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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS NEWSLETTER

February 2024



From the Desk of the President:
Cheryl Eastep

Greetings, I hope everyone has started off the New Year of 2024 with the Great Anticipation of a successful year. And hopefully, everyone has stayed warm with this crazy weather.

Vice President Tracy and I have been working on an audit of the membership at the department office. We hope to have some issues resolved very soon and all members entered into ALAMIS. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

I am looking forward to the Mid-Winter forum in Hutchinson. We will have a special guest, Carol T. Robinson, National Central Division Vice President. I hope you all will take a moment to say hello and welcome her to Kansas.



Be sure to get your reports in by March 1st to your district chairs to ensure successful district conventions. If you cannot find your district report form, reach out to your district chair, or go ahead and send them a summary of what you have been working on. District Chairs once you complete your report for your district, send it to your Department Chair so that they may begin their work for our department and national commitments. Pat yourselves on the back, we know you do amazing things, and we all want to know about them, what you do can inspire many things with the membership across Kansas.

Remember Teamwork makes the Dream Work, and we all need to work together!

God Bless our troops, and our beautiful country, and God bless each of us.

WHY?

Tracy Kinnick Dep. VP/ Membership Chair

Welcome 2024, the beginning of a new year brings new beginnings and hope for the future of the ALA. With that also comes a good hard look at where we are with our membership.

As of the writing of this article, we are standing at 63.41% in membership. Why are we not at 90% or higher? I think and think about why we are not higher at the beginning of the new year. As of Jan 1, all members who have not renewed their membership lose their benefits. Benefits to enter the post, exercise their right to vote, to apply for additional benefits offered by national. Why are our members not renewing? I want to hear from you if you have not renewed, why? Is the membership chair failing to fulfill the duties and obligations of the role? Is it only the responsibility of the membership chair to get the membership, or is it yours as well? Is the membership chair new, and not had the training they need to fulfill the role?

Although a rather direct and difficult question to ask, why? To give you a glimpse of my perspective, since becoming a member of this organization, I have grown and come to love the mission of what the ALA stands for and the work that is done for the benefit of the veterans. That is **why I belong** to this organization. I love that we influence change for veterans, who gave so much for our freedom. As I continue to meet veterans, hear their stories and I am inspired by their bravery, and the sacrifices that they have made. **My WHY.** Our role, our membership is so much more than just what we do every day, **it matters to the veterans and their families.** When we are passing out gifts to the children of the military, watching their faces light up, is something that fills my heart with joy, that for so little of my money each year, I was a part of that. **What is your story, what is your why?** Send me an email at tkinnick@yahoo.com, with your why!

We understand the frustration and lack of enthusiasm some of you may be feeling while working membership. We encourage you to work with other units, partner up, and come up with creative ways to approach membership goals within your districts where everyone wins. Some units may have some great ideas that are working for them that you can try with your unit to achieve your goals. Sharing ideas and information is vital to our success as a department. As I look at these numbers for our membership and where we are at this moment currently, I wonder **why.**

4 Units over 100% membership: Unit 44 Holton, Unit 35 Cherokee, Unit 408 Derby, and Unit 200 Holyrood. Congratulations!

6 units currently at 90% - 99%.

23 units currently at 80% - 89%.

34 units currently at 70% - 79%

43 units currently at 60% - 69%

29 units currently at 50% - 60%

40 units are currently below 50%!

5 units ZERO, one unit we have been notified as closing.

Are you or someone you know frustrated and have not renewed? Reach out to me and let's work toward a solution.



The Season of Love

By Kristen Hensley, Department of Kansas Chaplain



When you think of February, many think of Cherubs, chocolates, and romantic dinners and strolls with your special someone. It is truly a season of love. The snow from winter is beginning to dissipate and the chill in the air is starting to subside. We share small gifts with our special someone, and if you have a family, share some of the love with our children and grandchildren with sweet confections to show them we love them.

