CADET LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

On June 4 up to 50 young Kansans will gather for the 47th annual Cadet Law Enforcement Academy session at the Highway Patrol Training Center in Salina. Sponsored by The American Legion, Legion Auxiliary and KS Highway Patrol, the Academy provides high school students an opportunity to learn methods employed to enforce city, county, state, and federal statues with the goal of instilling a better appreciation for those who enforce those laws.

The Academy is not a recruitment program for law enforcement. Students attending past sessions have had a wide variety of backgrounds, interests, and career plans. However many students considering careers in law enforcement, as attorneys, and government service have attended as a means to solidify their plans to pursue such careers.

Open to both male and females, all applicants must be high school juniors, or equivalent, with at least a C+ average scholastically and be physically capable of fully participating in all activities during the week long program. Instruction includes firearms and firing range safety, personal defense, law enforcement history and techniques, pursuit driving on a skid-pad under controlled conditions, practical emergency medical procedures, aircraft use in law enforcement (weather permitting), and the responsibilities of citizens regardless of age.

Primarily classes are conducted by Highway Patrol personnel however representatives of other agencies such as the FBI, KBI, Wildlife and Parks, city and county officials augment the instruction provided throughout the week. Parents and families are encouraged to attend graduation ceremonies on Friday evening, June 9.

Students are encouraged to apply early. Completed applications must include endorsements by a doctor (attesting to the applicant’s physical condition), their high school principal or superintendent, their local American Legion Post Commander or Auxiliary Unit President, and a local law enforcement officer. A sponsorship fee of $300.00 includes housing, meals and supplies needed during the session must also accompany the application and can come from any source (Post, Unit, Squadron, Chapter, a local merchant, parents, etc.). Applications must be received by March 31.

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

Each year The Kansas American Legion Boys State provides hundreds of high school students a hands-on opportunity to actively participate in establishing a representative form of government from the ground up. Prior to arriving on the Kansas State University campus which serves as the site of the program, each student (known as Staters) is assigned to either the Nationalist or Federalist “political party” based upon their responses to a questionnaire.

Immediately after arriving in Manhattan and checking-in on Sunday afternoon Staters form city and county governments. The next two days are spent drafting local ordinances, and carrying out the operation of cities and counties; at the same time campaigns for state offices are launched and within days Staters elect officials to their new state; Boys State.

Hands-on activities include writing a state constitution, drafting and passing a budget, establishing a Supreme Court, and enacting laws compatible with today’s society and needs. How decisions of the masses affect Staters as individuals is demonstrated by assigning each an occupation and a named state. Staters elect officials to their new state; Boys State.

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Hello Kansas American Legion. It certainly has been a very busy fall!!! We kicked it off at Cincinnati for the National Convention. It is always very informative and entertaining. Jimmie and Ray went above and beyond hosting us this year. Hope to see everyone this August in Reno!!!

In September Kansas had the honor of hosting our National Commander, Charles Schmidt. We visited several posts and had some great meals, but the highlight of our tour was having a meal at Ft. Dodge Veterans Home with the residents. It was a very humbling experience. Thank you everyone that made the commanders visit a success.

In September, I attended the homecoming parade in Cherokee, went to District 1 Homecoming in Marysville, then on to the 9/11 rememberance run in Concordia where over 75 riders had lunch and Senator Elaine Bowers was the guest speaker. Then to the Kansas State Fair where we won the Longevity Award for having a booth for over 30 years. A big thank you to all that worked the booth!! On September 22, the Columbus Legion had a supper and auction. Phil Bass has worked very hard on getting the Legion up and going again. Keep up the good work!

In October I went to Indianapolis for the Commanders Conference. It was very informative and Jimmie and I came back with some new ideas to better our legion membership. I went from there to Chapman for a great dinner as always the night before the Eisenhower Pilgrimage. It is always an honor to place a wreath at this beautiful site. We had a great crowd even though it looked like it was going to rain. The luncheon for Terry Marr, Department Vice Commander followed. Then it was on to Independence for the 3rd District Homecoming and the next week was the Neewollah Parade where I had the honor of meeting a three war veteran Frank Foster. Frank served 25 years in the Navy during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

In November the Veterans Day parade in Leavenworth was huge! It was great to see so many people honoring our veterans. The Commander’s Homecoming in Concordia was next. As I was having some health issues, my Vice Commander Terry stepped in for me. A great big thank you to Terry for that as he had to step in again the following week for the tour with the National Vice Commander Doug Boldt. Again, many thanks to Terry and Jimmie Foster. I was told that it was a great success. Thank you to all the Posts that hosted. And on to Ft Riley for the Big Red Turkey Run. Wow, what a wonderful thing The American Legion Riders and the Legion Family does for this event. 700 Turkeys were handed out with all the fixings to go with it. Well Done! I am looking forward to Operation North Pole at Ft. Riley in December.

Thank you to all that came to the Commander’s Christmas Party. Thank you to Hutchinson Post for hosting and for the great food and thank you for participating and making the auction a great success. We raised $1,655 for the Temporary Financial Assistance fund.

It has been brought to my attention that there are a lot of active military that are not even aware of The American Legion or know what we are all about. We really need to get the word out there to them and let them know of our programs and benefits. That could really help us get to our goals.

I am praying that everyone has a very merry Christmas and that your new year is a blessed one. Cheers to 2017. God Bless us all and God bless our troops and keep them safe.

Friday, more than fifty Legion Family volunteers came from their homes this chilly Arctic day to give their time and energy as well as personal gift donations to support Ft. Riley’s Warrior Transitional Battalion’s families in the celebration of Christmas enjoying Operation North Pole. Happiness was abound as nearly ninety children of all ages colored, played games and received gifts as well as having their faces painted. Our own Adjutant Jimmie shared in as well.

