



YOUR NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER



Brett P. Reistad was elected national commander of The American Legion on Aug. 30, 2018, in Minneapolis during the organization's 100th national convention. He has been a member of the nation's largest veterans organization since 1981.

STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

In July, 68 American Legion Baseball teams competed in one of 12 Zone tournaments across the great state of Kansas. The top two teams from each Zone then went on to compete in one of three State Championships. The three State Champions for 2018 are: Class 'A' Linn County; Class 'AA' Iola Indians; and Class 'AAA' Salina Falcons.

The Salina Falcons represented Kansas in the National Mid-South Regional Tournament in

New Orleans, Louisiana.

A special thanks goes out to all the coaches, managers and other volunteers for promoting healthy competition and sportsmanship among our American Legion teams involving more than 1,000 players, coaches, and managers. Special thanks also to all the Area Tournament hosts and to Leavenworth, Sabetha, and Emporia for hosting the State Tournaments this year.

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LEGION FAMILY SUPPORTS KANSAS MILITARY FAMILIES

The Tenth Annual Big Red '1' Turkey Run will be held Saturday November 16-17, 2018 at Fort Riley. The Turkey Run is for the families of the Warrior Transition Battalion. These families often find themselves transitioning out of the active military or may remain active.

This year, per information provided from Fort Riley there are 600 families that will need assistance. Volunteers are needed to gather food as well as distribute the food at Fort Riley. A list of food items will be coming out

shortly. Many members of the Warrior Transition Battalion have been severely injured, the volunteers will be able to show the face of The American Legion when they load the food into cars for those needing assistance. In addition to the Turkey Run the Legion Family is working on making the WTB Christmas great as well, which is scheduled for December 7-8, 2018. Monetary donations may be sent to Department Headquarters for either the Turkey Run, Operation Christmas or both.

Please make checks payable to: Kansas Department American Legion. In the memo area please put either Turkey Run or Operation Christmas. Thank you for all that you do, past present and future for our Veterans and their families. For any information please contact Roger Beckley (Turkey Run /Operation Christmas Committee Chairman) at csmoif@yahoo.com 785-212-0179 or Al Longstaff ALR Department Committeeman at northforty@lrmutual.com 620-897-6786 or 620-242-4978.

EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE SET FOR OCTOBER 13

The date for the 38th annual Eisenhower Pilgrimage at the Eisenhower Museum and Library in Abilene is Saturday, October 13. All Posts, Auxiliary Units, SAL Squadrons, the Districts and other Legion Family organizations are invited to attend and participate in this year's event. Saturday's program will start at approximately 10:30 AM immediately following the



Captain Mark Oberley (USN), Eisenhower Pilgrimage guest speaker.

Presidential wreath laying ceremony.

Memorial Roses may be purchased for placement on the wall around Eisenhower's statue by sending \$10 to the Eisenhower Pilgrimage in care of Department Headquarters by October 1. Wreath orders (reserved for Districts and State and National level organizations) also must be ordered by October 8 for \$20. Use coupon on page 8 to order roses and wreaths.

The guest speaker will be Captain Mark Oberley (USN).

A Homecoming luncheon following the Pilgrimage will be held at the Greyhound Hall of Fame at 407 South Buckeye in Abilene to honor Department Vice Commander Chuck Shoemaker of Shawnee.

The cost for the luncheon will be \$12.50 per person

and reservations may be made by using the coupon provided on page 5.



This Statue of President Dwight D. Eisenhower is the centerpiece of the ceremony.

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Sonia and I had a great time at the 100th National Convention in Minneapolis. Department has had a great number of successful events since our last Sunflower Legionnaire, including a very successful tour of the state with our new National Commander, Brett Reistad. However, instead of recounting those events, I thought most of you might be more interested in some basics that apply directly to you.

We have a website at www.ksamlegion.org. Staff does a great job of keeping the events on the website current. You will also find contact information for Headquarters, an event calendar, District Officer's contact information and Department Committee Members. It is the first place to look when you are looking for information about our many programs.

We also have a Department Facebook page titled "Department of Kansas American Legion." Further, we have made a number of videos, each approximately two minutes in length, about happenings in the Kansas Legion and they can be found at "The American Legion Department of Kansas Commander" Facebook page.

In June we started a monthly e-newsletter that is currently being sent out to half our membership. To receive the e-newsletter you must have an e-mail address on file at national with www.MyLegion.org. If you think you have an e-mail address on file and are not receiving the e-newsletter, then you should check to make sure national has your correct e-mail address, and then check your spam folder. I always

find my e-newsletter in the spam folder.

The Legion offers a training course where you can learn more about The American Legion titled "Basic Training" and it is available at www.Legion.org/alei.

