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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024



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NEW DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

www.kansasala.org

It's already May!!! I can't believe how fast this year has gone by. It certainly has been my pleasure to serve as your Department President this year. I have to say that I could not have done it without our team which includes all of you!!

Lots of traveling and lots of miles in April attending the District Conventions. Congratulations to all the new District Officers. Now it is time to get ready for our Department Convention. I hope to see everyone there. Dress in your best Mardi Gras on Sat and don't forget your coins. Be sure to read the Call to Convention located in this edition of the Sunflowerette.

We have had some changes in the Department office. We have Meagan joining us. Be sure to welcome her when you call the office.

Until we meet again,

God bless our troops, and the great United States, and God Bless all of us!!

Your President

Cheryl

Marching to the Beat of Membership

Tracy Kinnick – Department VP

It is hard to believe that it has been almost a year since we started our journey together with membership. I have enjoyed every one of you, as well as our monthly membership calls.

What now? Well, we still have some time to work on our membership for the 2024 year. Each unit has until June 30th, 2024, to get memberships in, keep in mind that this is also the cut-off for delegates to the National Convention. If you would like for your district to be represented, keep working on that membership. Our membership percentage also determines the seating at the National Convention, how amazing would it be to sit up front in New Orleans?

How can we continue to increase membership? Have you reached out to those who have not renewed? Invite them to a special free dinner or event if they renew their membership and offer a discount on membership if they renew now before the Department Convention. Offer a challenge to members of your unit to sign up one new person, who has family that they have not signed up yet?

Remember if you have not renewed your membership, you are not eligible for membership privileges, this includes voting in your unit meetings, district meetings, and department convention. Renew today so that you can have your input into the direction of our organization.

Thank you to every one of you for your hard work and dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary. It takes all of us working together for our veterans, their families, and our active military. They need us, and we need to work our programs and missions for them!

Let's get ready for an amazing Department Convention!

**To see the most recent membership numbers
please go to this link...**

https://www.kansasala.org/_files/ugd/142f8e_7f4d81f9f71b4e0bbcde6c136280b0c8.pdf

A New Beginning Coming Soon

By Kristen Hensley, Department Chaplain



In the American Legion Auxiliary, the month of May begins the ending of the current leadership year. Everyone is wrapping up all their tasks and duties in preparation for the newly elected leadership to take over after the June convention. As we are finishing our tasks, reports, and terms, it's important to take a moment and reflect on the accomplishments and lessons learned during this past year.

With recording our successes and failures, and passing that information on, we help to mentor those that come after us and give them inspiration to set and reach goals that take the organization further than during your tenure. This is how the American Legion Auxiliary continues to grow and scale for the needs of all that we serve, especially the new generation of veterans we need to help. We must guard against self-pride and encourage those that come after us to go further than we were able to during our term(s). We only do this by not holding tight the information and make sure we actively engage in mentoring them.

Proverbs 16:18 says *"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall"*. It is imperative for our organization that we don't keep captive the information and knowledge away from those that come after us, nor censor what is passed along out of the need to feel irreplaceable in keeping things going. This is a form of pride. As Proverbs states, by doing this, it will further damage the reach of our organization and could cause the beginning of our collective 'fall'. We all want to feel needed; we want to feel pivotal to the functioning of our group, but you'll find that being humble and passing all the information along that we can, good or bad, you become even more important and irreplaceable. You become the fountain of wisdom others seek out. This, my friends, is how you create your everlasting legacy.

It has been my honor to help each of you in your spiritual journey as we work for the betterment of our veterans, their families, children & youth, and the communities they live in. I pray that each of you continue in your love of the work we do and the organization that allows us to bless others with our talents. Remember to cherish each other. As we have said all year long, Teamwork makes the Dream Work!

Prayer: Father God, as we begin the end of our terms, appointments, and leadership year, I pray that each of us has the courage to reflect on our own hearts, drives and ambitions and take a minute to promise ourselves not to be prideful in the information we pass along. Guard us from the desire to control all the knowledge to feel relevant. Give us courage to pass the information on and grant those recipients the wisdom in how best to utilize that information, good or bad. We come before you humbly and ask for your favor on all the newly elected incoming leaders, that you grant them discernment and wisdom for the coming year. In your Holy Name, Amen.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION INFO....

To see more info please go to the Dept Website

www.kansasala.org

Call to convention packets are in the mail.

As per Standing Rules VIII. Finance, 2. A.. 1. A registration fee of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars shall be paid by each delegate, alternate, and visitor attending the Department Convention and by each person attending the Forums and conferences. A registration fee of five (\$5.00) dollars shall be paid by each junior member attending the Department Convention, Forums or Conferences.

Take note of registration and meeting time changes.

If you have any questions let us know. Hope to see you all there, looking forward to a great convention!

CALL TO CONVENTION



CALL TO CONVENTION FOR THE 103rd DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS CONVENTION

The 103rd Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kansas is hereby called to meet in Topeka, Kansas on May 31st, June 1-2nd.

