



**DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
102nd DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
2022 - 2023 BOOK OF REPORTS
JUNE 2 - 4, 2023**

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DEPARTMENT OFFICERS



Marcia Cottrell
President



Anndi Bownes
Vice President



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Secretary/Treasurer



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Chaplain



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Historian



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Honorary Junior President

**PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on Earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity, the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy;

To participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion;

To consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream,
'Tis the star-spangled banner - O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!
And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a Country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.
O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto - "In God is our trust,"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.



CALL TO CONVENTION FOR THE 102nd DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS CONVENTION

The 102nd Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kansas is hereby called to meet in Topeka, Kansas on June 2, 3 and 4, 2023.

Headquarters will be at the Ramada Inn, 420 SE 6th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66607. Room rates are \$91.00 plus tax (1 King or 2 Queen) and includes a continental breakfast. For reservations call 785-380-8042. When making reservations, please identify yourself as part of the Kansas American Legion to receive the Convention rate. Please also make sure you request a “handicap accessible” room, if needed, when making your reservation.

All Auxiliary meetings will be held in the Grand Ballroom. This is in conformity with Article VII, Section 1 of the Department of Kansas Constitution which provides “that a convention be held annually at a place and time to be determined by The American Legion, or in the event The American Legion does not fix a time and place, or an emergency situation demands additional consideration, it shall be fixed by the Department Executive Committee.”

PURPOSE

The convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Department of Kansas Constitution & Bylaws, receiving reports of Department Officers and Chairmen, electing delegates and alternates to the National Convention and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

REPRESENTATION

Representation at the Convention shall be by Units and in accordance with the provisions of the Department of Kansas Constitution. (Article VII, Section 2)

Each Unit shall be entitled to three (3) delegates and one (1) additional delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, who are members in good standing for the meeting for which they are elected. An equal number of alternates shall be elected.

The delegates and alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at Unit meetings held not less than two (2) weeks prior to the convention. (Article VII, Section 4)

Alternates shall have priority in the order of their election. (Article VII, Section 4)

In addition to the above, members of the Department Executive Committee and all Past Department Presidents who are members of the Department of Kansas and are in good standing in their Units are Delegates-at-Large to the Department of Kansas Convention, and their votes shall be exercised with their Units. (Article VII, Section 3)

Each Unit is entitled to send and to seat in the convention a number of alternates equal to the number of delegates to which each Unit is entitled.

Alternates shall have the power to vote only in the absence of regular delegates.

Each registered delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The vote of any registered delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from their Unit. (Article VII, Section 5). For all voting except elections.

A majority of the delegates present shall be necessary for the election. (Bylaws Article I, Section 1.)

A quorum shall exist at a Department Convention when ten (10%) percent of the Units of the Department are represented in whole or in part. (Article VII, Section 6)

MEETINGS

All meetings of this Convention will be held at the Ramada Inn in Topeka, Kansas. The Auxiliary will meet in the Grand Ballroom.

Registration will be held Friday, June 2, 2023, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and Sunday June 4, 2023 from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the registration tables outside the Grand Ballroom.

The Finance Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2023, in the Grand Ballroom.

The Department Executive Committee Meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m., Friday June 2, 2023, in the Grand Ballroom.

The Department Corporation Board Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., Friday, June 2, 2023, in the Grand Ballroom.

The Constitution & Bylaws informal question and answer session will begin at 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 3, 2022, in the Grand Ballroom.

There will be no formal Processional to begin the Auxiliary meeting. There will be a meeting at 9:00 p.m., Friday, June 2, 2023, in the Grand Ballroom to place the District flags.

The Opening Joint Session will begin at 7:50 a.m. Saturday, June 3, 2023, in the Regency Ballroom.

The Auxiliary Opening Session will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 3, 2023, in the Grand Ballroom.

A Joint Memorial Service will be held at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, June 4, 2023, in the Regency Ballroom.

The Auxiliary Meeting reconvenes at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 4, 2023, in the Grand Ballroom.

DISPLAYS

Tables will be placed along the wall in the Grand Ballroom for displaying Poppy Displays, Chaplain Prayer Books, History Books/Scrapbooks, and Press Books. Please have your items displayed for judging in the Grand Ballroom by 12:00 Noon, Saturday, June 3, 2023. The Poppy Posters will already have been picked up from the Districts at the time of their District Conventions and judged by the Poppy Poster Committee with the winners forwarded to National for competition prior to the National deadline of June 1, 2022.

A Poppy Hat Parade will take place Sunday, June 4, 2023. The Kansas Little Miss Poppy and Miss Poppy will be selected by the members of the Convention delegation and crowned after the Poppy Hat Parade.

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S PARLEY LUNCHEON

The Past Department President's Luncheon will be held at 12:00 Noon, Saturday, June 3, 2023 in the Madison Street West Room at the Ramada Inn, Topeka, Kansas.

CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION DINNER

The Child Welfare Foundation Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, June 3, 2023, in the Alcoves Rooms 1 and 2. Please make reservations with The American Legion Headquarters office at (785) 232-9315.

CREDENTIALS

Credential forms for listing the names of your delegates and alternates are included with this mailing. **PLEASE FILL OUT AND SEND TO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS, 1314B SW TOPEKA BLVD., TOPEKA, KS 66612 POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK (MAY 26, 2023) PRIOR TO THE START OF DEPARTMENT CONVENTION. ALSO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU AS YOU WILL NEED TO PRESENT IT AT REGISTRATION.**

PROCESSIONAL

There will be no formal Processional this year. However, the Department Officers and Past Department Presidents will still be introduced. District Presidents are cordially invited to bring their District American Flag and District Flag and stands to be displayed at the front of the Grand Ballroom along with the American Flag and Department Flag. We ask that the District Presidents report to the Grand Ballroom at 9:00 p.m. Friday, June 2, 2023, so your District flags may be placed in the proper order prior to the start of the Convention. Please arrive promptly for this meeting.

SASHES AND RIBBONS

The Page sashes, Department Officer and Past Department President ribbons will be handed out Friday evening, June 2, 2023. Please be sure to return your sashes and ribbons at the close of the Convention.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS AND PAGES

Dress attire for the Sergeants-at-Arms and Pages for Department Convention will be black or navy-blue slacks or skirts, white blouse, dark shoes and no jewelry. For clarification purposes, Pages are the 2022 – 2023 District Vice Presidents.

Marcia Cottrell
Department President

Carol Roush
Department Office Director

NATIONAL PRESIDENT VICKI KOUTZ'S DEPARTMENT CONVENTION WELCOME LETTER



American Legion Auxiliary

*A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans,
Military, and their Families*

Greetings, American Legion Auxiliary Members:

It is an honor for me to welcome you to your 2023 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention! Thank you for your continued commitment of serving veterans, military, and their families.

Not only is our focus on veterans, but for the 2022-2023 administrative year, we are placing an extra emphasis on companions of National Veterans Creative Arts Festival veterans. We are also raising awareness of our country's Prisoners of War/Missing in Action. I look forward to concentrating our attention on these causes with you!

As you conduct business at your department's convention, remember that everything should circle back to our mission and why we were created over a century ago. I hope everyone attending learns something new, makes a new friend, and takes away ideas to put into practice at the unit level throughout your department

You are the present and the future of this organization, and the business conducted at your department gathering makes a difference for our members and for our mission.

I hope you continue to remember your why as an ALA member — the reason you joined in the first place — to help our veterans, military, and their families.

Thank you for your continued membership and your active participation in the American Legion Auxiliary.

I hope you have a wonderful department convention!

Vickie Koutz
2022-2023 National President

2022 – 2023 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS CONVENTION PROGRAM

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
102nd DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
RAMADA INN – GRAND BALLROOM
TOPEKA, KANSAS

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

Registration \$15.00 for ALA

Friday, June 2 - 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. outside of Grand Ballroom

Saturday, June 3 – from 7:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday June 4 – from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m.



3:00 p.m., Friday, June 2 – Finance Committee Meeting – Grand Ballroom

5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Friday, June 2 – DEC Meeting Grand Ballroom

6:30 p.m. – Friday, June 2 – Corporation Board Meeting, Grand Ballroom

7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Friday, June 2 – Q & A on Amendments to C & B and SR

9:00 p.m. Friday, June 2 – Placing District Flags at front of Grand Ballroom

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – GRAND BALLROOM AGENDA

Registration – from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – outside of Grand Ballroom

