

SUNFLOWERETTE

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023



From the Desk of the President:

Ghosts and goblins behind us...time to talk turkey!

What a very busy October it was. I tried to get to as many homecomings as I could. I am so happy to have our district presidents on our team.

I truly enjoyed meeting our National President Lisa Williamson during her visit to Kansas. Her message to Be the One is no longer an initiative of the American Legion Family, but a mission. Lisa shared with us the following information:

- Up to 135 People are affected by a person who died by suicide.
- From the 1st thought to action 70% will act in one hour, and 48% will take action within 20 minutes.

Lisa shared with everyone ALR,

A- ask if they are doing alright, L- listen to them, and R-reach out to get them help.

We visited 9 posts and 2 memorials, one of the highlights of her visit was the sheriff and riders' escort into Hutchinson. She said it was a first for her as president. A big thank you to everyone post that hosted us. What a warm welcome each of you gave us. The food was very good and Lisa enjoyed visiting with all of you.

We had a wonderful turnout for the Eisenhower Pilgrimage even though the wind was cold. What an honor to have both the National President and the National Vice President with us.

The "Vice Squad", homecoming was a success. Vice President Tracy Kinnick did an outstanding job.

The Neewollah parade is always a big highlight and some of our officers participated in this event. It is one of the biggest parades in Kansas held the Saturday before Halloween in Independence, KS.

November is going to be a busy month. I am sure everyone has big plans for Veterans Day. Don't forget that this is a special time to BE the ONE.

I look forward to the Big Red Turkey Run on November 18th, in Fort Riley. It is a special event held by the ALR for our active military and their families.

I hope everyone enjoys their Thanksgiving. Chief and I always hold ours at our post so that the ones that have no place to go can come be a family with us. Chief does most of the cooking, anyone is welcome to come join us.

As always, let us keep working on membership and remember...TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK. And to always BE THE ONE!



Marching to the Beat of Membership
Tracy Kinnick – Department VP

Let's have some fun. Membership is one key to the success of our organization. Over the last several months I have heard different thoughts on membership with a few misunderstandings on eligibility. My goal is to get us all on the same page for membership processes and facts. This month we will have a membership quiz, everyone who completes the quiz and emails it back to me or snail mail it to me, will not receive a coin, but a Cheryl Buck! The quiz must be returned by November 30, 2023, to tkinnick@yahoo.com or 1614 Timberline Drive, Rose Hill, KS 67133.

Membership Quiz

Your Name _____

Your email or mailing address _____

1. True / False Now that males are allowed into the ALA, my brother, whose sister is allowed to join my unit.
2. True / False A female veteran may join the ALA under her own right and does not need to be related to a legionnaire, nor does she have to be a legionnaire herself.
3. True / False A unit secretary can sign the membership application where it states post officer?
4. True / False: Is a letter related to the veteran's military service valid proof of military service?
5. True / False: The potential ALA member may join the ALA under a living eligible relative who does not belong to the Legion.
6. True / False: Transmittals must be filled out in alphabetical order.
7. True / False: When signing up a new member, units should send in their original application to the department with their transmittal.
8. True / False: Great-granddaughters are eligible for the ALA.
9. True/ False: There are 2 circumstances where a person could join the ALA without having a current member of the American Legion.



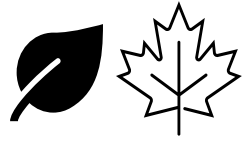
Special Thank you..

Thank you to everyone who attended the "Vice Squad" homecoming. I was overjoyed to chat with each one of you. The conversations and idea sharing is exactly where we want to go in the future. Thank you for the cards and gifts.

Tracy Kinnick



Spreading Thanksgiving to All



By Kristen Hensley, Department of Kansas Chaplain

For those across the United States, November symbolizes the month in which we are Thankful for the blessings, no matter how big or small, that we have received. It is a time to reflect on good health, family, friends, achievements, and the freedoms we are allowed to enjoy in this great Nation. Reflection on these blessings helps us to stay centered.

There are those in our country that have lost sight of things to be thankful for. They struggle with depression, loneliness, illness, loss, and tragedy. It is hard to see the good when surrounded by so much darkness. It's hard to see your blessings while in the throes of grief and negative influence.

This month, I encourage you to reach out to people that you know struggle through the Holiday Season, bless them with a compliment, give them a healing hug, make them feel 'seen', and just spread your joy to those that may have lost sight of anything to be thankful for.

Be the One to remind these individuals that they are loved, important, and cherished to you and others. Invite them to share your Thanksgiving Feast with you and your family. Invite them to be involved in an activity. Get them out of their misery state of mind, even if it is only temporary. Shine your hope, love and light on them.

Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the Holiday Season. Let this season start from a place of love.

Prayer: Father God, as we begin the Holiday Season, give us the insight on who needs extra encouragement, love, and prayer. Give us the endurance to spread your light to show people how loved they are and remind them that they are not forgotten. Lord, I pray that you touch each heart with hope and healing as this time of year can be so hard for many across our great Nation. Let your blessings flow through us to those that we encounter and serve. In your Holy Name, AMEN.



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This is about the Proud Kansas Women who prove “BE THE ONE”.

