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## MID WINTER FORUM MANHATTAN POST #17, FEBRUARY 3-5

The Mid-Winter Forum offers every member, especially Post leaders and chairmen, the opportunity to learn more about The American Legion, its programs and the direction each program is expected to take if there are any changes being considered, including changes directed by National Headquarters. In addition, the Forum provides information about how and why The American Legion functions in the manner we do as an organization.

This year's Forum scheduled for 3-5 February 2023 and will be hosted by Manhattan Post 17, 114 McCall Road.

Friday, 3 February, will include a Department Executive Committee Meeting at 4 pm. Registration will begin on Friday between 3 to 6 pm at the Post.

On Saturday, 4 February, registration will continue starting at 7:00 am with a continental breakfast. The formal activities begin with a joint Legion/Auxiliary/S.A.L. meeting at 8 am. After the joint opening the Legion, Auxiliary and the S.A.L. will meet in different rooms. Leading Candidate Daniel Seehafer from the Department of Wisconsin will address and present information to those in attendance. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion currently do NOT have any National Guests scheduled to be in attendance. Lunch will be sandwiches with soup and dessert at a price of \$10.00. Concluding the day's meetings, the Post will serve Dinner: Roast Beef/Chicken, Red Potatoes, Vegetable and

Dessert for a price of \$15.00 from 5:30 to 7 pm. During and after dinner entertainment will be Karaoke. For early Registration PLEASE mail payments to: Keith Coleman, 114 McCall Road, Manhattan, Kansas 66502. For Tickets and any additional information, PLEASE contact Keith Coleman at keith.l.coleman@gmail.com.

Sunday's schedule will begin at 7:00 to 8:00 am with breakfast: biscuits & gravy, sausage for \$10.00. Registration will open at 7:00 am. At 8:00 am Commander Ehart will call the Forum back to order before turning the podium over to Department Chaplain Debra Muyaert who will conduct a Four Chaplains Memorial Service. There will be a wrap up of reports followed by the Department Sweepstakes drawing.

The Agenda for the Forum is listed within this publication, it is not too early to reserve your room at one of the many hotels in the Manhattan area. Comfort Suites, 1020 Hostetler Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502, (785)-728-4044, room block rate of \$104.00. Block expires on 20 January 2023. Mention American Legion Mid-Winter Forum to receive the reduced rates per room per night.

Failure to ask for The American Legion rate may result in your paying a higher room rate. It is always better to reserve a room you may have to cancel later than waiting until the last minute to make reservations only to find out the hotel is sold out.

Plan to attend and ask a fellow Legionnaire to attend with you. Hope to see you there!

## BOYS STATE

Each year The Kansas American Legion Boys State provides hundreds of high school students a hands-on opportunity to actively participate in establishing a representative form of government from the ground up. Prior to arriving on the Kansas State University campus which serves as the site of the program, each student (known as Staters) is assigned to either the Nationalist or Federalist "political party" based upon their responses to a questionnaire.

Immediately after arriving in Manhattan and checking-in on Sunday afternoon Staters form city and county governments. The next two days are spent drafting local ordinances, and carrying out the operation of cities and counties; at the same time campaigns for state offices are launched and within days Staters elect officials to their new state; Boys State.

Hands-on activities include writing a state constitution, drafting and passing a budget, establishing a Supreme Court, and enacting laws compatible with today's society and needs. How decisions of the masses affect Staters as individuals is demonstrated by assigning each an occupation and a corresponding computerized bank account: within minutes of passing laws, license fees, taxes etc. Staters can view the "real-life" impact on themselves.

Instruction is provided by Legionnaires, at least one member of the Kansas Highway Patrol, and former Staters who are well versed in the function of representative government. Several elected officials annually visit and address Staters throughout the week. Naturally time is allotted for fun activities dur-

ing the week such as a "talent night" and various sports.

At a minimum Boys State instills citizenship and demonstrates every individual is capable of making a difference. Thousands of lifelong friendships have been forged at Boys State and graduates often receive special consideration when applying for scholarships or employment.

Two Staters will be selected to represent Kansas as Senators during Boys' Nation held at Marymount University in Washington, DC this July. Staters who are the sons or grandsons of a veteran may apply for a Samsung scholarship.

