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Marri Krupco, Department Commander



Jeremy Ehart, Department Vice Commander

MARRI KRUPCO RE-ELECTED

Marri Krupco was re-elected Department Commander during the closing session of the 102nd annual State Convention in Topeka on May 16. Commander Krupco is a 22-year-member of Blue Mound Post #279 where she has been the Adjutant for 11 years. Marri served in the United States Navy from 1998 to 2002. Prior to being elected Department Commander, she served as Department Vice Commander as well as various District offices.

Jeremy Ehart, a 15-year member of Hutchinson Post

#68, was re-elected Department Vice Commander. Jeremy served in the United States Marine Corps.

Gary Foos was re-elected as Area West Vice Commander. Gary will be available to respond to requests for assistance from Posts in District V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX. He is a 25-year member currently with Post #392 in Bazine.

Randy Frank was re-elected Area East Vice Commander and will assist Posts in Districts I, II, III, IV, and X when called upon to do so. He is an 18-year member at Hillsboro Post #366.



Gary Foos, Area West Vice Commander



Randy Frank, Area East Vice Commander

SWEEPSTAKES SUPPORTS KANSAS' VETERANS, YOUTH

The Spring Sweepstakes provides much needed funding for Kansas Department's state-wide Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation programs as well as Children and Youth programs.

In a partnership with the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office, the Kansas American Legion employs four Veterans Service Officers and their staff to assist veterans obtaining their earned veterans' benefits. Under this program, the American Legion maintains an office in each of the three VA hospitals in Kansas. This important service is available to any veteran, free of charge.

Sweepstakes proceeds also go to the Department Children and Youth (C&Y) fund. Department C&Y pays for the State Oratorical Contest, various scholarships, and the Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program. These worthy programs could not exist without the generous support of Kansas Legionnaires.

The drawing was held in Topeka, May 16, during the Department Convention. The Grand Prize of \$2,500 went to Charles Komp of Wichita.

The second place winner was Gene Chrisman from Topeka who received \$1,000. Keith VanHorn of Ozawkie, was the recipient of the Third Place drawing of \$500.

Winners of the five \$250 prizes were Everett Neill of Burlingame, John Morrison of Lexington, KY, Henry Sipple of Leavenworth, Terry Crowder of Topeka, and Paul Brohman of Downs.

Winners of the five \$200 prizes were Donald Cooper of Manhattan, Richard Hoyt of Manhattan, Roy Shawn of Wilson, Roger Young, Jr. of Salina, and Jeffrey Illk of Emporia. Henry Sipple received an additional bonus of \$200 for being present at the drawing.

CAMPORAMA WITH US

Camporama remains an economical mini-vacation opportunity for all American Legion Family members. Now in its 47th year, Camporama takes place over the Labor Day weekend, 3-6 September. The festivities will be held in the Wakefield City Park adjacent to Milford Lake.

Registration is still \$15.00 per adult as it has been for years; for those under 16 and at least 10 years old the charge is \$5.00, and for those under ten for price is \$2.00. Additionally there is a \$20.00 per camper per night Corps of Engineering fee. Registrations must be made by August 15, by calling the Park Manager at 785-461-5774.

The Wakefield City Park includes individual pads for trailers and campers, plenty of shade trees, water, shower rooms, rest rooms, telephones, etc. If you have a self contained motor home or a pup tent Camporama provides great entertainment opportunities for the entire family including boating, fishing and Frisbee contests, swimming, card games, horseshoe pitching, and bingo.

Registration begins on Friday, September 3, with free hot dogs available while everyone settles in for a weekend of fun. Registration continues on Saturday and planned activities will include contests, games, supper, and a White Elephant Bingo (please bring prizes).

Sunday will include a pancake feed, church services, more contests and games, a catered supper, prizes and a Camporama Critique. On Monday free coffee and donuts will be available as everyone breaks camp at their leisure.

The Camporama site can be accessed from I-70 by taking exit 295 which is one mile west of Junction City. From I-70 drive north 15 miles on Highway 77 and turn left onto Highway 82 and its just 3 miles to the Registration point.

The Department Camporama Committee members include Chairman Wiley Simhiser of Lehigh, Charles Reinhardt of Salina, and Bryan Page of Wichita.

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Greetings Department of Kansas!

It has been an exciting year serving as your Department Commander and I'm looking forward to what the future holds in my second term. I can't thank you enough for trusting me to lead this great organization for another year!

