to them, on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag #MyUSFlag. Those who want to participate also can pin photos of the flag to the Legion's Pinterest page. (<https://www.pinterest.com/talhq/>).

"Indivisible: The Story of Our Flag," will be a collectible American Legion Centennial bookazine. Through illustrations and text, it will tell the story of the U.S. flag from the American Revolution to the Global War on Terrorism. Voices, unique facts, historical anecdotes and more will team up with beautiful illustrations to tell that story.

Combining with the bookazine will be a web platform housed on www.legion.org that will include videos, frequently asked questions, U.S. Flag Code standards, stories of interest and other valuable resources. A mobile app also will be available as part of the campaign, and will feature information about the display of the flag, photos, videos and flag etiquette.

The American Legion has a long-standing history of flag advocacy. On Flag Day, June 14, 1923, the Legion convened a summit in Washington, D.C., to draft a code of flag etiquette. The Legion and 68 other patriotic, civic and military organizations created the U.S. Flag Code, which was signed into law by Congress on June 22, 1942.

For God and Country.....

By Charles M. Yunker

The National Constitution and Bylaws of this organization more often than not is the "go to" guide when questions arise regarding protocol, authority, etc. For instance Article VIII Section 3 of the Constitution permits Departments such as Kansas the authority to create and charter intermediate bodies between the Posts and the Department for the purpose of promoting the programs of organization. Please note the word "programs." It does not say operation of programs nor the day to day operation of Posts.

Section 4 of the same Article states "The Department Executive Committee shall define the powers of such intermediate groups, but in no event shall such powers invade the prerogatives now vested in the Post or Department or National Organizations." In other words, National, Department and Posts cannot give Districts authority vested in them by the Constitution and Bylaws. Those three entities cannot shirk their duties and responsibilities by granting Districts any more authority than to promote the programs of The American Legion. Further, Districts which were established by the Department, cannot dictate or interfere in any manner of any Post's operations and programs.

Only the Department and Posts are chartered in Kansas; Districts are not, even though they could be but the Department has wisely chosen not to issue District charters. The reasons could fill another column but since this is my last I will try to stick to the subject I wanted to address.

What all of the above means is Districts and their officers do not have the authority to interject themselves into the daily operations, elections, finances, or programs of any Post other than their own individual Post and then they do so only as a member of their Post, not some type of 'official'. Article VIII, Section 3 says they are to promote the programs of the organization meaning to encourage Posts to conduct membership drives and growth. To promote programs such as Boys State, Cadet Law Enforcement, Flag Education, the Oratorical Contest, and so on. District Officers should encourage Posts to consider chartering a Sons of The American Legion Squadron or Rider Chapter. But not to involve themselves in the actual chartering; that prerogative lays with the Department so consistent and correct information can be provided to Posts considering sponsoring programs.

The Preamble to the Constitution includes the words, "to maintain law and order". As with Article VIII and the rest of the Constitution, words have meaning. The Department and Posts are to maintain law and order by operating according to all federal, state, county and local laws. A Post operating illegally risks the possibility of its Charter being revoked (Article IX Section 3).

I don't intend my last column to appear to be on a negative subject; my intentions are just the opposite. My intention is to encourage you to read the National and Department Constitution and Bylaws; they are both on line as is the Officers Guide and Manuel of Ceremonies. Ninety-nine percent of any question you may have now or in the future can be found in those documents.

This organization belongs to you the members; not to those whose personal ambitions or egos are placed before the good of The American Legion.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your Department Adjutant.

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**Total Members: 5,077
Percentage: 96.58%**

Congratulations to all of the newly elected Post and District officers. If you are serving again as your Post officer, thank you for your continued support of The American Legion. I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your District Commander.

This year we had nine Posts reach over 100%, and a few Posts close, which might be there by year end. The membership is not over until June 30, so keep on it. I do know Post membership teams worked really hard this year to build the rolls up. But, you cannot give up even though the odds seem to be against us. There are eligible men and women out in your area as the Second District recruited 248 new members this year alone. Other Districts recruited another 1,257 new members from the State of Kansas.