Application and information packets for this year's June 4 to 10 session have been mailed to every Kansas high school, every Post, and to past sponsors including private individuals, and civic organizations. Fees for the week long course is \$300 per Stater to be paid by the sponsor(s) plus a \$50 fee paid by the student's parents or the Stater himself.

Applicants must be a high school Junior (will be a Senior this fall), be a self starter, involved in extracurricular activities in their school or community, and rank within the top half of their class scholastically. Completed applications must be received by April 30, 2023; Staters and sponsors are encouraged to apply early.

Legionnaires are asked to seek out potential Staters by visiting their local high schools and assist in locating sponsors and co-sponsors for each student. Additional information can be obtained of The American Legion Boys State website at [www.ksb-state.org](http://www.ksb-state.org), or by calling (785) 550-6492.

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Greetings Kansas Legion Family.

I hope everyone had a great Holiday season and an amazing New Year! Before we move into the new year and towards this years events, I want to take a moment to talk about the activities from the last few months here in the Department. By now most all Districts have had their District Homecomings and are moving straight into their District oratorical programs, and District conventions will soon follow. We had a great show of support for the ALR at both the Big Red One Turkey Run and Operation North Pole where we helped support families on Ft Riley. We also had this year's Department holiday party that was held at McPherson Post #24 in December. A huge thank you to all those that supported these programs and all our programs throughout this last year, we couldn't be successful without all the hard work and dedication from our members.

Moving into next year, we have some exciting events coming up starting right away in January. Our department bowling tournament will be held this year in Junction City at Junction City Bowl the first three weekends of January. Stop by and volunteer your time or just say hello if you're in the neighborhood! Mid-Winter will be held in Manhattan Post #17 this year and no doubt it will be another great event. Manhattan always goes above and beyond to make everyone feel welcome and host a fun couple days. More information is available in this edition of the Sunflower but if you haven't reserved your room, you better do so soon! The last department event I'll mention is the department ora-

torical. It will be held March 11, 2023 in Manhattan. Hopefully all your district oratorical chairmen are working hard to speak to the schools and families about the program so we can have a full slate of participants this year in Manhattan. If you have questions about the program, please don't hesitate to call and ask anytime.

District Conventions are right around the corner! I plan to attend all of them and look forward to seeing everyone there. If you have an interest in serving at the district level, then now is a good time to reach out to current district leadership and talk about your interests and what positions may need filled throughout your district. You may be surprised at how rewarding serving at different positions and levels are, you will meet some great people with amazing ideas that could change how you do things at your own post.

We are fortunate in our department to have members that are able to volunteer for events and projects and make them successful, many assuming the responsibility for years. Without their dedicated involvement, these projects would not exist. So, thank you to ALL our incredible volunteers we are so fortunate to have, and in order to continue providing veterans, families, and communities our services in 2023. I would certainly encourage members of The American Legion Family to join them, get involved by finding the time in our schedules, and lend a hand. It will be worth it... for everyone.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns please reach out, anytime! Thank you all for all you do for this great organization.

Semper Fi!  
 Jeremy Ehart

It's a new year Legionnaire's and I wish you and your families a safe and successful year.

Last year during the Membership Conference in Indianapolis, IN, Department Commander Ehart while meeting with National Commander Vincent "Jim" Troiola last year and came up with a reachable Membership Goal for the Department of Kansas of 20,433 members. As of December, District 2 was leading the Department with others closely behind on reaching the Membership goal. The next Target Goal is January 19, 2023 for 80% and as of December, we were at 73.3%.

National Commander Troiola believes we can reach our goals and has created a few incentives for them. V.E.T.S. (veterans, education, teamwork, and sponsor) expired membership incentive pin. American Legion members will need to reinstate five

expired members into The American Legion for the 2023 membership year who were not a member during the 2022 membership year. You can get the Certification Form here:

[https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/five\\_expired\\_members\\_VETS\\_pin.pdf](https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/five_expired_members_VETS_pin.pdf)

This would be a good opportunity to visit with our members that have not renewed and see how they are doing and what they would like at the Post. During the Mid-Winter Forum in Manhattan at Post 17 February 3-5 we will announce additional incentives for Membership in the Department of Kansas.

Our Membership is our Strength.

