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George Pogge, Department Commander

VICE COMMANDERS

Ed Boring was elected Department Vice Commander during the closing session of the 107th Annual State Convention in Topeka on May 31st. Ed is a 45-year member currently with Post #170 in Chanute.

Jennifer Carder was reelected as Area West Vice Commander. Jennifer will be available to respond to requests for assistance

from Posts in Districts V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX. She is a six-year member of Post #221 in Hoxie.

Melvin Eubanks was elected Area East Vice Commander and will assist Posts in Districts I, II, III, IV, X and XI when called upon to do so. He is a 23-year member currently with Post #170 in Chanute.



Ed Boring Sr., Department Vice Commander



Jennifer Carder, Area West Vice Commander



Melvin Eubanks, Area East Vice Commander

MEET THE NEW COMMANDER

Dear Fellow Legionnaires,
I wanted to take a moment to share a reflection on my journey as we head into this next year together. Serving our veterans, our youth, and our communities is a team effort, and I am incredibly honored to serve alongside each of you.

My path to service began right here in the Sunflower State, graduating from Lawrence High School in 1970 and attending the University of Kansas on an Army ROTC scholarship. That spark led to a rewarding 28.5-year career in the U.S. Army. Along the way, I had the privilege of commanding the 13th Engineer Company at Fort Knox, qualifying as a Special Forces Branch Officer and earning and being awarded the Pathfinder Badge, Airborne Badge, and Special Forces Tab, grad-

uating from the Command and General Staff Officers Course and the National War College, and deploying twice to Bosnia as well as deployments and temporary assignment to other areas of the world. After retiring as a Colonel in 2003, I continued serving the public in county road and bridge management, as a project specialist for FEMA, and supporting the military training command program at Fort Leavenworth.

I've been a proud member of the American Legion since 2002 and am currently a Paid-Up-For-Life Member. This organization is a vital part of my life, and I've been grateful for the opportunity to roll up my sleeves at every single level:

- Post Level: Served as Adjutant for Post 142 (Perry), and as an Executive Committee

Member, Vice Commander, and current Post Commander for Post 411 (Lansing).

- District Level (District 1): Served as Staff Judge Advocate, Executive Committee Member, Vice Commander, and District Commander.

- Department Level: Elected as your Department Vice Commander in 2025, and I am deeply honored to currently serve as your Kansas Department Commander, following our election on May 31, 2026.

At the National Level, I've represented Kansas at our National Conventions since 2013. I currently serve as the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Youth Education, look after our interests on the National Legislative Council (assigned to Congressman Mann's office), and sit on the American Legion Rid-

ers (ALR) National Advisory Committee. Speaking of the Riders, you've probably spotted me out on our State and National Legacy Runs over the years—whether I was riding as tail gunner, road guard, or serving as a Road Captain.

Of course, none of these milestones compare to my greatest titles: being a father to Jodie, Jennifer, and Jonathan, and a proud grandfather to Jayden, Diago, eight step-grandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild.

Thank you all for your hard work, your dedication, and your continued comradeship. Let's Keep Moving Forward, communicating clearly, and making this year one of our strongest yet.

For God and Country,
George W. Pogge Kansas
Department Commander

COMMANDER

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Kansas American Legion Family,

Thanks for all your confidence and support in electing me as the Kansas Department Commander on the 31st of May. I take that responsibility seriously, and I look forward to another great year for the Department of Kansas American Legion Family.

Thanks to my daughter, Jodie, for supporting and participating in the event. Her and I have been through a lot over the past forty-some years. I am sure this is not the last time we will both have an impact.

I also want to thank the members of my Post, A. C. Byrd, Lansing Memorial Post 411, for supporting me through this entire process and being there when it mattered. We are a terrific group with rich history and culture and we always strive to make a difference.

The year is certainly off to a fast start. I had the extreme honor of participating at Boys State, Girls State, and Cadet Law the first week. After visiting both Boys State and Cadet Law earlier in the week, I had the pleasure of participating in the capping ceremony at Girls State along with Kansas Auxiliary President Kristin Hensley; a tradition I was proud to continue. Girls State had an excellent session this year with over a hundred girls participating. An upward trend, which I hope continues in the following years. Kristin and I are also committed to making this the first of many Legion Family events in which we will participate this year.

I attended the Boys State Final Ceremony graduation and the last retreat on Saturday morning. Another great program made up of some great young Kansans from across the State. Our attendance numbers were down a bit this year, but I know with some terrific effort we can turn that around next year as well.

The timing worked out where I was able to stop by and participate in the Cadet Law Graduation Saturday afternoon, along with Vice Commander Ed Boring, National Sergeant-at-Arms Gaylord Sandeman, and the rest of the Cadet Law Committee. As a Program, Cadet Law has no equal among youth programs in the State of Kansas. As a Legion Family, we need to heartily continue to support this program and maximize it next year. The KHP instructors and staff are absolutely top-notch, and I would put our program up against any across the United States.

The highly acclaimed Kansas American Legion College was held again at Cloud County Community College in Concordia. After a great session with the new District Vice Commanders and our Department Vice Commander going through District training plans for the year, everyone got to see me do a near perfect backwards somersault, having lost round one of the chair with wheels competition. A great way to break the ice at the beginning of the DEC meeting. the rest of the meeting went well,

After the group migrated
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VICE COMMANDER

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Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Department Vice Commander. It is both an honor and a privilege, and, more importantly, a significant responsibility. I look forward to working alongside each of you as we continue advancing the mission of The American Legion throughout Kansas.