Check out the Second District website to get the information of the new Officers, as well as upcoming events. If your Post has events which need to be added, contact District Adjutant Ernie Cooper so he can put it on the calendar.

God bless American and God bless our troops.

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**Total Members: 4,349
Percentage: 94.58%**

Thank you all for a great Convention this year in Man-

hattan. The hospitality was wonderful, the lunch served was excellent, and it was heart-felt to see all of you there. Chaplain Jim Edington and Auxiliary Chaplain Mary Martinson did an outstanding job with the memorial service. It is so unfortunate that we have lost so many, but time marches on. A special thanks to Bill Nowland for his granddaughter's participation in the memorial and to the outstanding guest speakers.

Your new officers for 2016 are: Commander Eszter Blair, Vice Commander Tom Tschantz, 1 Yr E Board Dawn Ockomon, 2 Yr E Board Jerry Hugunin, 3 Yr E Board Bill Nowland. We have a great team and will be finishing out this year before we get started again. 2015 was a great year for our District, and I know that 2016 will be even better.

We will be putting out event dates and times in the next few weeks for our District, and remember that I am always available if you need anything. Thank you all again and God bless America!

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**Total Members: 4,150
Percentage: 94.47%**

Post and District Conventions are over and new officers have been sworn in. This does not mean that the 2014-2015 officers can quit working. The Legion year is not over until Jun 30, and there is much work yet to be done. We need the help of everyone to meet the goals and deadlines remaining in this year.

Every Post must file a Post Consolidated Report. At this time only 50% of the Posts in 5th District have done this. If you haven't filed your report yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Membership remains a big part of everyone's duty. **Do not** hold renewals or new

memberships back. They need to be transmitted immediately. There are seven Posts in Fifth District that need three or less memberships to be 100%!! Get all of your Post officers out calling on members who have not renewed—show them that they are important to your Post, and that you really would like them to renew. Currently, we are in third place in the state on membership. It wouldn't take many more memberships to put us in second place; maybe even higher. It will take the efforts of **everyone** working together to get this done. Fifth District hasn't had this opportunity to show what we can do for several years, so please jump in and help us show how committed Fifth District can be.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your District Commander this year. Thanks to all of you.

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**Total Members: 3,221
Percentage: 93.77%**

Greetings Legion Family!!

As we head into the summer months we must all remember 2016 membership starts in July!! After the first wave of renewals hit all of you adjutants, get them transmitted as soon as possible to Department. And then in August and September when they slow down, put together a committee to call and remind your members who haven't renewed it is time. This little effort keeps us from scrambling come 2016.

Department Convention is behind us and we all must support our newly elected officers at each level. Volunteer for a committee spot in your Post, District, and Department. I am sure each needs help filling some chairmanships or members to achieve our goals for 2016.

A special tip of the cap to our Third District as we are honored to have BOTH the De-

partment Commander and Vice Commander for 2015-2016 being our own!! Congrats to Ray Vail, Post 182 and Bob Munson, Post 64 respectfully for being elected to their positions! As a District with such an honor we all need to work hard on our membership and programs to support them as they deserve.

On a personal note, this is my last writing for the Sunflower, as my District Commander year is complete. I have enjoyed my time in service and met many Legion Family members who will be lasting friendships that I will cherish. Best of success to Clint and Larry as they lead the Third District to a great year. We all need to support their efforts and programs to the best of our ability.

God bless America, our troops and our Legion Family.

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**Total Members: 5,734
Percentage: 93.05%**

Hello 1st District and wow what a year. I cannot believe that it has gone by so fast. We still have until June 28 to get this year's memberships in so let's not stop but keep on trucking. We have just finished a very exciting Convention and are starting the fast pace part of the year. I want to congratulate all of the newly elected officers for not just the state but most importantly the District. Commander Jackman will do an excellent job please support all of his adventures. To the whole Legion Family thank you for your support and once again continue your support as I will also.

Some of the upcoming events will be very helpful to all of the newly elected officers at the post level. First and most importantly is the Leadership College. This is not only for officers but for all Legionnaires. Please encourage your membership to attend you will

get a lot of great information from it.

Again thank you for the year and remember that 1st District is and always be the top of the class.