This season can be somewhat difficult to people around us, that have lost their loved one, their partners in this life. This can be a reminder to them of what is missing and the heartache that they feel with their absence. These people need our love. Whether it's one of our Legion Family Members, or just the neighbor down the street, we can all reach out and let them know we see them, we care for them, and we cherish them. I challenge each of you to bless someone that is alone with a sweet Valentine surprise or treat to let them know they matter. In this, you may end up 'being the one that saves one' with this simple act of kindness. It is the small gestures of kindness that we extend to our fellow man that makes a huge difference in combatting the depression and negative thoughts that plague those that feel completely alone.

Prayer: Father God, as we come into our celebrations of St. Valentines Day, let us not forget that this day is hard on those that find themselves alone and without someone to cherish. Give us the vision to see these individuals and the courage to reach out to them. Give us the patience to listen to them, and the wisdom of responding in a manner that helps them see their worth and the impact they have on the lives around them. Let us be the model of your love and grace to those that are suffering. In your precious name we pray, Amen.



NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN REPORT

I attended the Second Quarter National Security Zoom meeting, and we were encouraged to submit nominations for the Servicemember of the Year Award. Last year there were seven (7) nominees for the entire country. They encouraged us to submit nominations because if there are only a few nominations, the entire Servicemember of the Year program will go away. I know I certainly do not want that to happen, and I am sure none of the rest of us do either. Reach out to your National Guard Units or if there is not one in your community, try to find out where they go for their Guard duties and contact them. If you are close to an active Post/Base contact them for assistance as well.

Below is the information needed to submit a nomination. The form is to be filled out online and submitted. Make sure you pay particular attention to the deadline date of **JUNE 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

SALUTE TO SERVICEMEMBERS AWARD

Award Nomination Form

Established in 2003, this award has evolved from honoring women veterans to honoring active-duty women to honoring all enlisted personnel who are currently serving our country in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, and the National Guard.

One enlisted servicemember from each branch of service as well as the National Guard/Reserve will be recognized at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention. Recipients will attend the National Convention as guests of the Auxiliary.

Here is the link to the Servicemember of the Year Award page – <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/national-security>

Salute to Servicemembers Award

Nomination Eligibility:

- A servicemember currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Nomination Requirements:

- The nominating person submits a narrative discussing the reason for the nomination.
- The servicemember writes a narrative (750 words or less) or creates a video (3 minutes or less) that shows them discussing their service both in and out of uniform.
 - If the Servicemember chooses to upload a video instead of a narrative, please make sure that it is less than 3 minutes in length and does not contain any copyrighted music, images or text.
- The servicemember must be willing to be a guest of the Auxiliary and speak to the general assembly of the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention.
- Endorsement from a member of their command group must be included.
- The nominating form, along with all supporting documentation, must be completed and submitted by June 1, 2024, 5:00 PM EDT.

YEAR-END REPORTS

As you all know, we are fast approaching the deadline for our Year-End Reports to be submitted to our District Chairs.

Units need to have their reports to District Chairs no later than March 1, 2024.

District Chairs need to have their reports to Department Chairmen no later than March 15, 2024.

Please be mindful that your reports are to the appropriate Chairs no later than the deadline date. If it is March 1 that is when it needs to be in the District Chairmen's hands, not March 2 or later.