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Greetings to everyone. By the time the Sunflower arrives we will be in a new year.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the holidays. We had a great time at the Department Holiday Party as well as the Eisenhower Pilgrimage. There are lots of photos posted to Facebook. Feel free to use any that I have posted. Commander Ehart has many photos posted to the Department Page. I

participated in the Wreaths Across America at Fort Dodge on December 17th and the cold temperatures put me down and out for several days with a sinus infection and I hope it will be gone in a few more days.

I am available to assist any of our Posts Historians across the state.

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# CADET LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

On June 11 up to 30 young Kansans will gather for the 54th annual Cadet Law Enforcement Academy session at the Highway Patrol Training Center in Salina. Sponsored by The American Legion, Legion Auxiliary and KS Highway Patrol, the Academy provides high school students an opportunity to learn methods employed to enforce city, county, state, and federal statutes with the goal of instilling a better appreciation for those who enforce those laws.

The Academy is not a recruitment program for law enforcement. Students attending past sessions have had a wide variety of backgrounds, interests, and career plans. However many students considering careers in law enforcement, as attorneys, and government service have attended as a means to solidify their plans to pursue such careers.

Open to both male and females, all applicants must be high school junior, or senior, or equivalent, with at least a C+ average scholastically and be physically capable of fully participating in all activities during the week long program. Instruction includes firearms and firing range safety, personal defense, law enforcement history and tech-

niques, pursuit driving on a skid-pad under controlled conditions, practical emergency medical procedures, aircraft use in law enforcement (weather permitting), and the responsibilities of citizens regardless of age.

Primarily classes are conducted by Highway Patrol personnel however representatives of other agencies such as the FBI, KBI, Wildlife and Parks, city and county officials augment the instruction provided throughout the week. Parents and families are encouraged to attend graduation ceremonies on Friday evening, June 16.

Students are encouraged to apply early. Completed applications must include endorsements by a doctor (attesting to the applicant's physical condition), their high school principal or superintendent, their local American Legion Post Commander or Auxiliary Unit President, and a local law enforcement officer. A sponsorship fee of \$300 and application fee of \$50 includes housing, meals and supplies needed during the session must also accompany the application and can come from any source (Post, Unit, Squadron, Chapter, a local merchant, parents, etc.).

Applications must be received by March 31.

# ADJUTANT'S BRIEFS

By Department Adjutant Jimmie L. Foster

The Department of Kansas has been able to accomplish a lot of things since the continuing Coronavirus has passed us by. I for one, am glad that 2022 is over and WE can now move into 2023, hopefully being able to pick up and have Legion functions in person and NOT by Virtual means such as Zoom, Skype or by Teleconference. There is nothing like being at a function in person and getting to talk and socialize with other Members.

Membership is ahead of last year's numbers, but that does not mean we should sit around and rest on our laurels. Membership is EVERYONE'S responsibility, not just a few out of each Post, District or Department.

The National Commander's Visit of Western Kansas was a tremendous success! Many Posts had breakfasts, lunches, dinners and just a social round table meeting with Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola from the Department of New York as he toured the State. There was a great interaction with the Members of The American Legion Family and National Commander Troiola. It was his second visit to the Department of Kansas as he visited as the Leading Candidate.

The 2022 Big Red One Turkey Run and Operation North Pole held at Fort Riley, Kansas were BOTH success stories. Being able to meet and greet Soldiers, Dependents and especially the "Kids" is always a plus!

The Department Legislative Reception scheduled for Wednesday, January 11,

2023, is CANCELLED.

Do not forget to start making plans to attend the 2023 Mid-Winter Conference which be held in Manhattan, Kansas from 3 to 5 February 2023 at Manhattan Legion Post # 17 located at 114 McCall Road in Manhattan. Listed within this edition of the Sunflower Legionnaire is the agenda, list of hotels, meals, and other information for this Conference.

We will be fortunate to have in attendance Leading Candidate for National Commander of The American Legion Daniel J. Sehafer from the Department of Wisconsin. Daniel is a great Legionnaire, and he represents US well. He will be available to discuss issues of The American Legion while he is visiting the Department of Kansas.

The Department American Legion Oratorical Contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2023, also at Manhattan Post # 17. PLEASE show up and support these fine District Contest winners. They will amaze you with their knowledge of Our Constitution and their enthusiasm!