7:50 a.m. – Opening Joint Session – Regency Ballroom

10:00 a.m. – Auxiliary Opening Session

Call to Order..... Department President Marcia Cottrell

Invocation..... Chaplain Cheryl Eastep

Pledge of Allegiance..... Deb Evans, Americanism

National Anthem..... Deb Evans, Americanism

Preamble to the Constitution Trish Ward, C & B

Reading of the Call to Convention

Welcome and Presentation of Convention Committee

Response – Marcia Cottrell, President

Introduction of National Appointments

Greetings

Report of National Executive Committee Member – Paula Sellens, NEC

Past Presidents Parley – Paula Sellens

Report of Rules Committee – Sonia Wiley

Presentations and Reports of Department Officers

President – Marcia Cottrell

Vice President – Anndi Bownes

Secretary/Treasurer – Betty Wright

Chaplain – Cheryl Eastep

Historian – Tracy Kinnick

Presentations and Reports of District Presidents

11:50 A.M. RECESS

12:00 p.m. – PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT’S LUNCHEON

1:30 p.m. – American Legion Auxiliary Reconvenes Grand Ballroom

Greetings – Ann Rehbein, Central Division National Vice President

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN

ALA Girls State – Lindsay Maudlin, Director

Americanism – Deb Evans

Oratorical – Lorene Oppy

Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Cindy Ward

Cavalcade of Memories – Paula Sellens

Children and Youth – Betty Wright

Cadet Law – Ida Meyeres

Community Service – Kay Busby

Bowling – Marcella McGuire
 Eisenhower Pilgrimage – Nancy Evans
 Constitution and Bylaws – Trish Ward
 Education and Scholarships – Bonnie Axtell
 Finance – Jeanne Haas
 Junior Activities – Cara Mays
 Leadership – Linda Hicks
 Legislative – Jenell Hulse
 Past President’s Parley – Paula Sellens
 Poppy – Pam King
 Public Relations – Cassie Bailey
 National Security – Cindy Ward
 Technology – Rachel Barnes
 VA & R- Linda Wilson
 Fort Dodge – Marsha Weber
 Leavenworth – Cherie Thomas
 Topeka – Lois Icenogle
 Wichita – Linda Wilson
 Winfield – Sue Boyd
 Office Manuals – Kay Busby
 Policy Committee – Jeanne Haas



Presentation of Candidates for Department Officers

Announcements.....Department President Marcia Cottrell
District Caucuses – to be announced

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Meet and Greet for National Guests – Jefferson Room
 6:30 p.m. – Child Welfare Foundation Dinner
 8:00 p.m. – Department Committee Meetings – C & B; Resolutions ; Credentials; Rules
RECESS UNTIL SUNDAY, JUNE 4 AT 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023 – AGENDA

7:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration outside of Grand Ballroom
 8:00 A.M. – Joint Session/Memorial Service – Regency Ballroom
 Chaplain Debra Muylaert & Cheryl Eastep
 9:30 a.m. – Auxiliary reconvenes – Grand Ballroom
 Invocation Chaplain Cheryl Eastep
 Credential – First Report – Pam King, Credentials Chairman
 Membership Turn-In – Anndi Bownes, Membership
 Credentials – Second Report – Pam King, Credentials Chairman
 Constitution & Bylaws Proposed Amendments – Trish Ward and Kristen Hensley
 Election of 2023 – 2024 Department Officers
 Election of 2023 – 2024 District Presidents and Vice Presidents
 Election of Delegates and Alternates to National Convention
 Election of Alternates to Three Designated Delegates
 Report of Resolutions Committee – Jean Kimminau
 Guest Speaker
 Unfinished Business
 New Business
 Installation of Officers
 Closing Remarks of Department President
 Closing Prayer - Chaplain Cheryl Eastep
 Announcements
 Retirement of Colors
 Adjournment

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THIS AGENDA MAY NEED TO BE ADJUSTED AS TO TIME AND ACTIVITIES AS NECESSARY.

Post-Convention Meeting of the 2023 – 2024 Department Executive Committee Immediately Following the Close of Convention

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S REPORT



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Kansas
President's Report
June 2023

Members of the Department of Kansas:

Thank you for supporting my theme this year of "FOCUS ON US." I believe by doing this we have become more aware of what our Mission is and hopefully have been able to better understand our Programs and why we do what we do. I thank you for the support you have given me in the auctions, raffles and 50/50s. Because of that, we have been able to provide our Department Committee Chairmen some monies to recognize jobs well done within their committees.

This has been an amazing year for me as your Department President. I deeply appreciate your support and believe me; I would not have been able to do it without your help. And for that each one of you deserves a Gold Medal. You are all ROCK STARS!!

As a TEAM we have been able to reach out to some of those members we may not see regularly and/or new members that are really engaged because of the time just one of us may have taken to talk to that person and encourage them to become more engaged in our American Legion Family.

As I look back at the opportunities, I have had to represent our Department of Kansas and realize some of these opportunities would never have been possible if not for your support and faith in me as your Department President. I will always have some very wonderful memories of this year.

Last June the Auxiliary and the S.A.L. were for the first time able to participate in the American Legion Leadership College and it obviously was remarkably successful as both the Auxiliary and the S.A.L. are being included again this year and in the years to come. This would not have been possible without your participation. We had 28 Auxiliary members attend, which yes, was a "drop in the bucket" compared to the 9,000+ members we have in the Department, but it is a wonderful starting point. Hopefully, we will be able to continue to reach more members this year and, in the years to come. We are fortunate to be able to add a couple more sessions this year and hope everyone attending will leave with at least one little tidbit of information they did not know before. This is for ALL Auxiliary Members, NOT just the District or Department Officers. I can honestly say being able to have the Auxiliary involved in this event is probably the biggest highlight of my year as your Department President. And its success is all because of you, the members that took the time to attend. And for that I say THANK YOU!!!!

As many of you throughout the past 18 months have heard me say there is no **"I" in TEAM**. I am and always will be a firm believer in those three (3) little words. No one, and I mean no one can be a Leader without everyone's help and teamwork. I know you will continue to support our Department Leadership Team for the coming year. And I know they will appreciate your support as well.

In the Spirit of "Service Not Self" for our Veterans, God, and Country

Marcia Cottrell

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT

February 21, 2023 – June 4, 2023

Betty Wright

When President Marcia asked (well "volun-told" me) "just do this ZOOM call", I should have known better!

Well 6 ZOOM calls later, I'm now preparing for Department Convention.

It's been kinda *CRAZY*, so bear with me just a little while longer.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to make sure I never say "YES" again!

DEPARTMENT TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kansas General Account

Balance on Hand...July 1, 2022\$ 288,190.91

July 1, 2022 -May 1, 2023

Receipts.....\$ 182,489.19

Expenses.....\$ 135,264.03

Balance on Hand .. May 1, 2023\$ 335,416.07

Designated Funds in this account

Donations ...,\$ 660.00

Juniors.....\$ 1,702.77

Creative Arts\$ 318.00

PDP\$ 343.00

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kansas Rehabilitation Account

Balance on Hand...July 1, 2022.....\$ 218,425.85

July 1, 2022- May 1, 2023

Receipts.....\$ 48,441.58

Expenses.....\$ 30,146.41

Balance on Hand ..May 1, 2023.....\$ 236,721.02

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Stifel Nicolaus

Balance..July 1, 2022.....	\$ 298,021.22
Balance.. May 1,2023	\$ 305,336.44
Contains:	
Building Fund.....	\$ 18,479.10
Kansas Emergency Fund	\$ 24,137.93
Scholarships	\$ 12,271.58
Including Judy Nielson Scholarship Fund	
General	\$ 250,447.83

VA and R ACCCOUNTs

Ft. Dodge Center	\$ 5,491.00
Leavenworth Center.....	\$ 13,023.85
Topeka Center	\$13,353.75
Wichita Center	\$ 21,993.75
Winfield Center.....	\$13,517.15

VA and R ACCCOUNTs held in area banks

Ft. Dodge Center	\$ 1,234.89 (9/30/22)
Leavenworth Center.....	\$ 7,744.30 (6/17/22)
Topeka Center.....	\$ 5,506.66 (3/3/23)
Wichita Center.....	\$1,840.09 (11/30/22)
Winfield Center.....	\$ 647.42 (9/30/22)

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE YOUR DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN THIS YEAR. IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU.

I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU THAT HAVE KEPT ME INFORMED WITH EVERYONE!! SEND CARDS OUT EVERY WEEK AND ALWAYS INCLUDED A 'CROSS IN MY POCKET' CARD AND CROSS.

I HAVE OFFICIATED FOR THREE FUNERALS OF MEMBERS AND LEGIONNAIRES AND ATTENDED THE FUNERAL OF A PAST DISTRICT PRESIDENT.

I HAVE HAD A PRAYER FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PARTIES, SPECIAL OLYMPICS, BABY SHOWERS, AND THE EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE.

I PLAYED TAPS FOR ONE FUNERAL AND FOR OUR DISTRICT CONVENTION.

I OFFICIATED ONE WEDDING FOR A MEMBER AS WELL.

IT WAS AN HONOR TO WORK WITH DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN DEBRA FOR THE 4 CHAPLAINS PROGRAM AT MID WINTER THIS YEAR AS WELL.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

WOW! LOTS OF CARDS WERE SENT OUT FOR BIRTHDAYS, SYMPATHY, GET WELL, EASTER, VETERANS DAY, BABY, CHRISTMAS, THINKING OF YOU, THANK YOU, VALENTINES,

ENGAGEMENT, WEDDING, FATHERS DAY, MOTHERS DAY,
GRADUATION, HALLOWEEN, THANKSGIVING, AND
ANNIVERSARIES. OVER 1300 SENT!

I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT UNIT MEETINGS ARE STARTED
WITH AN OPENING PRAYER AND CLOSING PRAYER AT THE END
OF THE MEETING.

SEVERAL UNITS REPORTED THAT THEY ATTEND SERVICES OF
MEMBERS, WEARING THEIR MEMBERSHIP SHIRTS AND LAY A
POPPY.

SOME UNITS REPORTED THAT THEY UTILIZED THE NATIONAL
CHAPLAINS REFLECTIONS FROM THE ALA MAGAZINE IN THEIR
MEETINGS.

DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Historian Report

Submitted by: Tracy Kinnick
Department of Kansas Historian 2022-2023

I used to think that history was boring and that we had to look at all the boring stuff that we do each year for our history book. However, history is actually, for all the cool kids to do each year. Throughout this year we have learned through the history reports that you all turned in, that history creates new opportunities for us as well as teaches us what we should not do in the future. Capturing that data each year helps us to improve our organization. We are human, we will make mistakes, history helps us to work together to avoid those mistakes, to not repeat them, and to improve. I hope that we continue as a department to record our history the good, bad, and ugly for future generations to continue our growth, and our philosophy of "Service not Self".

Thank you to each of you who participated in our video project the information from our past department presidents and district presidents was fun to watch as well as read for those that submitted via text. Districts 2, 4, and 5 participated in the event.

Districts 1, 2,4,5,8, and 10 all submitted history reports. All districts reporting reported taking pictures and documenting their history for their districts. Units reporting to the district's recording history.

History Highlights:

- ~ The first ever Alapalooza was held in District 10. This was the first of 3 scheduled palooza's.
- ~ District 2 held a family fundraiser. Instead of a district president's project, the ALA, AL, SAL, and ALR banded together to have one fundraiser for an all-terrain wheelchair for a veteran.
- ~ Dole VA Christmas gift shop provided backpacks to veterans who were not eligible for the gift shop. This allowed no veteran to walk away without something that they needed.
- ~ A youth hero award was presented to a young lady at Girls State.
- ~ Unit 136 in Mulvane celebrated its 100th birthday. To celebrate bi-fold posters were created recognizing all past 100 presidents and placed on display at their birthday party, as well as their district convention.
- ~ Dodge city unit 47 celebrated an 80-year member with a membership pin and an article in the Globe newspaper. They reported learning a lot of ALA history from the member.

Thank you all for your confidence in me as your historian this last year. I enjoyed working with all of you and look forward to watching you make history!

**Our Greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.
- Confucius**

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

2022 – 2023

Paula Sellens

Between National Conventions, the National Executive Committee serves as the governing body of the organization with FIDUCIARY, POLICY, and STRATEGIC RESPONSIBILITY for the organization.

The NEC oversees the finances, the policies (the internal rules), and the strategic direction of the national organization.

National policies are reviewed on a regular basis by national committees such as Audit and Finance and presented to the NEC for its approval.

The NEC also adopts and amends or rescinds Standing Rules, Confirms Committees and Appointments, Ratifies Cancellation of Charters, and Ratifies Actions of the Executive Committee to the NEC.

On Saturday, February 25, 2023 a Virtual Mid-Year Meeting was called to order at 2:00pm ET by Vickie Koutz, National President. The American Legion Auxiliary utilized the consent agenda in the course of conducting the business meeting of the National Executive Committee. A consent agenda, also called a consent calendar in Roberts Rules of Order, is a standard good governance practice utilized by large organizations to expedite its business proceedings. The main purpose of a consent agenda is to bundle into a single action item the routine procedures, administrative details, and self explanatory matters that the board normally approves without discussion or debate. A consent agenda allows the board to approve such items together without discussion or individual motions. Because questions or comments on these items are not allowed during the meeting, utilizing a consent agenda frees up valuable time for the board to discuss more substantial agenda items.

Vickie Koutz gave her National President's Report, followed by reports from Coral May Grout, National Secretary and Marybeth Revoir, National Treasurer..

The Report of Charters with active units as of August 2022 were 7,620 units. New Charters Granted was 12, Charters reinstated since the NEC meeting of August 2022 was 12, and Charters to be cancelled at the NEC meeting was 52. Total active Units is 7,592.

Other items in the 41page MID YEAR NEC Packet included: National Appointment Changes, Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) Grants, a review of NATIONAL POLICY Business Credit Card and Investment Policy Statement regarding the General Fund, National Presidents Scholarship Endowment Fund, Spirit of Youth Fund, HC Small Fund and the Paid Up For Life Fund.

Also included was a Constitutional Authority Statement regarding the Responsibilities of the NEC, National President's Appointments, National Finance Committee and National Risk and Compliance Committee.

The meeting ended with a review of Parliamentary Prodecure - Frequently Used Motions.

DISTRICT 1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

American Legion Auxiliary District 1

2022-23 President's Report



We started with the celebration of 100 years at District 1 Convention in Oskaloosa. We continue to use Facebook to keep members informed and share the wonderful programs and activities of the ALA. On Facebook, we share information about our Units, District and National happenings. We have a monthly newsletter that Linda J. puts together, and I have a synopsis that I send out regularly to keep Units and members informed.

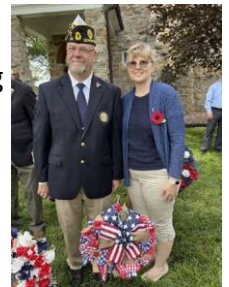


We worked very hard on membership and in May we reached **100% of our membership goal**. Our Units did an amazing job and were rewarded by sitting at the front of the room at the Department Convention.

Units were active on National Poppy Day, distributing Poppies and including Junior in the activities. District 1 laid a wreath at the Memorial Day Service at Leavenworth National Cemetery.

We had an exciting time at the Department Convention in Topeka and I officially became District President. We won the membership Challenge with District 2, so they dress like the 1950's on Saturday.

In June, District Officers headed to Leadership College in Concordia, KS. Fun and learning was had by all. District Homecoming was Oct. 1 at Post 94 and everyone liked the Chicken and Waffle lunch. Units organized many activities for Flag Day including giving out AL Family Rulers. The Kansas Legacy Run made a stop in Oskaloosa Post 36.



District 1 sponsored youth to ALA Sunflower Girls state. We were honored to have The Boys State Governor and Girls State Lt. Governors from our District.

The National Convention arrived and I attended as an alternate delegate while Past President Sheila was our delegate. We attended the National Constitution and Bylaws meeting and learned about the planned vote on changing dues. We learned a lot about the ALA, and got to know members from across the state. The Kansas Party was a great time to network.



I had the opportunity to stop and visit the last Department Camp-o-Rama at Milford Lake. I was invited to install the new officers for Unit 44, enjoyed breakfast at Ozawkie Post and attended the Fall Conference and ALA-Palooza, where a group of 9 Auxiliary ladies rented a house for the evening. I helped out at the Big Red One Turkey Run and Operation North Pole at Ft. Riley as well as the Department AL State Golf Classic in Topeka. Several Units laid roses and the District laid a wreath at Eisenhower Pilgrimage. The ALA was well represented at the Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade. We had a good time in Holton at our District Christmas Party. Christmas Gifts Shops in Topeka and Leavenworth were



supported. We had Units celebrate their 100th Anniversary and ring in the New Year. The District collected 137 lbs of food items for the Stronghold Food Pantry on Ft. LV. at the Christmas Party and 42 lbs of PB and J at Mid-Winter Forum. We supported the District and Department Oratorical Contests. We held a drawing for a Poppy Painting.

It has been a busy and fun year.

Sonia Wiley,

District 1 President 2022-2023



DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year has been a big year for district two. For the first time and Dept of Kansas history a district legion family worked together on a single project. The project was to buy an action track chair for a local veteran of mobility issues that has caused their adventure to stop where the pavement ends. District two commander winters, district two sons of the legion commander Matthew Krupco and district two auxiliary president Kristen Hensley worked together to encourage members to fund raise throughout this membership year. The price tag of this project was \$23,000.

District two Legion, sons, auxiliary and riders throughout the district held events and drawings to raise money between September 2022 and March 2023. By the end of the weekends of district two convention our members raised \$26,000. Blend of this science and squadron had written a check to fill the gap of a little more than \$6000. After that check was received, we received additional funds from other post families. We were able to refund the squadron that wrote the check to fill the gap \$3000.

The action track chair was 100% funded and paid for the week after the convention. The action Track chair was presented to the local veteran on April 30, 2023. The recipient's is it a marine veteran who served during Vietnam and lives with N district two. The gentleman had not been able to explore the 33 acres or go fishing in his pond he owns in over five years. The veteran is relatively healthy but suffers from ptsd that he and manages by been in the great outdoors. When mobility became a problem in being unable to go beyond the pavement, this gentleman's anxiety and depression started to sink in hard.

When the three of us presented veteran with his chair, you can see in the weight of the depression and anxiety lift. This veteran was overjoyed and could not believe that we worked to do this for him. Watching his pure joy and restoration of his freedom of adventure was one of the greatest things I will ever experience in my life.

Our 2023 Officers were:

Vice President Ann Barnes

Secretary/Treasurer Linda Hicks

Chaplain Tammy Eastwood

Historian Cindy Ward

President Kristen Hensley

DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

District 4 President Report 2022-2023 Carol Roush

I began my term as president on April 9, 2022, at District Convention in Abilene.

On May 21, 2022 I joined Jeanne Haas in Burlington to hand out poppies in conjunction with the post serving free hamburgers and hotdogs. One would think it would have been a nice warm day but it was cold and windy but we survived.

June 18, 2022 we held our first District E board of the year in Manhattan.

June 24, I joined Marcia Cottrell in Lebo to greet the many Legacy ride riders at a stopover there.

July 15, 2022 Marcia and I traveled to Hope to attend their 100th year celebration. It was very interesting and informative. It was over 100 degrees outside but they served a meal that would have been served 100 years ago. Ham and Beans with cornbread, fried potatoes and for dessert we had depression cake. All was quite yummy.

July 16, 2022 we held a training session in Manhattan for all new and old officers.

August 7, 2022 attended DEC meeting in Holton.

August 13, 2022 attended Department president/commander homecoming in McPherson.