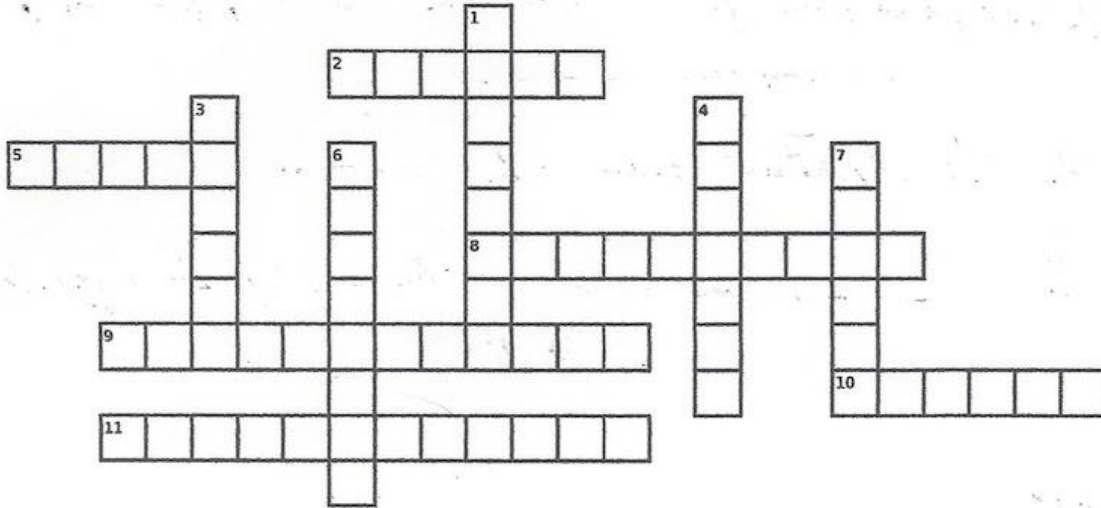
Same applies to the District Chairmen's reporting to the Department Chairs.

I am so honored to represent the Department of Kansas as the Department National Security Chair and will be attending the Washington D.C. Conference the later part of February. I will have a report on that when I get back.

LEADERSHIP

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Linda Hicks
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lhicks20@kc.rr.com



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1. The chain of command is Unit, _____, Department.
3. The _____ are how the organization is governed.
4. The Principals of the ALA are Justice, Freedom, Democracy and _____.
6. The Spiritual leader is the _____.
7. _____ was added to the qualifications for membership in the ALA

ACROSS

2. Before age 18, an Auxiliary member is a _____.
5. The official flower of the ALA is the _____.
8. The official ceremony to welcome new members is _____.
9. The official ceremony for new officers is _____.
10. The _____ of the ALA is a badge of distinction and honor.
11. The ALA's Articles of Incorporation is the _____.

Greetings chairmen,

Kristy is working to ensure that reporting goes smoothly for the membership and you this year. To be able to make that happen she needs information from you to put on the Kansas website.

Please send to her ASAP The following information:

- Program information to be placed on your section of the website.
- Your report forms to be used and don't forget to include your deadline.
- What email address do you want the reports to be sent to? If you are not checking your department, email you are not going to get the reports, so we are asking you what email she should have on your page to ensure that you receive the reports that our members work hard to put together for you.

Submit all forms via Word document or PDF to klehart07@gmail.com

If you need help or have questions let us know, we are more than happy to help you.

Also, as chairmen you CAN write up something on your program to include in Sunflower, I know there are many new and exciting things out there with your programs, so let's share the good news with our members articles may be sent to Kristy at klehart07@gmail.com.

Thanks,
Tracy

Endorsements:

Good afternoon.

District 5 is proud to endorse Tracy Kinnick as Department President for the 2024-2025 year.

She earns her eligibility through her husband Tim Kinnick, Marine. Her and Tim have 6 children and 6 grandchildren.

Tracy has been a member of the Auxiliary since 2015. In that time Tracy has been able to further her leadership skills by serving in many elected officer positions: Unit President, Unit Secretary, Unit Treasurer, Unit Historian, District SGT at Arms, District President, and District Vice President. She is currently serving as Department Vice President, and Department membership chair.

She has served many on many committees and currently serving as National Vice Public Relations Chair for the American Legion Auxiliary, also serving as National Vice Chair Membership last year.

These opportunities Tracy has been given in our organization has allowed her to grow her skills and knowledge to continue to serve our organization.

Thank You.

Jean Kimminau District 5 President

Linda Sullivan District 5 Secretary

Handwritten signatures of Jean Kimminau and Linda Sullivan in cursive script.

December 15, 2023

To whom it may concern:

Members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 156, Paola, Kansas, endorse Kristen Hensley for Department of Kansas American Legion Auxiliary Vice-President for the 2024-2025 Membership year.