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**Total Members: 1,313
Percentage: 92.86%**

Greetings 8th District.

OOPS! Guess I still had one more article to write. When you read this I'll have one month (officially) as your 8th District Commander. It's been an honor serving as your 8th District Commander. I wish Dan Stacy the best as your new 8th District Commander. He did an excellent job as 8th District Vice Commander.

I want thank the following Posts for making 100% plus: Brownell 111%, Jetmore 100%, Lakin 100%, Meade 103% and Scott City 105%. There were 18 out of 27 Posts that signed up at least one or more new members. Well done! A number of Posts only need one to five renewals or new members to be at 100% for 2014-2015 membership. 8th District only needs 84 renewals or new members to be at last year's level and put us black in first place. There is still time.

Finally I want to thank all 8th District Legionnaires for your support as the 8th District Commander for the past three years. I will still be involved with 8th District Executive Committee as past Commander and take over as Finance Officer for the 8th District, Gaylord Sanneman resigned this position. The future of the 8th District depends on the support of all Legionaries renewing their membership and signing up one new member. To stay informed, one needs to attend as many District and State functions as possible.

GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE AMERICAN LEGION

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**Total Members: 3,739
Percentage: 92.46%**

Hello Sixth District.
Let me begin with how much I have enjoyed being your Commander for the past two years! I have made some very close friends and have had some wonderful experiences. I wish the 6th District the best of luck in the year to come.

As we close in on the end of the year, I would like to congratulate all the Posts which have already met or exceeded the goal of 100%. Fourteen Posts have accomplished this and there are many Posts that need less than seven members to reach that goal, several with less than three needed. There is still time to get your memberships in. Get your renewals taken care of and you can make it. Keeping those members current for consecutive years may be very important to some. Keeping memberships in the pocket for next year is not what is supposed to be done. If you get out and work your membership, 100% is obtainable.

I cannot begin to thank all who have helped me in the previous two years while serving as your Commander. I would like to especially thank Dave Hazelwood, Ray Palmer, Terri Minton, Damon Christensen, my home Post Harrimson/Redd 63, and most of the officers who have served with me. Thank you.

As always I thank you for what you have done in the past and what you will do in the future. God bless the USA, Kansas, and you.

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**Total Members: 2,341
Percentage: 91.09%**

For any District to be successful you must have good communications and be able to get that information out to each Post and its membership. For those who did not make it to our District Convention, here is your list. The new 2015-2016 District Officers are: Terry Warner, Commander, from LaCrosse; Mark Radke, Vice Commander, from Sterling; Pat Briggs, Adjutant, from Lyons; Bruce Branson 1 year Executive Committee from Hutchinson, Edie Cress; 2 year Executive Committee from Lyons; and John Isern; and 3 year Executive Committee from Ellinwood. Other officers include Larry Collins, Finance Officer from Hutchinson; Bill Dirreen, Judge Advocate, from Hoisington; Terry Dunn, Sgt-At-Arms, from Hutchinson; and Michael L. Linn, Chaplain from Manchester, Oklahoma. These are your news officers. Support them the best you can, ask questions anytime on issues which you need help.

One of the main functions of the District is to assist the Posts in the District any way they can. Do not hesitate to call, send an email, or just write a letter. Remember, good communications must travel both ways to work.

Also, along with good communications, keeping good records of what we do is important. That way we have the information we need to submit our reports, on time, to show what the Posts did for the current fiscal year, July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. Don't wait until the last hour to do this. Information has a way of getting lost or misplaced. Start now while it is fresh.

