STATE CONVENTION RESULTS: Marri Krupco from Post 279 in Blue Mound has been elected to lead the Kansas American Legion for the 2020-21 membership year. Krupco was elected Department Commander during the final business session of the 101st Annual Convention of Kansas’ largest veterans’ organization in Topeka on August 2. A Navy veteran and a 21 year member of the American Legion. Marri’s American Legion service includes a just completed term as Department Vice Commander, District Commander and other offices at the District and Post level. Jeremy Ehart of Hutchinson Post 68 was elected as Department Vice Commander. A 13 year PUL member Ehart has served as District Commander, Vice Commander and the Hutchinson Post as Commander and other offices. He earned his eligibility in the United States Marines. Elected also were National Executive Committeeman Dan Wiley of Leavenworth Post 23 and Past Department Commander Ray Vail of Arma Post 182 was elected as Alternate National Executive Committeeman. Also elected were Area East Vice Commander Randy Frank from Hillsboro Post 366 and Area West Vice Commander Gary Foos from Bazine Post 392. Frank will oversee membership efforts in Districts 1-2-3-4 and Foos will oversee membership in Districts 5-6-7-8-9. Pat Hewitt from Phillipsburg Post 252 and Clint Vawter from Topeka Post 400 were elected as Department Masters at Arms.

WE ARE SEEKING LEGION POSTS willing to host the Incoming National Commander Bill Oxford from North Carolina. He will be visiting the Department of Kansas on the west side of the state on a date to be determined. There will be Breakfast, Mid-Morning Coffee Stops, Lunch, Mid-Afternoon Coffee Stops and Dinner. If your Post is interested in hosting any of these events, please contact the Department at 785-232-9315.

MEMBERSHIP & POST ACTIVITIES: The Department Commander, Department Adjutant, Department Membership Chairman, and District Vice Commanders would normally be attending the National Membership Training Session in Indianapolis, IN is cancelled this year.

EARLY BIRD AWARD: September 15 is the deadline to be used in determining the winner of Early Bird Awards. Early Birds are awarded to Posts reaching or exceeding 75% by the September 15th deadline. Only those Memberships received at Department Headquarters by September 15 will count toward those Awards.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Rich Sentfen of Manhattan Post #17 the winner of the drawing for $100.00 among Legionnaires who qualified as a new Gold Star Member for 2020. It certainly pays to be a membership recruiter.

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN LOUISVILLE, has been cancelled this year.

CAMPORAMA normally held at Wakefield City Park in Milford over Labor Day weekend has also been cancelled this year.

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LEGION FAMILY HOMECOMING will be held Saturday, August 29 at Arkansas City Post #18, 113 E. Washington Ave., Arkansas City, KS. Every Post is encouraged to have at least one representative at the Commander’s Homecoming for the first statewide 2021 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.

EISENHOWER DAY AND DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER’S HOMECOMING: The Annual Eisenhower Pilgrimage and Department Vice Commander Jeremy Ehart’s Homecoming will be a combined event again this year on Saturday, October 17, 2020, in Abilene. Following the Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony at 10:30am, all American Legion Posts, Auxiliary Units, SAL Squadrons and other affiliated groups are invited to participate in the Legion Family sponsored pilgrimage. Full details will be sent to all Posts next month.

ONLINE RENEWAL CREDITS: Department is notified of online renewals and the credit memos are sent to the Post Adjutant twice a month. These members are added to the Post total at that time and the Posts may use the credit after they receive that credit memo. Please remember to mail or otherwise issue the member’s card to the member. DO NOT transmit the National and Department Record card to Department Headquarters. Receiving them will cause duplications and create misunderstandings, delay, etc.

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REVITALIZATIONS have already kicked off and is in High Gear. If you are interested in working to sign up Members for Your Post, calling them on a Phone Bank, going door to door to seek out those Members that have NOT paid their current year DUES, Please check with your Post Commander, District Commander or District Vice Commander to assist. The more MEMBERS working MEMBERSHIP the better!

POST OFFICERS REPORT: If you have NOT sent in your Post Officers Report, PLEASE do so NOW! We are missing a bunch. This is Department and National’s way of contacting your Post if any information is needed throughout the Membership Year, and also to get credit listed in the National Library Archives for the Office that your Officers hold for the year. If you have a yellow mark on your envelope we have not received a Post Officers Sheet from your Post.

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held at Great Life Golf and Fitness at Shawnee Country Club in Topeka, September 26, 2020. A flyer is enclosed. For further information contact State Golf Chairman Lonny Cook, 785-286-2134, email kickaron01@sbcglobal.net or Gaylord Saneman, 620-290-3482, email gaylord6340@att.net.

DEPARTMENT STILL HAS A SUPPLY OF THE BOOKMARK RULERS: These would make a great Back-to-School handout. They are packaged in bundles of 250. Send your request to Department Headquarters to be ready for the start of school. They are available for the cost of the postage.

DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE: If any Member has a question or needs assistance, PLEASE do NOT hesitate to call or e-mail and WE will do our utmost to help you or get you steered in the right direction.

Thank you for being a Member of The Greatest Veteran Organization in the World (in my personal opinion.)