The following are the bills that are the Veterans bills still eligible for action in the Kansas Legislature as of 26 February 2020:

HB2123 - Amending the Kansas national guard educational assistance act.
HB2123 would remove the requirement that an eligible Kansas National Guard member have at least one year remaining on such member’s enlistment contract at the beginning of any semester for which the member receives assistance under the Kansas National Guard Educational Assistance Program (Program) to participate in the Program.

HB2353 - Providing for free license plates for purple heart recipients.
HB 2353 would allow the recipient of a Purple Heart to receive one distinctive license plate, designating them as such a recipient, without payment of the regular license fee as provided for in law to display on any vehicle such a person leases or owns.

HB2362 - Creating the Kansas military base task force.
HB 2362 would establish the Kansas Military and Veteran Task Force. The task force would advise and make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature and the Governor’s Military Council regarding matters of military installations and veterans’ issues in Kansas. The task force would be composed of 23 members, including four legislators, to be appointed by September 1, 2019. The Executive Director of the Governor’s Military Council would serve as chair of the task force and would be required to call an organizational meeting on or before November 1, 2019. The task force would subsequently meet on a quarterly basis prior to scheduled meeting of the Governor’s Military Council. The provisions of the bill would expire on September 1, 2024.

HB2363 - Requiring inquiry about veteran status in supervised loans.
HB2363 would require any person making a supervised loan to a veteran to provide the veteran with the pamphlet “Protecting our Kansas Veterans.” The pamphlet would explain veteran’s rights under the uniform consumer credit code and list resources available to the veteran, including consumer credit counseling services.

HB2486 - Allowing all current national guard and reservist members an exemption from vehicle property tax. HB 2486 would allow any person making a supervised loan to a veteran to provide the veteran with the pamphlet “Protecting our Kansas Veterans.” The pamphlet would explain veteran’s rights under the uniform consumer credit code and list resources available to the veteran, including consumer credit counseling services.

HB2506 - Expanding the military spouse and service member's expedited licensure law to all applicants who have established or intend to establish residency in Kansas. HB 2506, as amended, would shorten the period of time required for various licensing bodies to issue registrations, certifications, and licenses (credentials) to allow a “military servicemember,” as that term would be redefined by the bill, and a “military spouse,” as that term is currently defined by law, to lawfully engage in their respective occupations in Kansas. The bill also would expedite licensing bodies’
procedures for other individuals intending to live and work in Kansas.

**HB2592 - Providing for the American Legion, Knights of Columbus and proud educator distinctive license plates and providing for lowered license plate commitments and costs prior to production.** HB 2592, as amended, would authorize six new distinctive license plates and would amend issuance requirements for new and certain continuing distinctive license plates.

**HB2707 - Allowing military service members ordered to relocate to terminate leases.** HB 2707 would allow a tenant who is in the military service to terminate tenancy at any time if required by military orders. The termination notice would be effective upon written notice to the landlord. The bill would prohibit termination fees.

**HB2731 - Creating the wartime veteran and first responder survivors’ grant program and fund.** HB2731 would create an $350,000 annual program to provide postsecondary education grants to wartime veteran and first responder survivors.

**SB283 - Authorizing sports wagering under the Kansas expanded lottery act.** SB 283 as amended, would amend the Kansas Expanded Lottery Act (KELA) concerning the conducting of sports wagering operations by lottery gaming facilities. Specifically, the bill would make provisions for sports wagering operations; Kansas Lottery (Lottery) control of sports wagering; Lottery management contracts; wagering restrictions on certain sporting events; Interactive Sports Wagering Platforms (platforms); sporting facilities; minimum age to wager; prohibited wagering; cause of action for improper influence; crimes; unlawful use of electronic gaming machines; required records; limitations and self-exclusion; investigations and required reporting; security of sports wagering data; certification of certain persons; facility inspection and security measures; Horse Fair Racing Benefit Fund; Problem Gambling and Addictions Grant Fund; Sports Wagering Receipts Fund; White Collar Crime Fund; Combating White Collar Crimes and Information Technology Scholarship Fund; online lottery game guidelines; rule and regulation authority; tribal gaming compact; and other definitions.

**SB383 - Providing for the American Legion, Knights of Columbus and proud educator distinctive license plates, lowered license plate commitments and costs prior to production, and personalized plate eligibility.** SB 383 would create American Legion, Knights of Columbus, and Proud Educator license plates.

**CADET LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY:** Applications are due March 31. This year’s dates are May 31 - June 5. For 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 2020 session marks the 83rd 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 2020-2021 membership year. Dates and locations for this year are: **District I** – Marysville, April 18; **District II** - Lawrence, March 21; **District III** – Arkansas City, March 20-22; **District IV** - Manhattan, April 18; **District V** – Wellington, March 28; **District VI** - Concordia, April 4; **District VII** – Great
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 16, 2020. This year those dates are March 17 and May 1. 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, 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Hiawatha, Linn, Wellsville, Lenexa, Frontenac, Saint George, Wichita #4, Marquette, Holyrood, Wilson, Hill City and Hays (As of February 21.)

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF FEBRUARY 21, 2020: District IX, 1,030 - 91.88%; District IV, 2,981 – 89.84%; District V, 2,899 - 89.78%; District I, 3,830 - 89.61%; District III, 2,060 - 87.14%; District VII, 1,575 - 87.11%; District II, 3,415 - 86.79%; District VI, 1,332 – 85.77% and District VIII, 831 - 84.37%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 896. Total membership is 20,849. Membership last year this date was 22,227. We are BEHIND 1,378 members.

IN ORDER TO AVOID RECEIVING THE NEXT RENEWAL NOTICE ALL PAID MEMBERS’ CARDS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY APRIL 6, 2020.