Following the conclusion of the Department Convention, our attention quickly turned to several important Youth Programs, including Boys State, Cadet Law, and Girls State. I extend my sincere appreciation to the Legionnaires whose dedication and service make these programs possible. Our participation demonstrates to the attendees the importance our organizations place on developing future leaders and supporting our youth.

From there, we moved directly to Concordia for Leadership College. Membership packets, including the 2027 membership cards, were distributed to Posts represented at the event. If your Post was unable to attend, please contact your District Commander to obtain your packet. During Leadership College, each District presented detailed plans for membership recruitment and retention. The quality and thoughtfulness of these presentations give me great confidence that we will enjoy a successful membership year.

The following weekend marked the 11th Annual Kansas American Legion Riders In-State Legacy Run, which began in Junction City and concluded at the Fort Dodge Soldiers Home. This event continues to demonstrate the

commitment and generosity of Our Legion Family.

I would also like to personally invite you to attend the Vice Commander's Legion Family Homecoming on October 17, 2026. Joining me as hosts will be Jeff Kerns, Sons of The American Legion Detachment Vice Commander, and Laurie Kerns, American Legion Auxiliary Department Vice President. The event will be held at the Greyhound Hall of Fame in Abilene, conveniently located adjacent to the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum.

As I begin my travels across the State, I would appreciate learning about the events and activities planned by your Post. I have several commitments scheduled in the coming months and would welcome every opportunity possible to visit and support your programs. Please feel free to contact me by email at departmentvicecommander@kansaslegion.org or by phone at 620-332-9942.

I hope to see many of you at the Annual Erie Bean Feed in July, the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, in August, and at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson this September. I am excited about the year ahead and grateful for the opportunity to serve the Veterans, Families, and Communities of Kansas.



**NATIONAL
PURPLE
HEART DAY
AUGUST 7**

**AREA VICE COMMANDER
WEST**

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Kansas American Legion College Continues to Build Future Leaders.

The Kansas American Legion College once again proved to be one of the Department's premier leadership development opportunities, bringing together Members from across the State for a weekend of learning, networking, and growth.

Participation was strong this year, with Legionnaires, Auxiliary Members, and Sons of the American Legion Members taking advantage of the opportunity to strengthen their knowledge of our organization and develop the skills needed to lead at the Post, District, and Department levels.

The Kansas American Legion College is designed to provide practical training and education on a variety of topics, including leadership, membership, finance, adjutant responsibilities, resolutions, and the many programs that make The American Legion such an important force in our communities.

One of the greatest strengths of the College is the opportunity it provides for Members to connect with fellow Legion Family leaders from across Kansas. Participants shared ideas, discussed challenges facing local Posts, and explored innovative ways to grow membership and increase community impact. Those conversations often become just as valuable as the classroom instruction, creating lasting relationships and a stronger network of leaders throughout the State.

The hands-on training sessions were particularly well received, giving participants practical tools they can immediately take back to their home posts. Whether attendees were seasoned Officers or newer Members looking to become more involved, there was something for everyone to learn and apply.

Leadership development remains essential to the future of The American Legion. By investing in our Members through programs such as the Kansas American Legion College, we ensure our organization remains strong, relevant, and prepared to continue serving veterans, their families, and our communities for generations to come.

A special thank you goes to the instructors, organizers, and volunteers who dedicated their time and expertise to making this year's College a success. Their commitment to mentoring and educating future leaders reflects the very best of The American Legion.

As participants return home energized and equipped with new knowledge, the impact of the Kansas American Legion College will continue to be felt throughout the State. The future of our organization is bright, shaped by the leaders who choose to learn, grow, and serve.

For those who have never attended, consider making plans to participate next year. An investment of one weekend can provide valuable knowledge, lasting friendships, and a renewed commitment to The American Legion's mission.

**AREA VICE COMMANDER
EAST**

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Greetings Kansas Legionnaires,

As the 2026-2027 calendar year kicks off I first and foremost would like to thank everyone for supporting me at Department Convention. It was an Honor to be elected and be able to represent you as this years Area East Vice Commander. The first weekend was spent at Leadership College and attended the Cadet Law graduation ceremony.

My position consists of assisting in implementing the policies, programs, and strategic priorities of the Department of Kansas while providing leadership support to District and Post Officers. Two of my main points that I would like to focus on this calendar year: Strengthening membership growth and developing future leadership. This can be worked together, and my focus is on finding ways to produce "Active Members".

The Power of Active and Engaged Membership. As Members of The American Legion, we share a commitment to serving veterans, strengthening our communities, and preserving the values that have made our nation strong. While membership numbers are important, the true strength of our organization lies in active and engaged members who bring energy, ideas, and dedication to our mission.

An engaged Member does more than pay annual dues. They attend meetings, volunteer for programs, mentor fellow veterans, support community initiatives, and

help promote the Legion's four pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Every Member who chooses to participate helps expand the reach and impact of our organization.

Active membership creates stronger Posts and Districts. It encourages fellowship among Veterans, builds leadership within our ranks, and ensures that our voice remains strong when advocating for those who have served. Engaged Members are often the driving force behind successful community events, veteran assistance programs, youth activities, and membership growth efforts.

The impact extends beyond our organization. When communities see Legionnaires actively involved in service projects, patriotic events, and support for veterans and military families, they gain a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices made by those who have worn the uniform. This visibility also helps attract new members and future leaders.

As we move forward, I encourage every Legionnaire in Kansas to find a way to become more involved. Your participation matters. Together, active and engaged Members can ensure that The American Legion remains a powerful force for veterans, our communities, and our nation for generations to come.