This past quarter has been a busy one and I'm so glad we have been able to meet in person. I had a great time at the District Conventions and am looking forward to working with the newly elected District officers. Most of the Department officers are recycled like myself but I would just like to take a moment to welcome Rick Miller (Master-at-Arms), Dan Stacy (Historian), and Debra Muylaert (Chaplain) to the Department Leadership team. I would also like to thank the 2020-2021 Department Leadership team, together we have done an outstanding job all while dealing with a pandemic. Although Leadership College had its challenges, the changes that the Committee and Department Leadership made to the structure was a great success, thank you to all the presenters and those working behind the scenes to make it all possible. Wrapping up the last quarter was Cadet Law, Girls' State, and the Legacy Run, all three were highly successful events. The Cadet Law class was small but mighty and virtual Girls' State had a few glitches but managed to pull off a fun and educational week for young women all over the state. The American Legion Riders raised over \$31,000 on the in-state Legacy Run, that is quite an accomplishment!

Before I move on to what the summer will bring us, I

wanted to send out a special thanks to two outstanding Legionnaires. Joe Johnston and Glenn Patterson served the Department of Kansas as Historian and Chaplain for many years, and they both decided to retire at Department Convention in May. We can't thank them enough for the years of dedicated service to our organization, but I am confident that Dan and Debra will do a great job filling those shoes.

I'm looking forward to meeting with the District Commanders & Vice-Commanders at the end of July for the Kansas Membership Workshop in Salina. National has made this event virtual again this year but be watching your email inbox for details about the event we will be holding that will utilize National's training along with some of our own, and we will get to see part of the Kansas American Legion Baseball Tournament that same weekend right there in Salina!

I'm accepting RSVPs for the Legion Family Homecoming until August 6th. Homecoming is a luncheon on August 14th in Ellsworth, we are having a Pasta & Salad Bar with Garlic Bread and Cookies. (With a pasta bar, you get to pick your pasta, pick your sauce and pick your toppings.) Annette, James and I are excited that Senior Past Department Commander Marvin Jardon will be joining us as the guest speaker. Flyers and RSVP instructions can be found on the Department website kansaslegion.org.

Information on all the summertime Department events can be found on the website. Speaking of the website, it will continue to see upgrades over

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Greetings Legionnaires'

What a great year we all had. As a Department we had five District's that hit their goal and made 100% this year, what a great effort and congratulations to all those Districts. The other 4 Districts each equally had a good membership year with all of them achieving over 90% of their goals, 3 of the 4 reaching over 95% this year. I have high hopes for next year and think the numbers will be just as high at the end of next year!

Membership packets, containing the 2022 membership cards were passed out to Posts attending Leadership College. If your Post was not represented at the College, contact your District Commander to get the packet for your Post. Let's start getting those 2022 life member cards out first and get all those "Goose Eggs" off the membership lists early. You can also save time and renew your membership online, this also saves your Post time and money. All you need to do to renew online is go to our brand new web domain of www.kansaslegion.org. At the top of the page, go to the membership tab and in the dropdown menu press renew membership. You will need your membership number, last name, and a form of payment. This will also prevent additional renewal notices in the mail. If you do it with postal mail, it takes much longer and you might get a renewal notice after you have already paid which is not only annoying for you, but it can also be confusing to everyone involved.

I would like to invite you all to the Vice Commander's Legion Family Homecoming on October 16, 2021, which also includes Marcia Cottrell, the American Legion Auxilia-

ry Department Vice President and Jim Gallentine, the S.A.L. Detachment Vice Commander. We are hosting the homecoming at the Greyhound Hall of Fame, which is directly adjacent to the Eisenhower Memorial in Abilene. If you have never been to the Presidential Museum or the Greyhound Museum, then this may be your special opportunity to visit. Both are great facilities and we hope to see you there this October.

As always I'm here for you! If you have questions, comments, or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out. If you would like for me to attend an event at your Post or District, please let me know. I can always be reached on our new Department provided emails, departmentvicecommander@kansaslegion.org and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for all you do, Semper Fi!