I hope that you and your family had a very Merry Christmas and have a very prosperous New Year. If any of you need any assistance from myself or the Staff of the Department Headquarters, PLEASE do NOT hesitate to ask.

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).

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Exposure Presumptive Conditions (PACT Act). This information speaks to Former Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans, Atomic Veterans exposed to ionizing radiation, Gulf War Veterans, and Gulf War deployed veterans.

[U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - Presumptive Disability Benefits \(va.gov\)](https://www.va.gov/vetaffairs/presumptive-disability-benefits)

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Greetings First District:  
I hope everyone had a very safe and happy holiday season!

We held our District Christmas party and meeting at Holton Post #44 on December 17, 2022. It was a well-attended meeting and party, and I would like to extend my thanks to Post #44 for sponsoring the event and helping make it a success.

I would like to congratulate Highland Post 358 for reaching 100% membership goal, wonderful job. Oskaloosa Post 36 and Mayetta Post 410 have exceeded 90% and are on their way to 100% also. 1st District keep up the excellent work towards our 100% goal!

Remember that if a member has not renewed their membership by now, they are not considered to be in good standing. I encourage all Posts to contact these members and get those renewals turned in. It may be as simple as contacting them to remind them to renew or just check on their well-being and see if there is something the Post can do to help them.

The District has several events coming up to mark on your calendars. The District Oratorical Contest will be held February 25, 2023, at North Topeka Post #400 at 10:00 AM. Following the Oratorical, we will be holding the District Executive Board meeting at Post #400. I encourage all Posts to contact their local High Schools and promote not only Oratorical, but also Boy's State, Girl's State and Cadet Law. The District Convention will be held on April 15, 2023, at Leavenworth Post #23. It is

not too early to start planning now on attending. Every Post should have Delegates at the Convention to represent them. I look forward to seeing you there!

For God and Country,  
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Greetings Comrades of the IV District. I Hope you have all settled back into your routine after the Holidays and were able to enjoy the Season. I wanted to recap a few of the recent happenings within the District those being the Big Red One Turkey Run, BROTR22, held 19

November at Fort Riley for the first time since November 2019 and it was a huge success with an outstanding Team effort amongst the whole Legion Family as we were able to provide a full Thanksgiving Meal for 277 Military Families with a total of 1247 people being fed from our generosity. We were also able to help the two-Family Readiness Groups make \$1,340.00 for their family programs.

Operation North Pole was held 10 December also at Fort Riley. The American Legion Family with help from our very own Mr. and Mrs. Claus to provide toys for 412 military children along with providing for another 288 at Operation Santa Claus.

Upcoming events within the IV District include Department Mid-Winter Forum 3-5 February, IV District Oratorical Contest 25 February and Department Oratorical Contest 11 March all the above-mentioned events are being held at Post 17 Manhattan.

Lastly, will close with membership as that is what moves us down the tracks. The IV District as of 16 December is within 27% of our membership goal to get us to that magic 100%, we all strive to achieve. Salute to Posts 12 Herington and 124 Madison for already hitting their goals for this year.

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Greetings from the 10th district. I hope everyone had a merry Christmas. The 10th District has an oratorical contest scheduled for Feb. 11th at Seneca at the Community Building. So far we have 4 contestants. After the contest we are going to have to have a District meeting. We had our District Homecoming in November which was well attended. Pat Caffrey 10th District Commander.

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# 2023 MID-WINTER FORUM MANHATTAN, KANSAS

## Friday, February 3

3 - 6:00 pm Registration ..... Post # 17  
4 pm Department Executive Committee Meeting ..... Post # 17  
5 - 8 pm S.A.L. Burger Night..... Post # 17