The following day other groups and even more children were to know the well wishes and commitment of The American Legion. Please take these volunteer hours back to your post adjutant or secretaries enabling them to write this year’s reports for submission during District Conventions!!!

For each District Convention, your Children and Youth Chairmen need contact each post reminding them of the needed documents and insuring Department they will collect them at their District Convention even if searching caps for missing post numbers, and those present write up the needed reports.

Note: Remember to organize your Oratorical Contests and insure each post participates. March deadlines are coming soon for Boys State.

Mid-Winter Convention is also nearing. Donations for the Child Welfare Auction are crucial. Clear out your storage areas, solicit local vendors, get your community involved. Don’t be so stingy in your bidding. Remember the reason we are there. This is not the time to get the best deal. It’s all a taxable donation! Write a check even if you don’t feel like walking home with stuff you don’t need. Our LEADERS all must show their support more.

A great time was had by everyone at the Eisenhower Pilgrimage, and I want to thank everyone for your support at my homecoming luncheon. The Bid Red 1 Turkey Run was excellent, and we had a great turnout at our Department Christmas Party Dinner and Auction. Our District Revitalizations are all finished. We weren’t as successful as we have been in the past, so let’s make the extra effort this year and reach 100% in membership.

I want to take this opportunity to explain the Kansas Life Membership (KLM) Program as simple as I can. In 1974 when the program was implemented, the idea was great. Dues were $5, and our membership was over 60,000 members. You basically subtracted your age from 70, which was the average veteran’s life expectancy at that time, multiplied by $5 dues (at 50 years old you paid $100). The idea was to sell life memberships, invest the money (interest rates were averaging 15%) and let the interest make our dues payments to National. What was NOT taken into consideration was stock market crashes, interest rates dropping to less than 1%, life expectancy increasing to 85 years old, and dues increasing over $30 in the future.

In a nutshell, the money was invested in a money market account in 1974. In 1978 the stock market crash took approximately $400,000 of our principle investment. Keep in mind that each year we were withdrawing approximately $120,000 to pay dues to National. Every 8-10 years or so, another dip in the markets took place. In later years a decision was made to move the money to a more aggressive account to try to recoup some of the money that was lost. In the following years, declining interest rates, 3 more stock market crashes, life expectancy increasing to 85 years, all took its toll on our investment and the account went broke.

In 2013 at the Mid-Winter Forum, the Department Executive Committee voted NOT to accept any new memberships into our KLM.

Our KLM contract says that we agree to pay a lump sum for the life membership at the current dues price, and are responsible for any dues increases in the future. Over 39 years, the dues have increased $30, and not ONE KLM has paid any dues increase. Their POST has paid their dues increases for them. Now, after not paying any dues increases, after 39 years, it’s time for us to pay our share, $18.50 per year of those $30 increases.

We can’t expect the posts to continue to carry the burden of our share of OUR dues. We are still Kansas Life Members, and will continue to pay our dues because we believe in the foundation, principles, and programs of The American Legion.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Olathe, Feb 3-5 at Mid-Winter Forum! FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!

** HOW TO AVOID ANOTHER DUES NOTICE **

No one likes to open their mailbox and discover a notice of a past due payment. Avoiding that happening to you with your Legion membership is very easy, but you need to act quickly. Renew online and you will take care of your membership effortlessly.

Simply log onto www.legion.org/renew and follow the prompts. You should consider doing this before February 15, otherwise you will receive another notice for your dues.

It is fast, easy, and secure so don’t wait - renew online now!
Blood Pressure Study: Vietnam Era Veterans
Study of nearly 4,000 Veterans in the Army Chemical Corps between 1965 and 1973
VA researchers found a link between service-related occupational exposure to herbicides and high blood pressure (hypertension) risk among U.S. Army Chemical Corps (ACC) Veterans, a group of Veterans assigned to do chemical operations during the Vietnam War. Researchers also found an association between military service in Vietnam and hypertension risk among these Veterans.

Researchers at V.A. Post Deployment Health Services Epidemiology Program, Office of Patient Care Services, conducted the Army Chemical Corps Vietnam-Era Veterans Health Study, a three-phase study of nearly 4,000 Veterans who served in the Vietnam War. The study included a survey that requested information on these Veterans’ exposure to herbicides, whether they were ever diagnosed with hypertension by a physician, and their health behaviors such as cigarette smoking and alcohol use. To confirm self-reported hypertension, researchers conducted in-home blood pressure measurements and a medical records review for a portion of study participants.

Hypertension highest among Veterans who distributed or maintained herbicides (sprayers) in Vietnam.

Army Chemical Corps (ACC) Veterans were studied because of their documented occupational involvement with chemical distribution, storage, and maintenance while in military service. This study follows a request by former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki for VA to conduct research on the association between herbicide exposure and hypertension to learn more about if hypertension is related to military service in Vietnam. The research was originally designed and led by Han Kang, Dr. P.H., former director of VA’s Epidemiology Program (now retired), Yasin Cypel, Ph.D., M.S., another researcher with VA’s Epidemiology Program, is currently the principal investigator on this study, which extends prior research on these Veterans.

“This study expands our knowledge of the relationship between hypertension risk and both herbicide exposure and service in Vietnam among Veterans who served during the War by focusing on a specific group of Vietnam era Veterans who were occupationally involved in chemical operations,” said Dr. Cypel.

Self-reported hypertension was the highest among Veterans who distributed or maintained herbicides (sprayers) in Vietnam (81.6%). followed by Veterans who sprayed herbicides and served during the Vietnam War but never in Southeast Asia (non-Vietnam Veterans) (77.4%). Veterans who served in Vietnam but did not spray herbicides (72.2%), and Veterans who did not spray herbicides and were non-Vietnam Veterans (64.6%).