AMERICAN LEGION DAYS at the State Fair

The following is a list of scheduled days that each District is responsible for manning the American Legion Booth at the State Fair in Hutchinson:

- Fri, Sept. 10..... 3rd District
- Sat, Sept. 11 1st District
- Sun, Sept. 12 ... 7th District
- Mon, Sept. 13 .. 6th District
- Tues Sept. 14... 5th District
- Wed, Sept. 15 ..2nd District
- Thu, Sept. 16. 10th District
- Fri, Sept. 17..... 9th District
- Sat, Sept. 18 8th District
- Sun, Sept. 19 ... 4th District

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Department of Veteran's Affairs Travel Pay

The VA travel pay reimbursement program pays Veterans back for mileage and other expenses to and from approved health care appointments. Click on the link below to find out if you're eligible.

[VA Travel Pay Reimbursement | Veterans Affairs](#)

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Greetings American Legion Family,

We are getting started with the new Membership year and I'm excited. After last year of not being able to travel, I am looking forward to visiting as many Squadrons as I can. I hope to see a lot of you at the Department Homecoming in August. The end of August will send some of us to Phoenix for the National Conven-

tion. If you would like me to come to your Homecomings please let me know as soon as you have it set. There are a lot of events going on in the fall so let's see if we can get off to a good start with our membership. So be sure to get all of the those dates on your calendar or in your planner. In closing I'm ready to get out there and help any way I can to support our Veterans.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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The purpose of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is:

"To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children and youth; to improve the lives of children and youth through funding projects or in other ways, including youth activities and programs sponsored by The American Legion."

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was developed as a repository of funds from individuals who wished to contribute to the

betterment of children in this country. To that end, the foundation considers hundreds of requests each year and allocates grants based on need. Unfortunately, many worthy projects are turned down due to a lack of funding. But hope remains: Your donations can make the difference. Members of the American Legion Family are the prime contributors to the success and growth of our foundation. Your support continues projects that improve the quality of life for our nation's children.

ADJUTANT'S BRIEFS

By Department Adjutant Jimmie L. Foster

Now, that the 103rd Department Convention is behind US and WE have a New Slate of Department Officers to lead US into and through the 2021-2022 Membership Year it is time to keeping finding Veterans that want to join Our Great Organization.

The Delegates of the Convention were given the opportunity to hear their National Leaders from two Entities of The American Legion Family. Legion National Vice Commander Bruce Feuerbach from Iowa, and Sons of The American Legion National Vice Commander Chris Cook from the Department of Oklahoma enlightened US with a vast amount of knowledge about their individual Organizations and thanked the Department of Kansas for their support and camaraderie.

All Our Guests stated that they looked forward to returning to the Great State of Kansas, so all of you must be doing things right. Keep up the Great Work!!!

The Kansas Law Cadet Program did not have that many Cadets, but they were strong and mighty. They were well educated and highly motivated young Adults representing their individual Cities and Towns across the State of Kansas very well. Every time I attend one of these events, I get rejuvenated that there is still hope for America's youth.

The American Legion Leadership College in Independence was also well attended and those there was eager to learn new things to help Our Organization continue to march forward. All the presenters did a superb job of making it interesting and informational.

At the D.E.C. (Department Executive Committee) Meeting many topics were on the agenda. The biggest was the presentation and approval of the Department Budgets for the Operation Year 2021-2022 by Department Finance Chairman Jim Buterbaugh.

The Information Letter has been mailed to those that were selected as Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. National Staff has worked hard to ensure that those attending will be rewarded with informational and fun times for The American Legion. Make sure you pay close attention to the submission dates. These dates are non-negotiable by Department and National for contract purposes.

Boys State was rescheduled from 6 to 11 June to 1 to 7 August 2021 to make sure that the Stators were able to have live sessions instead of Virtual or Zoom Meetings at Kansas State University. More details to follow!

The Erie Bean Feed is scheduled from 16 & 17 July 2021 in Erie, Kansas. This is the 149th Year for the Soldiers and Sailors Ceremonies. Next year will be their Sesquicentennial and they are anticipating a huge crowd. It you have never attended be sure to put it on your calendar.

The Department Commanders Homecoming will be held on August 14 at Ellsworth Post # 174. A clip out is on the last page of this Sunflower Legionnaire.

The Kansas State Fair is a go this year. Each District is responsible for manning the Booth for a day. PLEASE contact your District Com-
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Greetings 1st District!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Legionnaires of the 1st District for re-electing me as the District Commander for 2021-2022. I'm sure I can speak for the rest of the 1st District Officers in saying that we look forward to serving you this coming year. As most of you know, the 1st District split as of July 1st. The new 1st District is composed of the 21 Posts in Doniphan, Atchison, Leavenworth, Jefferson, Shawnee, and Jackson counties. I have been sending out details of this coming year to Post Commanders and Adjutants by email. If you have not been receiving these emails, I don't have a current email address for you. If this is the case, please contact me and we will get you on the email list.