Headquarters will be at the Ramada Inn, 420 SE 6th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66607. Room rates are \$94.00 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 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)

C&B Proposed Amendments 2024 Department Convention

ALA - Department of Kansas
June 2024
Summary of Proposed Amendments to:
Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules

Note: CA=Consequential Amendment. An Amendment to be presented in support of aligning with a proposed amendment. If proposed amendment passes, consequential amendments follow suit to align.

Page Number Packet	C&B Page Number	Reference Number	Item Location	What is it? What's Going On	Required Vote to Pass	Notes
1	3	Proposal #1	Constitution, Article V, Section 1	Removes NEC and Alternate NEC from this Article; Defines terms of officers	2/3	
2	3	Proposal #2	Constitution, Article V, Section 2 (new)	Adds NEC and Alternate NEC to new article with new term	2/3	
3	5	Consequential Amendment #2-1	Bylaws, Article I, Section 1	Strike the word "annually" allowing for a term that is different than annually for a position	2/3	If Proposal #2 passes, this is required to align
4	5	Consequential Amendment #2-2	Bylaws, Article I, Election of Officers, Section 1, new subsection a and b	Add in new subsection a that states the NEC and Alt NEC shall be elected bi-annually and new subsection b that clarifies no member may serve as NEC or Alt NEC for more than two consecutive two-year terms	2/3	If Proposal #2 passes, this is required to align
5	3	Proposal #3	Constitution, Article VI, Department Executive Committee, Section 1	Revises language aligned to Past Department Presidents serving on the Department Executive Committee shall have voice only, no vote	2/3	
6	3	Proposal #4	Constitution, Article VI, Department Executive Committee, Section 3 (NEW)	Clarifies that no member of the DEC may serve as an employee in the ALA Department of Kansas	2/3	
6	6	Proposal #5	Bylaws, Article II, Duties of Officers, Section 3, Secretary/Treasurer, new subsection i	Revises duties of Department Secretary/Treasurer	2/3	
7	6	Proposal #6	Bylaws, Article II, Duties of Officers, Section 3, Secretary/Treasurer, new subsection j	Adds duty that the Corporate Secty/Treasurer is responsible for managing, distributing and archiving all DEC compliance paperwork	2/3	
8	6	Proposal #7	Bylaws, Article II, Duties of Officers, Section 6, NEC	Moves item from incorrect place in Standing Rules to the Bylaws	2/3	Housekeeping
9	7	Proposal #8	Bylaws Article III, Section 4 Quorum	Revises the structure of the quorum for the DEC	2/3	
10	7	Proposal #9	Bylaws, Article III, Department Executive Committee, Section 5 REMOVAL, New Paragraph	Clarifies that a member who has been removed from the DEC may not vote on the DEC regardless of their current role as a member serving the organization	2/3	

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DEPARTMENT CONVENTION 5/31 - 5/1-2

Call to Convention will be in your hands soon!!!!!!

Read and share with Members!!!!!!

Don't forget to send in Delegate sheet!!!!!!

Bring your membership card!!!!!!

Information will be on an Email blast and on the new Department
Website!!!!!!

SEE YOU AT DEPARTMENT CONVENTION!!!!!!!

Coupons for the Troops!



We have a special request from one of our overseas commissaries: They need coupons!

This is a great opportunity to get members involved in working the mission of National Security, especially those members who may be homebound.

Below are some helpful tips and the contact information on where to send the coupons:

1. Only Manufacturer's Coupons may be used. This can include coupons for food, non-food items like hygiene or cleaning supplies, baby items such as diapers, and pet supplies. ***The commissary is unable to accept store coupons, restaurant coupons or internet coupons.***
2. Cut out the coupons. Please do not send sheets of unclipped coupons.
3. Overseas Commissaries are permitted to accept expired manufacturer coupons up to 6 months past the expiration date. Be sure to consider the time it will take to mail the coupons and for the commissary to sort.
4. Try and sort the coupons before mailing: separate the expired (or soon to expire) from the non-expired. Then separate and group together by type: Food, Non-food, baby & children, and pets.
5. Send the coupons to the below address:
Yokosuka Commissary
PSC 473 BOX 33
FPO AP 96349

DONA

We will be having a baby shower on May 4th from 10-2 at our Women's VA Resource Fair. Due to storage issues, we are only asking for these gender-neutral items. We appreciate any help you would be willing to give. Thank you!

Robert Dole VA Hospital Baby Shower flyer if you would like to donate anything on this list contact Linda Wilson.
316-617-0621

Baby Books (40)

\$25 Gift Cards (40)

Baby Blankets/quilts (40 gender-neutral only)

Baby Shampoo (40)

Baby Lotion (40)

Baby Body Wash (40)

Baby Wipes (80)

Small laundry baskets (40)



RETURN TO YOUR DISTRICT PRESIDENT

UNIT OFFICER AND CHAIRPERSON LIST

Unit Presidents please report the following information to the incoming District President by JUNE 1 of each year.
 If your unit has not appointed anyone for all of the below officer and/or chairpersons, the unit president's information will be inserted for that position in order to receive all correspondence necessary for your unit. Please make sure that the information provided below is correct, for it will be published by the Department of Kansas.