Then on August 25, 2022, I boarded a train along with 8 others in our

group to travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for my first National Convention. This was an unforgettable experience. I met so many wonderful people and learned a lot about our organization. And found out 4 women CAN share a room with only 1 bathroom and remain good friends. Our trip came to a close as we boarded the train on September 2 to return home.

During the train ride to National, I was interviewed and accepted the job as Office Director at the American Legion Auxiliary office in Topeka. I was hesitant at first and afraid I couldn't do this but I have no regrets. I love the job and especially the interactions I have with members from all over the state.

September 16-17, 2022 I attended Fall Conference in Perry.

October 1, 2022 we held our District Homecoming in Manhattan.

October 13, 2022 I attended the Eisenhower Pilgrimage in Abilene where I had the honor of placing a wreath for our district as well as a rose for my unit. Following the pilgrimage, I attended the homecoming for Vice President Anndi Bownes.

December 13, 2022 I attended the Department Christmas party in McPherson.

I would not have been able to do all of this without the confidence that you all shown in me. I have been fortunate to have the best officers and committee members.

Thank you all and I stand up and say 4TH DISTRICT IS THE BEST!!!!

Carol Roush

DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

American Legion Auxiliary Department
of Kansas District 5
Presidents Project
2022-2023

This was a new one on me that I had not heard of. Linda Wilson our Bob Dole VA Auxiliary representative has just purchased an mechanical Bird. These are robotic service animals. There are also dogs and cats available. We were given the links to purchase these therapy animals.

This will be my presidents project this year. They cost \$64.99 for a life like bird, \$124.99 for a cat and \$139.99 for a dog. I have been told they appear life like and have soft fur. They also make noise.

We are simply going to call the Units in our district and ask if they would like to make a donation from their Unit. When we have enough to purchase one we will and donate it at that time. We will continue all year and have a 50-50 drawing at District 5 Convention in the spring to finish purchasing what we have funds for. I think it will be a beautiful and full filling donation.

Jean Kimminau
District 5 President

DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year began on Sunday August 7, 2022, at Holton, Kansas when District 10 president and vice- president were elected by Department Executive Committee members. Barb Lohse and I made the trip to begin our new adventure. A new and exciting experience for both of us.

On September 7, our first District 10 business meeting was conducted, hosted by Fairview unit 322.

Jo Keim made all things possible for our gathering. Marcia Cottrell, Department President was in attendance bringing us news from the Department and reporting on news from the National Convention she had attended in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

On September 16 & 17, Barb and I attended the Department Fall Conference that was held at McPherson. We gained a lot of useful information to pass along to all District 10 committee chairman and units.

In the month of October an attempt was made by president and vice-president to visit twenty units in District 10. We were able to connect (personally) with almost all the units to deliver an outline of all the duties and responsibilities for the upcoming year. It was also a time to introduce ourselves to all the units and answer questions they had for us. (If we were unable to make that personal contact "we apologize", however, we had close volunteers that helped us make the connections.) Thank you to Jackie Zimmers and Eleanor Kieffer for their help in contacting those we were unable to see!

On October 15, the inspiring service of the Eisenhower Pilgrimage was attended by myself and Unit 306 Hanover president Nancy Crome. I had the privilege of placing the District 10 wreath at the service and Nancy placed a rose for unit 306-Hanover. Shirley Hem also attended placing a rose for unit 145-Barnes, and one more rose was placed from District 10 which was Marysville unit-163. It was a very nice day, and exceptional service to honor our hero Dwight D. Eisenhower.

On October 22 I had the honor of representing District 10 by attending the celebration of "Black Squirrel Festivities" in Marysville. Marysville unit had an entry in the parade: The auxiliary followed the Veterans of Marysville who had attended the "Honor Flight" they were seated on a trailer that took them through the parade route. Unit 163 asked me to drive the vehicle (a nice shiny red jeep) which escorted the distinguished members riding in the vehicle: unit secretary- Janet Bargman, Past District President - Elaine Scheele, unit chaplain - Rita Bargman, and honored unit member - Charlene Kirkpatrick. Other members walking the parade were: unit president - Diane Schroller, District 10 parliamentarian - Liberty Obley, and District 10 Public Relations Chairman - Jennifer Taphom.

That same day we joined in celebration with Sabetha unit 126 for their 100th Birthday Celebration of their unit charter sponsored by the legion and auxiliary of Sabetha. A wonderful meal was enjoyed by all in attendance, and it was also the very first time to display the quilts that were made as a fund raising project for the District, the first tickets were sold at this event. Thank you, Sabetha, for the send off! The celebration was also attended by Department President Marcia and her traveling companion Cindy Ward- campaigning for "Trish Ward" for the office of National President in 2025.

Homecoming was observed November 19th for District Commander: Pat Caffrey, District President: Loma Turk, and District SAL Commander Mark Wessel, hosted by Axtell Post. A very delicious meal was enjoyed by everyone attending. It was also attended by Department Commander - Jeremy Ehart and his wife Kristie, Department President - Marcia Cottrell, and Assistant National Security Chairman - Cindy Ward.

Mid-Winter forum was held at Manhattan Post 17 on February 3-4 & 5. Barb & I were both in attendance and it was on Friday evening February 3 we were gifted with the presentation of a copy of the District 10 Charter. The original charter will be presented here at our District Convention. On the following page in this "Book of Reports" is a copy of the District 10 Charter.

Oratorical Contest was held on Saturday February 11, District 10 auxiliary members served a lunch to all in attendance. We had (2) contestants from our district. They were Haven Knapp of Seneca, and Isaiha Friedrichs of Bremen, sponsored by Marysville. Each receiving a monetary scholarship gift of \$500.00 to first place recipient Haven and \$200.00 was awarded to Isaiha.

At the Fall Conference in McPherson permission was granted to District 10 to have a fund raising project. Two patriotic quilts were assembled and stitched by my sister-in-law Arlyce Klipp and were completed by October. Each unit was asked to sell at least fifty dollars worth of tickets before our convention in April. These tickets went out to each unit when the yearly packets were given to all twenty units. An attempt was made to display the quilts and sell tickets at various unit and post functions. It was a great way to let the people know what we are doing to promote our organization, it brought a lot of attention from other people to support our mission: "To support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad."

It has been a great experience serving as the District 10 president. I enjoyed working with all the program chairman and I especially enjoyed getting acquainted with so many new Auxiliary Unit Presidents. It was great to hear how all the units are working to support their legion family, and how they work to support the VA hospitals, local schools and communities with their contributions, time, and talents.

Thank you to the Department Officers for guiding us through a successful year.

Loma Turk
President District 10

**DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MISSION SUPPORT
PROGRAMS**



Department Convention Report: 2023 ALA Sunflower Girls State Report

2022-2023 has been a year of continued rebuilding for ALA Sunflower Girls State and of creativity for the ALA women who help make this a successful program each year.

Lindsay Maudlin and Heather Williams moved into their second year as Director and Assistant Director, respectively. Highlights from this year include:

- An in-person working weekend in September 2022 to brainstorm new ideas for delegate recruitment, counselor training and retention, and programmatic updates
- An update to the dress codes used throughout the week to accommodate delegate comfort throughout various activities while still maintaining a sense of professionalism
- Continuation of digital aspects of the 2021 virtual program and the 2022 in-person program that worked well in order to better suit the delegates and more efficiently share materials throughout the week
- Continuation of virtual orientation sessions in late May to help introduce registered delegates to the program and what to expect throughout the week

A major focus again this year has been the recruitment of delegates in order to rebuild our program back to the attendance levels we had in the 2010s. To this end, we have done the following:

- ALA Sunflower Girls State mailed information about our program directly to young women who scored in the top 10% on the PSAT across Kansas.
- Registration forms were mailed directly to Kansas high school counselors, history teachers, and debate and forensics coaches.
- Several potential delegates were nominated by ALA Sunflower Girls State alumnae, teachers, coaches, and community members. We sent emails with information about the program to these young women directly.
- Letters were written and mailed to every State Representative and Senator asking them to nominate delegates.

The planning for our upcoming 80th Session, to be held in Lawrence, Kansas, June 11-16, is well underway. We look forward to the following speakers and activities along with many others:

- Multiple state officers, including an ALA Sunflower Girls State alumna, will speak to the delegates.
- A highlight of the week, the trip to the Capitol, will take place on the last day of session.
- Presentations on Americanism and the American Legion Auxiliary will be given throughout the week.

I appreciate the countless hours spent by the ALA Units and the District Chairwomen who promote our program, and I look forward to a great session this June!

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Lindsay C. Maudlin, 2023 Director

AMERICANISM

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

AMERICANISM DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

2022-2023

Americanism is being proud to say you are an American, being ready to defend our country or help and stand with those who do.

The American Legion Auxiliary members of the Sunflower State of Kansas have been working very hard this year to promote the ideals of what Americanism is and how to show patriotic pride. Theodore Roosevelt is quoting as saying " Americanism is a question of spirit, conviction, and purpose not a question of creed or birthplace".

Our purpose's as auxiliary members are to show pride in our country and the symbols of that pride. We are united in our efforts to honor and respect our flag. We go to schools and teaching the students flag etiquette. Show the students how to fold a flag and the meaning behind all the folds. We present flags to schools and hand them out at Parades and other events. We proudly fly our flag and take part in flag retirement ceremonies in our communities and with our Post Family.

Memorial Day finds us at many cemeteries taking part in ceremonies to honor our deceased veterans. We place flags at their gravesides or on crosses that we place poppies on to honor and remember. We honor our Veterans with ceremonies around Veterans Day. We stand in flag lines at funerals of veterans, on overpasses & we hold the flag at Home Comings and send offs of those going on the Honor Flights to Washington D. C. to see the Memorials in their honor.

