

## **JUNE 2016**

**STATE CONVENTION RESULTS:** Robert Munson from Post 64 in Pittsburg has been elected to lead the Kansas American Legion for the 2016-17 membership year. Munson was elected Department Commander during the final business session of the 98th Annual Convention of Kansas' largest veterans' organization in Hutchinson on May 22. A Navy veteran and an 8 year member of the American Legion. Bob's American Legion service includes a just completed term as Department Vice Commander, Department Master at Arms, District Commander and other offices at the District and Post level.

Terry Marr of Derby-Haysville Post 408 was elected as Department Vice Commander. A 15 year life member Marr has just completed a term as the Fifth District Commander and has served as Fifth District Vice Commander and the Derby-Haysville Post as Commander and other offices. He earned his eligibility in the United States Air Force.

Re-elected were National Executive Committeeman David Warnken of Hutchison Post 68 and Past Department Commander Gaylord Sanneman of Marquette Post 253 was elected as Alternate National Executive Committeeman.

Also elected were Area East Vice Commander Lynn Wichman from Seneca Post 21 and Area West Vice Commander Gary Foos from Bazine Post 392. Wichman will oversee membership efforts in Districts 1-2-3-4 and Foos will work in Districts 5-6-7-8. Clint Vawter from Topeka Post 400 and Clint Williard from Winfield Post 10 were elected as Department Masters at Arms.

Enclosed in this Adjutants Letter are the minutes of the last two Department Executive Committee Meetings held prior to and after the Department Convention.

**JUST 3368 MORE MEMBERS** are needed to reach 33,200 (our Nationally assigned goal). Contact your un-renewed members and mail every available 2016 membership to Headquarters as soon as possible.

**POST OFFICER SHEETS NEEDED:** If your Post has not sent Department Headquarters the names of its 2016-17 officers yet, please see that it does now! All Posts who report their officers by June 1; file a Service Officer report by March 1, 2017; a Children & Youth report by District Convention and a Post Consolidated report by May 1, 2017 will receive a 100% Reporting Certificate. 69 received this award for 2016; let's make it 169 in 2017!! If you have a yellow mark on your envelope we have not received a Post Officer Sheet from your Post. We must have this form even if there are no changes. Post Adjutant's packets and membership cards will be delivered or mailed in the next two weeks. Make sure we have your Adjutant's correct name and address for these all important mailings.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Robert Brown of Mulvane Post 136 the winner of the drawing for \$100.00 among Legionnaires who qualified as a new Gold Star Member for 2016. It certainly pays to be a membership recruiter.

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2017 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN: Officially gets underway July 1, 2016. The new membership cards will be delivered to every Post in the next couple weeks. Don't forget to transmit your Post's Life Member cards to Headquarters immediately and all others at least every two weeks, more often if necessary.

LEGION FAMILY HOMECOMING will be held Saturday, August 13 at Pittsburg Post 64, 2815 N. Joplin, Pittsburg, KS. Every Post is encouraged to have at least one representative at the Commander's Homecoming for the first statewide 2017 membership turn-in. But do not hold membership cards for this or any other membership turn-in. Post Adjutants should make a membership transmittal every two weeks, more often if necessary.

ATTENTION: Early Bird and Coffee Cup Awards will be determined by your Post's membership transmitted and received at Department Headquarters as of September 15.

BASEBALL: All Coaches, managers, and adults who are working with baseball teams must pass background checks prior to team registration. To register go to the registration page at [www.baseball.legion.org](http://www.baseball.legion.org) to begin the registration process. Once you register and are approved, you will be able to pay National and State fees, and purchase your insurance all from that site. All forms will be available for you to complete. Deadline to submit your roster for all classes is June 15.

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held at Concordia American Legion Golf Course at Concordia, July 16-17, 2016. 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.com](mailto:leftlandersden@netzero.com).

NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS: Anyone planning to attend the Cincinnati National Convention, August 26 - September 1 must make their housing arrangements through Department Headquarters. All delegates, alternates and those who have requested information will receive a mailing concerning their housing within the next two weeks.

OLD RECORD CARDS: Department retains record cards for three years before disposing of them. They are available to Posts upon request. Many Posts use them to find prospective members as well as several other uses. The 2012 record cards are now available upon request--hurry they will be disposed of in September.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Wichita #4 and Abilene for reaching COMMANDERS TARGET; and to Olpe, Pittsburg #64, Lenexa, Cherokee, Everest, Baxter Springs and Augusta for making QUOTA. (As of May 31.)

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF MAY 31, 2016: District V, 4,023 - 95.63%; District III, 3,078 - 92.46%; District II, 4,768 - 90.70%; District VII, 2,216 - 90.30%; District I, 5,427 - 89.70%; District VI, 3,505 - 89.39%; District VIII, 1,250 - 88.65% and District IV, 4,051 - 88.10%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 1,514. Total membership is 29,832. Membership last year this date was 31,954. We are BEHIND 2122 members.

**IN ORDER TO AVOID RECEIVING THE NEXT RENEWAL NOTICE ALL  
PAID MEMBERS' CARDS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY MAY 21, 2015.**