YOUR NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER

James W. “Bill” Oxford was elected national commander of The American Legion on Aug. 29, 2019, in Indianapolis, during the organization’s 101st national convention. He has been a member of the nation’s largest veterans organization since 1986.

LEGION FAMILY SUPPORTS KANSAS MILITARY FAMILIES

The Tenth Annual Big Red ‘1’ Turkey Run will be held Saturday November 23, 2019 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 500 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 13-14, 2019. 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 START TIME CHANGED

The date for the 39th annual Eisenhower Pilgrimage at the Eisenhower Museum and Library in Abilene is Saturday, October 12. All Posts, Auxiliary Units, S.A.L. 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 9:30 AM immediately following the 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. Wreath orders are reserved for Districts and State and National level organizations for $20. Use coupon on page 8 to order roses and wreaths.

The guest speaker will be Captain Kyle Higgins (USN), commander of the USS Eisenhower.

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 Marri Krupco.

The cost for the luncheon will be $15.00 per person ($18.00 after October 8) and reservations may be made by using the coupon provided on page 8.

STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

In July, 64 American Legion Baseball teams competed in one of 11 Zone tournaments across the great state of Kansas. The top two teams from each Zone then went on to compete in one of two State Championships. The two State Champions for 2019 are: Class ‘A’ Larned and Class ‘AA’/‘AAA’ Emporia.

The Emporia team represented Kansas in the National Mid-South Regional Tournament in Hastings Nebraska.

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 Hays and Topeka for hosting the State Tournaments this year.

Captain Kyle P. Higgins, USN Commanding Officer USS Eisenhower (CVN69)
The 101st American Legion National Convention was held in Indianapolis, the headquarters city for our organization. Many of our delegates were assigned to committee and subcommittee meetings and provided reports of plans and activities of these organizations. The Kansas Delegation, headed by immediate Past Commander Dan Wiley, agreed that the convention was informative, relevant, significant, and fun! The group enjoyed the social activities and entertainment of the city.

Post 64 was the site of the Delegation’s “night out” which provided a chance for camaraderie and fellowship, and a very good meal.

The keynote speaker was Vice President Mike Pence, who commented, “It might be our turn one of these days.” and in the US Congress from Indiana, where he attended school at Indiana University. His address on Wednesday was very well received by convention attendees.

A highlight and memorable moment for Kansans came on Tuesday when native son Mike Pence addressed the convention. After his speech, the United States Secretary of State met with the Kansas Delegation in private to express his gratitude for the Legion’s service and answer a few questions, his future plans not included. The group was most appreciative that he took the time to meet. He maintains his Legion membership with Wichita Post #4.

The National Commander torch was passed as James W “Bill” Oxford was sworn in on the last day of the convention. Bill is from North Carolina and a veteran of the US Army and National Guard. He will be visiting Kansas on Sunday, September 30th, visiting posts on the east side of the state, and departing Thursday, October 3rd. Look for a flyer to be distributed by the booth to give the workers a smile and some words of encouragement. Lastly, a special thank you to everyone that stopped by the booth to give the workers a smile and some words of encouragement.

The Legion isn’t the only branch of the family that had an eligibility change, the Auxiliary did too. In August at National Convention a resolution was passed to change the word “wife” to the word “spouse” thus allowing male spouses of Legion members or deceased veterans to join the Auxiliary. Male spouses are the only males that are eligible to join the Auxiliary. I am very excited to see this change and my husband is now a member of our home Unit.

Both changes can greatly increase membership in the Kansas American Legion Family, but it is up to each one of us to tell others that joins, most likely they are related to Auxiliary and S.A.L. potential members so sign them up too! You may also find a veteran that previously didn’t join because their husband couldn’t participate, will now join because it is something they can do together. If you have any questions on these changes don’t hesitate to ask your District or Department officers; or call headquarters in Topeka.

I wanted to congratulate Kiowa & Saint Francis on being the first in the state to reach 100% membership, however, just because you’ve made 100% doesn’t mean you can quit, so keep up the good work! Kansas was one of 32 Departments that met our first membership goal of 50% by September 11th, great job everyone!

A huge thank you to everyone that helped in the State Fair booth, you all did a great job of recruiting new members into the family. You also represented the Legion family in a professional and caring manner, which does nothing but good things for our public relations. Thank you also to those of you that stopped by the booth to give the workers a smile and some words of encouragement. Lastly, a special thanks to Gary Foos, Area West Vice-Commander for being available throughout the entire fair to help whenever needed, you truly are an MVP.

STATE FAIR FLAG SET GIVEAWAY

This year marks 33 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!