I would like to thank all the 1st District Posts that worked so hard on membership this last year. We were so close to our 100% membership goal in 2020-2021 and I know we can and will achieve it in 2021-2022.

We will be having a District meeting on July 10th at Oskaloosa Post #36 beginning at 2:00 pm. This will be the first chance we have had to get together for a meeting this year. The State Fair will be held in September this year in Hutchinson. The 1st District will be running the booth this year on Saturday, September 11th. We will need volunteers to work the booth and these volunteers can be Legion, Auxil-

iary, or S.A.L. members. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know by July 10th.

As always, if a Post or member have a question or need assistance, the District Officers are available to help anytime. Once again, thank you for putting your faith in me this coming year and please have a safe and happy 4th of July! God bless you and God bless the United States.

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Greetings Third District Legion Family,

Thank you for the support you gave me and all the Officers the past year. This last year has really been a change in the ways things were done in the past. With the end of all the COVID restrictions we look forward to having a much better year. Thank you for giving all last year's officers another chance at leading our District. Stay safe and healthy this summer.

In September, as in the years past, the Legion will be manning a booth at the

State Fair. All Districts will be in charge of the booth for a day. We, the 3rd District, have the honor of manning the booth on the opening day. If you are able to assist please let one of the Officers know. We need all the help and support you are able to give.

Don't forget membership is what keeps us going. If you know any veterans not already a member ask them to join. We need your help in keeping membership up. As of this writing 3rd District is over 99% of our goal for 2021. We are less than 15 members of being at 100%. If each Post were able to add just 1 more member we would exceed the goal. Don't forget the National Convention will be held this year in Phoenix, AZ this year. Until next issue.

"For God and Country"

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Greetings Fourth District. Even though we did not have elections for District Commander and District Vice Commander, I want to thank all you of for the chance to turn around our District from the past year. Normally, Fourth District has been around the top in the Membership standings, and we will get there this year. With everything getting back to somewhat normal, we need to get out and visit our Posts and introduce ourselves. Membership is of upmost importance. Use this time to call your members and do a

"Buddy Check "and while talking to them encourage their renewal. Posts should be making it easier by doing the membership online. If your Adjutant does not know how to or has not and wants to learn let me know we will give them a crash course. Upcoming events include the District Homecoming which will be at Post 17 in Manhattan, Kansas at on October 23rd starting at noon. Come out and meet not only myself but District President Kay Busby and S.A.L. Commander Randy Porter. If your Post is having an event and you would like to put it out District wide let us know we will spread it out and place it on our District Facebook page. Our District Officers will be getting out to visit each of our Posts as much as possible to assist you in any way possible. Lastly, let us have a great year.

"Moving Forward."

Matthew Burany

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Greetings 7th as we close out 2021 membership year I want to thank all the Post for all the hard work this year we are still in 1st place in membership at Department at 105% and have 19 Post at or above 100% that is outstanding.

As 7th District Commander I have been so proud of our Posts and the team work put fourth to achieve what we have.

July 1st we kick off our 2022 membership year and I'm looking forward to helping our Posts get the members they need to keep their Post alive.

July 10th the 7th District DEC and membership team will meet at Post 128 Sterling to lay out a plan to revitalize 7th District.

If you have not set up your Department E-Mail or the New My Legion please do so. If you need assistance you can call or E-Mail Commander Mike Jury or Vice Commander Angela Evans.

Our Day to work the State Fair this year is Sept 12 so if you would like to help contact Angela she has the schedule for the day.

Thanks again for all the hard work and dedication.

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District 8 Vice-Commander Donna Hernandez and I spent rewarding time with Post Officers when we delivered membership renewal packets. With the help of Department Historian Dan Stacy, Donna and I have made deliveries to all Posts. Posts were returning to normal after several hardship months caused by COVID-19. Despite hardships, patriotic Legionnaires were able to honor their comrades in many Memorial Day services.

Several District 8 Chapters of American Legion Riders joined other Western Kansan chapters in the 16th Annual Veterans for Life Benefit Ride for the Kansas Solders Home at Ft. Dodge. The June 6 ride raised \$14,500 to benefit Ft. Dodge Veterans. The Legion Riders also donated 1,000 hamburger patties to Ft. Dodge.