The odds of hypertension among herbicide sprayers were estimated to be 1.74 times the odds among non-sprayers, whereas the odds of hypertension among those who served in Vietnam but did not spray herbicides (72.2%), and Veterans who did not spray herbicides and were non-Vietnam Veterans (64.6%).

VA will review the results from this research, along with findings from other similar studies and recommendations from the recent National Academies of Science report on Veterans and Agent Orange, when considering whether to add hypertension as a presumptive service condition for Vietnam Veterans.

To read more about the Army Chemical Corps Vietnam-Era Veterans Health Study, go to http://www.publichealth.va.gov/epidemiology/studies/vietnam-army-chemical-corps.asp. To read the published article containing findings from this study, go to https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27820763.

### AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

At a minimum Boys State instills citizenship and demonstrates every individual is capable of making a difference. Thousands of lifelong friendships have been forged at Boys State and graduates often receive special consideration when applying for scholarships or employment.

Two Staters will be selected to represent Kansas as Senators during Boys’ Nation held at Marymount University in Washington, DC this July. Staters who are the sons or grandsons of a veteran may apply for a Samsung scholarship.

Application and information packets for this year’s June 4-9 session have been mailed to every Kansas high school, every Post, and to past sponsors including private individuals, and civic organizations. Fees for the week long course is $275 per Stater to be paid by the sponsor(s) plus a $50 fee paid by the student’s parents or the Stater himself.

Applicants must be a high school Junior (will be a Senior this fall), be a self starter, involved in extra-curricular activities in their school or community, and rank within the top half of their class scholastically. Completed applications must be received by March 31, 2017; Staters and sponsors are encouraged to apply early.

Legionnaires are asked to seek out potential Staters by visiting their local high schools and assist in locating sponsors and co-sponsors for each student. Additional information can be obtained of The American Legion Boys State website at www.ksbstate.org, or by calling toll free 1-866-241-9920.

### Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year

The American Legion gives its National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award and National Firefighter of the Year award to well-rounded individuals who have exceeded the duty requirements expected in their positions. The recipients also must have demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service, coupled with professional achievement. These awards, which especially take into account heroic acts, are presented annually at The American Legion’s National Convention.

The Cadet Law Enforcement Academy Committee is accepting nominees for these awards. Nominees must be sent to Department Headquarters by January 31.

Criteria for the National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award: Nominees must be U.S. citizens and living, active, full-time and paid, sworn law enforcement officers entrusted with full authority and the powers of arrest and must be assigned to or fully recognized by municipal, county, district, or state police; highway patrol; sheriff’s office or as a sworn federal law enforcement officer (FBI, Secret Service agent, U.S. Marshal, National Park Police, U.S. Capitol Police, etc.). Military police officers or investigators are eligible if they are state law enforcement certified. Nominees must also reside and be assigned or attached for duty in the nominating Department.

The Fire Fighter of the Year Award: Nominees must be active firefighters and U.S. citizens. Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) are eligible only if they are certified firefighters. Nominees must also reside and be assigned within their nominating Department’s state. Posthumous awards for both the Law Enforcement Officer and Fire Fighter will be accepted only if the nominee’s death occurs after the Department’s selection.
Hello First District Family,

It is difficult to comprehend how fast the first half of this year in office has gone. We are on the downhill side of my year as commander and it is time to start planning to turn the district over to your next Commander.

I have enjoyed working with everyone I have met at the post level and the officers I am honored to work with. I am especially thankful to the Marysville Post for hosting our District homecoming and the Rossville Post for hosting our Christmas Party. My thanks to everyone who attended both events, the food was great and the friendship superb.

You have been keeping our 2017 membership in first and second place so far this year. We need to contact everyone who has not renewed and encourage renewals so we don’t have anyone lost to our membership because we didn’t ask for their renewal.

There are no “Goose Egg” posts left in the District and four posts have reached or surpassed one hundred percent. Congratulations go to the Highland, Horton 415, Mayetta 423 and Osakolao Posts. Several other posts are very close and will probably reach one hundred percent on the next weekly report.

The District Oratorical Contest will be held at Topeka Post 1 on February 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Please contact each high school in your area and work with the counselors to get one student from each high school to participate in the contest. Don’t forget that the home schooled students are also eligible to compete.

A First District Executive Board meeting will be held at Post 1 following the Ora-
torical Contest.

Plans are coming along for the First District Annual Convention in Lansing, KS on April 21-23, 2017. Don’t wait for the “Call to Convention” to start planning for your post to attend. Every post should have at least one delegate in attendance even if it can’t muster entire delegate strength.

2017 has arrived. All the District wish the Legion Family a blessed and prosperous new year.

This is the time of the year to plan how Posts are going to fund different Legion programs: Boys State, Girls State, Cadet Law and baseball. These programs will be here before you know it.

Mid Winter Forum is being hosted by Olathe Post 153. The dates for the forum are February 3-5. On Friday February 3, there will be a Dept. Executive Committee meeting in the afternoon. The business meeting will start Saturday morning and continue on Sunday.

The District Oratorical contest will be held at Shawnee Post 327 on February 18 starting at 9:00 AM. The District winner qualifies for the state contest.

The Star Party will be March 4, hosted by Olathe Post 153. There won’t be a Gold Star Party at the Department Convention. Gold Star recipients will be recognized at Olathe. Reporting forms for Gold Star must be turned into Department by 15 February.

The District Convention will be hosted by Shawnee Post 327 on March 25, starting with a joint memorial service. Then the Auxiliary will depart to Overland Park Post 370 for their meeting.