Melvin E. Eubanks
Department of Kansas
Area East Vice Commander

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

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to the local Pizza Hut for the O-Poo-Pah-Doo ceremony, during which Ed Boring and Kevin Schasteen were appropriately inducted into positions of honor, an annual tradition going back at least 40 years. Congratulations to Both! The rest of the College went very well, with the entire Legion Family participating. The instruction was excellent, and I look forward to seeing how much everyone learned and can implement over the following year..

The next weekend, I was honored to participate as the white group road captain on the Kansas Legacy Run, riding over a three-day period from Junction City, Kansas to Dodge City, Kansas, and visiting various Posts, Veteran memorials, and other notable stops along the way. The true highlight of the ride was being able to visit the Kansas Veteran Homes in both Winfield, Kansas, and Fort Dodge, Kansas. Both facilities take excellent care of our Kansas Veterans and it was terrific to visit the Veterans and Staff at both locations. In both cases, the residents and the staff were equally excited to greet us and host our visit. Kansas Office of Veteran Services runs two excellent facilities and certainly deserves our highest level of support. Also of significant note, six members of the British Royal Legion participated in the run. We were honored that they came over to join us and extremely thankful for their camaraderie and participation. Thanks to each and every one of them for participating; their involvement made the experience extremely memorable for us.

As we look to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence signing this summer let's get out there in our communities,

with our families and other organizations, and be a central part of the celebration.

Also coming up is the National Convention, which will be held in Louisville, KY, in August. This is National Cdr Wiley's Convention and will be great one. We have a great group of Delegates selected to attend this year and it should be a great convention. Get signed up early.

This year, our primary task and committed goal must be membership. That goal also has to be committed to. I will let the Vice Commander and the Membership Committee cover the details on how we plan to do this. Just know that I am absolutely committed to achieving our membership goals and increasing our membership over the year. Talk to me if you want to know how adamant I am that this is the #1 measurable, achievable, observable indicator of leadership success and capability for all potential leaders in the family. You can attend all the events on the list and be seen at the appropriate times but If your Post isn't meeting its membership goals and isn't submitting reports on time, you're not making the grade, and neither are we. We can all do better.

Thanks again for your support and confidence, and Lets Keep Moving Forward.

George W. Pogge

AMERICAN LEGION DAYS at the State Fair

Contact your District Commander if you're interested in volunteering to represent the American Legion at the State fair this September.

Fri, Sept. 11..... 1st District
Sat, Sept. 12 4th District
Sun, Sept. 13 ..11th District
Mon, Sept. 14.. 8th District
Tues Sept. 15... 6th District
Wed, Sept. 16 10th District
Thu, Sept. 17... 3rd District
Fri, Sept. 18..... 5th District
Sat, Sept. 19 9th District
Sun, Sept. 20 ...2nd District

ADJUTANT'S BRIEFS

By Department Adjutant Jimmie L. Foster

Now that the 107th Department Convention is behind US, and WE have a New Slate of Department Officers to lead US into and through the 2026-2027 Membership Year it is time to keep finding Veterans that want to join Our Great Organization.

The Delegates of the Convention were given the opportunity to hear their National Leaders. We had one Entity of The American Legion Family in attendance this year. National Vice Commander Jerry Landkamer from Norfolk, Nebraska enlightened US with a vast amount of knowledge about Our Organization and thanked the Department of Kansas American Legion Family for their support and camaraderie.

Boys State was held from 31 May to 6 June at Kansas State University. Every Stators was happy to be able to attend in person this year. They were well educated and initiative-taking young Adults representing their individual Cities and Towns across the State of Kansas very well.

The Kansas American Legion College (KALC) was held from 5 to 7 June in Concordia was also well attended and those there was eager to learn new things to help Our Organizations continue to march forward. All the presenters did a superb job of making it interesting and informational. This year it was again open to ALL entities of The American Legion Family – Legion, Auxiliary and Sons!

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 2026-2027 by Department Finance Committee Chairman Jim Buterbaugh.

The Information Letter has been mailed to those that were selected as Delegates and Alternates to the 2026 National Convention in Louisville,

Kentucky. 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.

The Kansas Cadet Law Program was held from 1 to 5 June 2026 at the Kansas Highway Patrol Academy in Salina. They had a fair number of Cadets attending this year. Each year the Boy's State and Cadet Law Programs give me continued faith that some of our youths are on the right track for the betterment of Our Country!

The Erie Bean Feed is scheduled from 17 & 18 July 2026 in Erie, Kansas. This is the 153rd Year for the Soldiers and Sailors Ceremonies. If you have never attended, be sure to put it on your calendar.

The Department Commanders Homecoming Luncheon will be held on August 15 at Wichita Post # 4. A clip out is on the last page of this Sunflower Legionnaire.

The Kansas State Fair is a go again this year. Each District is responsible for staffing the Booth for a day. PLEASE contact your District Commander 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 Department Vice Commanders Homecoming will be held in conjunction with The Eisenhower Pilgrimage in Abilene, Kansas on 17 October 2026. There is also a clip out on the last page of this Sunflower Legionnaire. PLEASE plan to attend.

The Big Red Turkey Run and Operation North Pole are NOT yet scheduled this year on Fort Riley. We are waiting for confirmation from the Operations Command. We will put the dates out as soon as they are available. If you

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KANSAS DISTRICTS



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**FIRST DISTRICT
COMMANDER**

ED GUNNELS
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Hello 1st District.