District Membership

District I Total 93.36%

City	Quota	Total	New
Atchison	297	268	10
Axtell	84	81	2
Barnes	25	21	0
Beattie	48	39	0
Bern	16	14	0
Blue Rapids	50	49	1
Centraillia	28	24	0
Clifton	129	114	1
Corning	35	32	0
Everest	29	27	0
Fairview	38	34	0
Frankfort	154	141	3
Goff	16	15	0
Greenleaf	49	46	1
Haddam	15	12	0
Hanover	123	116	1
Hiawatha	53	43	1
Highland	15	17	0
Holton	137	112	2
Horton 7	39	38	2
Horton 415	17	17	0
Lansing	193	181	10
Lvnwrth 23	459	380	16
Lvnwrth 94	56	49	7
Linn	87	76	0
Marysville	329	316	9
Mayetta 410	96	95	1
Mayetta 423	20	22	3
Nortonville	25	26	1
Oskaloosa	25	24	2
Ozawkie	318	299	26
Palmer	20	11	0
Perry	105	90	7
Powhattan	48	38	0
Richland	15	13	0
Robinson	17	18	2
Rossville	169	162	3
Sabetha	55	45	1
Seneca	185	167	5
Silver Lake	51	50	1
Tonganoxie	85	68	2
Topeka 1	843	708	21
Topeka 400	1116	1081	46
Topeka 421	210	226	32
Troy	76	66	0
Vermillion	55	53	1
Washington	41	34	0
Waterville	32	29	0
Wathena	93	90	1
Wetmore	44	39	2
White Cloud	22	22	0
Winchester	15	15	0

District II Total 96.80%

City	Quota	Total	New
Baldwin City	88	82	6
Blue Mound	30	34	5
Centerville	15	10	0
Fontana	18	19	1
Fort Scott	34	40	0
Gardner	191	214	17
Garnett	88	90	3
Iola	213	186	9
KC 111	26	24	1
KC 188	116	103	0
KC 199	231	252	15
KC 213	70	63	7
Lawrence	467	415	5
Lenexa	160	168	10
Louisburg	213	209	7
Moran	94	90	2
Mound City	84	85	6

Olathe	922	877	62
Osawatomie	18	16	0
Ottawa	77	75	2
Ovrld Park	1224	1056	45
Paola	220	225	14
Shawnee	671	612	14
Spring Hill	81	77	11
Wellsville	69	67	3

District III Total 94.26%

City	Quota	Total	New
Arkansas City	415	384	17
Arma	139	128	4
Bxtr Spgs 206	49	63	8
Caney	62	53	3
Cedar Vale	15	11	0
Chanute	454	427	17
Cherokee	69	66	3
Coffeyville	252	237	12
Columbus	141	121	0
Erie	213	192	5
Fredonia	57	48	0
Frontenac	173	138	7
Galena	15	7	0
Girard	132	124	7
Howard	103	82	6
Independence	243	253	27
Moline	37	29	0
Mulberry	24	23	0
Pittsburg 64	377	385	25
Pittsburg 394	20	22	3
Sedan	25	13	1
St. Paul	19	18	0
Walnut	23	24	2
Weir	21	18	1
Winfield	407	372	32

District IV Total 94.85%

City	Quota	Total	New
Abilene	65	61	3
Allen	44	40	0
Alma	56	53	0
Alta Vista	38	39	1
Burdick	33	33	2
Burlington	181	180	18
Chapman	299	265	33
Clay Center	214	194	5
Cttnwd Falls	37	35	0
Council Grove	70	60	0
Dwight	54	44	0
Emporia	596	550	12
Eureka	20	25	3
Florence	43	45	2
Gridley	28	24	0
Harveyville	17	14	0
Havensville	37	47	10
Herington	73	81	11
Hillsboro	141	122	4
Junct City 29	18	4	0
Junct City 45	539	492	55
Lebo	75	70	0
Leonardville	16	30	10
Linconville	20	16	2
Longford	18	16	0
Lyndon	65	73	8
Madison	15	22	9
Manhattan	794	749	29
Maple Hill	17	18	4
Marion	53	48	1
Melvern	41	38	0
Ogden	68	52	9
Olpe	38	37	1
Olsburg	19	21	4
Osage City	143	143	4
Overbrook	89	89	2
Peabody	59	49	1
St. George	107	90	1
Tampa	33	33	0

Toronto	49	37	1
Wamego	107	97	13
Waverly	43	38	3
Westmoreland	27	28	0
White City	81	83	5
Yates Center	79	76	3