A big thank you to the Kansas American Legion Riders as they raised over \$27,717 from the Kansas Legacy Run to donate to the National Legacy Fund which provides scholarships for children of those veterans who have died or are at least 50% disabled since 9/11/01. This was a record amount for Kansas! Great job Kansas American Legion Riders and Kansas American Legion Family!

Additional thanks to the Kansas Sons of The American Legion. Because of their support, Kansas received two very prestigious awards at National Convention: the highest per capita Child Welfare Foundation donation, and the highest percentage increase in the amount of Child Welfare Foundation donations.

I want to thank everyone that attended the Legion Family Homecoming on August 18, 2018 in McPherson. My thanks to McPherson Post 24 for your excellent hospitality. Thanks also to General Richard B. Myers, USAF Ret., President of Kansas State University and the 15th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for being our guest speaker. President Myers is a proud member of Manhattan Post 17.

As always, I am here to listen and serve you. If you would like for me to attend an event at your Post or District, please let me know. Thank you for what you do! For God and Country!

The upcoming "Children-Friendly Holidays" are upon us very soon! Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. These are the times to remember our own youth and bestow the best part of our memories onto our children or grandchildren.

As we plan the months, plan events for the kids of our communities. How are we thought of by the neighborhoods? Are we still seen as a bar, or a community asset?

I understand some Posts have little energy to consider fulfilling needs other than general day to day Post activities, let alone holding a Halloween Fall Festivity or Christmas Party, but we can develop a grander reputation when non-Legion people see we care for their children. It's a great way to build membership to say the least. (If you do hold such activities, give your Post Adjutant a note specifying numbers: kids helped, cost, manhours to be used for your Annual Reports.)

Our Americanism programs are still in strong need of your advertisement and support. Boys State, Girls State, Cadet Law Enforcement Academy, and our Oratorical Contests. We need to create and attain the contacts between all our school counselors, instructors and JROTC administrators.

I know it can be intimidating, but if a "troupe" approaches the schools showing a strong knowledge in our Programs and working as a team, the schools will have greater confidence in what The American Legion Americanism/Children and Youth Programs are all about.

Have confidence and inform the world!

The numbers are in. Congratulations are in order to Districts and Posts that helped the Department of Kansas attain the first membership goal in 2018-2019 of 50% by September 15th. We actually placed 8th in the Legion department rankings by reaching 56.6%. The sobering news is that we are behind last years' numbers. We hit the ground running. Now we need to step it up to achieve each monthly goal and reach 100% by membership year end.

The 100th American Legion National Convention was held in Minneapolis, the site of the initial National Convention in 1919. The Kansas Delegation, headed by Past Commander Terry Marr, agreed that it was informative, relevant, significant, and fun! Next years' gathering, August 23rd -29th, will be in our National Headquarters city Indianapolis. If there is time and an opportunity, a rewarding experience awaits attendance.

As in the past, the Districts manned the booths at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Attended the opening day with District III. A good number of Kansas Legion members stopped by to chat. Also spoke to members from surrounding states and from as far away as Texas. We signed several new members in the morning session which were forwarded to the appropriate Posts for processing. In addition to this activity, many fair attendees stopped by to wish us well and relate stories about relatives or friends that served our country. Although our results at signing new members is limited, the exposure that our presence produces is quite valuable in advertising our mission to the public, this by our attractive booth and conversations

with the public.

At the Membership Workshop recently held in Indianapolis, the Department of Idaho articulated information on their approach to moving members from the DMS list to local Posts. This has been successful for them. In addition to briefly outlining the plan to the subcommittee on Membership, Idaho previously shared the plan with their neighboring state of Oregon which has instituted same.

In the past our method of utilizing this resource has mostly been by tactics employed at the Post level. Now the Department Membership Committee has been charged with implementing a state-wide plan to effectively increase membership through utilization of the DMS list. The plan will be used going forward to handle this valuable lead generating service.

Another source of recruitment that we often overlook is the member expiration list. Soliciting these members and reminding them of why they were originally members can produce results, as those that frequent these lists can so testify. As a reminder, lists are available on MyLegion.Org. Also, if a Post is contemplating revitalization, please give Paul Sanford a heads up at least 6 weeks prior to the scheduled event for his able assistance.

For those that have not used MyLegion.Org, there is a website with a tutorial that explains how to use the system. It is somewhat lengthy but can be customized for easier viewing. The site is www.members.legion.org/legion/mylegion.zip. Note: As it is a zip file, there will be a bit of time in opening the file.

Until next time...and For God and Country
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**Transition Care Management
 (OEF/OIF/OND)**

National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty
 WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE VA
 Homecoming

Health Care Enrollment: During demobilization, expect a briefing on VA health care and dental benefits, including assistance in completing the VA application for health care enrollment. You will receive official notification of your VA enrollment within 2 weeks. During this time, you are eligible to receive care at any of our 152 VA medical centers. You may also visit one of our Vet centers, located in communities across the country.