Congratulations to George Pogge, as the new Department Commander for Kansas. Ed Boring is the new Department Vice Commander. While each Post within the 1st District have completed their election congratulations to all elected Commanders and all Officers. As we prepare for the new membership year the goal from the new Department Commander is that every Post in the Department to reach 100 percent.

As 1st District Commander I would like to see all Posts reach 100 percent. As 1st District Commander, myself and the 1st District Vice Commander, Mike Smith plan on visiting all Posts within the District.

Membership has always and will be an issue. We know that as our members are called to Post Everlasting, we should be replacing them with new members. I realize that this generation may or may not want to join, but we should encourage them, letting them know that their voice is heard in Washington and their voice is what helps keep our benefits alive. Let's keep up the good work and keep encouraging your Members to renew. Without their membership the American Legion cannot support our

veterans, their families and the other programs provided by the American Legion. 1st District has 11 September 2026 for the State Fair. The list of times have been sent to all Post Adjutants. Please review and encourage your Post families to sign up for a time. We are looking for new ideas to bring the 1st District together as a family, planning activities to bring us closer together. If you need help with membership please contact myself or your District Vice Commander. If you have a story of success for membership please share with your fellow commanders and Adjutants within the District.

1st District Convention on April 10, 2027, Mayetta Post 423.

Once again thank you for supporting 1st District, American Legion Department of Kansas.



**SECOND DISTRICT
COMMANDER**

KEVIN SCHASTEEN
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Greetings 2nd District Legionnaires. I am honored to be serving as your District Commander this year. The District Officers for this year are: Commander Kevin Schasteen, Paola, Vice Commander Richard Sobek, Gardner, Adjutant Marri Krupco, Blue Mound. Committeemen: Aaron Winkelman, Baldwin, Mike Harris, Olathe, Ana Barata, Gardner. I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and all the activities that go along with it. With the new membership year upon us, you all should have received your membership packets. If you have not, please reach out to me and we will make sure you get them. It was great to see many of you at Kansas American Legion College in Concordia. I enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new

ones. Do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything. Remember we are better together. I look forward to seeing you all as I travel through the district this year. While at Convention we received our selection for our date at The Kansas State Fair, we will have Sept. 20th. If you are interested in helping, please contact me or Adjutant Krupco. Homecoming for Department Commander will be August 15th at Post 4 in Wichita. Please make sure we are reaching out to all Veterans and ensuring they are doing OK. We cannot assume they are ok. Reach out and BE THE ONE.



**THIRD DISTRICT
COMMANDER**

PAUL GRANTHAM
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First off, we would like to thank the leadership officers for the roll they played in mentoring us,

the newly elected officers. They set the standards that which we aspire to be.

The 3rd District had excellent participation at the Department Convention in Topeka, where the new officers were sworn in for their perspective offices.

I look forward to working with the Posts in District 3, the other Districts and the Department with membership and the other goals that we should obtain.

The 3rd District was well represented at the American Legion College this year in Concordia. I highly recommend that any person holding or aspiring to hold an office at the Post, District or Department level to attend this outstanding Legion College. It is well organized, and had a treasure trove of information and presented by subject matter experts.

This was my first year to attend and certainly will not be my last. I gained a lot of knowledge, and cemented a lot of friendships as I have at virtually every Legion function that I have attended at this level.

The 3rd District will be responsible for the American Legion booth at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson on Thursday, September 17th. If you have any questions or can help man the booth, please contact me, Paul Grantham at 620-506-1106. We have the American 250-year celebration coming up and I would encourage all Posts to be involved with any community activities that are available. Our presence at these types of functions is an outstanding way for us to meet other, recruit new members and represent the American Legion as a whole. Please put on your calendar the District Commander Homecoming, which will be held in Arkansas City at Post 18 on October 10, more details to follow.

A.B.R. = Always Be Recruiting

Have a safe holiday. I am looking forward to serving you this year.

Paul Grantham
3rd District Commander



**FOURTH DISTRICT
COMMANDER**

CLARENCE FRYE
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Happy Summer 2026 District 4 Family,

Wow! One month into my two-year term and it has been a whirlwind. The Kansas American Legion Convention, a very exciting time, ended with George Pogge as Commander and Ed Boring from Chanute as our new Vice Commander. Melvin

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FOURTH DISTRICT

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Eubanks, also of Chanute, is our new Department Area East Vice Commander. There were several great Veterans running for Department offices and I think the coming year will prove to be awesome.

I continue to communicate with Post Commanders and Adjutants through the kansaslegion.org email and their personal emails. My intent is to have them pass this information down to the member level, either by reading it at Post meetings or emailing it out to you. The 4th District has led the Department in membership percentage for most of the year and I couldn't be prouder of our Posts for keeping them vital in your communities and neighborhoods. I will also continue to send them ideas for events and growing membership.

Serving Veterans is our mission! Membership is the way we do that! Training our replacements will cement our Legacy! Being vital in our communities will let other Veterans know of our presence. These are the four tenets of our Post Vitality and Engagement Plan for 2026-2027.

America 250 is upon us and really continues throughout the year. Celebrate it. Other events coming up include the Erie Bean Feed in Erie, Kansas on July 17&18. It is actually the Old Soldiers and Sailors Reunion, 153 years of continuous serving their community. The Department Commander's Homecoming at Wichita Post 4, Saturday, August 15. The National Convention this year is in Louisville, KY August 28-Sept 3. District 4 Day at the Fair is Saturday, September 12th. You will hear more from your Post leaders in the coming weeks. Sign up and join us.