Last year’s attendance was pretty dismal with less than half of the Posts attending. Please be sure all Posts are represented.

Each Post should be receiving the Adjutant’s newsletter. Read them at meetings and post them on bulletin boards for reference.

God bless you and our troops.

Thank you, Fredonia, for getting your renewals in. It helped us in 3rd District’s percentages a bunch. It’s time for all posts to dig in and get those renewals. You may need to make a few phone calls and house visits. Remember, membership is the key in supporting our troops in congress. Don’t forget to give any new post member email addresses to your local adjutants. The percentages are close in all eight districts. Come on fighting 3rd, I have faith in you. If Vice Commander Kramer or I can be of any help, just give us a call.

I ask all life members who have not paid their $18.50 to please reconsider. Your membership in the American Legion is very much appreciated.

I attended the Arkansas City SAL Christmas Bingo party at the Kansas Veterans Home in Winfield, Kansas. All the veterans received Christmas money with their Bingo winnings. The SAL also donated 100 pairs of sweatpants to the Veterans. It was a great project and everyone had an excellent time. This was just one of many projects the American Legion organizes for our Honorably Veterans.

Thank you for your support and carry on your military tradition. I would like to thank all the 3rd District posts for your support that you have given me as your commander.

District IV Family,

As we enter into the Christmas Season think back to all that the American Legion has provided you and all veterans.

We enjoy membership and family within the strongest, oldest and Congressionally mandated veterans organization. Our membership gives us strength. I ask My American Legion Family to reach out to our veterans that have membership and those that do not and invite them to be active in the greatest veteran organization.

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Hello 5th District.

2017 is upon us and I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year’s Eve. Membership has always been the big push for the whole state of Kansas and this year 5th District finished out 2016 in 4th place. Not quite as good as last year but I am still proud of the work that all of 5th District has done to achieve 4th place in the standings. I am sure that with 2017 there will come many new challenges for all of us to face but together we will meet each and every one as an American Legion Family. All post commanders remember that if your members have not renewed their membership for 2017 then they will not be allowed in the post until they have a current 2017 card.

February will be here soon and with it comes Sweetheart day A.K.A. Valen
tines Days and just wish to want all a very Happy Valentine’s Day. Remember that if a member has not renewed his or her memberships by January 1st then they are delinquent and if after February 1st membership dues are not paid then the member is suspended and can only be reinstated after paying their dues and by a Post vote. Everyone’s membership in the American Legion is so very important when it comes time for our National Commander to go up to Congress and fight for our Veterans rights.

April 1st will be upon us before we know it and that is the date for 5th District Convention, which will be held at Post 24 in McPherson and I hope to see Delegates from all the post in 5th District there. This is the time for you to vote for the 2017-2018 District officers and your vote is important.

I want to say Thank You to all of 5th District for your support this last year and if there is anything that I can do to help you or your post please do not hesitate to call or email me and I will be there to help. I also have other post officers that are willing to come to your post if you need help i.e. Service Officer or Adjutant to help with membership.

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Greetings American Legion Family of Kansas

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GREETINGS TO THE KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

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Greetings 7th District Family and a Happy New Year to everyone! We are off to 2017 and the New Year always looks a bit rosy. Coming up on February 12, 2017 at the Little River High School at 12 noon will be the Oratorical Contest. Contact Max Alber at 620-242-8116 for more information. On April 1, 2017, District 7 will hold their one day District Convention at Post #286 in Hoisington. Please be looking for the Call To Convention sometime in early March. It would be great to have some new faces serve our District. District 7, as of December 2, 2016, is currently 4th place in membership. Membership continues to be our liability and we should all be thinking about retention and ideas on retaining and getting new members. Seems like everyone can tell why it is declining but no one seems to be able to stop the decline. After District Convention, we move on to Post elections in April. Every year we have Posts who will not turn in their officers and Department is forced to scramble to keep their records up to date. Why not make 2017 the year your Post complies with officer’s reports, post reports, and activities. We are the American Legion Family and we have made great strides in the past two years of working together. The times are a changing. And we will be forced to change also or we will fade away into history as a no longer viable organization that helps Veterans.

Salute to Old Glory

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.”

Psalm 33:12

Salute is a word to pay respect to or honor by some formal act.

The original “Old Glory” is a famous patriotic flag designed and home-sown by his mother and her friends in 1822. This flag was raised at the top of the mast of a ship named, “Charles Doggett” a whaling ship. The Captain of this vessel was William Driver. The unusual shape of this flag was 10’ x 17’ with 24 stars.

Captain Driver gave this flag to his daughter, Mary Jane Rowland as a gift upon his death in 1886. “Old Glory” was presented as a gift to President Warren G. Harding in 1922 where in turn it was given to the Smithsonian for permanent preservation and residence.

Frankly speaking, “Old Glory” the flag continues to remind us of our heritage as a nation and a people who have sacrificed and died for the freedom of others both in

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I trust everyone had a great Christmas. Our District is still in last place in the state. We need to go out and get those members who have not renewed their membership. In District 6 there are over 200 former Kansas Life members who haven’t renewed yet. Every Post needs to contact with those members and ask them to renew. After January 1st anyone that hasn’t paid their 2017 dues will be delinquent. We are about to come delinquent. We are about to

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

Glenn Patterson

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Holiday greetings to every American Legion Family member from the Department of Kansas officer and office staff.

This Department is doing some wonderful things for our veterans and their families this season. The Turkey Run was a big success as always thanks to the many American Legion Family volunteers that take their time and talents to ensure many military families will have a bountiful meal for the holidays.

The North Pole with Santa and his elves at Fort Riley is coming up December 17. The Department Christmas Party at the Hutchinson Post was fun and attended by many with Santa making a quick run through December 10. There are many more holiday activities planned in every community throughout this Department.

