STATE CONVENTION RESULTS: Chuck Shoemaker from Post 327 in Shawnee has been elected to lead the Kansas American Legion for the 2019-20 membership year. Shoemaker was elected Department Commander during the final business session of the 101st Annual Convention of Kansas’ largest veterans’ organization in Hutchinson on May 19. An Air Force veteran and a 37 year PUFL member of the American Legion. Chuck’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. Marri Krupco of Blue Mound Post 279 was elected as Department Vice Commander. A 19 year member Krupco has served as District Commander, Vice Commander and the Blue Mound Post as Adjutant and other offices. She earned her eligibility in the United States Navy. Also elected were Area East Vice Commander James Snyder from Oskaloosa Post 36 and Area West Vice Commander Gary Foos from Bazine Post 392. Snyder 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 Charles Sellens from Dodge City Post 47 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 2144 MORE MEMBERS are needed to reach 25,610 (our Nationally assigned goal). Contact your un-renewed members and mail every available 2019 membership to Headquarters as soon as possible.

POST OFFICER SHEETS NEEDED: If your Post has not sent Department Headquarters the names of its 2019-20 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, 2020; a Children & Youth report by District Convention and a Post Consolidated report by May 1, 2020 will receive a 100% Reporting Certificate. 78 received this award for 2019; let’s make it 178 in 2020!! 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: Loyd Womack of Andover Post #406 the winner of the drawing for $100.00 among Legionnaires who qualified as a new Gold Star Member for 2019. It certainly pays to be a membership recruiter.
2020 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN: Officially gets underway July 1, 2019. The new membership cards will be delivered to every Post in the next couple weeks. Don’t forget to transmit your Post’s Officers and 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 17 at Shawnee Post #327, 6521 Nieman Rd., Shawnee, KS. Every Post is encouraged to have at least one representative at the Commander’s Homecoming for the first statewide 2020 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 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 Great Life Golf and Fitness at Shawnee Country Club in Topeka, September 28, 2019. Posters and entry forms are enclosed. For further information contact State Golf Chairman Carroll Peppersack, 805 N. Kansas Ave., Frankfort, KS 66427, telephone 785-292-4665 or email lefthandersden@netzero.com.

NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS: Anyone planning to attend the Indianapolis National Convention, August 23 - 29 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 2015 record cards are now available upon request--hurry they will be disposed of in September.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Phillipsburg and Caney for reaching COMMANDERS TARGET; and to Bazine, Wichita #4, Spring Hill, Hope, and Baldwin City for making QUOTA. (As of May 24.)

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF MAY 24, 2019: District II, 3,980 - 93.36%; District IV, 3,328 - 89.46%; District VII, 1,756 - 88.42%; District V, 3,248 - 88.24%; District I, 4,296 - 86.86%; District VIII, 988 - 84.37%; District III, 2,338 - 83.53% and District VI, 2,596 - 82.44%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 936. Total membership is 23,466. Membership last year this date was 24,914. We are BEHIND 1,448 members.