We as Auxiliary members support Legion Baseball by attending games and fundraisers, we assist the Legionaries with the Oratorical Contest. We wear our red, white and blue and Auxiliary clothing.

Our department got the word out on the Essay Contest adding our own incentive to winners. We were not successful in finding students interested in participating. One Unit #192 Canton used the essay title in their scholarship application. Applicants interested in receiving one from the American Legion Family were asked to write a paragraph on the subject "What Patriotism Means to Me". One such paragraph ended with these words. "Patriotism is taking a stand to celebrate and honor our country and our armed forces that fight for the freedoms that allow me to do the things I love, like rodeo." By Sage Toews.

District Five had an intriguing event. The Middle School students had a Trivia Contest with their local veterans. Using as their guide a book (from the ALA website) Indivisible the Story of Our Flag. This was played to see which group knew the most history. Everyone came away with more knowledge and agreed it was a very good learning experience

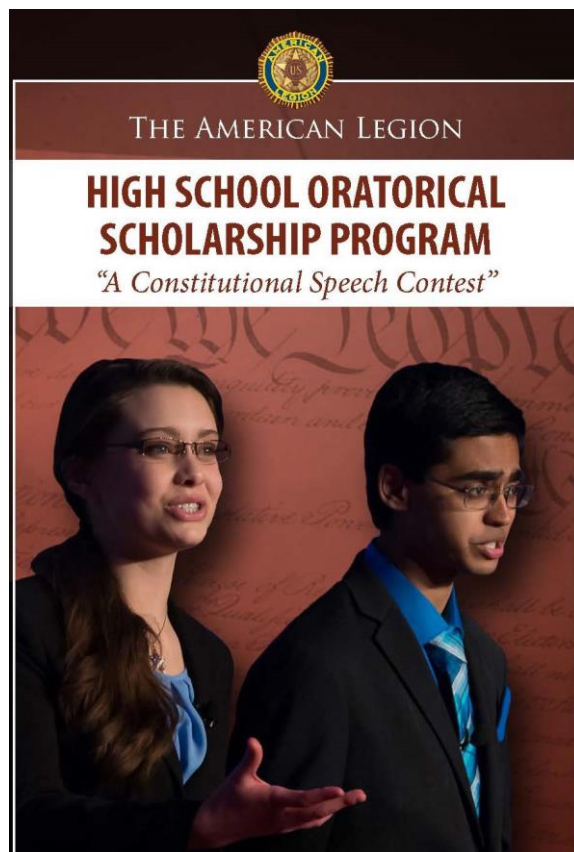
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Sr. Members 321

Debbie Evans

Americanism Chair

Department of Kansas

ORATORICAL LIAISON



CHILDREN AND YOUTH
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Kansas
Children and Youth
2022 - 2023

The Department of Kansas proudly supports the future of our country by investing in activities that benefit the children and youth of our communities. We have 10 Districts and 9 of the 10 reported. Districts 2, 5 and 10 had a total of 4 Good Deed Awards.

The following is just a few of the things that were done by the Units and Districts in the Department of Kansas this year:

- ~ Participated in local parades celebrating Veteran's Day
- ~ Placed flags on Veteran's graves and poppy wreaths on the graves of Auxiliary members
- ~ Supported youth programs in churches and schools
- ~ Several districts/units held or helped with Safe Trunk and Treat, Easter Egg Hunt, local Christmas parties; in Kansas we have 2 events at Fort Riley – Big Red One Turkey Run, provides full Thanksgiving meals for families of deployed soldiers and Operation North Pole, where Santa and Mrs. Clause spend time with the children.
- ~ Spent quality hours with schools and sporting events throughout the year
- ~ Celebrated "Purple-Up" day on April 15th
- ~ Worked with the schools and children to create Poppy posters

The Department of Kansas contributed 29,864 Hours, drove 8,663 miles and had \$9,301 as donations and served over 1,000 children.

I had tote bags and koozies with the "Purple-Up!" picture; these were used as giveaways when we had opportunities to have "Auxiliary Trivia" or "Military Children Trivia"



Part of the "trivia" was around the Official Flower of the Military Child – The Dandelion.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Children and Youth Chairman for the Department of Kansas.

Betty Wright

Department of Kansas
Children and Youth Chairman – 2022-2023

CADET LAW LIAISON



COMMUNITY SERVICE

DEPARTMENT - YEAR END REPORT FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE 2022-2023

Kay Busby
Department Chairman

The Department of Kansas has ten (10) districts within our state and sadly only four (4) districts responded back by due date. Community service is such a wide-open field which we all are a part of. find it unlikely that units/members do not participate or promote this program within their community. Each of us do so much more than what was reported. Units who did reported to their district chairmen the following:

- Delivered meals on wheels
- Help with food pantry
- Volunteer at the local senior centers, nursing homes
- Help with blood drives and relay for life and animal shelters
- Volunteer at their church by cleaning, serving meals for funerals
- Helping neighbors with lawn care
- Serve on the election board
- Garage sales and donated clothing to women's shelters
- Volunteer with cancer drive
- Provide Christmas gifts for shut-in
- Clean-up at local cemetery

Unit 69 in district 7 had 10 members going to a local food drive for Memorial weekend. The state line ruck match which was hosted by the American Legion in Hartner, KS. These participants carried back packs full of canned food the 10-mile hike along state line road with temperature's reaching the high 90's by that afternoon. All the food was loaded into a car and taken to the local food bank. The Auxiliary unit provided snacks and refreshments to all the participants.

Members in Unit 152 in district 8 along with Legion Riders #392 had a clean-up day at the Fairview Cemetery where they cleaned up trees and trash and is currently looking for estimates for the repair of tombstones.

MEMBERS: 400
HOURS: $18,502.51 \times 29.95 = 554,150,174.50$
COST: 13,466.29
MILEAGE: $12,356 \times .14 = 1,729.84$
TOTAL 569,346,304.50



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kansas

2022-23 Eisenhower Pilgrimage Report

Nancy Evans, Chairman

3 Districts turned in reports for this program. Several units also sent in reports.

Districts 4, 5, and 6 all reported purchasing District Wreaths. 5 units reported purchasing roses.

Members participating 26 senior and 3 juniors

Hours volunteered 97 value of hours\$ 2,905.15

Amount spent\$465.81, Miles Traveled 1,863 Value of miles\$260.82

District 4 reported Clay Center Unit had 69 Senior members and 2 Junior members participated, The unit president and historian attended the ceremony, Chaplain Unit hosted the Pilgrimage dinner, Approximately 40 Legion family members attended, Lebo unit had 2 members who attended the ceremony and laid a wreath and a rose.

District 5 several units were in attendance including their Little Miss Poppy.. Jean Kiimminau said it best in her district report, : "We are lucky enough to place wreaths for the ALA and other organizations. It is always an honor to attend."



EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kansas 2022-23 Education & Scholarship Report

Bonnie Axtell, Chairman

Units in the Department of Kansas honored teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week with cards of thanks, providing snacks and pizzas. District 8 reported 57 veterans went to schools and talked to 776 children.

Most units have LPN Scholarships available with members working 7 hours reviewing application. They spent \$116.00 and traveled 30 miles promoting scholarships in and around their communities. 2 Scholarships were awarded by units.

Unit 140 in District 5 members participated in the "Ugly Dress Ball" at their post which raised \$1,500 which they used to award 3 \$500 Scholarships. 3 other units reported helping with scholarships their post awarded. 2 Scholarships were awarded by Unit 225 in District 1.

District 6 has an LPN Scholarship available. A portion of convention registration is used to built up funds for this scholarship.

I received no application for the scholarships offered by the Department of Kansas. The LPN Scholarship application is handled by the Department Past Presidents Parley.

4 applications for the Children of Warriors Scholarship were received. All were very worthy but Cole McCray from Lyndon ended up being selected to advance to the Division Chairman.

2 applications were received for the National Spirit of Youth and Junior Member Loyalty Scholarships. Lauren Harris of Salina has been selected to advance to Division judging. The Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship application sent on to Division was Sydney Rafuse from Overland Park.

At Mid-Winter Forum the many ways to support this program was discussed. Many members were unaware that purchasing anything being sold as a fundraiser for the school could be claimed under this program along with any volunteering opportunities members might want to take advantage of.

Thank you, President Marcia, for allowing me serve on this committee.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES



LEGISLATIVE



NATIONAL SECURITY



American Legion Auxiliary
Military Spouse Appreciation Day – May 2023

What is Military Spouse Appreciation Day?

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is a day set aside for us to pause to recognize the military spouses around us who have the greatest impact on our lives and our military communities.

When is Military Spouse Appreciation Day?

The Friday in May before Mother's Day, this special day was first recognized by President Ronald Reagan in 1984. The sitting president typically issues a proclamation in recognition of the holiday, while celebrations are held on and near U.S. military bases around the world.

After reading this article By Charlotte Graham Porter Posted on May 4, 2021, I decided the best way to tell you about Military Appreciation Day was to share her article. Carol Kottom, Northwestern Division Chairman

When I entered the military culture, I was inspired to learn the diverse stories of military spouses. I met entrepreneurs, students, professionals, mothers, fathers and spouses from dual-service couples. I heard about struggles, extreme loss and triumph against all odds. Soon, I realized that the military spouse lifestyle is hallmarked by two distinct factors: diversity and adversity.