Daniel Freedland........Wichita
Laurie Methvin.......Peabody
Ernest Shuler.......Hutchinson
Kathy McLean ..Little River
Risa Bayliff............Lakin
Travis Rakestraw.......Wichita
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Jeremy Owen...............Pratt
Tyler Slater..............Peabody

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Vet Centers

What are Vet Centers?
Vet Centers are community-based counseling centers, providing social and psychological services including professional readjustment counseling to eligible Veterans and active duty service members, to include members of the National Guard and Reserve components and their families.

Vet Centers also play a significant role in VA’s Emergency Response mission to assist communities. MVCs and Vet Center staff deploy in response to shootings and support emergency response efforts to natural disasters and wild fires.

Who is eligible?
- Veterans and active duty service members who:
  - Have served on active military duty in any combat theater or area of hostility;
  - Experienced a sexual traumatic event (MST)
  - Provided direct emergent medical care or mortuary services to the casualties of war, while serving on active duty, or
  - Served as a member of an unmanned aerial vehicle crew that provided direct support to operations in a combat zone or area of hostility

Vet Center services are also provided to family members or loved ones of Veterans and service members for military-related issues when it is found to aid in the readjustment of those that served, or to help cope with the deployment of the service member. This includes marriage and family counseling and bereavement counseling for families who experience an active duty death.

What makes Vet Centers unique?
- Non-traditional hours (including evenings and weekends), services without time limitation and at no charge. Individuals do not need to be enrolled in VA Healthcare Services, do not need a disability rating or service connection and can access Vet Center services regardless of discharge character.

What makes Vet Centers different than VA’s Mental Health?
While Vet Centers are not a part Mental Health in the VAMCs, they are connected through coordination and bi-directional referral. Vet Center staff are licensed professionals who offer a non-medical approach to counseling and do not provide medication management.

How do Vet Centers reach Veterans and service members?
Outreach specialists and counselors participate in a myriad of outreach events in local communities and host various events in order to create face to face connections and get eligible individuals connected to Vet Center Services.

80 Mobile Vet Centers are on the road or out in the community, extending the reach of Vet Centers through focused outreach, direct service provision and referral. Many of these communities are distant from existing services and are considered rural or highly rural.

How can I refer someone to a Vet Center for services?
If you think someone may benefit from Vet Center services, please call your nearest Vet Center or encourage the Veteran or service member to call or stop in.
- Locate Your Nearest Vet Center
- Vet Centers on Facebook
- Preventing Veteran Suicide: Resources for Veterans, Community Members, and Loved Ones
  - Suicide Prevention Month
  - #BeThere

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 101st National Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana from 23 to 29 August 2019. 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 Bill Oxford from North Carolina and the Second Leading Candidate Paul Dillard from Texas came to the Kansas Caucus. Both, Bill and Paul, spoke to the Kansas Delegates and passed out brochures, pens 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 at Kenneth N. Dowden - Wayne American Legion Post # 64. 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. James W. “Bill” Oxford from Lenoir, North Carolina swore into his position as National Commander of The American Legion.

Bill and his Aide, Larry Cline, will be touring the Eastern Side of the State of Kansas from 29 September to 3 October 2019. I know some of you will not get notified of his visit to individual Posts, but your District Officers were 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 102nd National Convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky from 27 August to 3 September 2020. It is a short drive to Louisville; the City of Louisville and the Department of Kentucky promises to roll out the red carpet for this event.

Please start planning now to attend.
Our Regional National Vice Commander is Bruce Feuerbach from the Department of Iowa. Bruce 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. Feuerbach will be visiting the Western Side of the State of Kansas, basically 1-35 and West. Bruce will also be attending our Department Convention in Hutchinson at the Atrium Hotel and Conference Center on 15 to 17 May 2020.

The newly elected National President of the American Legion Auxiliary is Nicole Clapp from the Department of Iowa and the newly elected Sons of The American Legion Commander is Clint Bolt from the Detachment of Virginia.

Don’t forget about the 2019 Big Red One Turkey Run on 23 November 2019 at Fort Riley and Operation North Pole on 13 & 14 December 2019. These two events ensure 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 scheduled to be held at Hutchinson Post #68 on 7 December 2019.

The Department Legislative Reception will be held tentatively on 15 January 2020 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 by 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 2020 Mid-Winter Forum, which will be held at Fort Scott Post #25 from 1 to 2 February 2020.