District V Total 94.81%

City	Quota	Total	New
Andover	161	122	3
Augusta	60	58	4
Belle Plaine	24	23	0
Burrton	15	11	0
Canton	55	51	2
Cheney	46	51	1
Clearwater	47	46	0
Conway Spgs	16	15	0
Drby/Hysville	323	347	29
El Dorado	316	301	29
Halstead	73	65	1
Lindsborg	151	123	6
Marquette	71	72	4
McPherson	399	354	13
Moundridge	19	17	0
Mt. Hope	29	27	0
Mulvane	503	462	23
Newton	361	320	14
Oxford	25	23	0
Sedgwick	132	113	6
Valley Center	20	34	3
Wellington	254	244	4
Whitewater	83	86	3
Wichita 4	254	279	28
Wichita 256	262	211	19
Wichita 273	248	262	43
Wichita 401	428	372	25
Wichita 422	35	41	4
Wichita 424	24	35	5

District VI Total 92.61%

City	Quota	Total	New
Agra	33	30	0
Almena	37	9	0
Alton	20	21	2
Atwood	114	93	0
Belleville	34	26	0
Beloit	36	42	2
Bird City	31	17	0
Burr Oak	17	17	0
Cawker City	70	59	1
Colby	149	154	10
Concordia	469	433	22
Cuba	83	80	1
Delphos	18	17	0
Dorrance	21	20	0
Ellsworth	122	144	3
Esbon	33	26	0
Glen Elder	43	38	0
Goodland	62	57	1
Grainfield	55	46	0
Hays	453	470	77
Hill City	41	42	0
Holyrood	62	55	3
Hoxie	15	13	1
Hunter	18	17	0
Jennings	25	20	0
Jewell	40	33	0
Kanopolis	45	1	0
Kensington	104	90	2
Lebanon	18	18	0
Lincoln	27	31	1
Logan	27	24	0
Long Island	39	40	3
Lucas	17	10	1
Luray	21	19	0

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District Membership

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McDonald	26	22	0
Miltonvale	16	15	0
Natoma	19	17	0
Nicodemus	15	19	6
Norton	185	179	7
Oakley	16	15	0
Oberlin	131	116	1
Osborne	110	96	2
Phillipsburg	21	34	11
Plainville	18	16	1
Quinter	36	31	0
Republic	17	14	0
Rexford	18	16	0
Russell	155	142	1
Salina62	466	409	8
Scandia	61	50	0
Selden	26	28	4
Sharon Spgs	15	13	0
Smith Center	69	52	1
St. Francis	15	18	1
Stockton	18	17	0
Sylvan Grove	48	38	4
Tescott	25	21	0
Tipton	19	17	0
WaKeeney	81	67	1
Wilson	83	71	0

District VII Total 91.21%

City	Quota	Total	New
Anthony	24	16	0
Attica	32	29	3
Burdett	21	24	5
Cunningham	17	19	2
Ellinwood	132	132	9
Garfield	25	20	0
Geneseo	43	37	1
Great Bend	339	334	8
Greensburg	34	30	0
Hardtner	15	9	0
Harper	72	74	6
Haviland	21	21	2
Hoisington	120	109	2
Hutchinson	946	874	53
Isabel	50	44	0
Kingman	31	24	2
Kinsley	36	29	0
Kiowa	23	22	0
La Crosse	35	36	5
Larned	84	78	2
Little River	43	35	0
Lyons	47	25	0
Macksville	19	17	0
McCracken	20	15	0
Med. Lodge	31	29	2
Pratt	112	79	0
Preston	15	9	0
Protection	15	9	0
Sharon	15	9	0
St. John	15	9	1
Stafford	60	51	0
Sterling	120	96	5

District VIII Total 93.71%

City	Quota	Total	New
Bazine	68	65	2
Brownell	38	42	3

Bucklin	60	53	3	Meade	34	35	2
Copeland	76	74	3	Minneola	22	16	0
Dighton	83	68	1	Ness City	68	64	0
Dodge City	145	137	4	Plains	17	15	0
Elkhart	18	13	0	Rolla	15	4	0
Ft. Dodge	28	25	3	Satanta	36	35	0
Fowler	24	23	1	Scott City	22	23	0
Garden City	282	241	13	Sublette	65	51	0
Hugoton	28	22	5	Syracuse	24	22	1
Jetmore	42	42	1	Tribune	15	14	1
Lakin	15	15	1	Ulysses	103	95	5
Leoti	15	10	0	Utica	35	33	4
Liberal	95	88	5				



