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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS NEWSLETTER

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Hello Kansas Members

What an honor it is to be your Department President for the 2023-2024 year. I am looking forward to having a very fun and successful year. I feel that I have a great leadership team to work with, however, you, the members are what makes the team.

My theme this year will be Mardi Gras and my motto is "**TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAMWORK**", To be the one. I hope that we can all work together as a team to reach our goals and to work together with the Legion Family.

I am a firm believer in "time and place." A time to get our business completed and have some fun doing it.

I look forward to working with each one of you this year as well as working with Commander Randy Frank and Detachment Commander Jim Gallentine.

Mark your calendars for the Fall Conference on September 16, 2023, in Pittsburg. I will be sending out more information soon.

Thank you for your support.

Your President, Department of Kansas

Cheryl Eastep



Thank you all for your confidence in me as your Department of Kansas Vice President. I am looking forward to working with all of you on membership. Membership is one of the biggest programs that we have, without our members we would not have an organization focusing on our veterans and their families.

A shout-out to those units who have reached the goal and above as of June 8, 2023:

District 1: Holton Unit 44, Wathena Unit 161.

District 2: Gardner Unit 19, Olathe Unit 153, Kansas City Unit 199, Kansas City Unit 213, Bluemound Unit 279, Overland Park Unit 370.

District 3: Winfield Unit 10, Cherokee Unit 35.

District 4: Peabody Unit 95.

District 5: Newton Unit 2, Wichita Unit 4, Wichita Unit 273, Lindsborg Unit 140, Marquette Unit 253, Derby Unit 408, Maize Unit 419.

District 6: Salina Unit 62, Ellsworth Unit 174, Lebanon Unit 185.

District 7: Sterling Unit 128.

District 8: Garden City Unit 9.

District 10: Sabetha Unit 126, Greenleaf 253, Linn Unit 273, Powhattan Unit 373.

Thank you to each one of you who continues to work towards membership. As of June 8th, we are short 1373 members towards our goal, there is still time for us to hit that 95% mark, however, it will take all of us working together to achieve that goal.

Reach out to me with any questions that you have at 316-655-5122, or Deptvicepresident@kslegionaux.org.



Fleur-de-lis – What Does It Mean?

By Kristen Hensley, Department Chaplain



The Fleur-de-lis's literal translation from French is "flower of lily/iris". The Fleur-de-lis traditionally represents French royalty and is said to signify perfection, light and life. One of the legends of the origins of this symbol was given by an angel to signify the King of the Franks, Clovis's purification, upon the conversion to Christianity. The angel presented Clovis with the fleur-de-lis.

Another legend states that Clovis adopted the symbol as it reminded him of the waterlilies that showed him how to safely cross a river allowing him to triumph in battle.

No matter which legend you tend to consider, this symbol has been used to signify French Royalty when it was first adopted by several Frankish Christian Kings including Charlemagne and has been adopted by many nations around the world. In Christianity, lilies symbolize purity and chastity. This is one of the reasons, traditionally, why the fleur-de-lis historically has represented the Virgin Mary.

So, what does this mean to us? This symbol can remind us to be a light in this world and breath of life to those we interact with while working our missions of the American Legion Auxiliary. The purity of our hearts and intentions will carry us through any conflict or trial we face.

***Prayer:** Father God, as we begin this new year, please bring hope, courage, and encouragement to our members and their families. Let them shine Your light for the world to witness. Let us go forth with pure hearts and minds. Help us touch each other's life and the lives of those we serve with your unwavering Grace. ~Amen~*

May God bless each and every one of you.