FIFTH DISTRICT COMMANDER

JERRY GARDINIER

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Greetings, 5th District Family,

It is a tremendous honor to serve as your 5th District Commander and to lead such an outstanding group of Veterans, Sons of The American Legion Members, Auxiliary Members, and dedicated volunteers as we move through 2026.

I would like to introduce your 2026 5th District leadership team:

• **Commander:** Jerry Gardinier

• **Vice Commander:** Paul Sanford

• **Adjutant:** Pat Culver

• **Executive Committee:** Robert Guest, Barbara King, and Doug Sherwood

• **Finance Officer:** Pat Culver

• **Chaplain:** Richard Johnson

• **Sergeants-at-Arms:** Kevin Honn and Hugh Clare.

As we begin this year, I want to share my priorities for building a strong foundation for every Post within the 5th District.

1. Veterans-

Veterans and their families are the heart of our organization. Every Post should be committed to providing support, fellowship, and guidance to those who have served our nation.

Post Commanders must foster an environment that welcomes all Veterans while understanding the unique needs of their local communities. By recognizing and responding to those needs, we can better assist veterans and their families during times of hardship and crisis.

We must also make a deliberate effort to engage younger generations of Veterans. Offering inclusive programs and activities that encourage participation from Veterans of all eras will help ensure the continued strength and relevance of our organization.

Most importantly, every veteran and guest who enters our Post should feel welcomed and appreciated. A simple handshake, friendly greeting, and professional atmosphere can make a lasting impression and encourage continued involvement.

2. Post-

Regardless of a Post's size or operating structure, all entities, auxiliaries, and affiliated groups must work together as one unified organization.

When we operate with a shared purpose, we strengthen the foundation of our Posts and create an environment where goals can be clearly defined and collectively achieved. Unity within our organizations is essential to long-term success and sustainability.

3. Community-

Every American Legion Post within the 5th District must maintain a visible and active presence in its community.

Recruitment and retention are difficult without public awareness of who we are and what we do. Posts should regularly evaluate how they serve their communities and seek opportunities to expand their impact through strategic partnerships and civic involvement.

Maintaining membership in local Chambers of Commerce, participating in community events, supporting local initiatives, and promoting our programs are all effective ways to increase visibility and demonstrate our commitment to service.

Moving Forward Together-

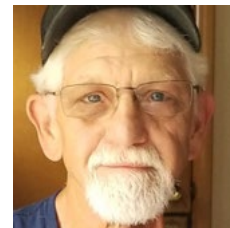
I look forward to visiting and working alongside each Post throughout the 5th District. My goal is to help every Post operate effectively while meeting the expectations of the National Organization, Department of Kansas, and the 5th District.

Together, we can strengthen our Posts, support our Veterans, and make a lasting impact in our communities.

For Veterans. For Community. For America.

Jerry Gardinier

Commander, 5th District



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SIXTH DISTRICT
COMMANDER

Hello to all the 6th District Legionaries, and American Legion Family. I'm looking forward to the upcoming year, all the opportunities that will present themselves, positive or negative. Having just been newly elected, I will be relying on the 6TH District Team to assist myself going forward. So, we can work together as a cohesive unit. We need to assess helping the Posts that are deficient in their membership to obtain membership goals. As well as supporting all Posts within the 6TH District. Next quarters *Sunflower* will have more informational content as I become acclimated to my duties. Promoting communication within the District is of the Ute most importance for the Post, District, and Department. If you are not informed, then the system has failed!

Stan Britt

6th District Commander



BASIL PEPPERD

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SEVENTH DISTRICT
COMMANDER

Hello Everyone, my name is Basil Pepperd and I am the new 7th district commander. I am from Post 69 in Medicine Lodge. I have a beautiful bride, Mari, who is a Member of the Auxiliary. I am a Life Member of the Legion and the VFW. I am also a member of the SAL, where I once held the position of Detachment Commander.

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SEVENTH DISTRICT

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I hope you all are still working on membership for the last year and have started working on membership for next year. Let's all do our best to try and strive for a hundred percent.



ED LEWIS
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**EIGHTH DISTRICT
COMMANDER**

Hello to all my fellow Legionnaire Family this year is being a learning year for me. I became a Post Commander then at District Convention was elected Commander of District 8, this is a busy time of the year with memberships I have actively working on going to as many Posts as I can and talking with and making new friendship and have gotten feedback from the Post I have been to. I am trying to make myself and our District visible to people in my District and my Post area. I would like to Thank everyone for their support and trust in me for this honor that you have bestowed upon me. I hope I can earn your respect during this coming year I am looking forward to a great time with my Legion Family. Please note District 8 is having a POW/ Retired Air Force Pilot Brigadier General James D. Lathem coming to Garden City, November 14 2026. He was shot down over North Vietnam in October of 1972. It will be RSVP only and final details will be sent out in the next couple of months. If you have any questions please contact myself, Edwin Lewis 620-482-6140 or Gary Foos 785-798-5278. In closing, for God and Country we serve for those that can't. Edwin Lewis District 8 Commander.



SEAN HANKIN
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**NINTH DISTRICT
COMMANDER**

Greetings Ninth District, I hope you all are well and have big plans for the summer months ahead! As we wrap up the 2025 - 2026 membership year, I want to thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the American Legion. With your support and support from our Posts, the American Legion organization is stronger because of your efforts.

We are about to celebrate the birth of our nation. As America approaches its 250th anniversary, I am reminded that this nation's history is not only marked by victories and milestones, but by the sacrifices of those who served to preserve its ideals. Our Veterans. On that day, July 4th, we will honor generations of Americans whose courage shaped the story of our country across two and a half centuries. I wish you all a safe and happy 4th of July!