If you're a military spouse, you get it. If you aren't, it can be tough to figure out how to show your support. Military Spouse Appreciation Day is a great time to advocate for the military spouses around you.

Why does Military Spouse Appreciation Day matter?

Many of the struggles that military spouses face are largely invisible to, or misunderstood by, our civilian communities. Loneliness, loss, worry and constant change are realistically a part of the military spouse's everyday life. Military Spouse Appreciation Day is a time to recognize the positive impacts that military spouses make against tough odds.

When my spouse was overseas for 15 months, I realized that my time supporting him in his military career had actually changed me. Behind my own back, I had developed a special set of skills that my civilian peers couldn't understand. My autonomy, emotional strengths and weaknesses perplexed those around me.

During that time, I was living in a civilian culture again for the first time in a long time. I quickly realized that my civilian peers did not understand the nuances of the military lifestyle. Fortunately, I had been steeped in the resilience that originally inspired me when I entered the military culture. Today, I continually learn from the diversity of military spouses and their resilience in adversity.

A message to military spouses

It's tough to appreciate your strengths when you're just trying to make it through everyday life. Plus, you might not like giving yourself a big pat on the back. If you're like many

spouses, you don't like recognition for your role as a military spouse. Still, reflecting on your contributions doesn't detract from your service member's contributions – your role matters.

Also, remember to be kind to your fellow military spouses today and every day. No one else quite understands the grit that runs through the veins of military families like we do.

A message to military spouse supporters

Many spouses don't show their vulnerabilities – especially during deployments. Why? Safety and independence. When my spouse was overseas, I barely told anyone. For safety reasons, I didn't want people to know that I lived alone. Plus, I didn't want people's pity.

Showing your support for this group can be as simple as reaching out to say "hello." Connect, even if you don't fully "get it." You can make a world of difference with a shared meal, a phone call or a card.

A final word to all

On Military Spouse Appreciation Day, take a minute to recognize military spouse diversity and resilience in adversity. Military spouses make a huge difference in the lives and readiness of troops. Plus, they impact professional and local communities across the nation and the world. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, military spouses live out unconditional love and support within their homes and communities. That makes a difference no matter how you slice it.

This year on Military Spouse Appreciation Day, I will choose to recognize the contributions of the spouses around me. I hope you do too.

REPORTING, REPORTING, REPORTING

End-of-Year reports are due by May 15, 2023. Please remember to copy your divisional chairman and Barb Washburn (bwashburn827@gmail.com) on all reports. These reports should include how the Units in your Department supported active-duty military and their families, shared information about POW/MIA awareness, assisted during emergencies and disasters, supported first responders, and other success stories related to the National Security program.

Be sure to encourage your units to include as many impact numbers as possible as they worked the program: donations, volunteer hours, clipping coupon value, the quantity of blood donated at blood drives, etc. We especially want to see pictures from your events that show our members in action working our mission.

It is important that pictures are attached as a separate file and not in the report. Pictures should be in jpeg format and the original size. You never know when one of your Unit's pictures may be highlighted on the big screen during National Convention.

Thanks to those who sent Mid-Year information and other activities occurring within your Departments. Keep up the good work and keep the information coming!!

Please let me know if you need anything from me or anyone else on our team. Remember we have our final quarterly meeting on July 24th, so we do hope you can join us. Registration links will come closer to these dates. THANK YOU for all you do.

In Honor of Their Service,
Michelle Woodburn
Central Division National Security Chairman
2022-2023

<u>Month of the Military Caregiver</u>	Month of May
<u>National Military Appreciation Month</u>	Month of May
<u>https://hr.nih.gov/about/events/psrw</u>	First full week in May
<u>National Loyalty Correctional Officers Week</u>	First full week in May
<u>Silver Star Service Banner Day</u>	May 1
<u>Loyalty Day</u>	May 1
<u>National Day of Prayer</u>	First Thursday of May
<u>VE Day</u>	May 8
<u>Military Spouse Appreciation Day</u>	Friday before Mother's Day
<u>Mother's Day</u>	Second Sunday in May
<u>Armed Forces Week</u>	Second Sat. Thru 3rd Sun. in May (not official)
<u>Children of Fallen Patriots Day</u>	May 13
<u>Peace Officers Memorial Day</u>	May 15
<u>Armed Forces Day</u>	Third Saturday in May
<u>Memorial Day</u>	Last Monday in May

Update to Salute to Servicemembers Award
Salute to Servicemembers Award

NOW is the time to get your nominations ready for the Salute to Servicemembers Award. To date, we have very few nominations and I don't want National President Vickie to be disappointed with a low turn-out for this wonderful award which recognizes our deserving Service Members. Remember the deadline is June 1st and the submission form can be found on either the ALA National Security Facebook page (pinned to the top) or on the ALA national website under National Security. Let's show our support for this award by submitting dozens of nominations. If you have any questions about the award or the submission process, please feel free to contact anyone on the ALA National Security Committee.

POPPY

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS 2022-23

The poppy is a symbol for the American Legion Auxiliary which embodies the most important part of the organization. It represents the sacrifice of men and women who gave their life for our country. We honor those men and women when we promote the poppy's use in our programs. The following is what has been reported by the units in the Department of Kansas to honor that program.

Kansas had two cities and one county that had Proclamations by their commissioners to honor the National Poppy Day. One unit had the Proclamation published in their local newspaper. Other ways that the program was promoted was a local paper listed places and businesses where poppies would be available. Another unit used 500 poppies for displays in local businesses. One unit made a presentation to local 5th graders about National Poppy Day. Three units promoted the program by distributing poppies at Memorial Day services. One unit laid poppies on gravesites, while another unit distributed poppies at the Kansas Veterans Home, a nursing and assisted living facility. Two units handed out Poppy coloring books. One very creative unit handed out handmade crocheted poppies to children.

It was reported that \$817 was spent on promotion of poppy day. It was reported that 119 senior members and 9 juniors participated in distributing poppies. It was reported that \$3,082 was donated for poppies.

The poppy poster program is still recovering from the pandemic, so participation has been limited. The Department of Kansas did report sending 2 posters to National competition. It was reported that 4 schools participated in the contest representing all the classes. Two members took the instructions for their children. Units reported buying \$345.66 worth of supplies for the posters and they gave \$37.66 worth of prizes.

The Miss Poppy and Little Miss Poppy contest was held at our Department Convention in June. The tiaras and sashes were donated by a unit in the department. There were no entries in the Miss Poppy division, but a Little Miss Poppy was honored. She was invited to participate in several local parades.

Four units reported distributing poppies and four units used poppies in decorations. It was also reported that poppies were used to decorate hats and corsages. Two units reported distributing poppies at local rest homes and one distributed them at their high school. Members reported 1,567 miles driven for the poppy program and volunteering 886 hours. One unit has a permanent poppy display at the Post Home. In addition to National Poppy Day and Memorial Day, units reported distributing poppies on Flag Day, the 100th Legion Birthday and Veterans Day.

The department Poppy Chairman reported driving 1,000 miles to pick up poppies from the veterans making them, volunteering 300 hours. There were 4 veterans making poppies, producing 80,000+ poppies.

Pam King, Poppy Chairman Department of Kansas

VETERANS ASSISTANCE AND REHABILITATION

6 Districts Reported- 2,3,5,6,8, and 10.

Districts 2 and 5 were the 1st

District 2, Did comfort items canteen books 450 Spirt Cards with little treats were delivered to the domiciliary over the year. One member made cards and Auxiliary stuff and signed them. 65 Handmade stocking caps stuffed with goodies for Christmas.

Clothing for men and women and puzzle books were donated to Annie's closet. one member donated 175 hours in Annie's Closet sorting and giving out items to vets. Tray favors, Turkey, Santa's and Valentines delivered Dom by Juniors. Coat drive with Great Clips by Legion and SAL brought in 250 coats and jackets gloves, scarves sweaters and sweatshirts. All was donated to a school in KCKS.

Red White and Blue scarves were crocheted and delivered to the VA: Postage, Dollar days Hallowfest, and a Fish fry receive monetary gifts. Gift shop money donated totaled app, 525.00, over 5000 gifts totaling \$72,000. Leavenworth totaled \$5,695 plus the \$72,000 for Christmas Gifts.

Winfield Christmas items \$300 Fort Riley \$50 Christmas shop

Purse drive over 100 purses were collected for women across the Kansas City area. Money and Gift baskets were delivered to Police and Firemen protecting us and Veterans \$250

Wounded Warriors, Wreaths Across America, Vets Assistance Program, Veterans Writing Project, and Boxes mailed overseas to troops, \$463 donated or spend. and our Family Service Project spend \$585.

Sock hop was held with socks 750 pairs of socks were then donated to the tiny homes project in KCMO. Nursing Homes were Visited with cookies, socks, candies, and comfort items were given out. Don't want veterans to feel forgotten. Total \$7118 plus the \$72,000 gifts \$79,110. 1535 Hours reported. Reports received by 15, 19, 25, 1 53, 156, 279, 327, 350, 370, and 385.

District 5

7 reports received all 7 units helped with Robert Dole Veterans Hospital with Creative Art Festival , the needs of the Women Veterans Cancer patient with comfort bags, baby shower, The Clothes Closet, Back Packs for Christmas, Gift Shop, Coffee tour, Popcorn, Ditty bags for Veterans Day and Christmas, Foster Care dinners , Salute to Veterans Week. Unit 424 the e-unit , have members in different areas of Kansas and helped with Retiree Day at Leavenworth, and Vet Fair Eisenhower VA.