Kristen derives her eligibility from her loving husband, Doug Hensley, United States Army Veteran. She is also granddaughter of Retired Airman Edgar E Jones, and Navy Seabee Veteran C.W. (Bill) Powell, daughter of Navy Veteran Russell W Powell, and mother of US Marines Veteran Ethan R Powell. She is also proud to have her 'bonus' son who is currently active duty for the last 10 years in the United States Army, Warrant Officer Sagel T Hensley, who is currently stationed at Fort Riley.

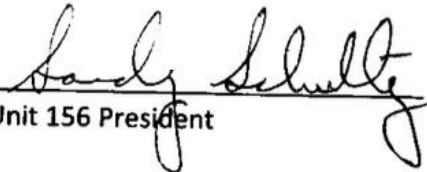
Kristen has been a member since October 2017 and in her time has served in many positions and on several committees. Within her unit, she has served as both *Unit Secretary and Unit President* along with multiple committees. At District level she has served as District Chaplain, District Vice-President/Membership and District President and is currently District 2 C&B Chairman. This year, Kristen has served as Department of Kansas Chaplain and Strategic Planning Committee. She has participated at the direction of National Chaplain Brister Thomas in creating the first ever National Advent Devotional and ensuring the daily devotional was shared on the Department Facebook page for members.

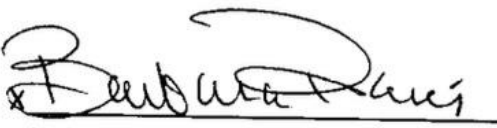
She has been blessed to have strong mentors, such as Jeanne Haas, Linda Hicks, Trish Ward and Paula Sellens. As well as having strong mentors, Kristen has cherished her time in being able to mentor and encourage upcoming leaders for our organization to ensure we have a strong leadership foundation in the future.

Kristen is an avid reader and has worked very hard to learn the functions, protocol, traditions, and direction of the American Legion Auxiliary. Her love for our organization and desire to bring fresh perspective that pays tribute to traditions and protocol but determination to focus us on ideas and events that allows us to remain relevant to future generation is what drives her passion. Her entire goal is to help protect the programs that are greatly needed, so they will still be here when her children and children's children need them.


We thank you for your consideration in electing Kristen Hensley as Department of Kansas American Legion Auxiliary Vice-President for the 2024-2025 membership year.

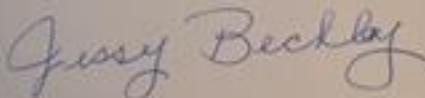
Thank you,

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Unit 156 President

x 
Unit 156 Secretary

UNIT 394 AND THE THIRD DISTRICT WOULD LIKE TO ENDORSE
CHERYL EASTEP FOR THE POSITION OF DEPARTMENT OF
KANSAS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2024-2025.
CHERYL HAS OUR FULL SUPPORT.

DEBRA CARR 
PRESIDENT, THIRD DISTRICT

JESSY BECKLEY 
PRESIDENT, UNIT 394

Laurie Kerns

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Dear Kansas American Legion Auxiliary Officers and Members:

My name is Laurie Kerns and I would like to be your next Kansas American Legion Auxiliary Department Historian. I am a current member in good standing at Boerstler-May Unit 170 Auxiliary in Chanute, Kansas. I gained my membership through the service of both my Father, William J Halda, who served proudly in the US Navy from 1963-1967, and my late husband, Richard W Kerns Jr., who also served in the US Navy from 1987-1991 and is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm.

I am currently serving as my local unit President. I have also served as the Secretary/Treasurer, Historian, First Vice President, and Second Vice President for my local unit. I am the current Chaplin for Third District and have previously served as Historian for Third District.

I regularly attend monthly local meetings, district meetings, and attend as many Department of Kansas meetings and training opportunities as possible. I am the Auxiliary chairperson for the Cadet Law program and attend the week-long program as the medical support person for the students.

I would appreciate your vote as Department Historian for the 2024-2025 year.