The relaxing of pandemic restrictions allowed the District 8 Honor Guard to participate in more veteran funerals. Sixteen members of the District 8 Honor Guard continued to demonstrate excellence by performing at 104 funerals. These patriots didn't limit their service to District 8 but also honored some of their comrades in Districts Six and Seven. They covered funerals from the Colorado border to St. John and from WaKeeney to Coldwater.

The Dodge City Veterans

Council has obtained a grant from the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission to showcase veteran artists. The art shows will be held at Carnegie Arts Center in Dodge City. The first of three shows is scheduled for August 6, 2021 to coincide with Dodge City Days. The participating artists must be veterans who will received a \$50 stipend to offset expenses. For details, contact Veterans Council Secretary Charles Sellens at werc-haps@cox.net.

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**NATIONAL
PURPLE
HEART DAY
AUGUST 7
2021**

ADJUTANT'S BRIEFS

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mander or District Adjutant to assist in promoting The American Legion for those attending the State Fair. It is always a fun and rewarding experience!

The State Golf Tournament will be held on 25 September at Great LIFE Golf and Fitness, Shawnee Golf Club in Topeka. Gather up your Team and enjoy the fun and camaraderie.

The Department Vice Commanders Homecoming will be held in conjunction with The Eisenhower Pilgrimage in Abilene, Kansas on 16 October 2021. There is also a clip out on the last page of this Sunflower Legionnaire. PLEASE plan to attend.

The Big Red Turkey Run is scheduled to be held on 20 November 2021 and Operation North Pole is scheduled to be held on 11 December 2021 this year on Fort Riley. If you have never attended one of these events you have truly missed out. Both Events will literally touch your heart when the Soldiers and their families hugs you and breaks down in tears when they receive their Turkey and all the fixings or a gift for their child/children during the Christmas Holidays.

I know it is a little early but plan on attending the 2022 Mid-Winter Conference in Salina, Kansas from 28 to 30 January 2022. Salina is ready and waiting to show Everyone a Great Time. Plan to attend!

Until next time, continue to support the Greatest Veterans and their Families, in the Greatest Veterans Organization in The Free World, The American Legion (in my opinion).

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY HOMECOMING

The Homecoming Celebration for Department Commander Marri Krupco, Auxiliary President Annette Scheaffer, and S.A.L. Commander James Snyder will be held Saturday, August 14th at Ellsworth Post #174 located at 645 W 15th St..

The festivities will begin at 12:00 PM. Past Department Commander Marvon Jardon (1971-1972) will be the Guest speaker. Tickets are \$12 per person and include lunch. Pasta and salad bar, garlic bread, dessert and tea/water will be served.

Please RSVP by August 6, 2021. For additional information contact Marri Krupco at (620) 224-7354. To RSVP either use mk-

rupco@gmail.com to send money via PayPal (include a note with whom the RSVP is for) or use the coupon on page 8 to mail in a check.



*Guest Speaker, Marvin Jardon, 1971-1972
Department Commander*

SUPPORT AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Baseball is alive and well in Kansas. Over the month of July, 54 Kansas American Legion Baseball teams will battle for the title of state champion.

There are three classes of Legion Baseball in Kansas. Class 'A' is our junior league for ages 13 to 17. Class 'AA' is our rural senior league for ages 13 to 19. 'AA' Teams can only recruit from a pool of high schools whose sophomore to senior enrollment totals to less than 500. Class 'AAA' is also

a senior league for ages 13 to 19. 'AAA' can recruit from a pool of high schools whose sophomore to senior enrollment totals 5,000 students.

In mid-July, Four Zone Tournaments will each send two finalists to the Class 'A' State Tournament in Salina. In the Senior leagues, 'AA' will have four Zone Tournaments and 'AAA' will three. Each of those Zones will send their champion to the Senior State Tournament in Pittsburg. The winner of the Senior State Tournament will represent the State of Kansas in the Mid-South Regional Tournament in Shelby, N.C.

For more information about the location, participants, and dates of all the Zone Tournaments visit the Department webpage: kansalegion.org/baseball. The website will also be updated with final scores after every game during the State Tournaments.