There will be many events happening within the Legion Family this summer. I encourage everyone to keep a close eye on the "kansaslegion.org" website as well as the District 9 face book page to stay informed. One of the important dates that will impact District 9 is at the Kansas State Fair. Our day to help staff the American Legion booth will be Saturday, September 19th. I will be reaching out for assistance as the date draws closer. As always, you may contact me if you are able to help.

I want to wish everyone a fun-filled summer! Thank you for everything you do to support our Veterans and the Kansas American Legion Family.

For God and Country,

Sean Hankin

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**TENTH DISTRICT
COMMANDER**

Hello Legionnaires of District 10.

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Memorial Day weekend, I attended several activities The Posts in District 10 put on. District 10 Convention was held on April 25th 2026 at Post 181 in Frankfort, on May 29th-31st, I attended Department Convention in Topeka. On June 5th-7th I attended American Legion Leadership College in Concordia. On June 27th District 10 will hold its first District Family Day. I can't wait to meet and talk with District Members and meet the new members of District 10, also in June I attended activities at Post 21 Seneca, Post 235 Greenleaf and Post 237 Linn as always I enjoy visiting Posts within the District and talking to District members. Membership packets were delivered to all Posts the District will help Posts with membership. I am confident District 10 will achieve 100% this upcoming membership year. August 5-9th I will be attending a Membership Workshop at Indianapolis and National Convention at Louisville KY as well. I would like to remind the Posts, Auxiliary Units, and SAL Squadrons of District 10 if you are putting on an event an activity or a booth at a Fair, if you would like District to participate let me know and I will be there if I'm free that day. After Indianapolis, District Commander, Vice Commander and Adjutant will be doing three workshops with the Posts in the District to help with leadership, membership and understanding and implementing AI.

I wish all the fathers in Dis-

trict 10 a Happy Fathers Day, and I hope everyone has a fun and safe 4th of July celebrating our great nations 250th birthday.



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**ELEVENTH DISTRICT
COMMANDER**

Greeting to all my Department of Kansas Legion Family the Legionnaires, Auxiliary Members, and Sons of the American Legion who are now an integral part of the 11th District! I am very proud and honored to represent you all as the Commander of the 11th District. As a Legion Member of Post 17, a Sons Member of Squadron 17, and the Director of ALR Chapter 17. I truly aim to make the 11th District a Family with renewed focus on "Veteran's helping Veteran's" and this means their family members, too. For without our family those of us Veterans could not have done what we did. They are so important. I would like to introduce the new 11th District Officers: Vice Commander Brian Ross, Adjutant/ Finance Officer Carol Zeitvogel, 1 Year Executive Joe Ellison, 2 Year Executive Matt Hutzenbiler, 3 Year Executive John Abel, Judge Advocate Dan Hammond, Chaplain Jayne Peterson, Historian Christopher Shoults, Sgt-At-Arms Jim Staley, and Sgt-At-Arms Matthew Burany. This fine team will work hard to make the 11th District the "Pride of the Flint Hills!" For all the Posts, my goal is to visit every Post in the District to introduce myself. Please email me at districtcommander11@kansaslegion.org

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with a good date that I can do so; I appreciate this.

The new Legion year is upon us. Membership cards are being mailed out to the Posts or delivered personally. Please work to get our Members reupped and keep recruiting! Some important dates for the next three months: Independence Day is coming up, and I hope that all Posts have some sort of event to commemorate the 250th celebration this year. District 11 Day at the State Fair is Sunday, September 13th. If you are interested in participating, please contact me so I can put you on the roster. Keep up the good work, take care of yourselves and each other, and God Bless

ADJUTANT'S BRIEFS

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have never attended one of these events, you have deeply missed out. Both Events will literally touch your heart when the Soldiers and their families hug 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 to attend the 2027 Mid-Winter Conference in Arkansas City, Kansas from 6 to 7 February 2027. Ark City 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).

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 seven 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 31, during the Department Convention.

WINNERS

Patrick Mann, Lenexa, KS	\$2,000.00
Duane Supple, Topeka, KS	\$1,000.00
Gerard Gouvion, Overland Park, KS	\$500.00
Ken Katzenberg, Wamego, KS	\$250.00
Richard Palma, Olathe, KS	\$250.00
Angela Evans, Lyons, KS	*\$200.00
Frank Cabodie, Ferndale, WA.....	\$200.00
Jim Ford, Olathe, KS	\$100.00
Roland Gallaway, Dwight, KS.....	\$100.00

* \$200 Bonus for being present during the drawing



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Kristen Hensley

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What does 'Family' mean to you when you hear leaders refer to the American Legion Family? What image does it bring to mind?

Merriam-Webster defines 'family' as 'a group of people united by certain convictions or common affiliation; fellowship'. This perfectly defines what this term means when looking at the entities that make up the American Legion Family. Although we differ in our deliverance of programs and some of the operational practices; we are still united for a common purpose and cause. We all are here to serve our active-duty military and their families, our veterans and their families, children & youth, and to educate and contribute to the communities that support all the before mentioned groups. It is also remembering our individualized roles and working diligently to honor the parameters of those roles without overstepping those established norms. As Auxiliary President, I intend to model the interactions that should occur from our portion of the Family; one of collaboration, cooperation, always remaining respectful of the other entities, their authority, and responsibilities.