Sincerely,



Laurie Kerns



Trish Ward Leadership Fund



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UNIT ALAMIS REQUEST FORM New 1-20-24

ALAMIS is the American Legion Auxiliary Membership Information System. This program helps you track membership, run reports, and depending on Access (read/write and full access) you can make changes to membership information.

There can be up to (2) unit members on ALAMIS each year. After your unit elections, please send this form to the ALA Department of Kansas, along with the payment of the level you are requesting. Access is only available for one year and will need to be renewed each year.

1. Read-only access \$10.00 per person (cannot make changes)
2. Read and Write \$15.00 per person (units only) (can make limited changes to information)
3. Full Access \$20.00 per person (units only) (pay your unit memberships without sending into the department, make updates to member's profiles, send a letter to the department requesting access, complete a training, and have a unit credit card)

Please put the names of the individuals needing access to ALAMIS Unit Name
and Number and District _____

1. _____ Name of Unit member handling membership
Access level 1 2 3 Circle which level
Membership Number of Member _____ Email Address _____
2. _____ Name of Unit President
Access level 1 2 3 Circle which level
Membership Number of Member _____ Email _____

ALAMIS access is available on the American Legion Auxiliary National Website. You will get a verification notice from National once your access is completed. You will need your membership number to log on. This is a vitally important tool for your unit. Please keep a copy of this for your unit records. For Questions please call your membership chair.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Valentines Bingo

STARTING JAN 29, 2024

JUST IN TIME FOR THAT VALENTINES DINNER, OR ANY TIME. JOIN US FOR A FUN, EDGE-OF-YOUR-SEAT ONLINE TRISH BINGO EVENT. IF YOU MISSED THE LAST BINGO EVENT, YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS ONE.

WINNER WILL RECEIVE A GIFT CARD TO A RESTAURANT IN THEIR AREA OF \$50.00

SEND PAYMENT OF \$10.00 PER CARD VIA SNAIL MAIL TO:
TRACY KINNICK
1614 TIMBERLINE DRIVE
ROSE HILL, KS 67133

VENMO: PATRICIA-WARD-25
PAYPAL : TBW_KSAUX@YAHOO.COM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
TRACY KINNICK
TTKINNICK@YAHOO.COM
316-655-5122

YOU'RE INVITED TO

Buster Cupcake Krupco's Baby Bash!



Please stay after Mid-Winter Forum for an American Legion Family (Co-Ed) Baby Shower to help welcome Matthew and Marri Krupco's expecting Baby Boy.

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4TH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CLOSING OF
MID-WINTER FORUM AT THE HUTCHINSON KS POST.**

Matthew and Marri are registered at:

- **AMAZON:** <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/marri-krupco-april-2024-bluemound/5OFFBOJ3859G>
- **WALMART:** <https://www.walmart.com/registry/BR/fddfc54-3c09-48fb-b281-7e98fe3a752e>

RSVP to Kristen Hensley by emailing kristen.d.hensley@gmail.com so we can prepare enough snacks.

Mid-Winter Forum

Fri Feb 2nd 3:00pm - Sun 4th 12:00pm (CST)

American Legion Post, 730 W 4th Ave,
Hutchinson, KS 67501, USA

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.

It is not too early to reserve your room. To reserve your meals in advance, use the coupon to the left. The Agenda for the Forum will be posted here as soon as it is available.

Mid-Winter Forum Hotels:

Holiday Inn Express

Group Name: American Legion

Telephone: (620) 259-8656

Booking Link: bit.ly/AmericanLegionHutch

Rate: \$119/night

Cutoff Date: January 15, 2024

Fairfield Inn & Suites

Group Name: American Legion

Telephone: (620) 259-8787

Booking Link: [Book your group rate for American Legion](#)

Rate: \$129/night

Cutoff Date: January 1, 2024

MID-WINTER FORUM MEALS

FEBRUARY 2-4, 2024
HUTCHINSON POST #68

FRIDAY 2 FEB - DINNER: \$10.00
CHICKEN FRIED STEAK, GREEN BEANS, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY,
DESSERT AND SMALL SALAD BAR