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).
Here it is the early days of fall. The days are getting shorter and cooler. We are in the last quarter of the calendar year. Unless your post is different from most posts that means that you have several un-renewed memberships for 2019 and 2020. Go through your un-renewed cards and contact these people and encourage them to renew. When possible make a personal contact. Get post members involved.

A special thanks to those who assisted the First District on our day at the Kansas State Fair. It was a very busy day.

Eisenhower Pilgrimage and homecoming for vice commanders and vice president is Saturday October 12, 2019 in Abilene. All posts are encouraged to have someone present.

National Commander Bill Oxf ord will be touring the east side of Kansas from Sep 29, 2019 to Oct 2, 2019.

The First District Commanders homecoming will be October 19, 2019 at Post 400 Topeka. Contact Commander Clint Vaw ter for more information and reservations at clintv@aol.com. There will be a district meeting prior to the homecoming at 4:00 pm at Post 400.

Greetings District III fall has finally arrived! The kids of the communities are back in school and the Friday Night Lights are glowing on the horizons. It is a good time to make your post visible to the local school and various community organizations and remind them of the many programs for youth and community support programs that the Legion has. It is never too early to bring up Boys State, Girls State, Cadet Law, the American Legion Contest as well as the many Scholarship programs available to students from the American Legion at all levels. Something as simple as presenting the colors at a school sporting event can increase visibility of the American Legion in your community.

A friend of mine recently described this time of year as “TrickorHallowThanksMas” season. There are a lot of activities going on in our communities and a lot of chances for your local Legion Post to emphasize what they do for the community. The one holiday that was left out of my friend’s description of the season was Veterans Day. Veteran’s Day is easily overlooked in our communities because it is not the “retail event” the other holidays this time of year are. We rarely see advertising about the day set aside to honor all veterans; except on Veterans’ Day itself. In many cases the only advertising is a small “Community Bulletin Board” type notice hidden somewhere in the local newspaper about a community event. I would like to see this time of year to change to “TrickorHallowVeteransMas.” The only way we can do this is to become more visible in the community.

I am happy to report that the District has 36 new members. Because of the passage of the Legion Act there are no more “cut off” dates for service. This act opens up membership in the American Legion to thousands of veterans who served anytime since December 7, 1941. Every post knows several of these veterans, reach out to them and welcome them to the greatest Veteran’s Service Organization in the World.

It has been an exciting few months in The American Legion. President Trump signed The LEGION Act, into law July 30, 2019, expands eligibility in The American Legion to include veterans who served in U.S. military conflicts previously unrecognized by Congress as war eras! Reach out to all of veterans within your influence and visit with them about the benefits of membership in The American Legion and all of the accomplishment the Legion has attained.

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We are now three-quarter’s way into the 2019 year as well as into the 2020 membership renewal season! We’re off to a bit of a slow start for the 2nd District but I know it’s a marathon and not a sprint. Please keep working on contacting fellow post members to renew as well as keep up the efforts to recruit. Reach out to your Adjutants for a membership list of contact information. Help your Adjutants & membership teams to contact members. It takes a few minutes of your time and helps take the burden off a busy Adjutant. You’ll be surprised what a simple phone call on a Saturday afternoon will do to a fellow Legionnaire. Call to just see how they’re doing. It’ll also give your post an opportunity to update contact records, etc. They like to hear from their Legion other than just a dues renewal notice. Let them know we’re here for them. Let them know your post’s up-coming events. Let them know what we’re doing in the community and we need their help. Congratulations to Past CMDR Dan Wiley for getting endorsed for National CMDR. We wish him all the luck in representing the great state of Kansas. We will do our best to assist him in his campaign. Don’t forget about http://kslegionsdistrict2.org/ & can follow us on Facebook/ American Legion Department of Kansas- District 2 for information. Have a safe and great Holiday Season! CMDR –
(Continued from Page 4) came to the booth and giving them a better understanding what the American Legion does. We talked about the Legion Act that opened membership eligibility into the American Legion from December 7, 1941 to present. Also we talked about programs: Boys State, Girls State, Oratorical Contest and Cadet Law while focusing on the entire family. Over all it was a very good day with all the people we visited with.

October 5th. Is our Fall Conference and Homecoming at Ellsworth Post 174. The conference will begin with a joint session at 10:00 AM. After all the introductions we will move into our break-out sessions. We should be finished around 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided and is included in your registration fee. Legion and S.A.L. is $8.00 and Auxiliary is $5.00. Following the conference we will begin our social hour before the Homecoming. The banquet will begin around 5:00 PM. Cost for banquet is set at $12.00 a plate.

The District standing for the membership report as of September 13th we have moved up to 4th with a District quota of 55.05%. Keep up the good work with re-newing your members and let’s keep moving up.