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Legionnaires,
I am a little sad to write this last article for the Sunflower. By the time you read this the Department Convention will be just a memory. The Sons of the American Legion will have a new Commander to take the lead. It has been my privilege and honor to have served the past two years. I hope I have represented the American Legion Family well. I am sure my Father and Grandfather would be proud of what I have done. I will miss traveling with Tonia and Emery, we had a blast and

met some of the finest people in the world. I look forward to continuing the work of The American Legion in whatever role I have in the future.

Sadly as I write this the Sons have not met or membership goal for the year and made our 37th All Time High. I'm sure we will get there by the end of the year but it would have been nice to be able to announce it from the stage at the Convention.

Thank you to all who supported me these last two years. God bless you.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Tonia Ison
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Legion Family,
It has been an honor to serve as Department President for 2014-2015; I have many memories that will last a lifetime. There are many wonderful members in this organization who have mentored me and I am very thankful to them.

Our main goal this year has been to advocate for our veterans and I plan to continue advocating for them. Our veterans are the reason we have the freedoms we enjoy today and many have sacrificed their lives for that freedom.

We have seen many Posts, Units, Son's, Riders all work together as a family and ac-

complished many great things. My hope is this will continue in the following year and years to follow. I want to thank Department Commander Emery McKinny and Squadron Commander Doug Evans for a wonderful year of laughter and tears; it has been an honor to serve with you. Please continue to work on membership and the programs of this great organization. Each and every one of our members will always be a very important part of this organization. I hope to see many of you at National Convention in Baltimore.

Thank you for all you do for our veterans.

Junior Three Position Air Rifle National Championships

By Shayne Abrahams Sr., Assistant Director, Youth Activities, Americanism Division

I'm very happy to announce that the field for the 25th Annual American Legion Junior Three Position Air Rifle National Championships has been set!

The Championship will be held July 21 - 25, 2015 at the USA Shooting range facility located at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The winners in both the Precision and Sporter category will each receive a \$5,000 college scholarship provided in part by The American Legion and The Sons of the American Legion. The two winners will also receive an expense paid trip to Baltimore, Maryland, in Baltimore they will be honored as part of the Youth Champions Delegation during the American Legion National Convention.

I'm also happy to report that for the first time in the championship's 25-year history, an annual \$1,000 college scholarship will be awarded to the second place finishers in both the Sporter and Precision categories.

Colmery Donations

Following is a list of donations received since the May issue of the Sunflower Legionnaire for the Harry W. Colmery memorial, with one exception. It was incorrectly listed that Marvin Jardon had donated \$0. He actually donated \$100. The Sunflower offers its deepest apologies for this error.

Grace Adkins, \$100; Georgann Bell, \$200; Norman Ar-

ries. This scholarship is being generously provided by The American Legion Auxiliary.

In the preliminary postal round for the 2015 competition, 1,503 athletes entered the individual competition and 375 teams entered the team competition, additionally, the 2016 national championship will be held July 19 - July 23 and the 2017 national championship will be held July 18 - 22 at the USA Shooting range facility located at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

And lastly, the inaugural Junior Shooting Sports Chairmen's Conference will be held September 19 - 20, 2015 at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel. Additional information will be posted on the program website. This is the same weekend as the annual Children & Youth Conference.

For the complete listing of this year's competitors, please see the attached spreadsheet, I'm available should you have any questions.....thanks for all you do!

nold, \$50; Chuck Eaton, \$100; Olathe Post #153, \$100; Goodland Post #117, \$25; Micheal Kincaid, \$100; Barbara Stuber, \$100; and Ken Nelson, \$100.

Contributions are still being accepted, mail to Department Headquarters. Make checks to American Legion Colmery Fund, 1314 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66612. All donations are tax deductible.

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**U.S. Senate Chaplain:
True Freedom Comes
From God**

By Ariel R. Rey,
Christian Post Reporter
July 4, 2011

Rear Admiral Barry C. Black, the 62nd Chaplain of the United States Senate, reflected on the true meaning of Inde-

pendence Day and asked if Americans are “free indeed” during a Sunday sermon.