UNIT NAME AND NUMBER: _____ CITY: _____ DISTRICT: _____

UNIT OFFICERS:

OFFICER POSITION	OFFICER NAME	ADDRESS, CITY, AND ZIP CODE	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS
President				
Vice President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Chaplain (3)				
Historian (3)				
Sgt-At-Arms				

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UNIT CHAIRPERSONS:

CHAIRPERSON POSITION	CHAIRPERSON NAME	ADDRESS, CITY, AND ZIP CODE	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS
Advisory (1)				
ALA Girls State (2)				
Americanism (2)				
(AM) Oratorical (2)				
Audit (1)				
Auxiliary Emergency Fund (3)				
Cavalcade of Memories (1)				
Children and Youth (2)				
(CY) Cadet Law (2)				
Community Service (2)				
(CS) Eisenhower Pilgrimage (2)				
Constitution and Bylaws (3)				
Education and Scholarship (2)				

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Finance (1)				
Junior Activities (2)				
Leadership (3)				
Legislative (2)				
Membership (3)				
National Security (2)				
Past Presidents Parley (1)				
Poppy (2)				
Public Relations (3)				
Strategic Planning (1)				
Technology (1)				
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (2)				

1. Kansas Standing Committees via Department Bylaws, Article 4-Appointment of Committees, Section 2 (2020).
2. Mission Support Committees via Department Bylaws, Article 4-Appointment of Committees, Section 2 (2020).
3. Member Support Committees via Department Bylaws, Article 4-Appointment of Committees, Section 2 (2020).

Last updated: July, 2021

The new C&B is on the new website under
PROGRAM FORMS

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kansas



Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policies

Update: February 3, 2024

File Version: C_B_KS_02.3.24



Trish Ward Leadership Fund



Name:				
Address:				
Phone#:		Email:		
Gear	QTY	Color	\$ Each	Total
Camo Windbreaker		BLK/White		
Small			\$45.00	
Medium			\$45.00	
Large			\$45.00	
Xlarge			\$45.00	
XX Large			\$50.00	
XXX Large			\$50.00	
Cross Body Bag			\$20.00	
Baseball Hat - Mesh			\$25.00	
Ticket Drawing			\$20.00	
Shipping		Check One		
Pick-up @ dept Meeting			Free	\$0.00
Please Ship to me Direct			Flat Rate	\$5.95
			Grand Total	

Mail Order form to:
Trish Ward Leadership Development
2633 Shasten St
Grove, OK 74344

Donations also accepted via:

PayPal:
tbw_ksaux@yahoo.com

Venmo: @Patricia-Ward-25

UPCOMING EVENTS



Department of Kansas ALA JUNIOR CONVENTION 2024



May 17-18, 2024 Stay overnight or leave and come back!

\$5 Registration Fee for Juniors and \$15 for Adults



Begins Friday Night May 17 @ 6:00 pm.

Begins again Saturday Morning May 18 @ 9:00 am.



Thomas Hawkins American Legion Post #4

816 North Water ST Wichita KS 67203

Bring your donations towards the Honorary Junior President's Project
"Cleaning Kits"

- Come learn about the Junior Activities Program
- Information on how to start a Junior Program in your Unit!
- Learn about the Patch Program and work on Patch Activities
- Open to all ALA Members and SAL Youth Members
- Official Junior Convention Meeting will be held on Saturday
- If you stay overnight bring an air mattress and bedding.
- Please RSVP if you can, to help us plan for supplies and food.

Contact Department of Kansas Junior Activities Chairmen

Anndi Bownes~ anndimb@yahoo.com~620-228-4884

Sheila Snyder~sheka111@aol.com

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

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

2024 Kansas Boys State

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

Kansas State University

Applications for 2024 Boys State of Kansas Session Open

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

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

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

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

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

2024 Cadet law American Legion / Auxiliary Dept of Kansas

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

Kansas Highway patrol, Salina, KS

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

8th ANNUAL PASSPORT RIDE

JUNE 29TH 2024

ALL BIKES AND VEHICLES WELCOME

\$20 PER PASSPORT

REGISTRATION 9:15 AM

ALL BIKES OUT AT 10:30 AM

100 MILE RIDE

SILENT AUCTION

DELTA ECHO 5.56

RAFFLE

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PAOLA KANSAS
5 DELAWARE STREET

Please go to the New Dept Website www.kansasala.org
for more info!

From National

<https://www.legion-aux.org/Scholarships/FAQ>

Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship

Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

James H Parke Scholarship

**Samsung American Legion Scholarship
(ALA Girls/Legion Boys State)**

Certification of Scholarship by University or College

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 at Department office.

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