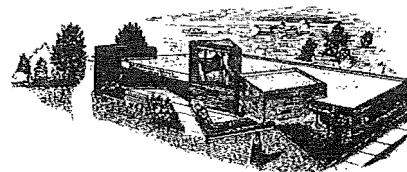


THE STATE ADJUTANTS LETTER



KANSAS DEPARTMENT



1314 SW TOPEKA BLVD. TOPEKA, KANSAS 66612-1886

JANUARY 2018

GOLD STAR DEADLINE -- FEBRUARY 1, 2018: This is the last day to qualify for the Gold Star Club and other awards. Membership counted for these awards must be received at Headquarters by February 1. Adjutants must report their membership awards to Department Headquarters no later than February 15, 2018.

GO-GETTER AND BIG TEAM AWARDS DEADLINE IS MAY 1, 2018.

MID-WINTER FORUM AT MANHATTAN: February 2, 3, 4, 2018. Hotels are the Comfort Suites, 1020 Hostetler Dr, 785-539-9449, rate is \$91 for standard King; the Bluemont Hotel, 1212 Bluemont Ave. 785-473-7091, rate is \$109 for a King Suite and Fairfield Inn & Suites, 300 Colorado St., 785-539-2400 rate is \$91 for a Standard King or Double. You must identify that you are with the Kansas American Legion to receive the reduced rate. A great program is being planned. See information in the *Sunflower Legionnaire* for more details and a schedule.

DUES NOTICES: The January dues notice will be in the mail shortly for all members whose 2018 dues were not received at Department Headquarters by December 8, 2017. Every member who has not paid their dues should be contacted by your membership workers. As of December 26, Kansas still needs 5531 members to reach its nationally assigned goal. We need more renewal, reinstatement and new members -- remember everyone on active duty is eligible for membership.

LEGISLATIVE PARTY: Mark your calendar for January 17, 2018 as the date for the Legion's annual Legislative Party. Location again this year is the CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL, 1717 SW TOPEKA BLVD., TOPEKA, KS 66612. Several issues important to Veterans and Veterans Benefits are expected to be brought before the Legislature. Reservations may be sent to Department Headquarters, 1314 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66612.

INCORPORATION: Posts should be incorporated thereby relieving your Post Officers and members of liability incurred by the Post. Simple annual reports are required to maintain incorporated status. If your Post is already incorporated you should have received your annual report to be filed with the Kansas Secretary of State. If your Post is not incorporated and it should be, or you have not received your annual report, contact the Secretary of State's Office, 1st Floor, 120 W. 10th St., Topeka, KS 66612, phone 785-296-4564.

ORATORICAL CONTEST: Your Post should be promoting this great scholarship program for high school students. Information has been sent to all schools, and has been published in the *Sunflower Legionnaire*. Information is also available online at www.ksamlegion.org/scholarships.htm.

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RENEWAL POST CARDS: Department Headquarters has a supply of the 2018 Membership Renewal Post Cards. These post cards can be very effective when sent to delinquent members. Contact Headquarters with the number that you need.

EMPLOYER AWARDS: Information and nominating information for National's Employer of Veterans Awards and the Award to Enhance the Live of Disabled Persons is available on our website and by contacting Department Headquarters. These nominations must be received at National by January 15. Headquarters relies on you to submit nominations, the winner may as well be from your community; perhaps your employer or firm. Please consider an employer in your town for this honor.

CHALLENGE: This month each Post is challenged to poll their membership asking what improvements, activities, or programs they would like to see at your Post. This challenge can be accomplished very easily through a simple letter to each member, be sure to ask how they would support their suggestions (either financially, by volunteering their services or time, or all three). You never know until you ask, and you may increase more members' involvement which can improve your Post.

AMERICAN LEGION SCHOOL AWARDS: Looking for a way to establish a good working relationship with your local schools? The American Legion School Award Program provides an excellent means to recognize boys and girls in Elementary, Junior High or Middle School and High School for their courage, honor, leadership, service, scholarship and patriotism at little expense. Students are proud to receive this type of recognition and their schools often welcome the opportunity to include the program in their spring activities. Awards are available from Emblem Sales and your Post's membership performance can earn these awards for presentation at no cost to the Post. Contact your schools now to schedule a presentation.

A REMINDER NOMINATIONS for National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and National Firefighter of the Year must be received by January 15, 2018 here at Department Headquarters. These awards are presented every year to deserving officers and firefighters at National Convention. The rules and entry information for the Law Enforcement Officer Award are available at http://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/ns_officeroftheyear.pdf. Rules and entry information for the Firefighter award are available at http://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/firefighter_award.pdf.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Cheney and Highland for making GOAL; and to Oskaloosa and Valley Center for making QUOTA. (As of December 22.)

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF DECEMBER 26, 2017: District VIII, 972 - 77.45%; District IV, 3,001 - 73.79%; District VII, 1,635 - 73.75%; District II, 3,462 - 72.40%; District I, 3,927 - 72.31%; District V, 2,904 - 71.85%; District III, 2,113 - 68.36% and District VI, 2,396 - 68.22%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 1,059. Total membership is 21,469. Membership last year this date was 23,403. We are BEHIND 1934 members.

IN ORDER TO AVOID RECEIVING THE NEXT RENEWAL NOTICE ALL PAID MEMBERS' CARDS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 10, 2018.