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1873

150TH ANNUAL OLD SOLDIERS & SAILORS

2023

REUNION

July 10-15, 2023 ~ Erie, Kansas

REUNION SPONSORED BY GEORGE L. HENDRICKS AMERICAN LEGION POST 102 & MAINSTREET MEMORIES

HONORING VETERANS PAST & PRESENT

MONDAY, JULY 10

PICTURE SCAVENGER HUNT

Entry forms available at Hitchy's Drug Store, City Hall and White Plumbing
Sponsored by the Erie Area Chamber of Commerce
Submit entries at White Plumbing by Thursday - one entry per family
MEDALLION SCAVENGER HUNT
Monday - Friday Noon (First Clue at 8:00am)

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY JULY 11-12

43rd ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION IPRA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO

TWO PERFORMANCES - July 11, 8 p.m., July 12, 8 p.m.

88, 88, 88 17M adm - 60 0P- 75, 0M CDR, CORR 300 adm

80 0P 75 1700 adm, 80 0P

Stall Cowboy's Fee: \$10 & 025 - \$10 75

Stall adm: Saturday, Jan 24 at 9 a.m. 02

Stall Chair Seating: July 24 at 9 a.m. 02

Stall: www.hendricks.com Phone: (620) 247-7602

OUTDOOR ARENA

WOMEN'S STOCK CONTRACTOR - 45MINUTE 210 CHILDREN 8:10 0P

WOMEN'S STOCK 30 0P - 500 0000 - CALL 620 247 074 07 0207

TOM SAWS 000 DURAMAX CHAMPION CHALLENGE

WOMEN'S & WOMEN'S WINNERS OF EVENTS EACH NIGHT WILL DRAW FOR 5000

It is approved by IPRA/MC KAPREN - Evented and used Track Cards Approved
Ask Steve Puckett Approve - 1 83 16 00

THURSDAY, JULY 13

5:30 p.m. PULLED PORK SANDWICHES/HOT DOG MEAL (City Park)

Sponsored by the Erie Area Chamber of Commerce

8:00 p.m. AMERICAN LEGION CHILDREN'S EVENTS (City Park)

Ages 1-18 - Cash Prizes to Winners of Each Event
Turtle Races - Bike Races - Sack Races

7:00 p.m. DINOSAUR PARK CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Near City Park

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. KIDS NIGHT SWIM

(After Kids Games)

FRIDAY, JULY 14

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. 30 DELTA PSI SORORITY

In front of Post's - Combined and Dessert

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Annual Automotive Swap Meet & Flea Market

306 S. Grant St. - Craft Vendors Welcome, Trade and
Outside Seating Available
(Call Jack Simmons 620-432-9632)

8:00 p.m. COURTHOUSE LAMB

FREE BEAN FEED

1200 pounds of Navy Beans

In Memory of Wally Harhoff and Robert Campbell.
They were loyal and dedicated Legion members.

8:00 to MIDNIGHT BEER GARDEN

Downtown Erie

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. FREE INFLATABLES

Fadlers to Towns - Sponsored by Pele's Corp.

7:00 to 10:00 p.m. DOUBLE TAKE

Free Concert - Downtown Erie (Blues & Classic Rock)

10:00 p.m. FREE FIREWORKS - Visible from Main Street

Baskets and T-Shirts on Main Street Friday

10:00 p.m. STREET DANCE

After Fireworks - Main Street

SATURDAY, JULY 15

7:00 to 10:00 a.m. 30 DELTA PSI & MASONIC LODGE #79 BREAKFAST
At Erie Federated Church - Pancakes, Sausage, Bread & Gravy

7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Annual Automotive Swap Meet & Flea Market
306 S. Grant St.