## Saturday, February 4

7:00am-4:00pm Registration ..... Post # 17  
7:00-8:00am Continental Breakfast ..... Post # 17  
**OPENING SESSION**  
8:00am Call to Order ..... Department Commander Jeremy Ehart  
Opening Ceremony ..... Jeremy Ehart  
Welcome & Introduction ..... Post Commander Keith Coleman  
Welcome ..... Mark Hatesohl, Mayor of Manhattan  
S.A.L. Introductions ..... James Snyder  
Auxiliary Introductions ..... Marcia Cottrell  
Junior Auxiliary Introductions ..... Kylie Freeman  
American Legion Introductions ..... Jeremy Ehart  
Don Suchy..... Nebraska Department Commander  
Leading Candidate for National Commander ..... Daniel Seehafer  
S.A.L. & Auxiliary Depart for their Meetings  
Eric Rohleder ..... Deputy Director, Veterans Services, KCVA  
**ADJOURN FOR LUNCH AT THE POST**  
1:00pm Call to Order ..... Department Commander Jeremy Ehart  
Door Prize Drawing ..... Jimmie Foster  
Legion Riders ..... Barry Maples  
Membership Turn-in ..... Randy Frank  
Membership Awards & Prizes..... Jeremy Ehart  
Media & Communications ..... Michael Cole  
Legislation ..... Pat Culver  
Candidates for Department Offices ..... Jeremy Ehart  
4:30-5:30pm Reception for Visiting National Officers..... Post # 17  
5:30-7:00pm Roast Beef/Chicken, Red Potatoes, Vegetable and Dessert  
Dinner Available ..... Post # 17  
Karaoke..... Post # 17

## Sunday, February 5

7:00-8:00am Registration ..... Post # 17  
7:00-8:00am Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage Breakfast Available ..... Post # 17  
8:00am Call to Order ..... Department Commander Jeremy Ehart  
Four Chaplains Service ..... Rev. Debra Muylaert  
8:30 am Pledge of Allegiance ..... Randy Frank  
Legion Family Membership Turn-In ..... Randy Frank  
Child & Youth Report ..... Pat Culver  
**Americanism Programs:**  
Cadet Law Enforcement Academy ..... Ray Vail  
Boys State ..... Tom Wierman  
Oratorical ..... Mike Oppy  
Baseball ..... Joe Durham  
Scholarships ..... Mike Oppy  
School Awards & County Government Day ..... Dan Stacy  
Eisenhower ..... John Meyeres  
Department Sweepstakes Drawing ..... Department Staff



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Happy New Year Legion Family!

As we begin 2023, I've heard many people say they're glad 2022 is behind us. Indeed, not only 2022, but the years 2020-2022 have been tough ones. For many people, they've been filled with doubt and uncertainty, as well as fear, sorrow, grief, discouragement, disappointment, and abandonment, emotions that can overwhelm us. It seems like the direction of our country and the world is on a collision course, and we are left wondering when it will all come crashing down. So how are we to respond as the people of God?

King David was often filled with these same emotions as he was pursued by his enemies. I think we can take a lesson from him. His response in Psalm 43 is instructive as we sort out the emotions that seem to play tug-of-war with us. He begins with asking God to deliver him from deceitful and unjust men, crying out "Why have you rejected me?" (vv. 1-2). He goes on to pray for restoration to God's presence (vv. 3-4). David's head seems to hang low, and his only view seems to be downward. But then, we see hope arise amid lament as he cries out, "Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why are you disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God" (v. 5). We see a shift from a downward view to an upward view. David's perspective on his situation changes as he looks up and sees God.

We, like David, may sometimes wonder if God has

abandoned or forgotten us. We may ask, "God, are you still there?" When our heads hang low, we can be like David and look up to see a God who never breaks His promises. God says He will never fail us or forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6, 8). He says He loves us with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3). His plans for us are for welfare and not calamity to give us a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11). He says He causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). These promises and more are ours.

So, to answer the question I asked earlier as to how we are to respond as the people of God during this uncertain season, we are to look up, believe God's promises, and say "Yes and Amen!" Lament can point us to the God of hope as we remember that we may not know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future! Best wishes for a year full of hope and joy as you serve the God Who keeps His promises.

On a different note, and to begin the new year, I'm planning an evening of chaplain training on January 19th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. If you are a chaplain at the post or district level, please join me for this training. It will take an hour of your time and help you fulfill your chaplain responsibilities more efficiently and effectively. If you are interested, please send me your e-mail address to debramuylaert@yahoo.com, and I will send you a Zoom link for the training. Looking forward to our time together!




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Greetings American Legion Family,

We are right in the middle of the Holiday Season. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. The Big Red Turkey Run and Operation North Pole are behind us. It was a great turnout at the North Pole and I really enjoyed helping. Christmas will be here soon along with colder days so be careful as you travel to events and meetings.