Reintegration

Connecting with the VA: You may receive a call from a VA representative to thank you for your service and help connect you with local VA services and benefits. You may request further information to be sent to you electronically or by mail.

Post-Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) survey: 3-6 months after you return, you will be asked to complete this survey at your military unit or online, helping identify key areas where you may benefit from VA services. Make an appointment at your local VA to further evaluate any post-deployment concerns.

Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program: Speak to a VA representative at one of these events, which help service members and loved ones connect with local resources before, during, and after deployment.

Welcome Home Events: Each VA Medical Center provides an annual open house to help welcome home our service members and connect each with benefits and services provided on site.

Transition Assistance

National Guard/Reserve coordinators provide additional assistance with applying for and accessing VA benefits. They are assigned to the Office of the Adjutant General in each state. VA Case Managers with Warrior Transition Units (WTU), Community Based WTUs and Wounded Warrior Regiments provide assistance in enrolling in VA health care and rehabilitation programs from VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program.

Next Step

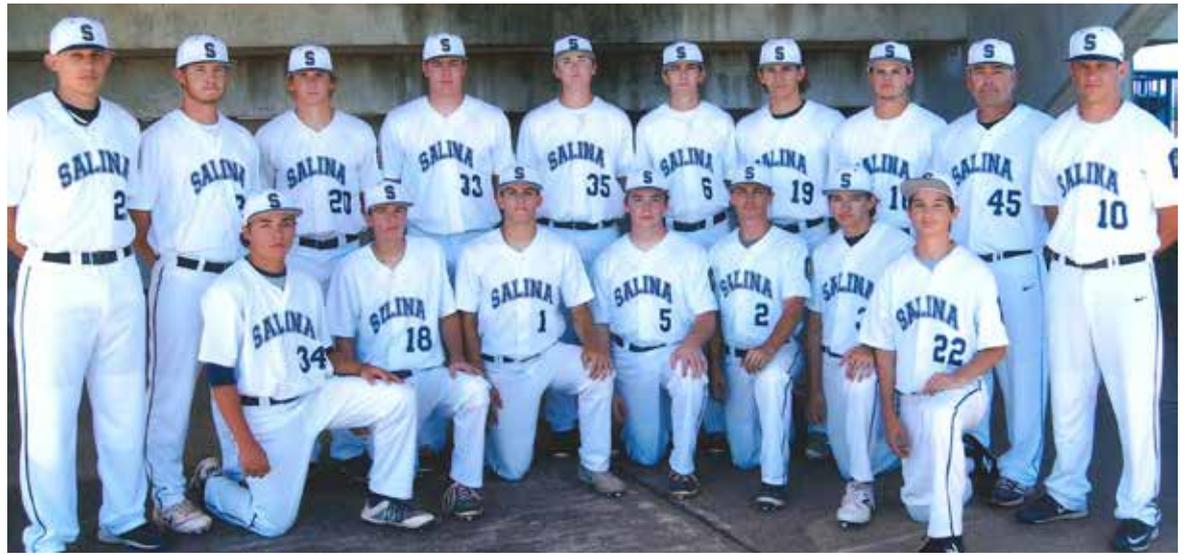
Learn more about how the VA can help YOU take the next step in your career, from career resources to education benefits at www.oefoif.va.gov.

STATE FAIR FLAG SET GIVEAWAY

This year marks 32 years of The American Legion's participation at the State Fair in Hutchinson. By registering at Legion booth, fair participants had a chance to win one of ten US Flag sets.

Congratulations to the following winners. Fly Old Glory with pride!

- Max Alber Lyons
- Christina Walters.. S. Hutchinson
- Andrew Bohme McPherson
- Derrel Oyler Wichita
- Carman Hill..... Hoxie
- Deb Savage Arkansas City
- Alice Stahl..... Sedgwick
- Randy Henshaw Wichita
- Nicole Mazerac Bucklin
- Grayce McAllister..... Americus
- Jenn Miller S. Hutchinson



AAA State Champions: Salina Falcons

*Standing (Left To Right): Cooper Brown, Brady McAfee, Benjamin Driver, Ethan Kickhafer, Cason Long, Cade Sterrett, James Richardson, Seth Catania, Brad Dix, Luke Curry
 Kneeling (Left To Right): Kade Stover, Brayden Pavey, Zachary Farmer, Ryan Dix, Layne Haddock, Richard Davis, Shelden Perez*



AA State Champions: Iola Indians

*Standing (Left To Right): Isaac Vink, Kane Rogers, Lance Daniels, Cal Leanord, Ethan Tavarez, Casen Barker
 Kneeling (Left To Right): Jackson Aikins, Connor Havilland, Daylon Splane, Derek Bycroft and Blake Ashmore*



A State Champions: Linn County Post 248

*Standing (Left To Right): Brody Ford, Zach Nickelson, Nick Hathaway, Brance Ware, Joey Ewalt, Evan Peruser, Brady Wiggins
 Kneeling (Left To Right): Kaden McKee, Johnny Molina, Graham Hathaway, Brody White, Brock Heide, Gavin Cullor*

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Greetings First District,

As the summer starts to wind down, I hope everyone got to enjoy vacations and kids home from school. But we all know that is great when school starts back! I am glad that I was able to represent 1st District at the National Convention. I have gotten to visit lots of Post's, been to different Districts, seen several Baseball Games and most of all made new friends.

