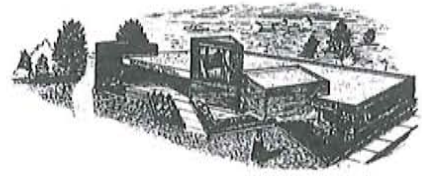


THE STATE ADJUTANTS LETTER



KANSAS DEPARTMENT



1314 SW TOPEKA BLVD. TOPEKA, KANSAS 66612-1886

FEBRUARY 2017

LEGISLATIVE PARTY: The American Legion Legislative Party will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. This year's event will be held at Topeka's Capitol Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd. beginning with a Legislative briefing at 5:00pm in "Emerald 4 & 5", followed by the party in "Emerald 2 & 3" from 6:00-8:00pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person in advance, \$25.00 at the door. See Sunflower Legionnaire for details and a reservation coupon. Among the items expected to be discussed this year are the KCVVA budget and Veterans Benefits.

LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE: Call 1-800-432-3924 to learn the status of a bill or leave a message for your State Senator or Representative.

RENEWAL TARGET #5: All unpaid and paid members whose membership cards are not received in Topeka by February 15, 2017 will receive a national dues renewal notice around March 1. All Posts are urged to conduct membership drives to help Kansas meet its nationally assigned target. Do not hold members' cards--transmit them to Headquarters at least every two weeks. Please do your part.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications for the "Eagle Scout of the Year," "Albert M. Lappin," "Ted and Nora Anderson," "Hugh M. Smith," "Music," "John and Geraldine Hobbie," "Rosedale," "Charles and Annette Hill" and "Shooting Sports" are available on the Kansas American Legion website www.ksamlegion.org. Click on Programs on the top and then Scholarships. The "S.A.L. Jay B. Thielen Scholarship" and S.A.L. U. S. 'Udie' Grant Scholarship" are available on the S.A.L. website www.kssal.org. These represent \$14,800 in scholarships available to Kansas students. Make sure your community knows about them. Deadline for applying is February 15, 2017.

CADET LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY: Information on the Cadet Law Enforcement Academy is enclosed with this Adjutants Letter. Dates are June 4-9, 2017.

BOYS STATE will be held on the Kansas State University Campus, June 4-9, 2017. Applications have been mailed to all Posts and High Schools and past sponsors. Deadline for applying is March 31; additional applications are available online at www.kansasboysstate.org or by calling 866-241-9920.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS: All Posts should be represented at their respective District Conventions to help elect their leaders and to participate in the District programs. Dates and locations for this year are: **District I** - Lansing, April 21-23; **District II** - Shawnee, March 25; **District III** - Chanute, March 24-26; **District IV** - Manhattan, April 22; **District V** - McPherson, April 1; **District VI** - Concordia, April 8; **District VII** - Hoisington, April 1; **District VIII** Liberal, April 7-9.

RENEWAL POST CARDS: Department Headquarters has a supply of the 2017 Membership Renewal Post Cards. These post cards can be very effective when sent to delinquent members. Contact Headquarters with the number that you need.

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SERVICE OFFICER REPORTS have been mailed to all Post Service Officers. Reports must be completed and returned to: The American Legion DSO, 1314 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66612 by March 1, 2017. An additional copy is enclosed.

CHILDREN & YOUTH REPORTS are due to your District Chairman no later than your District Convention. Report forms have been mailed to District Chairmen for distribution to Posts.

POST CONSOLIDATED REPORTS will again be sent to the Posts by Department Headquarters. They will be sent to the Post Adjutants shortly.

POST DATA FORM will be enclosed with the Consolidated Report. This report is very important as it will contain the information for your Renewal Notices.

STATE CONVENTION: Dates for 2017 are May 19, 20, 21, 2017. This year's State Convention will be held at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, 420 SE 6th, in Topeka.

STATE CONVENTION HOUSING: As in the past, Posts who reach or exceed their membership quota by February 15, will be given priority housing at the State Convention. Posts with priority housing status must exercise their option by March 15 after such time housing availability is open to everyone on a first come, first served basis. Priority housing winners will be notified when they start making their reservations.

POST ADJUTANTS be sure to notify Department Headquarters of any changes or corrections in Post Officers or changes in their addresses. Notify Department Headquarters separately from the Member Data form sent to National (Post Officers only).

POST HISTORIES AND SCRAPBOOKS must be certified by their respective District before they can be considered for state and national competition. Certification forms are enclosed; please see that your Post Historian receives it. Outlines are in the Post Officers Guide.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Lebanon and Baxter Springs for reaching **COMMANDERS TARGET**; to Cheney and Jennings for making **GOAL**. (As of January 25.)

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF JANUARY 27, 2017: District VIII, 1,093 - 82.43%; District V, 3,359 - 80.13%; District I, 4,540 - 78.42%; District IV, 3,426 - 77.95%; District VII, 1,831 - 77.36%; District II, 3,930 - 76.77%; District III, 2,502 - 76.72% and District VI, 2,888 - 76.67%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 1,232. Total membership is 24,801. Membership last year this date was 27,914. We are **BEHIND** 3,113 members.

IN ORDER TO AVOID RECEIVING THE NEXT RENEWAL NOTICE ALL PAID MEMBERS' CARDS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 15, 2017.