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 2021 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 2021 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 2021 membership cards and roster the first order of business should be a comparison with your 2020 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 2020 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 2020 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.

STATE CONVENTION: July 31, August 1, 2, 2020 at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, 420 SE 6th St. in Topeka -- call 785-234-5400 for housing reservations and mention you are with the American Legion Family to receive the reduced Convention rate.

Saturday’s program will begin at 8:30am. Speakers will include the Youth Champions. 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 the 2020-2021 Department Officers.

Registration is just $10.00 and pre-registration information will be mailed to all Posts soon.
CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION DINNER to be held Saturday, August 1 from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center in Topeka. Cost is $30.00 per person and reservations must be received at Department Headquarters no later than July 15. More information is enclosed.

CAMPORAMA - MILFORD LAKE, SEPTEMBER 4 - 7, 2020. This is a great family event. Make plans now to attend.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY HOMECOMING LUNCHEON will be held in Arkansas City on August 29, 2020. More details to follow.

POST QUOTA WILL BE the 2020 membership as of June 30. Dues notices for 2021 membership will be mailed by National Headquarters to reach members appearing on your 2020 roster on or about July 1, 2020. 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 2020 S.A.L. cards to Department Headquarters was rescinded at the Detachment and Department Conventions. All 2021 S.A.L. membership cards have been 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 26, 2020. A flyer is enclosed. For further information contact State Golf Chairman Lonny Cook, 785-286-2134, email kickaron01@sbcglobal.net or Gaylord Saneman, 620-290-3482, email gaylord6340@att.net.

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN LOUISVILLE IS CANCELED.
THERE IS STILL TIME…It is not too late to pay 2020 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.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Independence and Satanta for making QUOTA. (As of June 25.)

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF JUNE 26, 2020: District IV, 3,176 - 95.72%; District IX, 1,067 - 95.18%; District I, 4,019 - 94.03%; District V, 3,029 - 93.81%; District III, 2,207 - 93.36%; District II, 3,666 - 93.16%; District VII, 1,646 - 91.04%; District VIII, 888 – 90.15 and District VI, 1,392 - 89.63%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 959. Total membership is 22,049. Membership last year this date was 23,715. We are BEHIND 1,666 members.