7:00 a.m. RUN FOR FUN REGISTRATION

Register 400 W. 4th Street (Erie Elementary School)

7:30 a.m. REUNION RIVER RUNWALK

5 Kilometers - Medals to Top Three Winners in Each Division
Men's & Women's Divisions: 12 & Under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49,
50-59, 60 & Over - Entry Fee: \$10 / \$20 for three plus \$1 per person.
No Short - Sponsored by Erie High School Cross Country Team

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CAR AND TRUCK SHOW - Runyon Addition

Check In from 8:00 a.m. until Noon, Entry Fee \$10

For Additional Information, Call (620) 238-1443

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ENGINE SHOW - Runyon Addition

For Additional Information, Call (620) 423-4193

8:00 a.m. ARTS & CRAFTS (Erie City Park)

For information, email: mainstreetmemories@gmail.com

8:30 a.m. READING OF THE NAMES AT MEMORIAL WALL

10:00 a.m. TEE TIMES - REUNION GOLF CLASSIC

PROFESSOR RIDGE GOLF COURSE - Call (620) 244-3434 to register
Two Men Scramble, \$40 per person - Cart rental (limited) \$10 per person

BEFORE PARADE - MAIN STREET

Picture Scavenger Hunt winners announced

10:30 p.m. DOWN MAIN STREET

BIG PARADE

2023 THEME: HONORING VETERANS PAST & PRESENT

All entries must be 500 block North Main by 9:30 a.m. for registration.
Prize: \$20 for Best Organization, Commercial, Best Family, Alumni,
Judge's Choice, Best Youth, Best Parade, Best Antique, Golf Cart or Side-by-Side

11:11 a.m. FLYOVER ABOVE MAIN STREET OP1 VETERANS

NOON BBQ CONTEST

Open to Public - \$10 per plate, Erie City Park

12:30 p.m. CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT

West End of City Park

AFTERNOON BAGS ACROSS MAIN STREET

Corn Hole Tournament, Call (620) 433-2414 for more info

5:30 p.m. ALL ERIE HIGH SCHOOL REUNION HAPPY HOUR

Tony's Function Junction, 10300 Highway 58

8:30 p.m. ALL ERIE HIGH SCHOOL REUNION MEAL

Tony's Function Junction - RSVP July 7

erhigh71@gmail.com for additional information

8:00 p.m. YOUTH RODEO - TUMBLE I RODEO PRODUCTIONS

7TH ANNUAL LET THE MINIS BUCK

BOOKS OPEN JULY 5

WALK TROTS (5 & Under)

PEE WEE (6-8 Years Old)

JUNIOR MISS (9-11 Years Old)

SENIORS (12-14 Years Old)

For Additional Information Or Entries, Call (620) 313-0321

Entry Fee: \$60

MEM-ERIE MUSEUM HOURS

Hours the Museum will be open during Reunion week will be:
Friday - 5-3 p.m.; Saturday - 11 a.m. until 777
Museum located at southwest corner of Main and 4th Streets

Schedule of the Old Soldiers & Sailors Reunion week subject to change



AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY DAY

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

For kids:

Bounce houses
Balloon animals
Board games
Face painting
Sidewalk chalk
Water balloons
Candy prizes

For adults:

Cornhole tournament
Door prizes
Horsehoes
Picture booth
Military displays
Motorcycle displays
Karaoke

SATURDAY
JULY 22

10AM - 8PM

730 W. 4th

Hutchinson, KS



HAWAIIAN LUAU THEME



The American Legion Family Homecoming



HONORING:

RANDY FRANK- AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
CHERYL EASTEP- AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT
JIM GALLETINE- AMERICAN LEGION SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER

August 12, 2023

12:00 pm Social Hour; 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Meal and Program

Shelton Beaty, American Legion Post 18
115 East Washington Ave, Arkansas City, KS
\$15.00 per person (RSVP by August 1, 2023), \$17.00 at the Door

Keynote Speaker – LTG (R) Perry Wiggins

Luncheon Menu:

Brisket
Cowboy Beans, Potato Salad, and Cole Slaw
Dinner roll with Butter and Desert

For Additional information or to RSVP, contact Randy Frank; 563-419-1474
(Please include the note below on meal selection)

-or-

Make checks payable to Randy Frank and send to
211 Floral Drive, Hillsboro, KS 67063

-----PLEASE CUT AND MAIL-----

NAME(S) _____

NUMBER OF MEALS _____

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF _____

POST/UNIT/SQUADRON # _____