Black began his sermon by recalling that on July 4, 1776, America declared freedom from Great Britain and democracy was born. As a result, Americans had the freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly and freedom of petition.

Yet “in spite of the marvelous freedom we have in this great land, there is still slavery in America because people are enslaved by sin, and the word of God declares if you are addicted to sin you are a slave of sin,” said Black in an In Touch Ministries special Independence Day program.

By recognizing that sin still enslaves us and that although we may be socially free we are not spiritually free, Independence Day “is not just a declaration of something that just happened centuries ago, but something that has happened in the here and the now,” he said.

The Chaplain cited John 8:31-36: “To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’ They answered him, ‘We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?’ Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ’”

Black conditioned that once the son makes you free, then anyone can truly celebrate Independence Day “because then you are free indeed. If you are a slave to sin, then you are not free” regardless if the government says otherwise.

“Sin does not care that your name is America. Sin reproaches any people,” the Senate Chaplain declared.

An example of a free person in the Bible is Joseph, Black offered, when Joseph was in prison he was freer than his warden.

In order for anyone to experience true freedom, people must follow a minimum of three guidelines: first, people must begin their discipleship with belief in Jesus. He emphasized that it’s not about increasing church members but the number of true followers of Christ. “Doers of the word and not just hearers,” he said.

Being a follower means abiding by God’s word. It means eating spiritual food every day and not just physical, Black explained. It is about getting through the entire love letter, the Bible, God gave to us.

Secondly, it is important to not be ignorant of our bondage, in other words, to avoid false notions of freedom. “If you are to experience true freedom you must go to the source of true freedom,” he said.

Finally, and most importantly, we must go to the source of true freedom, which is the son of God, whom we crucified with our sins so he can set us free.

He concluded his sermon by summarizing, “Start your discipleship with belief in Jesus. Abide in his word. Don’t be ignorant of your bondage. Avoid false freedom. And come to know him ... for if the son has set you free, every day is Independence Day for you, [and you] are free indeed.”

**Renew Online
and Save**

Renewal notices for the 2016 membership/fiscal year will arrive later this month or the first week of July. All members are asked to renew when their dues notice arrives so National Headquarters doesn’t mail them a “reminder” later. One quick way to renew is to do so online.

Opting to renew online not only saves members time and the cost of writing and mailing a check, it also helps reduce National’s printing and mailing costs.

To renew online simply log on to www.legion.org/renew and take it from there; if you wish to opt for automatic renews you can do so when renewing.

HISTORIAN

JOE JOHNSTON

Jimmy Carter had been in office less than 24 hours when he granted “full, complete, and unconditional pardon,” to all draft evaders between 1964 and 1973 by a Presidential Proclamation. A Senate resolution protesting the pardon was defeated by a two vote margin. The American Legion response was immediate and disapproving. The pardon stirred up deep feelings across the country. A barrage of letters were received by newspapers and members of Congress. The 1973 National Convention passed Resolution 41 which spoke of responsibility and obligation for serving in the military when called on to do so and opposed any amnesty or freedom from prosecution for those who illegally avoided the draft or deserted from the armed forces.

Less than a year after the draft pardon, President Carter gave control of the Panama Canal to the country of Panama. Which irritated the Legion membership further. In spite of being a veteran himself, he certainly didn’t care what the veterans thought of him.

**100% REPORTING POSTS
HONORED DURING
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

Honored during Department Convention were Posts that sent Department Headquarters a list of their 2014-2015 Post Officers by June 1, 2014; filed a Service Officer Report by March 1, 2015; a Children & Youth Report by their respective 2015 District Convention; and a Post Consolidated Report by May 1, 2015 qualified as a 100% Reporting Post.

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LegionCare: \$5,000.00 Accidental Death Benefit at NO COST To You

Your Department of The American Legion works hard to provide the most comprehensive benefits to you and its members, and as a Legionnaire in good standing, you are eligible for LegionCare.

