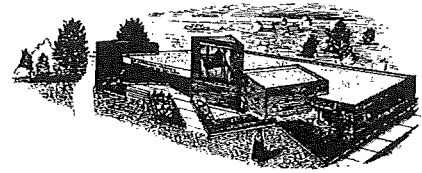


# THE STATE ADJUTANTS LETTER



KANSAS DEPARTMENT



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## MARCH 2018

The following are the bills that are the Veterans bills still eligible for action in the Kansas Legislature as of 26 February 2018.

HB 2147 Native American veterans domiciled on tribal lands during their periods of active military service may have been exempt from paying state income taxes on their military income, but may have had state income taxes improperly withheld from their military income. This bill would create a process by which such veterans can apply for and receive a refund for improperly withheld Kansas income taxes. (Passed House on 21 Feb 2018)

HB 2465 would give the director of the division of personnel services of the department of administration the authority to establish and implement a drug screening program for employees of the Kansas commission on Veterans Affairs office. (Passed House on 20 Feb 2018)

HB 2543 would designate June 27 as post-traumatic stress injury awareness day.

HB 2559 would allow part-time National Guard and Reservist members an exemption from vehicle property tax.

HB 2637 would add special consumer loan protections to veterans. The bill would cap the annual interest rate on any given consumer loan to veterans at 36.0 percent. Monthly fees and charges for those loans would be 5.0 percent of the original loan principal or \$20, whichever is less. Fees and charges could not be added to the original contracted loan amount for the purposes of calculating interest owed. Monthly payments made by veterans on contracted loans would not exceed 5.0 percent of the veteran's verified gross monthly income or 6.0 percent of the veteran's verified net monthly income. Prepayments made by veterans would not be subject to fees or penalties and would require interest and fees be pro rata refundable. Veterans would also be able to waive any provision of the Act.

CADET LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY: Applications are due March 31. For additional applications or more information contact Department Headquarters or our website [www.ksamlegion.org](http://www.ksamlegion.org).

BOYS STATE: Applications are due April 30. The 2018 session marks the 81st Anniversary of this outstanding program. Boys State DVD's are available free of charge to Posts and a video is available on the website. This twelve minute video highlights activities during the week of Boys State and features testimonials from several of the States themselves. They are both excellent recruitment tools for your Boys State Coordinator. You can order your copy or additional applications by calling the Boys State Office toll free at 866-241-9920 or online at [www.kansasboysstate.org](http://www.kansasboysstate.org).

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS: Attend and elect good officers who will represent your District in the 2018-2017 membership year. Dates and locations for this year are: **District I** - Marysville, April 20-22; **District II** - Overland Park, March 24; **District III** - Pittsburg, March 23-25; **District IV** - Emporia, April 21; **District V** - Newton, April 7; **District VI** - Phillipsburg, April 14; **District VII** - Hutchinson, April 7; **District VIII** - Syracuse, April 13-15.

POST ELECTIONS are the most important in the Legion. Elections of Post Officers must be held not more than sixty days or less than fifteen days prior to the Department Convention which begins on May 19, 2018. This year those dates are March 20 and May 4. Elect responsible and qualified leaders who will represent you and your Post. Names and addresses of those elected must be reported to Department Headquarters as soon as elected. A form is enclosed. All Posts are required to report their officers even if they haven't changed. Send both this report and the National one which you will receive with the other National Reports back to this office as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS: Legionnaires have until May 1 to be certified for "Go-Getter" and "Big Team (10 new members and 25 new members respectively). These awards cannot be sent out correctly unless we have updated figures in this office. Certification forms are available at Department Headquarters for the "Gold Brigade" (50 or more NEW members) and the "Silver Brigade" (25 to 49 NEW members). Certification forms for the Gold and Silver Brigade are due at Department Headquarters May 1, 2018.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Gardner, Newton, Leonardville, Syracuse, Axtell, Winchester and Lucas for making QUOTA. (As of February 23.)

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF FEBRUARY 23, 2018: District VIII, 1,054 - 83.98%; District IV, 3,337 - 82.05%; District V, 3,293 - 81.47%; District VII, 1,793 - 80.88%; District II, 3,824 - 79.97%; District I, 4,341 - 79.93%; District III, 2,384 - 77.13% and District VI, 2,642 - 75.23%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 1,003. Total membership is 23,671. Membership last year this date was 25,686. We are BEHIND 2,015 members.

**IN ORDER TO AVOID RECEIVING THE NEXT RENEWAL NOTICE ALL PAID MEMBERS' CARDS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY APRIL 9, 2018.**