Now that Fall is here and the new Membership year, we need to start working those past due members. We have a Revitalization set up for October 20th at Marysville. Our emphasis will be on Washington, Marshall and Nemaha Counties. There will be a couple more through the Fall. 1st District's Homecoming will be on October 6th at Oskaloosa Post 36 at 5:30pm. Executive meeting prior to the Homecoming. The District Christmas Party will be December 1st at Wetmore. More info will be mailed out later. If anyone needs anything don't hesitate to get a hold of either myself or one of the other District Officers.

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Greetings Second District Legionnaires! First, I would like to send a few thank-yous; Paola Post 156 for hosting the Second District revitalization, Tom Ault from the Leavenworth VA for coming down to meet with our veterans, the gentlemen that spoke to the group that morning, and of course all of you that were able to attend. Congratulation to Gardner and Fort Scott for reaching 100% membership, you guys are amazing! I was

recently made aware of a USN memorial being placed in the Fort Scott National Cemetery, they are still looking for funding assistance, if you would like more information or a Post presentation please contact Daryl Roller at droller@yahoo.com or 913-322-6492. I'm making my rounds to the Posts in the District and have met some great Legionnaires, thank you for welcoming the District two team into your Post, if there is ever anything we can help with just let us know. While visiting the Olathe Post I met the administrative director of Veterans' Voices Writing Project a non-profit magazine published three times a year, they enable veterans to both heal and entertain through writing, for more information please visit www.veteransvoices.org. I hope to visit each Post in the District at least once this year, and I look forward to my Post visits still to come, let me know if there is something you would like me to attend. There are a couple District events coming up I would like to mention, more information will be sent to Post commanders & adjutants, first is homecoming on October 27th in Blue Mound at 5:30 pm, and the annual membership rally in Paola on November 4th at noon. Keep up the good work!

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Greetings to all from the 3rd District. To continue where I left off in the last issue of the Sunflower telling you of the things made clear to me while serving as Vice Commander of the 3rd District. While traveling last year and again this year, I am amazed to see that many of the people holding an office in the American Legion do not fully understand the duties and responsibilities of the office they hold. As a past employer, I fully understand the need for proper training. Imagine if you will, hiring a person for a position in your organization, assigning them a job title and expecting them to succeed without proper training. Without training, you are setting them up for failure thru no fault of their own. This is certainly not a good business

plan. In the American Legion, failure is just not an option, nor is it acceptable. EVERYONE elected or appointed to a new position within the American Legion should have access to the American Legion Officers Guide. This guide spells out the responsibilities and duties of each office within the American Legion. Full understanding of the duties of your office is a great first step towards success. Just as importantly, the outgoing officer should be available to mentor and train the new officer. As with everything else in your day to day life, there is no substitute for experience and it must be passed along to insure the success of the new officer and your Post in general.

This year, I have noticed something else, and that is the lack of structure at some of the meetings I have attended within the District. I guess maybe it is human nature to take the easy way, but it does not make it the right way. The American Legion is the Largest Veterans organization in the world. We exist to serve our Veterans. Veterans are used to having structure in their lives. This especially holds true for the younger Veterans we are trying to attract to the American Legion. Again, the Officers Guide gives detailed instructions for conducting a proper meeting. Granted, it is a suggested guide, but I feel like these procedures should be followed at every Legion meeting regardless of the number of members in attendance. I firmly believe that having proper procedures and structure at your meetings is the first step to insure that your membership continues to attend. Attendance at meetings leads to participation in Legion functions, participation leads to leadership and leadership insures the success of your Post.

Remember, "FAMILY FIRST" and may God bless you all.

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After returning from the American Legion 100th National Convention in Minneapolis, MN. I was fortunate to network with leaders from around the

world on building stronger Posts through retention of our existing Veterans.

Our present membership has centuries of knowledge that we should tap into as we begin to transition into the future with our younger members and adapting to the way they see the future!

Our younger Veterans view the course of the American Legion growing strong although being deeply connected with our communities while bringing their families in to join us.

The American Legions future is in front of us and all we have to do is reach out and shake their hand while welcoming them home.

Continue to be strong!