All dues-paying Department members have the opportunity to enroll in LegionCare; a complimentary NO COST accidental death benefit provided to members of your Department. Take advantage of \$5,000.00 of Accidental Death Insurance if a covered accident occurs while traveling on Official American Legion Business*, or \$1,000.00 for all other covered accidents, all at NO COST to you.

Your Department is committed to protecting Legionnaires and their families, so they've worked with the Legionnaire Insurance Trust to arrange this benefit for you.

Don't pass up your opportunity to activate LegionCare! You are guaranteed this NO COST benefit with no health questions, no hidden qualifications ... and no reason to pass up your opportunity for this important benefit.

Although coverage is available at NO COST to you and paid for by the American Legion,

you must enroll to receive the benefit. Visit www.theLIT.com or call toll-free at 1-800-235-6943 today to activate up to \$5,000.00 in protection at NO COST to you.

*For purposes of the Legionnaire Insurance Trust, a member of The American Legion, with current year's dues paid, could be eligible for the \$5,000.00 Accidental Death benefit if he/she is traveling to, attending, or returning from an official function at which the Legionnaire represents his/her Post, District, Department, or National Organization in an official capacity.

WIRELESS AGREEMENT BENEFITS MEMBERS AND LEGION PROGRAMS

The Kansas American Legion is continuing its affiliation with ANI Mobility by offering mobile phone service on the nation's largest cellular network, at truly competitive rates. Customers of ANI Mobility, who sign up through the Kansas American Legion, will be pleased to know that a portion of every dollar they spend on wireless service with ANI Mobility will go back to the Kansas American Legion to help support our programs.

ANI Mobility provides nationwide cellular phone service on the nation's largest wireless network. ANI Mobility also offers reasonably priced phones and smart-phone devices. All service plans are designed to help customers manage their cellular phone service budgets with plans starting as low as \$29.99 per month.

Shared business and family plans are available. Plus you will be supported by ANI Mobility's US based Customer Care Department that is specialized in serving small to mid-sized businesses for over 17 years. Best of all, your account will be handled by one dedicated representative, so you'll always work one-on-one with a specialist who is familiar with the specific needs of your business.

All Kansas American Legion Family members who sign on with ANI will receive every 12th bill free (based on the average of the previous 11 invoices). That alone should reduce your annual wireless costs in addition to ANI's already low rates.

For more information call 866-788-0435, or contact info@animobility.com

Leadership College June 5-7

This year's American Legion Leadership College will take place at Cloud County Community College in Concordia June 5-7. **There is another event going on during the time of the AALC, so please contact Department NOW if you need housing other than what is available at the college.**

This year National is offering Leadership Education And Development, (LEAD) which is a one day training session designed to provide professional development training for members at any and all levels. Every member who attends the LEAD sessions will receive a special pin from National Headquarters.

A representative from National will present an overview regarding Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation. A special presentation on Public Relations will also be included.

Internal Affairs & Membership will delve into the finer points of Post Operations. The process for developing effective Post membership teams will also be addressed.

The American Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members over the age of 21 are invited to attend the College. An enrollment coupon is provided below for your convenience. Cost of the College is the same as it has been for years, \$40.00 per

person which includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and Bar-b-que 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, pillow case, blanket, bath soap, towels and personal items.

Check in for the College begins at 3pm on Friday, June 5. Dinner will be available from 5 until 6pm followed by a meeting of the Department Executive Committee. Sessions for all attendees will commence at 8:15am Saturday and 8:30am Sunday, June 6 and 7 with a break for lunch on Saturday and conclusion of the College on Sunday no later than noon.

Damon Christensen, Department Service Officer, will hold a refresher course Saturday on the eight most frequently used VA forms.

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 check the appropriate box in the registration below regarding housing. We cannot guarantee housing will be provided if you do not check the box indicating your need for housing at the College.

LEADERSHIP COLLEGE REGISTRATION
 ENCLOSED IS MY \$40 REGISTRATION FOR THE
 AMERICAN LEGION LEADERSHIP COLLEGE
 JUNE 5-7

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Member of _____

Post, Squadron, Unit (circle one)

Post Service Officer Training _____ Yes or No

YES, I will need housing at the College

NO, I will not need housing at the College

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