MAY 2019

STATE CONVENTION: May 17, 18, 19, 2019 at the Atrium Hotel and Convention Center, 1400 N. Lorraine in Hutchinson -- call 800-362-5018 for housing reservations and mention you are with the American Legion Family to receive the reduced Convention rate.

Saturday’s program will begin at 7:50am. Speakers will include National Vice Commander Steve Sweet; and Clint Bolt, S.A.L. leading candidate for National Commander. The Youth Champions will also be presented. Also several reports and award presentations will be made.

The Sunday session will begin with the Memorial and Rededication Service, and also include Convention Committee reports along with other reports and presentations. Delegates will elect Delegates and Alternates to the Indianapolis National Convention and the 2019-2020 Department Officers.

Registration is just $10.00 and pre-registration information has been mailed to all Posts.

CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION DINNER to be held Saturday, May 18 from 6:30 to 8:00pm in Apollo I of the Atrium Hotel and Convention Center in Hutchinson. Cost is $30.00 per person and reservations must be received at Department Headquarters no later than May 14. More information is enclosed.

AMERICAN LEGION LEADERSHIP COLLEGE – MAY 31, JUNE 1, 2, 2019 -- CLOUD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE -- CONCORDIA, KANSAS. The American Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. members over the age of 21 are invited to attend the College. Cost of the College is $45 per person which includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and chicken dinner at Concordia Post 76, and Sunday breakfast. In addition the enrollment fee includes air conditioned dorm housing at the College, attendees must bring their own sheets, pillow, pillow case, blanket, bath soap, towels and personal items. Check in for the College begins at 3:00 PM on Friday, May 31. Dinner will be available from 5:00 until 6:00 PM followed by a meeting of the Department Executive Committee. Sessions for all attendees will commence at 8:15 AM Saturday and 8:30 AM Sunday, June 1 and 2 with a break for lunch on Saturday and conclusion of the College on Sunday no later than noon. Dan Bartlett, Department Service Officer, and National Staff will hold a Service Officer School Saturday. A hands-on myLegion.org class will be given along with information on other American Legion programs and activities. Please bring your own laptop or iPad to get the full effect of the training. Of course the annual migration of the O-Poop-Pah-Doo will gather at the local Pizza Hut for its evening of fun immediately following the DEC meeting Friday. Please remember to indicate your housing needs. We cannot guarantee housing will be provided if you do not check the box indicating your need for housing at the College.

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POST ADJUTANTS LETTER: Post Adjutant, are you reading this newsletter at your Post’s meeting? As usual during District Conventions many people asked Headquarters Staff why the only source of information they had was the Sunflower Legonnaire. It’s great to learn so many people are reading the paper, but it is your duty to keep your membership informed by reading this monthly Adjutant’s Letter and any other mailings sent by Department Headquarters during your Post meetings. Then post the letter on your Post’s bulletin board so it can be used as reference and reminder.

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT is still in the planning stages. Posters and entry forms will be sent as soon as finalized. For further information contact State Golf Chairman Lonny Cook, telephone 785-286-2134 or email kickaron01@sbcglobal.net or Carroll Peppersack, telephone 785-292-4665 or email lefthandersden@netzero.net or

BUCKLE UP, LIGHTS ON AND LIVE -- FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019. Information on this great traffic safety program has been mailed to all Posts. Remember this community service program costs you nothing, just a few hours of dedication by four or five of your members. It’s a great program that will help strengthen the good will in your community while gaining some favorable publicity. Order now while supplies last.

POST CONSOLIDATED REPORTS: All Post Adjutants must complete and return their Post Consolidated Report. The report can also be completed online. They are due now and are very important.

BASEBALL ENTRY FEES are due now. The fee of $250 for Junior (“A”) and $275 per team for Senior (“AA” and “AAA”) by May 15 paid online. NO fees will be accepted after May 15.

MEMORIAL DAY IS MAY 27, 2019. All Posts should observe this special day in some manner.

NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS: National Convention will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 23 - 29, 2019. All Delegates, Alternates and Guests must make housing arrangements through Department Headquarters. If you are interested let us know and you will receive all pertinent information.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Perry and Leavenworth #94 for reaching COMMANDERS TARGET; to Leavenworth #23, Howard, Haviland and Garfield for making GOAL; and to Wetmore, Overbrook and Caney for making QUOTA. (As of April 23.)

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF APRIL 23, 2019: District II, 3,944 - 92.52%; District IV, 3,286 - 88.33%; District VII, 1,748 - 88.02%; District V, 3,210 - 87.20%; District I, 4,259 - 86.11%; District VIII, 977 - 83.43%; District III, 2,301 - 82.21% and District VI, 2,573 - 81.71%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 929. Total membership is 23,227. Membership last year this date was 24,585. We are BEHIND 1,358 members.