Other units had a pork chop dinner for Veterans Day and had a retired speaker from Fort Riley, Grade school made Veterans Day cards for local Veterans. units helped with Wraths across America, Suicide Awareness, Wound Warrior, Veterans funerals, Valentine and Christmas cards for local nursing homes. Christmas gifts in nursing homes. A unit attended Last roll call Robert Dole VA had at a church in Wichita. A unit adopt a Veterans at Christmas , Stockings for Children of Veterans. Auction, dinner and games for Veterans.

Hours	Miles	Dollars	Unit
1,500		\$2,000	81
3,000	8,911	\$200	4
281	3,074	\$515	424

District 6

19 member 575 hours 6400 miles \$825.00 spend 151 Veterans Serviced Donations to Topeka, Canteen Books, Gift shop Honor Flight

District 3

\$65,000 Donations, Bingo 1st,3rd,and 5th Monday, Funny money and have an Auction brought in \$115.58, Gift shop was normal

District 10

Unit 227 Served lunch after Memorial Day Service to Veterans. Served 45 Veterans and was open to the public. Legion/SAL served.

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAMS



**AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND
KANSAS DISASTER FUND
UNIT DISASTER FUND**

District 2
Department of Kansas
Chairman – Cindy Ward

Total Number of Units: 19

Number of Units Reporting: 0

Each Unit as emailed Quarterly updates from our Department of Kansas Chairman – Cindy Ward. As she toured the Units, she discussed the purpose of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and how it could help a unit or a member if need. She would leave information with regards to Auxiliary Emergency Fund and posted information on the District 2 Facebook page.

“Bees” were made by the Chairmen and sold throughout the District as a fundraiser.

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| 1. How many Units contributed to Auxiliary Emergency Fund? | 0 |
| 2. How man Units made Memorial Contributions to AEF? | 0 |
| 3. Did the Units amount contributed exceed last year’s contributions? | No |
| 4. Did the Units explain the Auxiliary Emergency Fund? | 9 (By CAW) |
| 5. How many Units applied for Assistance? | 0 |
| 6. How many applications were approved? | N/A |
| 7. Did any Units try new ways to raise money for this project? | N/A |
| 8. Explain ways if Yes. | |
| 9. Comments: | |
| 10. N/A | |

Cindy Ward,
District Chairman

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Trish Ward, Chairman

Committee Members: Kristen Hensley and Ann Barnes

Data and Metrics:

Total Districts: 10

Total Districts Reporting: 10

100% Response Rate

In response to a significant overhaul to the American Legion Auxiliary's national governing documents, it's encouraging to see our Kansas department and districts following with critical updates and revisions. Chairmen at all levels did a great job making their Constitution & Bylaws governing documents

completely gender neutral and assure the eligibility clause was in alignment with the national organization. Reports were received from all ten districts, which reflects a 100% response rate. Thank you to these units who made reviewing and updating their documents a priority in this administrative year. Although often not everyone's favorite program, regular reviewing and revising rules is critical to assuring we can perform our mission on behalf of those we serve. Every unit should make sure that copies of their Constitution & Bylaws are available to members, and everyone should understand how they can be amended. Taking an active role and participating in the amendment process enables everyone's voice to be heard and opinions valued. As our units, districts and department looks to rebuild and grow its membership, it is a recommendation that a Constitution & Bylaws learning module be created and delivered during department events to help members understand structure and best practices as related to governing documents. A few members with some basic skills are all that's needed to keep governing documents accurate and current.

Members reported gathering for review meetings and taking action to correct and adjust language. Making it fun and interesting is a great start to getting the Constitution & Bylaws program off and running. A few members still jumped in to take pictures of the team "reading" their governing documents. in fun and interesting places. Get creative and have fun reading and updating your C&B!



The Department of Kansas was fortunate to secure the services of American Legion Auxiliary Professional Registered Parliamentarian Chris Dickey to work with the C&B team to clean up, clarify and improve the structure of the Department's Constitution,

Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Policies. It is the hope that the major changes and overhaul accomplished over the last few years will set the stage for excellence for our members and department. Our "brown bag" sessions at Department Convention are always a hit and the Q&A sessions held at Mid-Winter Forum have served to allow members to gain knowledge and understanding about priorities related to our governing documents and how each member can play a positive role and have their voice and opinions heard and acknowledged. Each year the Constitution & Bylaws Committee strives to connect with members, answer questions and encourage interest about how the rules serve to support our mission and encourage activism within our programs.

As the great actor Tony Randall said, "Words can make us laugh, cry, go to war, fall in love." In his article that ran in the ALA magazine a few years back titled "The Wonder of Words," he quoted Rudyard Kipling who called "words" the most powerful drug of mankind. As we work to serve our members by inspecting the words used in our governing documents, now more than ever it is critical that we be good stewards of our rules and remain fluid as changing priorities periodically require our organization to adjust and amend. Great job Kansas and Bravo to our units and districts who worked hard to make sure their governing documents were regularly reviewed and available to all members. Your work is valued, and you are appreciated!

LEADERSHIP

The members of the Department of Kansas continued strengthening their knowledge of the American Legion Auxiliary. 10 out of 10 Districts reported. Units and Districts reported that they had discussed the different ways that leadership was exhibited. The difference between what have been traditions and what are actually rules was discussed. Forms were reviewed and discussed. A Flow Chart was developed by Sonia Wiley to show the movement of Impact forms.

The Leadership Chairman and Cochairman, "the Lindas" were invited by Department Commander Jeremy Ehart and outgoing Department Commander Marri Krupco to participate in the Legion Leadership College.

The Leadership Lindas presented the program to 3 Districts. President Marcia Cottrell, Parliamentarian Sharon Spiker, Finance Chairman Jeanne Haas, and Constitution & Bylaws Chairman Trish Ward presented a ALALAPALOOZA to our new 10th District.

There were 5 applications for Unit Member of the Year. What an interesting group.

Thanks to Denise, Angela, Pam, Brenda, Loma, Marsha, Bonnie, Carolyn, Tracy, and Dorothy for your help and input.

Thanks to my Co-Chairman, Linda Sullivan, for her being there on this

journey. Linda Hicks
Leadership Chairman '21-'23
ALA Department of Kansas

MEMBERSHIP

Membership End of Year Report 2022-2023

" Don't *Get* Bee-hind in the *race* for membership! "

Hello *American* Legion Auxiliary Members!

It has been *a such a* privilege to serve *as* your Department Vice-President over this *past year*. I have been able to meet *many* new people *and* learned new techniques to retain *and* attract new members from some *of* those members themselves. I am *always* striving to *learn* new things *and* *pass* on that *information*, *and* it was *a great* experience to visit with members from different sized units!

We *all* have some of the same obstacles to overcome, just to different degrees.

Declining member renewals, with slow growth *rates and not* enough resources or time to combat it at *an effective rate* is one of the biggest issues we *are* all *facing*. We need to continue to work together to strategize *and* implement new *and* different *ways to retain and* gain new members! And just *as* important be more accepting *of* how much time *a* member *can* contribute. The member who *can* put in 3 hours *a* month is just *as* important *as* the member who *can* put in 30. If it *wasn't* for *all* the tireless hours that our members put in, our mission statement *and* purpose *would* be nothing but empty words. Therefore, let's all continue to *work* membership throughout the *year*. Together!

Information to Pass on and Keep in Mind

- *Make* sure those transmittals *are* filled out correctly and double check the math.
- Only send in COPIES of the applications and ensure that all the places *are* filled out that should be.
- *Get all* the correct signatures on the applications.
- Current great great-granddaughters, that have expired memberships can have their current and previous year's dues paid and keep their membership.

Ideas for your membership programs:

- Create *a* "Member Wanted Flyer or Posting" and host *an* event for recruitment.
- Just Ask! You never know what will happen if you just start talking to someone about what the ALA *means to you and our* mission. Know Your Why! If you want to convince them why our organization is so awesome;

you need to be *ready* to tell them why you *are* involved.

- It *can take* up to 7 personal contacts to get a new member, so don't smother them but don't forget about them either. Use different means of communication. Send communiques to your members who don't come to your meetings *and* remind them why they *are* important, not just when you *are asking* for their dues.

Resources

The ALA Facebook page	https://www.facebook.com/ALADeptofKansas/
The Department Website	http://www.kslegionaux.org/
The National Website	https://www.legion-aux.org/

Congratulations to the Department of Kansas! We got almost 400 new members this year and our membership numbers are above 85%. These achievements wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and hours put in from our entire membership and our District Vice-President's. A special thanks to all of them!

We are stronger working together and not against one another.

Respectfully,
Anndi Bownes, Department Vice-President

Department of Kansas Public Relations Report 2022-2023

The Department of Kansas is comprised of 10 Districts. Of these, eight reported they have a public relations team or are active in public relations for their units/districts, and of these, four districts submitted an annual report to the Department Chairperson.

More than 485 American Legion Auxiliary members and two Junior members were reported to participate in Public Relations activities for this year spending a total of 547 hours. More than 350 miles were traveled and approximately \$510 were spent, showing the effort put forth to promote this amazing program while keeping cost to an all-time low.

Members reported approximately 4,134 individuals were impacted by the public relations activities this year, which included personal e-mails, Facebook, Twitter, newsletters, local newspaper articles, Zoom, Skype, television programs, radio, Chamber of Commerce events, promotion through electronic signs in communities, and, most importantly, word of mouth. Additionally, three Districts, along with the Department, constructed press books for the year.