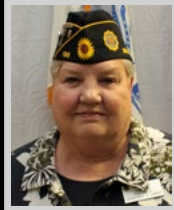
When we remember that all of us are working the same missions, although from different vantage points and areas of accountability, we position ourselves to leverage the differences between the entities in both method and approach, to serve better and reach further. We must have the courage to welcome the differing perspectives and be willing to accept that there are multiple ways to serve those that we are duty bound to serve.

Commander Pogge, De-

tachment Commander Weber, and I are dedicated to 'Family' and intentionally working together, where possible, to help each entity within the Kansas American Legion Family, in reaching their goals while navigating any obstacle. That can be anything such as Auxiliary Leadership showing up to support the efforts of The American Legion, Sons of the Legion, or Riders, inviting leadership from one of the other entities to an Auxiliary only event such as Fall Conference, and even actively recruiting for the whole family, not just the entity that any of us are currently a member of. When one of us wins, we all win!

Side Note:

The National American Legion Auxiliary President's official visit to Kansas is September 7th-10th. I am very proud of the Kansas American Legion Family and want to give Post Families an opportunity to request a stop, if they would like their efforts highlighted during the President's visit. Her focus is on Education and Scholarships for Military Spouses. Please reach out to me if you would like to be considered for a stop to highlight all the good works your Post Family does all year; or have suggestions of things to include in the visit, please contact me at Kristen.d.hensley@gmail.com or (913) 638-9724 (mobile). If you text, please tell me your name, Post/Unit/Squadron/Chapter so that I know who you are. I know working as a Family, we will show the National President the true Sunflower Power of the Kansas American Legion Family. As Commander Pogge says, "We are truly Stronger Together!"



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Pat Culver

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As the newly appointed Chairman for Children and Youth and Child Welfare Foundation, I would like to thank the Commander for this opportunity. At this time, all Consolidated Post Reports (CPR) should have been turned in to Department for July 1 reporting to National.

Let's start the 2027 membership year off right. Start adding your Children and Youth activity to your monthly meeting minutes. This will help your Post keep track of the activity completed and maintain information needed for the CPR form that should be filled out in February.

Our youth programs have just finished: Cadet Law, Boys State, and Girls State. Consider having a joint meeting and inviting these young people to attend. Let them share what they experienced and learned and ask them to talk about their experience with other students. This could help the Post recruit participants for next year.

The Committee on Children and Youth offers three Post-level Children and Youth program awards:

1. Annual Children and Youth Citation: This award is available to any Post that has reported an outstanding Children and Youth program for the year.

2. Special Children and Youth Citation: This award recognizes Posts within a District that have conducted outstanding Children and Youth programs during the reporting year. This award is broken down by membership categories:

Category 1: 15 to 99 members

Category 2: 100 to 299 members

Category 3: 300 to 499 members

Category 4: 500+ members

3. Certificate of Meritorious Service: These Posts must have distinguished themselves as having the best Children and Youth program in their respective categories.

• District Awards: Districts receive the National Achievement Award when all Posts in the District submit Children and Youth reports. Reporting percentages are based solely on CPR forms. Please contact the Children and Youth Committee and Child Welfare Foundation with any questions or concerns. Your committee members are Leroy Matthews, (316) 807-8832; Myra Jowers, (417) 208-6246; and Pat Culver, (316) 651-7215.

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY HOMECOMING

The Homecoming Celebration for Department Commander George Pogge, Auxiliary President Kristen Hensley, and S.A.L. Commander Michael Weber will be held Saturday, August 15th at Wichita Post #4 located at 816 North Water Street.

The festivities will begin at 11:00 AM. Cost is \$20.00 and includes lunch, meatloaf with side and dessert.

RSVP by 5 August. See page 11 for mail in coupon, or use the following links to pay via [Venmo](#) or [Cash App](#) (QR codes below).



George Pogge
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Berry, Melvin (WWII)..... Sylvan Grove
Billiard, Billy (Korea)..... Arma
Bushey, Roland (Vietnam)..... Andover
Campbell, Billy (Korea)..... Cedar Vale
Carter, Louis (Korea)..... Linn
Castillo, Jose (Vietnam)..... Junction City
Davis, Cameron (Korea)..... Junction City
Edmonds, James (Vietnam)... Tonganoxie
Fry, Andee (Vietnam)..... Copeland
Herrs, Lowell (Vietnam)..... Linn
Hilton, Gary (Vietnam)..... Linn
Hobble, Clayton (Vietnam)..... Emporia
Holzmeister, Edwin (Korea)..... Hays
Johnson, Rocky (Vietnam)... Junction City
Jones, Jerry (Vietnam)..... Isabel
King, William (Vietnam)..... Manhattan
Koch, Daniel (Vietnam)..... Seneca
Kreger, Roger (Vietnam)..... Meade
Krien, Ken (Korea)..... Bird City
Lauritsen, Wayne (Korea)..... Colby
Law, Clair (Vietnam)..... Manhattan
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Matthews, Kenneth (Persian Gulf).....
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Minick, Larry (Vietnam)..... Junction City