District Convention will be April 4th, 2020 at Concordia Post 76. Remember it is important to have your post represented at convention. Each post that attends can take part in the discussions and vote if needed.

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Lots of exciting things happening throughout the American Legion that affect us all at a Post level and District level. First and foremost the Legion Act was signed into law by President Trump and has opened up the eligibility dates for membership. Also there was a change to the Auxiliary that now allows the spouses of female veterans to join their ranks, this is an exciting change and those spouses that couldn’t join now have a place to belong. In addition there are several opportunities to enjoy District and Department activities in the upcoming months. We included the 7th District Family Homecoming which will be held in Hutchinson on October 26th, 2019. We will have an Executive Board meeting at 10:00 am, social hour starts at 11:00 am and meal will be at 12:00. Meal will include lasagna, garlic bread, salad and dessert for the price of $6.00. Please RSVP to jjehart23@gmail.com or call 620-899-0010. I would love to see a representative from every post in 7th District this year.

Make sure you are watching your email for updates on upcoming events and weekly membership reports. If you are not getting weekly emails from Vice Commander Mike Jury, call either Mike Jury @ 620 899-7926 or myself @ 620 899-0010 and submit a good email address to be added to our weekly emails.

HISTORIAN JOE JOHNSTON

In the 30’s, auto accidents were becoming a serious problem. Most cars had mechanical brakes. If you have never driven a car with mechanical brakes, you don’t realize the danger at highway speeds. There were very few autos sold during the depression of the 1930’s so most of the cars were old and practically worn out. Adding to that, in Kansas to obtain driver’s license you went to a local business that was appointed to issue them and pay 50 cents. It made no difference whether you knew how to drive or not.

This bothered Wint Smith, commander of the Kansas State Highway Patrol and Earl Todd of the State Highway Commission. With the assistance of Department Commander Preston Dunn, the American Legion Safety Campaign was formed. The Ford Motor Company furnished twelve new white cars. The Phillips Petroleum Company donated all the oil and gasoline.

Every County in Kansas was visited plus 534 towns. Safety in every day living...After almost three months, on May 9th 1936 all of the units came together at Dodge City for the closing session.

Hello again 9th District, I want to first say thank you to all the members and posts that have been working so hard on membership. We had one of two first 100% posts in the State Congratulations to Post 137 in St. Francis. We are hoping that we have a lot more posts at this level. We are currently in 3rd place in Department Standings with 55.76%. Now I ask you all to help your post get more members signed up or recruit new members. Now on to some upcoming events; the first one that is coming up will be October 19th which will be the District Commanders, District Presidents, and District S.A.L. Commanders Homecoming. This event will take place at Grainfield Post 301 with a start time of 10am. We will have a joint session and a noon meal just $15.00 with a RSVP to District Finance Officer Pat Hewitt, or $18.00 at the door. The Flyer is out on the Legion Family site, also on Facebook 9th District Page. This event will have a Silent auction with donated items from Posts within the District. We will have a 50/50 raffle to help raise money for our new District. Please plan on attending.

The next event will be the Big Red 1 Turkey Run in Fort Riley it is scheduled for the 23rd of November. If you can, please come out and help with this great cause.

Until next time please if anybody is needing any assistance from the District staff please feel free to contact us. By now you should have been contacted by at least one of the Staff members. Remember that we are here to assist you with any issues that may arise.

In addition there are several temporary financial assistance programs, visit www.legion.org/familysupport that braces our nation’s veterans and their families with children do not have to shoulder this burden alone. Legi

No article submitted.
The American Legion Auxiliary will turn 100 on November 10, 2019. The American Legion was founded after the end of World War I in Paris, France. In September of that year, the United States Congress chartered the American Legion. Several women’s organizations wanted to become the official affiliate of the Legion. Instead of associating with an existing organization, a new organization was organized by women closely associated with men in the Legion. The American Legion Auxiliary was founded at The American Legion’s second convention on November 10, 1919.

Since their establishments a century ago, the goals of both organizations have been to help veterans and their families. Today, The American Legion has more than 2 million members. The ALA boasts more than 600,000 members who spend millions of volunteer hours serving our mission every year.

The American Legion Auxiliary has stood alongside The American Legion as advocates for veterans’ rights. Accomplishments include passage of the GI Bill, enhancing US Department of Veterans Affairs benefits, and ending homelessness among veterans.

The ALA’s 100th anniversary is a time to celebrate the achievements of the last century. We must also look ahead to our next century. We function as individuals, members or a unit, district, or department. A new generation of veterans, service members, and their families will depend on the American Legion Auxiliary.