Attending all the Gift Shops at the 5 facilities in Kansas is always a highlight for this Department President. Thank you to all the volunteers who give their time to make a better Christmas experience for those veterans who would otherwise be unable to give back to their families at this time of the year. What an awesome feeling that is for all who give of their time for the veterans who have given everything for us. Working our mission is so rewarding especially this time of the year.

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The Mid-Winter Forum offers every member, especially Post leaders and chairmen, the opportunity to learn more about The American Legion, its programs and the direction each program is expected to take if there are any changes being considered, including changes directed by National Headquarters. In addition the Forum provides information about how and why The American Legion functions in the manner we do as an organization.

This year’s Forum scheduled for February 3,4,5 will be hosted by Olathe Post 153, 410 E. Dennis Avenue, in Olathe. Friday, February 3, will include a Department Executive Committee meeting at 1 pm, followed by the Centennial Membership Committee Meeting. Registration will begin on Friday between 4 to 7 pm. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7 pm consisting of Brisket with beans and cole slaw for a modest price of $10.00 and socializing at Post 153.

On Saturday, February 4, Registration will continue starting at 7:30 am with donuts, juice and coffee. The formal activities begin with a joint Legion/Auxiliary/S.A.L. meeting at Post 153 at 8 am. After the joint opening the Legion will remain at the Post for its Legion specific meeting, the S.A.L. will meet in the Jayhawk Room of the La Quinta Hotel located at 20570 W. 151st Street, and the Auxiliary will meet at the Olathe Fire Department Admin Building located at 1225 S. Hamilton Circle, Olathe. Leading Candidate for National Commander Denise Rohan from the Department of Wisconsin, National Membership Director Billy Johnson, and National Director Jeff Stoffer, Media and Communications Division from the National Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indianapolis will address and present information to those in attendance. Lunch will be burgers, soup and chips at a price of $8.00. Concluding the days meetings, the Post will serve Chicken Fried Steak with potatoes, vegetable salad, dinner roll and dessert for a superb price of $7.00. The evening will finish with music provided by Olathe’s “Chapter 2” Band featuring Sounds of the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s from 7 to 9 pm.

Sunday’s schedule will begin at 6:30 to 8:00 am with a Breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy being served by the District Commanders and District Vice Commanders for a price of $6.00. Registration will open up at 7:00 am. At 8:00 am Commander Munson will call the Forum back to order before turning the podium over to Department Adjutant Glenn Patterson who will conduct a Four Chaplains Memorial Service at the Post. There will be a wrap up of reports followed by the Department Sweepstakes drawing. The finale of the Forum will be an auction benefiting the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. There will be a box lunch consisting of a chicken breast sandwich, bag of chips and a candy bar available for those hitting the road for $6.00.

The Agenda for the Forum is listed within this publication, it isn’t too early to reserve your room at one of the following hotels: La Quinta Hotel, 20570 W. 151st Street, 1-932-541-111, rate is $89.00 plus tax; and the Days Inn, 20662 W. 151st Street, 1-913-390-9500, rate is $70.00 plus tax. Be sure to tell them you are a part of the Kansas American Legion block in order to receive the reduced rates per room per night.

Failure to ask for The American Legion rate may result in your paying a higher room rate. It’s always better to reserve a room you may have to cancel later than waiting until the last minute to make reservations only to find out the hotel is sold out.

Plan to attend and ask a fellow Legionnaire to attend with you. Hope to see you there!

Your Department of The American Legion works hard to provide the most comprehensive benefits to you and its members, and as a Legionnaire in good standing, you are eligible for LegionCare. All dues-paying Department members have the opportunity to enroll in LegionCare; a complimentary NO COST accidental death benefit provided to members of your Department. Take advantage of $5,000.00 of Accidental Death Insurance if a covered accident occurs while traveling on Official American Legion Business*, or $1,000.00 for all other covered accidents, all at NO COST to you.

Your Department is committed to protecting Legionnaires and their families. They’ve worked with the Legionnaire Insurance Trust to arrange this benefit for you.

Don’t pass up your opportunity to activate LegionCare! You are guaranteed this NO COST benefit with no health questions, no hidden qualifications … and no reason to pass up your opportunity for this important benefit. Although coverage is available at NO COST to you and paid for by the American Legion, you must enroll to receive the benefit. Visit www.theLT.com or call toll-free at 1-877-554-3328 to activate up to $5,000.00 in protection at NO COST to you.

For purposes of the Legionnaire Insurance Trust, a member of The American Legion, with current year’s dues paid, could be eligible for the $5,000.00 Accidental Death benefit if he/she is traveling to, attending, or returning from an official function at which the Legionnaire represents his/her Post, District, Department, or National Organization in an official capacity.

LegionCare: $5,000.00 Accidental Death Benefit at NO COST To You

Where did this year go? The Department of Kansas has accomplished many things across the board and should be proud of your accomplishments. Membership is falling behind a little, but I am sure at the end of the Membership year, you will be where you should be!

The National Vice Commander’s Visit of Eastern Kansas was a huge success! Many Posts had breakfasts, lunches, dinners and just a social round table meeting with Douglas Boldt from the Department of Nebraska as he toured the State. There was a great interaction with the Members of The American Legion Family and NVC Doug. He is looking forward to returning as Our Guest at the Department Convention in Topeka at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center on 19 to 21 May 2017. PLEASE start making your plans to attend now!