Parrack, Jimmy (Vietnam)..... Linn
Perrin, Benjamin (Vietnam)..... Topeka #1
Peterson, James (Vietnam)..... Marquette
Pfister, Stephen (Vietnam)..... Manhattan
Potter, Leslie (Vietnam)..... Emporia
Reith, Larry..... Linn
Reust, Steven (Vietnam)..... Frankfort
Rice, Donald (Vietnam)..... Manhattan
Riekenberg, Kermit (Vietnam).... Hanover
Roth, Orson (Vietnam)..... Augusta
Rottinghaus, Gerald (Vietnam)..... Seneca
Rutz, Keith (Vietnam)..... Topeka #1
Scoby, Donald (Korea)..... Sabetha
Sines, Robert (Vietnam)..... Hiawatha
Slocum, Francis (Korea)..... Topeka #400
Smith, Robert (Lebanon/Grenada).....
..... Junction City
Stewart, Robert (Vietnam)..... Liberal
Terpening, Donald (Vietnam)..... Linn
Umphenour, Kenneth (Vietnam).....
..... Pittsburg #64
Walker, Richard (Vietnam)..... Cheney
Wehmeier, Melvin (Korea)..... Cheney
Wenger, Lawrence (Korea)..... Oberlin
Wilson, Vic (Korea)..... Hanover
Windham, Donald (Vietnam)..... Cheney
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How to Enroll in VA Health Care-

Securing the healthcare benefits you earned through your service shouldn't feel like a tactical maneuver. If you served on active duty and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, you have the right to apply.

Before You Start-

Gather your DD214, Social Security numbers (for you and your dependents), current health insurance details, and your gross household income from the previous calendar year.

Four Ways to Apply (VA Form 10-10EZ)-

Online (Fastest): Visit <https://www.va.gov/forms/10-10ez/>. Signing in with a verified account (like Login.gov) can speed up processing to under a week.

Phone: Call 1-877-222-VETS (8387), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET. A representative will complete and submit the form with you.

Mail: Print VA Form 10-10EZ and mail it with a copy of your DD214 to: *Health Eligibility Center, 2957 Clairmont Road, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA

30329.*

In Person: Visit the registration office at any VA medical facility. In Kansas, you can apply directly at major centers like the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center in Wichita, Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center in Topeka, or Dwight D. Eisenhower VA Medical Center in Leavenworth.

Lean on the Legion-

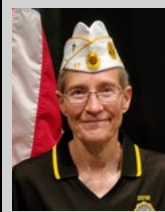
You don't have to navigate the bureaucracy alone. The American Legion Department of Kansas has accredited Department Service Representatives ready to assist you. Their expertise is 100% free, and they can help you track down a missing DD214, navigate income requirements,

and ensure you are placed in the correct Priority Group.

Reach out to your local Post Service Officer or contact Our Team they are here to advocate for you and ensure you receive the full range of benefits you've earned through your service.

Leavenworth- 913-758-4297, Topeka- 785-350-4489 or Wichita- 316-688-6814.

Let The American Legion stand by You!



CHAPLAIN

Rev. Debra Muylaert

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Greetings Legion Family! I pray you are doing well and in good health. It was truly a pleasure seeing many of you at the Department Convention and Legion College. I always enjoy spending time with the Family!

To celebrate our country's 250th birthday, I want to share with you "The First Prayer In Congress, 1774" (whitehouse.gov). The First Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia in September 1774 to coordinate a colonial response to British encroachments. Amid political uncertainty, as well as profound ideological and regional diversity and differing denominational backgrounds, one of the first motions made was that Congress begin its proceedings with prayer. Rev. Jacob Duché, who was an Anglican clergyman from Christ Church in Philadelphia, was invited to lead the opening devotion on September 7th. The inaugural prayer met with a very positive reception, which led Congress to institutionalize the practice. A chaplain was appointed, and each session of Congress thereafter opened with prayer. The practice continues in both the House and Senate to this day. Here is the prayer in its entirety:

"O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for

that countenance and support, which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their Cause and if they persist in their sanguinary purposes, of own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle!"

"Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the word to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior. Amen."

The delegates regarded the prayer as a source of moral clarity and national purpose during a time of political crisis and impending conflict. Just as our country began with our leaders on their knees before the Almighty, seeking His wisdom and guidance, may we, leaders and citizens alike, begin our next 250 years on our knees as well, asking our Great God for moral clarity and leadership. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). See you at the Department Homecoming!



Department Historian

Jeffrey Winters

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Hello to the Legionnaire and Family. I am extremely grateful to have been considered and subsequently appointed as the Department Historian. I look forward to many encounters we have upcoming documenting the great events and activities.

I look forward to all Post Historians contacting me by phone or email. Begin now to record our story/history adding each event as it comes. Email is: departmenthistorian@kansaslegion.org or by phone/text

at 913-461-4395.

Kansas American Legion College (KALC) was a great weekend training and sharing information for a better Department to service our Family.

Thank everyone that has posted pictures of your journey on social media, especially Facebook where I will be saving many to Google and thumb drives.

Excited to see many of you at our upcoming events throughout the year.

LEGION FAMILY HOMECOMING

Saturday, August 15, 2026
11:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Wichita Post #4
816 N Water St.

RSVP by August 5, 2026

Post/Unit/Squadron _____

Guest Name _____

No. of Meals (\$20 each by Aug 5): _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of _____

Please Make checks Payable to: Michael Weber

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46th ANNUAL**EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE**

Enclosed is our payment for a rose / wreath to be placed at the Eisenhower Memorial on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

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

☐ Wreath (District Level or Higher) Amount Enclosed _____
(\$20 for each rose requested)

ORGANIZATIONS PRESENTING A
ROSE / WREATH

Post # / Unit # / Squadron #, City

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ABSOLUTE DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2026

EISENHOWER
RECEPTION & DINNER

Chapman Post #240

Friday, October 16, 2026

Social Hour: 6:00 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM

No. of Dinner Reservations _____ Amount Enclosed _____
(\$25 per person)

Persons Attending Dinner

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