ALA units need to promote the centennial at the local community level by planning and promoting their celebrations. If you have not already done so, organize a centennial committee to plan how your unit will celebrate. Celebrations don’t have to be big. Decide what is appropriate for your unit. Some units may want a small celebration with a birthday cake. Others may decide to host a festival for the community. Consider adding a celebration to an event your unit has already planned.

Reach out to your local newspapers, television stations, and radio stations. Designate a spokesperson for each event to talk to the media. Utilize your unit’s social media accounts and encourage your members to share the unit’s information and events on their personal social media accounts. ALA National Headquarters has created templates that can assist you in spreading the news about your units events. These templates can be customized when accessed online.

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

The legislative reception will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Ave. in Topeka scheduled for Wednesday January 15. 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’œuvres. 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. 15, 2020 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

Then, when they get full? Turn them in! Every Nickel is appreciated.

Also the S.A.L. this year is very proud to contribute monetarily and with man hours to The American Legion Family’s Big Red 1 Turkey Run, as well as The American Legion Family’s Operation North Pole. If you see Roger Beckley, ALR Chairman, running around, please take the time to put him on the back for all the hard work he does for these 2 events. I’m very proud to work with a man who leads by example. I for one am a person that doesn’t tell him this enough.

I hope to see you at some of the many District Homecomings that are coming up. Remember, we now have 9 Districts and a lot of great leaders in those districts that need our support.

In closing, I again would like to say thank you for the support that the Sons Of The American Legion gets from the rest of the American Legion Family. Without all of us, The S.A.L. sure wouldn’t be able to accomplish the things we do.

Until Next Time “Always Remember the Mission”
Grainfield live." Deuteronomy 30:19

ing's and curses. Now choose life, set before you life and death, bless-
as witnesses against you that I have
Scripture, prayer, and the loving
who through the spiritual resourc-
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We Will Never Forget

Today is September 11, 2019, eighteen years earlier the United States of America was attacked bringing death and destruction on American soil. I like many of you who will read this article will remember the "shock and awe" that America woke up to.

The phrase reminince of World
War II, when Japan attacked the ships in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; we will never forget. President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared, "this day will live in infamy". The citizens of America and the allied forces of America rallied in support to avenge the attack by Japan.

It is also worth noting that the military Imperial of Japan replied when he was notified that Japan had stopped their attack; due to the lack of the element of surprise. "I fear that we have awaken a sleep-
giant".

The element of surprise was on
America eighteen years ago. I fear that in many aspects America has fallen asleep again.

In respect to Japan's military at-
tack Isoroku Yamanato who was the commander in chief of Japananse
Combined Fleet was praised for his brillant attack against America. It has been 78 years since the attack by Japan; it has been 18 years since America was attack by Iraq.

Today, Americans goes about our normal everyday activities, seemly without a care in the world.
It is with this uncertainty that we do so to our peril. In our times of un-
certainty we can always call upon the Sovereignty of Almighty God who through the spiritual resources that are always available to us: Scripture, prayer, and the loving advice of fellow Christians.

"This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessing's and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live." Deuteronomy 30:19

It is For God and Country that we associate ourselves together.

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39th ANNUAL EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE
Enclosed is our payment for a rose to be placed at the Eisenhower Memorial on Saturday, October 12, 2019.

Purchaser ________________________________________________________________
Post - Unit - Other (Please be Specific)
No. of Roses ______ Amount Enclosed ________
($10 for each rose requested)
Name ___________________ Person Placing the Rose _______________________
________ Please appoint an appropriate individual to place our rose.
Address ________________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip ____________________________
Telephone (Day Time) ________________________

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RECEPTION & DINNER
Chapman Post #240
Friday, October 11
6:00 PM Social - 7:00 PM Dinner

No. of Dinner Reservations ______ Amount Enclosed ______
($15 per person)

MAIL TO:
EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE
1314 SW Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, KS 66612

DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday, December 7, 2019
Hutchinson Post 68
730 W 4th St.
Social Hour - Noon  Singing Group - 2:15 PM
Lunch - 1:00 PM  Max $10 Gift Exchange Game
Pearl Harbor Rememberance Ceremony

Name ________________________________
Number in party @ $15.00 each ______
Children 10 and under $8.00 each ______
Guest Names ___________________________

Tickets may also be purchased directly from Hutchinson Post 68
Amount Enclosed ______________ made payable to:

Mail to: Chuck Shoemaker
PO BOX 3277
Shawnee, KS 66203