The Department Commander and I went to Reno, Nevada in mid November, and conducted a pre-site visit to the Hotel and Convention Center. The Department of Kansas will be staying in the Circus Circus Hotel. We made arrangements for rooms, meeting space, a hospitality room and the Kansas Party for the National Convention which will be held in Reno, Nevada from 18 to 24 August 2017. These dates are a week earlier than normal, due to the switching of Kansas and conducting a pre-site visit to the Hotel and Convention Center. The Department of Kansas will be staying in the Circus Circus Hotel. WE made arrangements for rooms, meeting space, a hospitality room and the Kansas Party for the National Convention which will be held in Reno, Nevada from 18 to 24 August 2017. These dates are a week earlier than normal, due to the switching with Louisville, Kentucky, whose Convention Center is under a major renovation. Start making plans to attend this Convention and see how The American Legion operates at the National level.

The 2016 Big Red One Turkey Run held at Fort Riley, Kansas, on 19 November 2016, was a tremendous success. Eight hundred Soldiers and their dependents from the Warrior Transition Battalion and Fort Riley were given the opportunity to tear up, or have a lump in their throat, something was wrong with you!

As this goes to press, many of the same group will be assisting in Operation North Pole on 16 and 17 December 2016 at Fort Riley. I am sure that some of the same Soldiers and their dependents will be shopping for gifts for their Families at the Clamshell. I am also sure that there will be some heart pounding events that will take place during this American Legion function.

A Big Thank You to Bill “Hippie” Ryan, Al “The Sheriff” and Keena Longstaff for their help and coordination of these two very rewarding American Legion Family events.

Don’t forget to start making plans to attend the 2017 Mid-Winter Conference which will be held in Olathe, Kansas from 3 to 5 February 2017 at Olathe Post #153. Listed within this edition of the Sunflower Legionnaire is the Agenda and schedule of hotels and events for this Conference.