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5th District in rich in history in the Kansas American Legion with three of the original Posts formed in the state of Kansas. This year we want to recognize all our Posts who have contributed to the success of the greatest Veteran's organization in the history of the United States of America. The first of these Posts we want to highlight is the Thomas Hopkins Post of Wichita, Post 4. Post 4, along with Capitol Post of Topeka, Newton, Columbus, Emporia, Atchison, Fredonia, Garden City and Winfield, all of which had charters dated June 16, 1919 and Horton received their charter July 2nd, 1919 are the first 10 Posts chartered in Kansas.

In the early years Thomas Hopkins Post 4 was known as "American Legion Headquarters" because we was the only Post in Wichita and Sedgwick, Ks. Once the American Legion decided they needed to start numbering Posts by State instead of Counties is was basically a coin toss to see who got number one and so on. That is when the Post number was designated as "Post 4".

Post 4's namesake, Lt. Thomas "Tom" Hopkins was the first officer KIA from Wichita. Lt. Hopkins lost his life on July 18th, 1918 returning under machine gun fire to rescue a fellow young comrade off of concertina wire. As they were returning for

cover Lt. Hopkins was shot in neck and spine. Lt. Hopkins died a few days later but the young boy survived the attack. The Germans that shot Lt. Hopkins was all killed by Army Snipers.

In the early years Thomas Hopkins Post of Wichita put on a membership drive in order to adequately hold the State Convention. In one week they saw their numbers grow from 105 to 1,200.

Post 4 is very rich in history. When a nation-wide coal strike by United Mine Workers was averted, but the coal miners of Kansas ignored the settlement and walked out of the mines on November 1st, 1919. Kansans throughout the State who were dependent upon the Southeast coal fields for their fuel supply were fearful for the long and cold winter just beginning. By November 18th fuel supplies were running low, and Governor Allen took over the operation of coal mines. He called for volunteers from throughout the state to aid in production of coal. The Thomas Hopkins Post of Wichita, in an area which quickly experienced a shortage of fuel called for volunteer miners, and two hundred Legionnaires from Post 4 volunteered to dig coal. By December 15th the miners were back at work and Legionnaires and other volunteers were out the pits. This is considered one of the first mass volunteerism organized by the American Legion.

Another notable bit of History was when Post 4 Commander Craig Kennedy, in June of 1937 was asked to form a committee to pick "The Wichita Flag". Out of over 100 entries the Wichita Flag was chosen. The artist Cecil McAlister, who lived in South Wichita had his design chosen and as a prize was given \$40.00 (about \$1400.00 in today's money). Seamstress, Mary J. Harper (Betsy Ross of Wichita) was selected to make the flag which was adopted on June 14th, 1937 and first raised over City Hall on July 23, 1937 by Mayor T. Walker Weaver. Post 4 birthplace of "The Wichita Flag".

In 1937, American Legion Thomas Hopkins Post 4 erected a WWI monument to honor Lt. Bleckley and all the World War I Veterans. 2nd Lt. Edwin Bleckley is honored on this monument. Lt. Bleckley was one of four to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor, in the US Army Air Corps in the First World War. He was an observer attached to the 50th Aero Squadron, Air Service and was one of the first to volunteer. (Bleckley's

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 parents received his Medal of Honor at a ceremony in Wichita on March 23rd, 1923. Bleckley was the second Wichitan to receive the medal.)

The American Legion Thomas Hopkins Post 4 will be celebrating their 100th Birthday on Sunday June 16th, 2019.

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I want to begin by thanking Jimmy Strachan, Jeremiah Allen, Gary Foos and Dan Wiley for their assistance September 15th at the State Fair booth. Couldn't have done without them. The 6th District didn't have as good a year recruiting there as last year, but we did get two new members and a transfer.

Due to another Legion commitment, I am unable to have the District Homecoming until January 12, 2019. It will be in Phillipsburg, location to be determined. Thus far, we are planning on beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a District meeting to discuss the new 9th District which will come to be July 1, 2019. If you are interested in being a part of the leadership of either the 6th or the 9th Districts, you'll want to attend this meeting. We'll have a luncheon at noon, and if necessary continue the meeting after that. We have requested a special Army activity for entertainment. More information will be mailed to all members as we get closer.

The National Commander visit was well received and went off without a hitch. In the 6th District, he visited Dorrance, Russell, Osborne, Kensington, Norton and Wakeeney. He also made some side stops at various veteran memorials and the Veteran Cemetery in Wakeeney. He and Department Commander Wiley appreciated everyone's hospitality.

Membership renewals continue to creep in. Adjutants are reminded to please transmit renewals at least every two weeks. National's monthly membership targets are an excellent gauge of your Posts efforts. The September 15th target was 50%, October 11th target is 55%, November 15th target is 65%,

and the December 15th target is 75%.