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Thank you for electing me your 2021-2022 Department of Kansas President. It is a great honor to represent you and the Department of Kansas. I am excited for this year to begin. This administrative year will be about you, the grassroots members of this great organization. Let's get excited to try new ideas, revisit and revitalize old ideas, and respect each others ideas and comments. It can be done. As the old saying goes...it takes a village to raise a child. In this case, it takes a village to build an effective Department of Kansas. Every single member of the Department of Kansas is valued and your input into the direction that the Department of Kansas is heading is invaluable. We must rededicate ourselves to matters in the best interest of the Auxiliary, move forward with purpose, and revitalize this organization. It will take all of us working together as

a team to succeed. I know that working together we can achieve greatness beyond our wildest expectations. I am looking forward to working with you on all the great things we will do together this year.

This summer, as COVID-19 restrictions are gradually lifted, encourage all Kansas Units and Districts to use this time to reconnect with each other and the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. So, here are some ideas to reconnect with members and the community: have a unit and/or district planning meeting for the upcoming year (find out what the members want to accomplish), have unit and/or district trainings on issues that effect your members specifically (make it fun-have it outside); have an open house for the American Legion Family; have an ice cream social; have membership drives; have a booth at County Fairs; create your own local fair for your community; have luncheons and dinners to raise money for our mission, etc. The key is to engage members in positive activities and make sure they feel like a valued and vital part of this organization. Also, please do not forget to invite me to your events. I absolutely love traveling the state and meeting the members of this great organization. Thank you for all that you do for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kansas!

BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS

CLASS A

State Championship
Salina - July 28-31

CLASS AA/AAA

State Championship
Pittsburg - July 28-31

Mid-South Regionals
Shelby, N.C. - August 4-8

World Series
Shelby, N.C. - August 12-17

+ TAPS +

Adams, Harry (WWII)	Great Bend	Lanzrath, Charles (Vietnam)	Newton
Allison, Alfred	Chanute	Laughlin, Warren (WWII)	Geneseo
Amerson, Galen (Korea)	Topeka #421	Lesslie, Roger (Vietnam)	Independence
Ashley, John (Korea)	Overland Park	Losey, Dallas (Korea)	Agra
Beckler, William (Korea)	Isabel	Mai, Raymond (Vietnam)	Garden City
Beckwith, Ralph (Vietnam)	Lansing	Marshall, Joe (Gulf War)	Erie
Bontrager, Dean	Hutchinson	Martin, Charles (Vietnam)	Ozawkie
Brack, Wendall (Korea)	Liberal	Martinez, Henry (Vietnam)	Junction City
Brasher, Garry (Vietnam)	Belle Plaine	Mascarenas, Eli (Korea)	Mulvane
Buchanan, Ronald (Vietnam)	Topeka #421	Miller, Dale (Korea)	Lawrence
Buckley, David (Vietnam)	Pittsburg	Moore, Francis (Korea)	Oberlin
Busse, Ronald (Korea)	Arma	Moyer, Robert (Korea)	Goodland
Casey, James (Vietnam)	Junction City	Muller, Rodney (Vietnam)	Chanute
Chmidling, Francis (Vietnam)	Ozawkie	Murphy, William (Vietnam)	Seneca
Clements, Dale (Korea)	Holton	Naegele, Wayne (WWII)	Protection
Coffman, Claude	Topeka #400	Nelson, Glen (Korea)	Lawrence
Collins, Corbet (Korea)	Lawrence	Newell, Nelson (Vietnam)	Salina
Cross, Phillip (WWII)	Lawrence	Nitsch, Robert, Jr. (Vietnam)	Yates Center
Crumb, Carol (WWII)	Powhattan	Perkins, Robert (Korea)	McPherson
Daniels, Dean (Vietnam)	Chanute	Pertl, Ronald (Korea)	Lucas
Dechant, Marvin (WWII)	Ness City	Pickert, Vernon (Korea)	Gardner
Devader, Francis (Korea)	Holton	Proffitt, Ronald (Vietnam)	Sterling
Dunavan, Mark (Grenada/Lebanon)	Hiawatha	Reiser, Elmer (WWII)	Great Bend
Ehrsam, Donald (Korea)	Bern	Rettig, Ed (WWII)	Hanover
Fangman, Richard (Korea)	Silver Lake	Roberson, Ralph (Korea)	Topeka #58
Felts, Thomas, Sr. (Korea)	Baxter Springs	Rothlisberg, Allan (Vietnam)	Junction City
Fischer, Robert (WWII)	Hutchinson	Salzman, Ervin (Korea)	Junction City
Folds, John (Korea)	Topeka #400	Schafer, Delano (Korea)	McPherson
Foster, Michael (Vietnam)	Isabel	Scherer, Ronald (Vietnam)	Ozawkie
Foulkes, Frank (WWII)	Wichita #424	Schuette, Clarence (WWII)	Topeka #400
Franklin, Terry (Lebanon/Grenada)	Independence	Shump, Daniel (Vietnam)	Seneca
Garrison, David (Gulf War)	Osborne	Skalla, Cary (Vietnam)	Blue Rapids
Geer, Charles (Korea)	Topeka #58	Smith, Harry (Korea)	Pittsburg
Graham, Larry (Vietnam)	Pittsburg	Smith, Peter (Vietnam)	Topeka #400
Greve, Richard (Korea)	Chanute	Smith, Ronald (Korea)	McPherson
Griggs, Hebert (Vietnam)	Tescott	Sponsel, Thomas (Korea)	Colby
Halmaj, Joe (Vietnam)	Pittsburg	Spoooner, Jack (Vietnam)	Lindsborg
Hansen, John (Korea)	Colby	Starts, Daniel (Gulf War)	Topeka #58
Harper, Raymond, Jr. (Korea)	Hutchinson	Stinson, Charles (Vietnam)	Madison
Heling, Ferril (WWII)	McPherson	Stohs, Dave (Vietnam)	Hanover
Henne, Milan (Korea)	Canton	Sudbeck, James (Vietnam)	Bern
Herring, Ronald (Gulf War)	Winchester	Swanson, John (Korea)	Gardner
Hickman, Gene (Vietnam)	Axtell	Sweet, Gerald (Vietnam)	Topeka #1
Hood, Paul (WWII)	Junction City	Taylor, Doyle (Vietnam)	Marion
Horn, Robert (Vietnam)	Chanute	Thyfaut, Idris (Vietnam)	Burton
Horton, Ervin (WWII)	Hutchinson	Vliano, Stephen, Sr. (Vietnam)	Pittsburg
Hoskins, Lee (Vietnam)	Emporia	Vore, Earl	Erie
Jandera, Frank (Vietnam)	Hanover	Ward, Allen (Vietnam)	Logan
Jantz, Lester (Korea)	McPherson	Waters, Jerry (Vietnam)	Gardner
Jestmore, Louis (WWII)	Overland Park	Wehlage, Leroy (Vietnam)	Chanute
Kelley, Charles, Sr. (Vietnam)	Baxter Springs	Wetter, Lloyd (Korea)	Hanover
Kern, Roy (Vietnam)	Topeka #400	Wiecken, George (Vietnam)	Ozawkie
Koehler, Edwin (Korea)	Pittsburg	Wilhite, Hoyr (WWII)	Chanute
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Kraus, Bill (Korea)	Alta Vista	Yarnell, Harold (Vietnam)	Lucas