SATURDAY, 3 FEB - BREAKFAST: INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION
BISCUITS AND GRAVY, CINNAMON ROLLS, AND BREAKFAST ROLLS

SATURDAY, 3 FEB - LUNCH: \$ 8.00
SANDWICHES WITH ALL THE FIXINGS, POTATO SALAD, CHIPS, AND
DESSERT

SATURDAY, 3 FEB - DINNER: \$15.00
FULL SALAD BAR, ROAST BEEF, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, CORN,
DINNER ROLLS, AND DESSERT

SUNDAY, 4 FEB - BREAKFAST: \$ 8.00
BISCUITS AND GRAVY, EGGS, HASHBROWNS, SAUSAGE, AND BREADS

Name _____

Post/Unit/Squadron # _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Number of Friday Dinners to be reserved at \$10.00 each: _____

Number of Saturday Lunches to be reserved at \$8.00 each: _____

Number of Saturday Dinners to be reserved at \$15.00 each: _____

Number of Sunday Breakfasts to be reserved at \$8.00 each: _____

Enclosed is check in the amount of _____

**Mail to: Jeremy Ehart
730 W 4th Ave
Hutchinson, KS 67501**

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS – MID-WINTER FORUM
PARKER STUDENT UNION
1300 N PLUM STREET
HUTCHINSON, KS 67501

RSVP for MID- Winter send emails to Jeremy Ehart at jjehart23@gmail.com and Cheryl Eastep at cjeastep55@yahoo.com this is to ensure that we have enough food. Even if you are not sending a check yet..RSVP for Lunch/ Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 3rd.

3:00-7:00 PM \$15.00 Registration American Legion Post 68, 730 W. 4th Ave, Hutchinson, KS

5:00 – 8:00 PM Dinner American Legion Post 68 - Karaoke

Saturday, February 3, 2024

7:30 – 8:00 AM Registration American Legion Post 68

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast American Legion Post 68

8:00 AM Joint Opening Session American Legion Post 68

8:00 – 10:00 AM Registration at Parker Student Union, 1300 N Plum Street, Hutchinson, KS

Auxiliary to reconvene at 10:00 AM or 20 minutes after the joint session whichever comes first at Parker Student Union.

10:00 – 10:15 AM Call to Order.....Department President Cheryl Eastep

10:15 – 10:20 AM Introductions..... Department President Cheryl Eastep

10:20 – 10:40 AM Guest Speaker..... ALA National Central Division Vice President Carol Robinson

10:40 -11:00 AM Leadership Activity..... Linda Sullivan, Linda Hicks

11:00 – 11:30 AM Lunch..... Parker Student Union

11:30 AM Reconvene Mid-Winter

11:30 – 11:40 AM Membership Drive.....Department Vice President Tracy Kinnick

11:40- 11:55 PM Chaplain Book.....Department Chaplain Kristen Hensley

11:55 – 12:15 PM Leadership Activity..... Chairman Linda Sullivan, Linda Hicks

12:15 – 12:30 PM Historian Book.....Department Historian Dorothy Wahl

12:30 – 1:00 PM C&B.....Chairman Ann Barnes, Trish Ward, Sonia Wiley

1:00 -1:30 PM Leadership Activity.....Chairman Linda Sullivan, Linda Hicks

1:30 – 1:45 PM Announcements..... Department President Cheryl Eastep

1:45 PM Adjourn.....Department President Cheryl Eastep

2:00- 3:00 Mask Craft.....Past Dept. President Paula Sellens

A 50/50 / Gift Basket drawing for the Presidents Project.

Bring your donations to Mid-Winter if you have them.

4:00 – 5:00 PM Meet and Greet for National Officers of The American Legion Family

5:30 – 7:30 PM Dinner at American Legion Post 68

Sunday February 4th, 2023

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Breakfast.....Post 68

8:00 AM Four Chaplains Service..... Post 68

The agenda may be adjusted if necessary.