Did you know the District has a Facebook page? Love it or hate it, it's a great way for us to connect with our members. Log into Facebook and search for 6thDistrictKS and like our page. Tell your fellow members!

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Greetings 7th District Legion Family

First let me thank everyone who volunteered to work the fair this year, it went smooth and we had lots of help. Thank you!

We have several things happening from between now and December. We have the Eisenhower Pilgrimage in Abilene, Veteran's Day, and the Department Christmas party and 7th District Homecoming on October 6th in Hutchinson just to name a few. If you're interested in coming to the District Homecoming please email any questions or your RSVP to jjehart23@gmail.com.

Also I would like to remind everyone that now is a good time to start going to local schools promoting our Oratorical Contest, Cadet Law, and Boys State programs and making the counselors and principals aware of the available scholarships through The American Legion and these programs.

Lastly, in comparing the current membership reports with those of previous years, I have noticed that our progress is well behind where it has been. Everyone should have at least their Officers and Life Members paid up, which means 7th District should have no "Goose eggs" on our report. Let's all keep working diligently on membership, in both getting new members signed up and involved in Post activities and keeping those that are already members. Membership is everybody's responsibility and you should be proud to belong to The American Legion. If any Post needs help in membership please don't hesitate to call either myself or Vice-Com-

mander Edie Cress and one of us will be glad to help you out, we are here to serve the best we can. Semper Fi!

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Greeting from the Eight District. Time sure is flying again. I attended the Membership workshop in Indianapolis the first part of August. The Commanders homecoming the 18th of August at McPherson. Then the National Convention in Minneapolis. All were very interesting and learning experiences.

School has started and we need to be getting with the schools and teachers and start promoting the programs for the youth.

The National Commander will have made his visits by the time this is printed, I hope everyone was able to attend at least one of his stops. I think we were very honored to have him to tour the western part of Kansas this year.

The Eisenhower Pilgrimage will be October 14th in Abilene. Also the Vice Commanders Homecoming. Last year was my first time to go and what a wonderful experience it was. I encourage everyone to try to go, you will not regret it. Adjutants should have information.

We will have 8th District Commanders Homecoming the 3rd of November at Syracuse Post #27. It will be a luncheon meeting starting at 12 PM Mountain Time. Please mark your Calendars and attend. Then the Department Christmas Party will be December the 15th at Olathe Post # 153.

Enjoy the fall and help keep the American Legion strong, if you haven't renewed your membership, get it done. It would be nice to achieve 100%.

May God bless our troops, American Legion and America.

**Veterans Day
 November 11
 2018**



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National Convention at Minneapolis, Minnesota, was informative as well as entertaining as most of the pictures depict. Kathy Dungan, of Wesson, Mississippi, was elected as the 2018-19 National President of the American Legion Auxiliary. Dugan plans on visiting us at Mid-Winter Forum. A special thanks for all the delegates, alternates, and guests who attended the 98th National Convention. I took my oath as the Department of Kansas President during the inaugural ceremony.

As the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion, I am honored to serve as the Department of Kansas President. We have lots of activities planned for our men and women who are Legionnaires and proudly served our country, so don't want to miss attending any events. We distributed "100 year" hat patches at our homecoming and are currently making plans for the birthday celebration.

I want to thank everyone who attended the joint Homecoming for Commander Dan Wiley, Detachment Commander Terry

Harris, and myself. It's great to be a part of a "family" organization, and I look forward to serving with these men (or at least most of the time).

Our Fall Conference was held on September 14 - 15 at McPherson. Chairman Plan of Action reports were given which will be posted on our website along with the report forms. These chairman are some of the most dedicated, hard-working, and creative women I know. It is such a pleasure to work with them which is fitting for our membership theme: Rosie the Riveter and my President's theme: "Keep 'em flying". This theme is special to me as my grandmother, Elsie Remmert and her friend Ethel Kimmerly were Rosies, as well as my friend, Virginia Ball.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Abilene at Eisenhower Pilgrimage and upcoming Homecomings!

"Motivation is the art of getting people to do what you want them to do because they want to do it."

--Dwight D. Eisenhower

**VICE COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING
 HONORING:**

Chuck Shoemaker - Department Vice Commander
 Paula Sellens - Department Auxiliary Vice President
 Tom Wallsmith - S.A.L Detachment Vice Commander

Saturday, October 13, 2018
 Greyhound Hall of Fame
 407 South Buckeye, Abilene

Meal provided by Snuffy's Barbeque will be served immediately following the Eisenhower Pilgrimage.

