A reminder of the memorandum that was sent to all Post Commanders and Post Adjutants of the manner in which a Kansas Life Membership (KLM) will be processed for the 2020 membership year and beyond. As of July 1, 2016 the Kansas Life Membership Plan was changed to require each Post to submit $18.50 to the Department for each KLM. A second change was the termination of Life Member Credit Memo. A Post has the option to pay $18.50 from its own funds or require the KLM to pay $18.50. In either case the Post Adjutant will submit to the Department $18.50 along with the 2020 Department and American Legion Record card for KLM members. If the Post elects not to pay for each KLM, the KLM has four options: (a) Pay the $18.50; (b) Let membership lapse; (c) Terminate Life Membership and pay Post dues at current rates; (d) Become a National Paid Up for Life Member (PUFL).

This applies only to Kansas Life Members, all other members are transmitted at $35.00 as usual. Those PUFL members in your post are handled as usual and you will receive their credit, etc. from National.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MEMBERSHIP CARDS Upon receiving your Post’s 2020 membership cards and roster the first order of business should be a comparison with your 2019 roster to: (A) Remove the cards of any deceased members, mark them appropriately and then forward them to Department Headquarters. (B) Remove and correct any duplications (example: Adam Smith and Adam R. Smith.) (C) Delete the card of any member who transferred from your Post -- if you received notice of transfer on a Member Data Form.(D) If you do not have a pre-printed card for any new member of your Post from the 2019 membership campaign set aside a blank card for use when the member renews. Ditto for members who transferred into your Post who may not have a pre-printed card. If you need any member’s ID number contact Department Headquarters or myLegion. (E) Review who paid their 2019 dues late (March, April, May) to enter in the correct number of continuous years the member has belonged to The American Legion. Be certain to use a #2 lead pencil whenever making corrections on the member’s card or submit the change on a Member Data Form.

THE SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS is to transmit Life Members with payment to Department Headquarters as well as the dues of every Post Officer.

CAMPORAMA - MILFORD LAKE, AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2019. This is a great family event. Make plans now to attend.

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY HOMECOMING, AUGUST 17. Department Commander Chuck Shoemaker, President Paula Sellens and Commander Terry Harris invite all Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members to attend the American Legion Family Homecoming in Shawnee, Kansas on Saturday, August 17, 2019. See enclosed flyer. There will be a membership turn-in, but please do not hold membership. Post Adjutants should make a membership transmittal every two weeks, more often if necessary.
POST QUOTA WILL BE the 2018 or 2019 membership as of June 30, whichever is higher. Dues notices for 2020 membership will be mailed by National Headquarters to reach members appearing on your 2019 roster or about July 1, 2018. Members are to send their dues directly to their local Post Adjutant or they may renew online with National Headquarters and your Post will receive a credit memo along with a list of those members who renewed online. Post Adjutants are to furnish members their card and LegionCare enrollment card immediately upon payment of dues (including those who renew online). Posts are to transmit record cards and $35.00 per member at least every two weeks.

SAL SQUADRONS: The requirement to turn in all unused 2019 S.A.L. cards to Department Headquarters was rescinded at the Detachment and Department Conventions. All 2020 S.A.L. membership cards will be mailed to the Posts.

AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS: National Headquarters established the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund to help provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships to the children of military personnel killed while on active duty since the 9-11 attacks against our nation. National Headquarters relies upon donations from The American Legion Family, particularly the Legion Riders, for annual donations to the scholarship fund with the goal of building the fund to a level that interest earned will begin to finance future scholarships while still be able to award scholarships now. All Posts, Squadrons, Rider Chapters and Auxiliary Units are encouraged to conduct a special event to increase awareness of, and donations to, the Legacy Scholarship program. Naturally personal donations are always welcome. Dept. Headquarters asks that all donations be sent to Dept. Finance Office, 1314 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66612 so that all contributions from Kansas can be recorded and proper recognition may be made in the Sunflower Legionnaire.

CLINGS: Department Headquarters has a supply of static clings that can be moved from vehicle to vehicle for $3.00 each. Two sizes are available 2”x26” Kansas American Legion Riders (the “Riders” can be trimmed off for those who are not riders) and 2”x20” American Legion Riders. Minimum orders of 5 are available and sizes can be mixed.

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held at Great Life Golf and Fitness at Shawnee Country Club in Topeka, September 28, 2019. For further information contact State Golf Chairman Lonny Cook, 785-286-2134, email kickaron01@sbcglobal.net or Dan Wiley, 913-680-7199, email dwiley@yahoo.com.

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS IS SHAPING UP: The Kansas Delegation is to be housed at Crowne Plaza Downtown Hotel. Housing request must be made through Headquarters for all Delegates, Alternates and Guests. Everyone wishing to arrange for housing should notify Department Headquarters immediately. Dates for the convention are August 23 - 29, 2019.

THERE IS STILL TIME... It is not too late to pay 2019 dues. Check your roster and be sure your members have one last opportunity to keep their continuous membership in The American Legion. Stress this and give them one more opportunity.

ENCLOSED is a listing of the District Officers and their addresses. Please keep this sheet handy for future reference.
RECENTLY the Kansas Legion launched the Kansas American Legion Membership Verification Project, the purpose of which was to ensure correct membership information was in our Department records. The project was reviewed, approved and forwarded by the National Adjutant as a Company authorized to do business with the Departments of The American Legion for their use in obtaining and updating member information. To date, 32 American Legion Departments have implemented the service, including our own, which includes offering a publication of veterans bios’ and ultimately making the State of Kansas American Legion history book available to the member. After consideration, a member may accept or reject the offer.

The information gathered by the approved organization is for our use only and is not shared with any outside company, organization or agency per the list protection agreement.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Highland and Wetmore for making GOAL. (As of June 21.)

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF JUNE 21, 2019: District II, 3,998 - 93.78%; District IV, 3,362 - 90.38%; District V, 3,269 - 88.81%; District VII, 1,760 - 88.62%; District I, 4,321 - 87.36%; District VIII, 989 - 84.46%; District III, 2,350 - 83.96% and District VI, 2,622 - 83.26%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 940. Total membership is 23,611. Membership last year this date was 25,055. We are BEHIND 1,444 members.