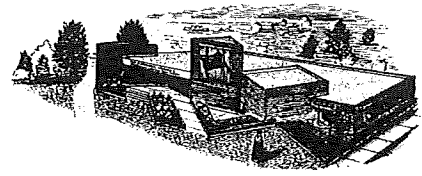


THE STATE ADJUTANTS LETTER



KANSAS DEPARTMENT



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MAY 2017

STATE CONVENTION: May 19, 20, 21, 2017 at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, 420 SE 6th St. in Topeka -- call 800-432-2424 for housing reservations and mention you are with the American Legion Family to receive the reduced Convention rate.

Saturday's program will begin at 7:50am. Speakers will include National Vice Commander Douglas Boldt; and Kenneth Yanke, S.A.L National Vice Commander. The Youth Champions will also be presented. Also several reports and award presentations will be made.

The Sunday session will begin with the Memorial and Rededication Service, and also include Convention Committee reports along with other reports and presentations. Delegates will elect Delegates and Alternates to the Reno National Convention and the 2017-2018 Department Officers.

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

CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION DINNER to be held Saturday, May 20 from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center in Topeka. Cost is \$30.00 per person and reservations must be received at Department Headquarters no later than May 16 .

AMERICAN LEGION LEADERSHIP COLLEGE -- JUNE 2, 3, 4, 2017 -- CLOUD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE -- CONCORDIA, KANSAS. The American Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. members over the age of 21 are invited to attend the College. Cost of the College is \$45 per person which includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and Barbecue dinner at Concordia Post 76, and Sunday breakfast. In addition the enrollment fee includes air conditioned dorm housing at the College, attendees must bring their own sheets, pillow, pillow case, blanket, bath soap, towels and personal items. Check in for the College begins at 3:00 PM on Friday, June 2. Dinner will be available from 5:00 until 6:00 PM followed by a meeting of the Department Executive Committee. Sessions for all attendees will commence at 8:15 AM Saturday and 8:30 AM Sunday, June 3 and 4 with a break for lunch on Saturday and conclusion of the College on Sunday no later than noon. Dan Bartlett, Department Service Officer, and National Staff will hold a Service Officer School Saturday. Flag Education Program will be demonstrated, along with information on other American Legion programs and activities. Of course the annual migration of the O-Poop-Pah-Doo will gather at the local Pizza Hut for its evening of fun immediately following the DEC meeting Friday. **Please remember to indicate your housing needs. We cannot guarantee housing will be provided if you do not check the box indicating your need for housing at the College.**

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POST ADJUTANTS LETTER: Post Adjutant, are you reading this newsletter at your Post's meeting? As usual during District Conventions many people asked Headquarters Staff why the only source of information they had was the Sunflower Legionnaire. It's great to learn so many people are reading the paper, but it is your duty to keep your membership informed by reading this monthly Adjutant's Letter and any other mailing sent by Department Headquarters during your Post meetings. Then post the letter on your Post's bulletin board so it can be used as reference and reminder.

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT will be at Golf and Wellness Golf Course in Concordia, July 15 - 16, 2017. Posters and entry forms have been mailed to all Posts. For further information contact State Golf Chairman Carroll Peppersack, 805 N. Kansas Ave., Frankfort KS 66427, telephone 785-292-4665 or email leftlandersden@netzero.net.

BUCKLE UP, LIGHTS ON AND LIVE -- FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017. Information on this great traffic safety program has been mailed to all Posts. Remember this community service program costs you nothing, just a few hours of dedication by four or five of your members. It's a great program that will help strengthen the good will in your community while gaining some favorable publicity. Order now while supplies last.

POST CONSOLIDATED REPORTS: All Post Adjutants must complete and return their Post Consolidated Report. The report can also be completed online. They are due now and are very important.

BASEBALL ENTRY FEES are now due. The fee of \$200 per team by May 15 paid online. NO fees will be accepted after May 15.

MEMORIAL DAY IS MAY 29, 2017. All Posts should observe this special day in some manner.

NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS: National Convention will be in Reno, Nevada, August 18 - 24, 2017. All Delegates, Alternates and Guests must make housing arrangements through Department Headquarters. If you are interested let us know and you will receive all pertinent information.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Valley Center for reaching COMMANDERS TARGET; to Republic for making GOAL; and to Wichita #256 and Long Island for making QUOTA. (As of April 24.)

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF APRIL 24, 2017: District VIII, 1,152 - 86.88%; District V, 3,631 - 86.62%; District I, 4,836 - 83.53%; District III, 2,721 - 83.44%; District IV, 3,666 - 83.41%; District VII, 1,972 - 83.31%; District II, 4,209 - 82.22% and District VI, 3,082 - 81.82%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 1,277. Total membership is 26,546. Membership last year this date was 29,505.. We are BEHIND 2,959 members.

IN ORDER TO AVOID RECEIVING THE NEXT RENEWAL NOTICE ALL PAID MEMBERS' CARDS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY MAY 19, 2017.