\$12.50 per person, \$15.00 if paid after October 8th, 2018
 Children ten and under \$8.00

Name _____

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Guest Names _____

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HISTORIAN

JOE JOHNSTON

Several attempts to make the Department Conventions more interesting have been initiated. One of them was a "Beauty Contest" held at the 1958 convention. Local Posts held contests and each District sent their winner to the Department convention. Each contestant had to be between 17 and 20, single and a daughter or sister of a Legionnaire. In 1960 the contest was dropped. One District was happy with the outcome while six were unhappy. (In 1958 there were only 7 Districts) The fathers and brothers of the losers were very angry at The American Legion.

Another problem occurred in 1958. A Post in Wichita had planned to host the 1958 Department Convention. At the last minute they canceled out. There was a mad scramble to find another Post and hotel in a short period of time. The Hutchinson Post came to the rescue.

Be sure to read about the "Erie Bean Feed" in The American Legion Magazine.

I just got back from my 1st National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I really had a great time and will definitely go again. You all should try to not only go to at least 1 National Convention, but, you should also try to go to your District Convention, as well as the Department Convention.

This year at National Convention, I was honored to be able to witness a huge achievement by our Co-Historians for the 2017 and 2018 membership year. The two grandsons of our immediate past Detachment Commander, Mike Saindon, William and Michael were awarded for their hard work this past year. They not only received the award for the best scrap book but also received the award for the best history book. These are both national awards and are well deserved. I think I see two future Detachment of Kansas Sons Of The American Legion Commanders on the horizon.

What drives your Post,

Unit, Squadron or Chapter? I know that membership numbers are what drives the Great Bend Squadron that I am a member of. We do our best to constantly recruit new members as well as work hard to get our current members to renew. Last year we were over 100% and hopefully we will have the same result this year. What are you doing to help your Post Legion Family reach its goals? Do you know who your membership committee is? I can answer that one for you. Your membership committee is everyone in your squadron. So please help your Squadron Vice-Commander and work with him on membership.

It has been a very enjoyable yet busy few months and I am looking forward to getting to as many of our District Homecomings as possible. I enjoy getting out and visiting with our members and listening to their ideas. We all can use new ideas to take home to our own Squadrons.

Please Always Remember the Mission. Until Next time.

DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 15, 2018
Olathe Post 153
410 E Dennis Ave

**Social Hour - Noon
Lunch - 1:00 PM**

**USO Style Show - 2:15 PM
Mouse Races - 4:30 PM**

Name _____ Number in party @ \$15.00 each _____

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ADJUTANT'S BRIEFS

By Department Adjutant Jimmie L. Foster

Many of the District and Department Officers have already alluded to their travels to various Events around the Department and State of Kansas in their Articles.

Many Members of The American Legion Family attended the 100th National Convention held in Minneapolis, Minnesota from 24 to 30 August 2018. Many of the Elected Kansas Delegates were very busy attending various Commission or Committee Meetings to partake in items that were to be voted on in those Meetings and then reported from that Commission or Commission to the Delegates on the floor of the National Convention.

Also, the Leading Candidate for National Commander Brett Reistad from Virginia and the Second Leading Candidate Bill Oxford from North Carolina came to the Kansas Caucus bright and early at 7 A.M. Both, Brett and Bill, spoke to the Kansas Delegates and passed out brochures, pins and pens to those in attendance.

The Convention is not always business oriented, there is some free time to enjoy the host City and their venues. The Department of Kansas had a superb dinner and cruise down the Mississippi River. It was a relaxing evening with those visiting, making new friendships and keeping some old ones going.

For those that stayed around until Thursday afternoon witnessed the National Commander take the Oath of Office on the Stage. Brett Reistad from Manassas, Virginia swore into his position as National Commander of The American Legion. (That has a nice ring to it).

Brett and his Aide, Ken Knight, will be touring the Western Side of the State of Kansas from 15 to 19 September 2018. I know some of you will not get notified of his visit to individual Posts, but your District Officers was given that information and instructed to disseminate the information down to ALL Posts, so that each American Legion Member could have the opportunity to visit him on the tour.

Next year's 101th National Convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from 23 to 29 August, 2019. Indianapolis is the Home of Our American Legion National Headquarters. It is a short drive to Indianapolis, the City of Indianapolis and the Department of Indiana promises to roll out the red carpet for this historical event. PLEASE start

planning now to attend.

Our Regional National Vice Commander is Steve Sweet from the Department of Mississippi. Steve will be visiting the Department in the month of November. We are still trying to confirm the exact dates. We will again get the information to the District Commanders to deliver to each Post within their District. Sweet will be visiting the Eastern Side of the State of Kansas, basically I-35 and East. Steve will also be attending Our Department Convention in Hutchinson at the Atrium Hotel and Conference Center on 17 to 19 May 2019.

The newly elected National President of the American Legion Auxiliary is Kathy Dungan from the Department of Mississippi and the newly elected Sons of The American Legion Commander is Greg "Doc" Gibbs from the Detachment of New York.