1. Born in Richland, KS, educated at Bethany College and Washburn University, she served as the first _____.
2. First woman to represent Kansas in the United States Senate was _____.
3. This woman graduate of PSU, contributed to many films and served as choral director for George Gershwin and Martin Luther King, Jr. _____
4. This woman was the first to head a major aircraft company. _____
5. Blanche Bruce was the first woman _____.
6. The first female to serve as sheriff was _____.
7. She was the first woman Governor of Kansas. _____
8. This temperance advocate came from Medicine Lodge. _____
9. The first woman Mayor in the United States was _____.
10. The first fully-trained woman dentist in the world was _____.

Pumpkins been delivered to the VA for the second annual pumpkin decorating contest for the veterans in the Domiciliary. Will send more pictures when they had the judging next week. This is a group effort from 1st District, 2nd District, and the Department of Missouri American Legion Auxiliary.



Homecoming

DISTRICT 10

November 18, 2023

WETMORE AMERICAN LEGION POST 282

329 2nd St., Wetmore, Kansas

LEGION COMMANDER - *Pat Caffrey*

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT - *Loma Turk*

SAL COMMANDER - *Mark Wessel*

Menu: Smoked Pork Chop, Green Beans,
Cheesy Potatoes, Slaw & Dessert

Cost: \$15.00 Donation

RSVP to: Cindy Grollmes 785-364-6679
by November 13

*Respective meetings will be held at 4 PM
Social at 5 PM, Dinner at 6 PM*

*Everyone is invited,
please plan to attend*





Big Red One Turkey Run

November 18, 2023

It is that time of year and we are asking for your help in providing a complete Thanksgiving Day dinner to the members of the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Riley, KS.

Turkey's (12 - 15#) 600..... Sons of the American Legion
Potato Buds (Box) 600.....Post 4 Wichita
Yams 600 16oz.....ALR 68 Hutchinson
Corn 600 14oz cans.....ALR 19 Abilene
Corn 600 14oz cansALR 140 Lindsborg
Green Beans 600.....Post 370 Overland Park
Rolls 600 pks.....ALR 2 Newton
Gravy Mix 600 pkg.....ALR 40 Leonardville
Stuffing 600 bxs.....Post 4 Wichita
Apple Sauce 600 cans.....ALR 24 McPherson
Cranberries 600 cans.....ALR 131 Stafford
Fruit Cocktail 600 cans.....ALR 24 McPherson
Cookie Mixes 600 boxes.....ALR 62 Salina
Brownie Mixes 600 bxs.....ALR 173 Hayes
Mini Marshmallows 600 bags.....ALR 17 Manhattan

Monetary and item donations encouraged. All checks can be made out to:

American Legion Dept of Kansas

1314 SW Topeka Blvd. Topeka, Ks. 66612

Make sure you put "Turkey Run" in the memo line.

If there are any questions on this event, contact:

Bill "Hippie" Ryan 316-284-2498 or 316-727-4611

UPCOMING EVENTS

Operation North Pole

Sat Dec 9th 9:00am - 1:00pm (CST)

Fort Riley, Fort Riley, KS, USA



DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

BALL-MCCOLM POST 5, EMPORIA

DECEMBER 16TH, 2023 12:00 – 3:00 PM

MENU: SMOKED HAM AND TURKEY, CHEESY POTATOES, GREEN BEANS
AND VARIETY OF DESSERTS (\$17) KIDS 12 AND UNDER (\$5)

FEATURING A CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON THE CELLO
BY LOCAL ARTIST LIZA VIELCHEVA

+ Christmas Karaoke Challenge to benefit Boys State and Cadet Law

POST 5 WILL BE OPEN FOR SOCIAL HOUR 11 A.M. – 12 P.M.

PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING:

EMPORIA'S FIRST WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

11:00 AM, DECEMBER 16TH

MAPLEWOOD MEMORIAL LAWN CEMETERY

2000 PRAIRIE ST

EMPORIA, KS 66801

For more information contact:

postcommander5@kansaslegion.org or (620) 342-1119

Visit: <https://www.emporialegion.org/> for the latest information



RSVP WITH PAYMENT BY **DEC 1** TO:

AMERICAN LEGION POST #5

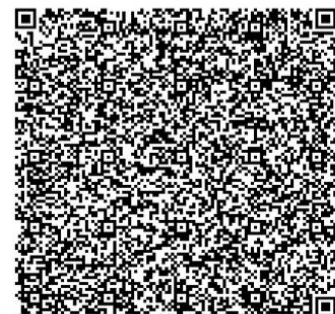
2921 W 12TH, EMPORIA, KS 66801

NUMBER OF ADULT MEALS (\$17 each): _____

NUMBER OF KIDS MEALS (12 and under, \$5 each): _____

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING:

Scan to email RSVP



Mid-Winter Forum

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

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

JOIN US

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!

f ALA KANSAS GIRLS STATE

@KSGIRLSSTATE

http://www.ksgirlsstate.org

Kansas Boys State

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

Kansas University

2024 Cadet law American Legion / Auxiliary Dept of Kansas

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

Kansas Highway patrol, Salina, KS

Please go to this link on the Dept Website for more info

<https://www.kslegionaux.org/departments-calendar>

If you want to have the sunflowerette and the weekly membership report email to you, please make sure you have your email on record with Carol at Dept office.

departmentoffice@kslegionaux.org