We will be fortunate to have in attendance the Leading Candidate for National Commander of The American Legion Denise Rohan from the Department of Wisconsin. It has taken The American Legion One Hundred Years to get to this point, don’t miss it! She is a great lady and will represent US well.
Albright, Allen (Vietnam) ..... Hutchinson
Ansell, Henry (Korea) ..... Wellington
Anderson, Olin (Korea) ..... McPherson
Amuchatz, James (Vietnam) ..... Winfield
Ashlock, Harold (WWII) ..... Shawnee
Bacon, Frank (Korea) ..... Topeka #58
Barnett, Gene (Vietnam) ..... Concordia
Baumann, David (Vietnam) ..... Newton
Beebe, Roland (Vietnam) ..... Mulvane
Beeson, Larry (Vietnam) ..... Concordia
Behnke, Robert (Korea) ..... Kinnsley
Bell, Rodney (Vietnam) ..... Independence
Bittinger, Ray (Vietnam) ..... Wingfield
Black, John (Vietnam) ..... Pratt
Black, William (WWII) ..... Hutchinson
Booth, Scott (Korea) ..... El Dorado
Bos, Harley (WWII) ..... Osborne
Bourquin, Alfonse (Vietnam) ..... Shawnee
Boxberger, Frederick (Korea) ..... Russell
Brakhage, Ronald (Vietnam) ..... Coffeyville
Buchohn, Jim (Vietnam) ..... Clifton
Burge, George (WWII) ..... Topeka #1
Burleson, Joe ..... Dodge City
Callow, Glen (WWII) ..... Columbus
Christenson, Clay (WWII) ..... Tescott
Claeys, Victor (WWII) ..... St. George
Clair, Ural (Korea) ..... Ellinwood
Craig, Vergil (WWII) ..... Garden City
Crofts, Robert (Korea) ..... Topeka #58
Davidson, Merle (WWII) ..... Newton
Dawson, James (WWII) ..... Coffeyville
Dedrick, Robert (WWII) ..... Mound City
Dekat, Dennis (Korea) ..... Manhattan
Dierking, William (Korea) ..... Hanover
Dikomey, Hans ..... Topeka #58
Dole, Don (Vietnam) ..... Iola
Dreiling, Leroy (Korea) ..... Ellsworth
Dupy, Jimmie (WWII) ..... Salina
Edmonds, Maurice (WWII) ..... McPherson
Edwards, Raymond (WWII) ..... El Dorado
Ehmann, John (Korea) ..... Topeka #58
Elder, Merlyn (Korea) ..... Wellington
Evenson, Jerry (Korea) ..... Mulberry
Fabion, Paul (Vietnam) ..... Salina
Farr, Thomas (Persian Gulf) ..... St. George
File, Miles (WWII) ..... Beloit
Forgey, Larry (Vietnam) ..... Marysville
Frees, Howard (Korea) ..... Hutchinson
Gestl, Paul (WWII) ..... Salina
Gibson, Arthur Jr. (Vietnam) ..... Lansing
Gilmore, Gary (Vir) ..... Baxter Springs
Gustafson, Ernest (WWII) ..... Lindsborg
Hazelwood, David (Vietnam) ..... Concordia
Hearn, Norman (Korea) ..... El Dorado
Heath, Lawrence (Korea) ..... Topeka #400
Hickert, Joe (Vietnam) ..... Colby
Highland, Lee (WWII) ..... Colby
Higley, William (Korea) ..... Atchison
Hilbrink, Clifford (Vietnam) ..... Kinsington
Hlad, Robert (Korea) ..... Salina
Hofeit, Stanley (Korea) ..... Hutchinson
Holladay, Robert (Korea) ..... El Dorado
Hood, William (WWII) ..... White City
Hooper, Cleo (WWII) ..... Derby
Hoskinson, Melvin (Vietnam) ..... Wichita #256
Huber, Richard (Vietnam) ..... Topeka #1
Incogne, C (Korea) ..... Topeka #1
Isen, Marlin (Korea) ..... Ellinwood
Janne, Melvin (WWII) ..... Russell
Jennings, Garth (Korea) ..... Lebanon
Johnson, Gwendolyn (Vietnam) ..... Wichita #273
Judy, Cecil (WWII) ..... Topeka #58
Keele, Edward (Vietnam) ..... Overland Park
Kelly, Patrick (Korea) ..... Overland Park
Kenney, John (Korea) ..... El Dorado
Kew, Lewis (WWII) ..... Atchison
Kilander, William (Vietnam) ..... Atchison
Kilg, John (Korea) ..... Mulvane
Koch, Harold (Korea) ..... Holyrool
Kressin, Richard (Vietnam) ..... Overland Park
Larson, Jack (Korea) ..... Manhattan
Laue, Bill (WWII) ..... Andover
Lauer, Earl (WWII) ..... Frankfort
Leeman, Larry (Vietnam) ..... Linn
Leigh, Ted (Korea) ..... Girard
Leo, Frank (Korea) ..... Wichita #401
Lindemuth, Frank (Korea) ..... Seneca
Littlejohn, Lester (Vietnam) ..... Arkansas City
Mog, Kenneth (Vietnam) ..... Liberal
Longnecker, William (Vietnam) ..... Mulvane
Lund, Gerald (Korea) ..... Atchison
Luth, Robert (WWII) ..... Mulberry
Lyceyt, Mary (Vietnam) ..... Goodland
Mai, Ernest (Korea) ..... Overland Park
Martin, Robert (WWII) ..... Newton
McBride, Robert (Korea) ..... Hutchinson
McDaniel, John (Korea) ..... Winfield
McDonald, William (Vietnam) ..... Mulberry
McGrath, William (Korea) ..... Hutchinson
McGee, Franklin (Korea) ..... Overland Park
McKinney, Richard (Vietnam) ..... Columbus
Mecking, Major (Vietnam) ..... Fairview
Michaol, Roger (Vietnam) ..... Lansing
Milburn, Paul (WWII) ..... Ulysses
Millspa, Charles Jr. ..... Liberal
Mishler, Jesse (Korea) ..... Sterling
Mitchelson, Fred (WWII) ..... Pittsburg
Mog, Fred (Korea) ..... Holyrool
Morrissey, William (Vietnam) ..... Belleville
Moody, Ralph (Korea) ..... Coffeyville
Moyanin, Edward (Korea) ..... Concordia
Mueller, Alison (Vietnam) ..... Greenleaf
Mulligan, Thomas (Korea) ..... Topeka #400
Munninger, Benny Sr. ..... Chanute
Narolis, George (Korea) ..... Topeka #400
Neeley, Philip (Korea) ..... Topeka #58
Nevius, Harold (WWII) ..... Hutchinson
Nye, Arnold (Korea) ..... Newton
Orr, Mike (Vietnam) ..... White City
Orrison, Alfred (WWII) ..... Dodge City
Osgood, Kenneth (WWII) ..... Kansas City
Peel, Bob (WWII) ..... Hutchinson
Perkins, Leroy (Larson/Grenada/Mulvane
Plank, Fred (WWII) ..... Baldwin City
Purdome, Francis ..... Overland Park
Rausch, Donald (Vietnam) ..... Arkansas City
Reardon, Don (Korea) ..... Coffeyville
Rogers, Eugene (WWII) ..... Jewell
Rogers, Howard (WWII) ..... Topeka #58
Rouch, Fred (Korea) ..... Arkansas City
Runnels, James (Korea) ..... Newton
Ryan, Alan (Korea) ..... Goodland
Scheibmeir, Paul (Korea) ..... Yates Center
Schiebe, Rick (Vietnam) ..... Topeka #400
Schmidt, John (Vietnam) ..... Marysville
Schrater, Gerald (Vietnam) ..... Hutchinson
Shulz, Harold (WWII) ..... Canton
Scraper, Joseph (Korea) ..... Baldwin City
Shearer, Terry (Vietnam) ..... Mulberry
Shippee, Robert (Korea) ..... Gardner
Shortell, D (WWII) ..... Overland Park
Shumaker, Floyd (WWII) ..... Wetmore
Sicard, Norman (WWII) ..... Concordia
Simmering, David (Panama) ..... Bazine
Sissell, John (Vietnam) ..... Junction City
Skipton, Donald (Korea) ..... Haddam
Slaven, Jerome (Vietnam) ..... Clifton
Smith, Everett (WWII) ..... Emporia
Snedgrass, Max (Korea) ..... Iola
Snyder, Harlan (Vietnam) ..... Concordia
Soper, Jack (Korea) ..... Columbus
Steele, Don (Vietnam) ..... Dodge City
Steele, Wilbur (WWII) ..... Jetmore
Stofer, Norman (WWII) ..... Hutchinson
Streeeter, Hardy (Vietnam) ..... Winfield
Takers, James (Korea) ..... Emporia
Taylor, Noel (Vietnam) ..... Garden City
Thies, Robert (WWII) ..... Erie
Thomen, Norman (WWII) ..... Powhatan
Todroff, James (Korea) ..... El Dorado
Toevs, Horace (WWII) ..... Newton
Tuma, Jimmie (Vietnam) ..... Concordia
Turkle, Tommy (Korea) ..... Wichita #256
Turner, Waine (WWII) ..... Concordia
Unruh, Lee (WWII) ..... Hillsboro
Uty, Lloyd Jr. (Korea) ..... Emporia
Vanlerberg, Maurice (WWII) ..... Linn
Wade, Loren (WWII) ..... Winfield
Walker, Richard (Vietnam) ..... Lansing
Warner, Kenneth (WWII) ..... Great Bend
Wenzel, Joe (Vietnam) ..... Mulvane
Wernecke, Richard (Vietnam) ..... Clifton
White, Edgar (WWII) ..... Elkhart
Wielke, Edward (Overland Park
Wilson, Gale (WWII) ..... Burr Oak
Woodward, James (WWII) ..... Columbus
Youinck, Wallace (WWII) ..... Wichita #401
Zappa, Thomas (Vietnam) ..... Topeka #400

The reception will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Ave, in Topeka on Wednesday, February 8. The reception will begin with a briefing at 5:00 PM and followed by the reception which will last until 8:00 PM.