Don't forget about the 2018 Big Red One Turkey Run on 17 November 2018 at Fort Riley and Operation North Pole on 7 & 8 December 2018. These two events ensures that the Dependents of Our Active Duty Military has a complete Turkey Dinner for Thanksgiving, and then have a toy or two under their Christmas tree for a memorable Christmas.

The Department Christmas Party is tentatively scheduled to be held at Olathe Post # 153 on 15 December 2018.

The Department Legislative Reception will be held tentatively on 16 January 2019 at 5:00 P.M., before the Mid-Winter Conference, again this year. It was in agreement with the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate last year that it should be earlier in the year to get the Legislators engaged on Our items that need to be discussed and supported for Veterans and their Families. We saw the most attendance last year from Our Legislators show up and attend the Reception and interact with the Members of The American Legion Family.

Since I brought the Mid-Winter Forum, It is not too early to start planning on attending the 2019 Mid-Winter Forum, which will be held at Dodge City Post # 47 from 1 to 3 February 2019.

Until next time, continue to support the Greatest Veterans and their Families, in the Greatest Veterans Organization in the Free World, the American Legion (in my opinion).

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 Demo, Donald (WWII) El Dorado
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 DeWitt, Stephen (Vietnam) Topeka #400
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 Driver, James (WWII) Ottawa
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 Elias, Dennis (Vietnam) McCracken
 Ennis, John (WWII) Paola
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 Longoria, Julian (Vietnam) Chapman
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DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN



**Glenn
Patterson**



For God and Country – Christian Pulpit in War-Time

The American Legion is preparing for our 100th Anniversary. The National American Legion gathered in Minneapolis, MN in August 2018; where the American Legion was started. There is a lot of history prior to this gathering.

It all began with two soldiers in World War I in France. The two soldiers, one enlisted and one officer; sitting under a tree in a remote battle talking about life after this war. The enlisted soldier said to the officer, “when this war is over, I am going back to the United States to help my fellow Veterans.” This is the seed that was planted to begin what we know today as The American Legion.

The seed of that conversation grew and a gathering of selected delegates met in Paris, France. The final agreement was to be adopted in the United States since this resolution came from outside the United States. The next gathering was a group of delegates to St Louis, MO.

It was at this meeting in St Louis, MO; May 1919 that what we know today is: The Preamble to this new organization. The Preamble, “For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America...” It was at this meeting in St Louis, MO that the delegation adopted this Preamble for an organization yet to be determined.

My research was, “to find the story behind this delegation’s vote.” What would cause a group of men and women, Veterans of then World War I to met and adopt “The Preamble” that we have today.

I want to lift up for consideration the religious climate of that time period, World War I.

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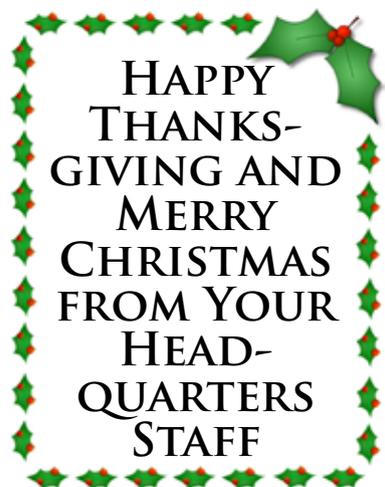
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In Classic Reprint Series, this sermon has been reprinted "The National Crisis" delivered in the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, DC; May 17, 1915; by Rev Randolph H McKim, pastor of this church. The text for that morning message was from Gospel of John 18:36; "Jesus answered...If my Kingdom were of this world, they would my servants fight."

As we sit in worship this morning, "A most serious question, confronts us as members of the Christian church. What should be our attitude as Christians men and women in this supreme crisis?" "We do not want war, but still less do we want national dishonor."

It was the Christian faith that willingly engaged in this terrible war brought by Germany. "The King of Righteousness, the King of Peace; (which justifies the conclusion that there is no just peace that is not based on righteousness) makes war in righteousness and followed by the armies of Heaven."

For God and Country I serve the Most High Sovereign Lord and Sovereign United States of America.



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Enclosed is our payment for a rose to be placed at the Eisenhower Memorial on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

Purchaser _____
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No. of Roses _____ Amount Enclosed _____
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_____ Please appoint an appropriate individual to place our rose.

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Chapman Post #240

Friday, October 12

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2019 Legislative Reception

The legislative reception will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Ave. in Topeka tentatively scheduled for Wednesday January 16. The reception will begin with a briefing at 5pm and followed by the reception until 8pm.

Cost of attending the reception is \$20.00 per person and includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Please use the coupon below to let Headquarters and the hotel know how many to prepare for.

Legislative Reception

Yes, I plan to attend The American Legion Legislative Reception, Jan. 16, 2019 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.

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