Some of the major programs impacted were Veterans and Affairs, Children and Youth, Community, Poppy, V-E Days, Flag Days, Give 10, Rosie the Riveter, Active-Duty Military Families, Oratorical, Homecomings, and Legion Bikers.

On behalf of the Department of Kansas, it has been a pleasure serving as the Department of Kansas Public Relations Chairperson for 2022-2023.

Cassie Bailey

Department of Kansas

KANSAS STANDING COMMITTEES



CAVALCADE OF MEMORIES

M **TODAY'S**
Moments
ARE
M **TOMORROW'S**
Memories


PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY

Paula Sellens

The purpose of the Past Presidents Parley (PPP) committee is to utilize the experience and knowledge of Past Department Presidents, Past District and Unit Presidents for mentorship and encouragement of future ALA leaders at all levels of the organization.

The project focus is the Medical Scholarship, given the overwhelming need for increasing our healthcare force which has been critically demonstrated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This scholarship is 100% donation funded. The Medical Scholarship is available only to children and grandchildren of Veterans, so in that way, and consistent with our organization's core mission, it supports Veterans and their families through assisting with education in the healthcare field.

Last year's luncheon was held in the Madison West Room at the Ramada Inn Hotel at noon. The cost of the lunch was \$12 per person. If memory serves me right there were 9 Past Presidents attending the luncheon. There was no business to come before the group and no scholarships were awarded.

This year's PPP will be held in the Madison West Room, the same as last year. There are nine PPP signed up for luncheon. Ann Rehbein Central Division National Vice President will also be attending the luncheon. Sadly, there were no applications received and no scholarships to be awarded for this past year.

CREDENTIALS



DISTRICT 1

UNIT	MEMBERSHIP	DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES	DELEGATES AT LARGE	ALTERNATES	GUESTS	VOTING STRENGTH
Atchison #6	21	3					
Effingham #285	11	3					
Holton #44	28	3					
Lansing #411	14	3					
Leavenworth #23	45	3					
Leavenworth #94	21	3					
Mayetta #410	14	3					
Oskaloosa #36	36	3					
Ozawkie #225	133	5					
Perry - #142	24	3					
Rossville #31	19	3					
Tonganoxie #41	10	3					
Topeka #1	52	4					
Topeka #319	7	3					
Topeka #400	162	6					
Topeka #421	26	3					
Troy #55	15	3					
Wathena #161	59	4					
White Cloud #154	13	3					
Winchester #387	24	3					
TOTAL –UNITS 20	764	67					

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	MEMBERSHIP	DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES	DELEGATES AT LARGE	ALTERNATES	GUESTS	VOTING STRENGTH
Argentine Eagles KC #213	55	4					
Baldwin City #228	9	3					
Blue Mound #279	78	4					
Fort Scott #25	15	3					
Gardner #19	164	6					
Garnett #48	18	3					
Iola #15	35	3					
KC Quindaro #199	70	4					
Lawrence #14	31	3					
Lenexa #407	47	3					
Louisburg #250	181	6					
Moran #385	71	4					
Mound City #248	28	3					
Olathe #153	172	6					
Osawatomie #204	24	3					
Overland Park #370	209	7					
Paola #156	77	4					
Shawnee #327	122	5					
Spring Hill #350	27	3					
TOTAL – 19 UNITS	1,433	77					

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	MEMBERSHIP	DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES	DELEGATES AT LARGE	ALTERNATES	GUESTS	VOTING STRENGTH
Arkansas City #18	70	4					
Arma #182	96	5					
Baxter Springs #206	17	3					
Caney #138	14	3					
Cedar Vale #201	17	3					
Chanute #170	194	7					
Cherokee #15	35	3					
Coffeyville #20	65	4					
Columbus #3	50	4					
Erie #102	101	5					
Girard #26	43	4					
Howard #149	92	5					
Independence #139	67	4					
Pittsburg #394	31	3					
Weir #272	10	3					
Winfield #10	135	6					
TOTAL – 17 UNITS	1037	66					

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	MEMBERSHIP	DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES	DELEGATES AT LARGE	ALTERNATES	GUESTS	VOTING STRENGTH
Abilene #39	25	3					
Allen #289	11	3					
Alma #32	36	3					
Burlington #38	4	3					
Chapman #240	43	3					
Clay Center #101	73	4					
Emporia #5	125	5					
Gridley #296	34	3					
Herington #12	13	31					
Hillsboro #366	69	4					
Hope #365	8	3					
Junction City #45	104	5					
Lebo #323	34	3					
Leonardville #40	39	3					
LeRoy #313	15	3					
Lincolnton #347	11	3					
Manhattan #17	177	6					
Maple Hill #130	20	3					
Melvern #317	5	3					
Osage City #198	35	3					
Peabody #95	31	3					
Saint George #260	20	3					
Saint Mary's #178	17	3					
Toronto #325	8	3					
Wamego #172	25	3					
Waverly #119	20	3					
Westmoreland #186	24	3					
Yates Center #13	26	3					

TOTAL – 28 UNITS	1052	121					
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DISTRICT 5

UNIT	MEMBERSHIP	DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES	DELEGATES AT LARGE	ALTERNATES	GUESTS	VOTING STRENGTH
Andover #406	12	3					
Canton #192	38	3					
Derby #408	73	4					
El Dorado #81	84	4					
Halstead #231	45	3					
Lindsborg #140	69	4					
Maize #419	29	3					
Marquette #253	137	5					
McPherson #24	201	7					
Mulvane #136	120	5					
Newton #2	98	5					
Sedgwick #268	62	4					
Wellington #81	48	3					
Whitewater #65	13	3					
Wichita #4	73	4					
Wichita #256	34	3					
Wichita #273	99	4					
Wichita #401	16	3					
Wichita #424	16	3					
TOTAL – 19 UNITS	1267	73					

DISTRICT 6

UNIT	MEMBERSHIP	DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES	DELEGATES AT LARGE	ALTERNATES	GUESTS	VOTING STRENGTH
Alton #87	22	3					
Belleville #133	8	3					
Burr Oak #263	36	3					
Concordia #76	230	7					
Dorrance #334	34	3					
Ellsworth #174	42	3					
Esbon #368	19	3					
Holyrood #200	21	3					
Hunter #77	25	3					
Kensington #166	16	3					
Lebanon #185	18	3					
Lucas #267	14	3					
Natoma #109	24	3					
Russell #99	25	3					
Salina #62	99	4					
Scandia #193	67	4					
Smith Center #220	9	3					
Sylvan Grove #359	7	3					
Tescott #255	38	3					
Wilson #262	27	3					
TOTAL – 20 UNITS	781	66					

DISTRICT 7

UNIT	MEMBERSHIP	DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES	DELEGATES AT LARGE	ALTERNATES	GUESTS	VOTING STRENGTH
Anthony #54	25	3					
Attica #298	13	3					
Burdett #280	20	3					
Ellinwood #320	18	3					
Garfield #300	8	3					
Geneseo #241	31	3					
Great Bend #180	97	4					
Hardtner #175	12	3					
Hoisington #286	42	3					
Hutchinson #68	186	6					
Isabel #98	14	3					
Kiowa #146	16	3					
Larned #106	32	3					
Little River #258	25	3					
Macksville #52	12	3					
Medicine Lodge #69	17	3					
Pratt #86	6	3					
Stafford #131	16	3					
Sterling #128	79	4					
TOTAL – 19 UNITS	669	62					

DISTRICT 8

UNIT	MEMBERSHIP	DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES	DELEGATES AT LARGE	ALTERNATES	GUESTS	VOTING STRENGTH
Bucklin #269	12	3					
Copeland #369	21	3					
Dighton #190	33	3					
Dodge City #47	48	3					
Garden City #9	25	3					
Jetmore #290	19	3					
Liberal #80	5	3					
Ness City #152	120	5					
Satanta #276	18	3					
Ulysses #79	32	3					
Utica #380	1	3					
TOTAL – 11 UNITS	334	35					

DISTRICT 9

UNIT	MEMBERSHIP	DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES	DELEGATES AT LARGE	ALTERNATES	GUESTS	VOTING STRENGTH
Agra #357	17	3					
Atwood #46	3	3					
Bird City #352	19	3					
Bogue #356	1	3					
Colby #363	23	3					
Grainfield #301	25	3					
Hays #173	50	4					
Jennings #351	21	3					
Kirwin #277	4	3					
Logan #281	22	3					
Norton #63	74	4					
Oberlin #70	64	4					
Seldon #321	1	3					
Wakeeney #197	6	3					
TOTAL – 14 UNITS	330	45					

DISTRICT 10

UNIT	MEMBERSHIP	DELEGATES ALLOWED	DELEGATES	DELEGATES AT LARGE	ALTERNATES	GUESTS	VOTING STRENGTH
Barnes #145	39	3					
Beattie #244	25	3					
Bern #326	7	3					
Blue Rapids #169	20	3					
Centralia #216	18	3					
Clifton #227	138	5					
Fairview #322	16	3					
Frankfort #181	69	4					
Greenleaf#235	35	3					
Hanover #306	74	4					
Horton #415	18	3					
Linn #237	60	4					
Marysville #163	195	6					
Powhattan #373	49	3					
Sabetha #126	10	3					
Seneca #21	42	3					
Summerfield #362	31	3					
Washington #91	14	3					
Waterville #332	17	3					
Wetmore #282	47	3					
TOTAL – 20 UNITS	924	68					