Cost of attending the reception is $20.00 per person and includes cocktails and hors’doeuvres. Please use the coupon below to let Headquarters and the hotel know many to prepare for.

**Legislative Reception**

Yes, I plan to attend The American Legion Legislative Reception, Feb. 8, 2017 in Topeka. Enclosed is $_____ ($20 per person).

Note: please list the name of each attendee.

No, I am unable to attend. Enclosed is my donation of $______ to help make this American Legion function a success.

Name

Address

City__ Zip__

Mail to: Dept. Headquarters
1314 SW Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, KS 66612

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**Mid-Winter Sweepstakes**

Once again thirteen lucky members of the Kansas American Legion Family will share over $7,000 in prizes with each having the opportunity of increasing their prize award by $200. Ticket packets are scheduled to be mailed to all Kansas Legionnaires this month for the Fall/Winter Sweepstakes. Members of the Sons of The American Legion and Auxiliary are welcome to enter the Sweepstakes by requesting tickets from Department Headquarters, 1314 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66612.

Although a donation of $5 for one ticket, $10 for three, $15 for six or $20 for all twelve tickets is suggested, no purchase or contribution is required to enter the Sweepstakes. The revenue from the Sweepstakes will help fund the Department’s Veterans Affairs and Children and Youth Programs.

The following prizes will be awarded in the form of certified checks: 1st Prize-$2,500; 2nd Prize-$1,000; 3rd Prize-$500; five (5) prizes @ $250 each; and five (5) prizes @ $200 each. All taxes are the sole responsibility of the prize winner.

All prizes will be awarded. The chance of winning will depend upon the number of entries received and cannot be predetermined prior to the deadline.

Winners will be selected in a random drawing during the Mid-Winter Forum in Olathe on Sunday, February 5, 2017. Winners need not be present to win and will be notified by certified mail. If a winner is present during the drawing they will be awarded a $200 bonus.

Should a winner be unable to be contacted by certified mail, or fails to claim their prize within 30 days of receipt of notice, that winner will forfeit their prize and an alternate winner will be selected in the same selection and notification process.

All prizes will be awarded. The odds of winning a prize depends upon the number of entries received by the deadline of 10AM Monday, January 30, 2017 at Department Headquarters or 9AM Sunday, February 5, 2017 at the Mid-Winter Forum at Olathe Post 153. Prize winners assume sole responsibility for all taxes.

All entrants must be 18 years of age or older. Employees and staff of The American Legion Department of Kansas and the officers and staff of BBH Graphics, their spouses, children and immediate family members are ineligible.

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**2017 Mid-Winter Forum Olathe, Kansas**

**Friday, February 3**

1 pm Department Executive Committee Meeting ......Post Home
Immediately following DEC
Centennial Membership Committee .......................Post Home
4:30-7:00 pm Registration .........................................Post Home
5:30-7:00 pm Dinner ..............................................Post Home

**Saturday, February 4**

7:30am-4:00pm Registration .....................................Post Home
OPENING SESSION
8:00am Call to Order .......................Dept. Commander Robert Munson
Opening Ceremony .................................................Robert Munson
Welcome & Introduction ..................Post Commander Bob Williams
Welcome .........................................................Mayor of Olathe Michael Copeland
National Commander Leading Candidate ..........Denise Rohan
Billy Johnson .......................................................Director, Membership Division
Jeff Stoffer ............... Director, Media & Communications Division
S.A.L. & Auxiliary Depart for their Meetings
ADJOURN FOR LUNCH AT POST HOME
1:00pm Call to Order ..............................................Robert Munson
Door Prize Drawing ..............................................Jimmie Foster
Dept. Centennial Celebration Committee ............Gaylord Sanneman
Legion Riders ........................................................Al Longstaff
Membership Turn-in .........................................Terry Marr
Membership Awards & Prizes .........................Robert Munson
Children & Youth ..............................................Dee Dee Danin
Special Children & Youth Certificates ..............Jimmie Foster
Public Relations ..................................................Ed DeWitt
Legislation ..........................................................Pat Culver
Centennial Membership Committee .................Paul Sanford
Candidate for Department Offices ..................Robert Munson
5:30-7:00pm Dinner Available .........................Post Home
7:00-9:00pm Music by Olathe’s “Chapter 2” Band ....Post Home

**Sunday, February 5**

7:00-8:00am Registration .......................................Post Home
6:30-8:00am Breakfast ...........................................Post Home
8:00am Call to Order ..............................................Robert Munson
Four Chaplains Service ..................Rev. R. Glenn Patterson
8:30 am Pledge of Allegiance .........................Terry Marr
Legion Membership Turn-In ...............................Terry Marr
Child Welfare Foundation Auction .............Dee Dee Danin & Phil Bass
Americanism Programs:
Cadet Law Enforcement Academy .................Elgin Wahlborg
Boys State ..........................................................Chuck Shoemaker
Oratorical ...........................................................Mike Oppy
Baseball ...........................................................Bill Dirreen
Scholarships .......................................................Mike Oppy
School Awards & County Government Day .......Dan Wiley
Eisenhower ..........................................................John Meyeres
S.A.L. Introductions ...........................................Thomas Walthall
Auxiliary Introductions .....................................Claudia Satterlee
American Legion Introductions ......................Robert Munson
Sweepstakes Drawing