Congratulations, we have surpassed our goal for De-

partment of 45%, but still have a long way to go. On January 1, 2023, if your dues are not paid, then you are delinquent. If you have the LIT Insurance, it will lapse. New members are always great, but we want to keep the renewals around also. Remember, if you need anything, just reach out to your District Officers or your Detachment Officers. We are here for you.

James Snyder  
Commander  
Detachment of Kansas




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Kansas American Legion Family!

Happy New Year 2023!

Here's hoping everyone is enjoying the start of the New Year and are staying healthy and safe!

Fall Conferences and Homecomings are behind us and looking forward to District Conventions in a couple months. It does not seem possible the 2022 - 2023 membership year is half over. We still have a long way to go in membership, but I am sure everyone will do their best to renew their dues and continue to support our Veterans in every way possible. Without them we would not be members of the American Legion Auxiliary. I admire everyone's dedication to their Service and to our great orga-

nization. WE are the Greatest Veterans Organization on earth!

With elections at all levels coming up, we need to be thinking about and encouraging our members that are ready to step up and take a higher position to do so. We need to continue to mentor our newer and younger members, so they are more comfortable and ready to step up and taking an officer position either this year or in the years to come.

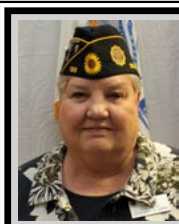
Let us be kind and respectful of everyone and continue to work together.

Let us continue our daily support of our Veterans and our Mission of "Service Not Self."

Thank you,  
Marcia Cottrell

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Allison, Robert (WWII).....	Overland Park	Nelson, William (Korea).....	St. George
Alstatt, Dean (Korea).....	Hutchinson	Nicks, Benjamin, Jr. (WWII).....	Shawnee
Austin, Gary (Vietnam).....	Derby	Nolder, Floyd (WWII).....	Manhattan
Ballinger, Alford (Vietnam).....	Halstead	Oehme, Leonard (Korea).....	Pittsburg
Beasley, Harold (WWII).....	Pittsburg	Palmquist, Richard (Vietnam).....	Concordia
Becker, Robert (Vietnam).....	Logan	Papst, Joseph (Korea).....	Shawnee
Berg, Rodger (Vietnam).....	Concordia	Pence, Edwin (Vietnam).....	El Dorado
Birzer, Donald (Korea).....	Colby	Pickett, William (Korea).....	Dwight
Bowers, Edwin (Korea).....	Junction City	Pjesky, John (WWII).....	Halstead
Bridge, Thomas (WWII).....	Emporia	Powell, John (Korea).....	Dodge City
Buller, Gerald (Vietnam).....	Halstead	Powell, Larry (Vietnam).....	Derby
Bura, Aaron (WWII).....	Emporia	Price, Thomas.....	Concordia
Burress, Larry (Vietnam).....	Pittsburg	Rader, Roger (Vietnam).....	Wellsville
Burson, Gerald (Vietnam).....	Manhattan	Ratliff, Leonard (Korea).....	Shawnee
Clark, Gary (Vietnam).....	Maple Hill	Rice, Donald (Vietnam).....	Howard
Cloe, Marvin (Vietnam).....	Colby	Roggow, Ralph (Vietnam).....	Howard
Collins, Ed (Vietnam).....	Pittsburg	Rohla, Otto, Jr. (WWII).....	Colby
Copeland, Homer (WWII).....	McPherson	Rounds, Don (WWII).....	McPherson
Cox, Arlyce (Vietnam).....	Concordia	Ruhnke, Floyd (WWII).....	Atchison
Cullers, Vernon (Korea).....	Manhattan	Ryan, Earl (Korea).....	Lawrence
Dennis, Raney (Vietnam).....	Cunningham	Salter, Bob (Korea).....	Syracuse
Ellis, David (Vietnam).....	Manhattan	Sammons, Dennis (Vietnam)....	McPherson
Farney, Jay (WWII).....	Stafford	Schraad, Francis (Korea).....	Seneca
Forney, Marvin (Vietnam).....	Newton	Sirratt, Chuck (Vietnam).....	Pittsburg
Geihlsler, Dean, Sr. ....	Colby	Smith, Harold (Vietnam).....	Dodge City
Good, Eldon (Vietnam).....	Wellsville	Stimatize, Walter (Vietnam).....	Syracuse
Gould, Vincent (Persian Gulf).....	Lebo	Thompson, Howard (Korea).....	Osage City
Grossman, Hugh, III (Vietnam)....	Atchison	Valigura, William (Vietnam).....	Corning
Hendricks, Richard (WWII).....	Attica	Vought, Donald (Korea).....	Leavenworth
Hess, David (Vietnam).....	Syracuse	Wallace, Michael, Sr. (Vietnam)	Hutchinson
Hess, Jim (Vietnam).....	Newton	Werner, Rolland (Korea).....	Dodge City
Honig, Lyle (Vietnam).....	Wamego	West, Dennis (Vietnam).....	Frontenac
Johnson, Richard (Korea).....	Washington	White, Lee (Korea).....	McPherson
Jordan, Larry (Korea).....	Hutchinson	Whiteside, Daniel (Vietnam)....	Whitewater
Kaufman, Milo (WWII).....	Whitewater	Whiteside, Terry (Vietnam).....	Newton
Knipp, Earnest (Vietnam).....	Derby	Wiechman, Duane (Korea).....	Cheney
Koehn, Boyd (Korea).....	Halstead	Wilson, William (WWII).....	Plainville
Lagerman, Frank (Vietnam)....	Junction City	Wimmer, James (Vietnam).....	Newton
Lapping, Joe (Korea).....	Emporia	Workman, James (Vietnam).....	Concordia
Martinez, Richard (Vietnam).....	Wellsville	Yount, Jack, Sr. (Vietnam).....	Derby
Maxfield, Marvin, Sr. (Vietnam).....	Attica	Yowell, Calvin (Vietnam).....	Marquette
Meyers, Jack (Korea).....	Cunningham	Zimmerman, Laurel (Vietnam)....	Alta Vista
Miller, Merlin (Korea).....	McPherson	Zordel, August (Korea).....	Brownell