LEGION FAMILY HOMECOMING Saturday, August 14, 2021

**Ellsworth Post #327
645 W 15th St.**

RSVP by August 6

Name _____

Post//Unit/Squadron _____

Guest Names _____

No. of Meals (\$12 each) _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of _____

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 the summer and if you have any ideas for improvements don't hesitate to reach out to myself or Assistant Adjutant Jeff Bond at headquarters.

If you or someone in your Post leadership is struggling with the new myLegion website please be patient as National continues to work on fixing the known problems. Please also know that Department has very little control over the functionality of the myLegion website and database. Frankly, short of some data entry, we have no control, meaning you are welcome to call headquarters in Topeka and ask if they can help with

your problem but don't be surprised when you are told that they can't help you and you need to contact National.

The Department issue email addresses have been available since January. If your Post Commander and Adjutant have not started using them, they are behind the curve, please have them contact District or Department leadership for information on how to get logged in. This can be a very useful communication tool if everyone utilizes it.

Last, July marks the beginning of the 2022 Membership drive, lets hit the ground running!

40th ANNUAL EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE

Enclosed is our payment for a rose to be placed at the Eisenhower Memorial on Saturday, October 16, 2021.

Purchaser _____
 Post - Unit - Other (Please be Specific)

No. of Roses _____ Amount Enclosed _____
 (\$10 for each rose requested)

Name _____
 Person Placing the Rose

_____ Please appoint an appropriate individual to place our rose.

Address _____

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RECEPTION & DINNER Chapman Post #240 Friday, October 15

No. of Dinner Reservations _____ Amount Enclosed _____
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