**DISTRICT CONVENTIONS DATES AND
WHAT DEPT OFFICERS WILL BE THERE:**

March 23rd:

District 3 Coffeyville - President Cheryl

District 2 Shawnee - VP Tracy

April 6:

District 5 - VP Tracy

District 7 - President Cheryl

April 13th:

District 1 Holton - President Cheryl

District 4 Emporia - VP Tracy

April 20th:

District 9 Greenfield - President Cheryl

District 8 Bazine - VP Tracy

April 27th:

District 6 Smith Center - VP Tracy

District 10 Fairview - President Cheryl

2024 Kansas Oratorical Contest

March 16th 9:0am

Manhattan Post #17 114 McCall Rd Manhattan, KS

American Legion / Auxiliary Department of Kansas



ORATORICAL CONTEST

March 16th, 2024 9:00am

Manhattan Post #17
114 McCall Rd Manhattan, KS

Department Competition

1st Place \$1,000 2nd Place \$500

3rd Place \$250 4th Place \$150

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The program has featured numerous politicians and prominent contestants over the years, including former presidential candidate Alan Keyes, national television commentator and talk radio host Lou Dobbs, and former U.S. Vice President Mike Pence.

Contact Department Headquarters at 785-232-9315

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY SUNFLOWER GIRLS STATE JUNE 2-7, 2024

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JUNE 2-7, 2024

University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

SUNFLOWER GIRLS STATE

REGISTRATION

Fee is \$400 per delegate.
Registration forms are located
at www.ksgirlsstate.org

Sponsorships may be available
at your local American Legion
Auxiliary Unit

Democracy in action is a great thing. Teaching democracy in action is even better. ALA Sunflower Girls State is a non-partisan program that teaches young women citizenship and **leadership**. Delegates spend a week of learning, and working together as self-governing citizens. They also learn about public service from guest speakers, elected officials, and expert panels.

OPEN TO ANY HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR GIRL
DURING THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2024



Email Director Lindsay
Maudlin with any questions:
sunflowergirlsstate@gmail.com



NOMINATE A FRIEND!

2024 Kansas Boys State

Sun Jun 2nd 10:00am - Fri 7th 10:00am (CDT)

Kansas University

Applications for 2024 Boys State of Kansas Session Open

January 9, 2024 — The [American Legion Boys State of Kansas](#) is accepting applications for its 2024 session. The event is set to be held Sunday, June 2, through Saturday, June 8, at Kansas State University in Manhattan. This will be the program's 32nd consecutive session at KSU and 86th overall.

Traditionally, Kansas Boys State is for individuals who will complete their junior year of high school in the spring just prior to the start of each session. However, the ALBSK program will again expand the pool of applicants for this year's session to include those who will complete their sophomore year of high school this spring.

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas program provides a relevant, interactive, problem-solving experience in leadership and teamwork that develops self-identity, promotes mutual respect and instills civic responsibility to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation. Boys State is a "learning by doing" political exercise that simulates elections, political parties and government at the state, county and local levels, providing opportunities to lead under pressure, showcasing character and working effectively within a team. It's also an opportunity to gain pride and respect for government, and the price paid by members of the military to preserve democracy.

The cost to attend the Boys State of Kansas program is \$375; however, in many instances, sponsors pay the majority of the fees, with the delegate or his family paying \$50. Those wishing to attend the 2024 session should visit ksbstate.org to apply. The deadline to apply for the 2024 program is Tuesday, April 30; applications are accepted after that date, but on a space-available basis.

Potential sponsors, such as American Legion posts, civic organizations, businesses, clubs and interested individuals should visit ksbstate.org/sponsor-a-delegate. Questions? Contact the ALBSK at info@ksbstate.org or (785) 550-6492.

2024 Cadet law American Legion / Auxiliary Dept of Kansas

Sun Jun 16th 8:00am - Fri 21st 5:00pm (CDT)

Kansas Highway patrol, Salina, KS

https://kansaslegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/cadet_law_application.pdf

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