# CHILDREN & YOUTH

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American Legion has been actively involved with children's issues since the early 1920s. In many instances, the Legion has been the driving force on behalf of children on the federal, state and local levels.

In 1938, April was formally designated as Child Welfare Month (now called Children and Youth Month) and has continued on an annual basis. During this time, we urge each of you to show your community that The American Legion Family is dedicated to America's youth.

You should publicize your programs and activities. Have the Mayor or other local Official issue a proclamation declaring April as Children and Youth Month. Your Post commander should issue a news release proclaiming April as Children and Youth Month and list what the Post will be doing for its annual ob-

servance.

Remember programs affecting the children and youth of your community are news!! Invite the news media to your activities and keep them informed.

The American Legion Department of Kansas has several outstanding Children and Youth programs offered:

- American Legion Baseball: A / AA / AAA , entries must be in by May 15.
- Kansas Boy's State: applications must be in by April 30.
- Cadet Law: applications must be in by March 31.
- Oratorical Contest: the Department Oratorical Contest is March 11. Check with your District Oratorical Chair member for the time and place of your District contest.
- Scouting: every Post could support a Scout Troop...check it out, many

times all they need is a place to meet.

If you need additional information, please check ksamlegion.org under "programs".

Shortly after the first of the year, American Legion Departments receive copies of the Consolidated Post Report (CPR). This form has been developed to

track necessary information about the Legion's overall programs. It is the responsibility of the Post Children and Youth Chair member to report his/her program activities to the individual designated in the Post to complete the Consolidated Post Report. The CPR can be done online at mylegion.org by the Post Adjutant.

# MID-WINTER FORUM MEALS

## FEBRUARY 3-5, 2023 MANHATTAN POST #17

FRIDAY 3 FEB - S.A.L BURGER NIGHT:  
5 TO 8 PM

SATURDAY, 4 FEB - BREAKFAST:  
CONTINENTAL - FREE WILL DONATION

SATURDAY, 4 FEB - LUNCH: \$ 10.00  
SANDWICHES, SOUP AND DESSERT

SATURDAY, 4 FEB - DINNER: \$15.00  
ROAST BEEF/CHICKEN, RED POTATOES, VEGETABLE AND DESSERT

SUNDAY, 5 FEB - BREAKFAST: \$ 10.00  
BISCUITS AND GRAVY, SAUSAGE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Unit/Squadron # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lunches to be reserved at \$10.00 each. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dinners to be reserved at \$15.00 each. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Breakfasts to be reserved at \$10.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

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