

AMERICAN LEGION  
AUXILIARY

DISTRICT FIVE  
BOOK OF REPORTS  
2025

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FOR YEAR ENDED 2025

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## **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 during 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 principle 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.

DISTRICT FIVE CONVENTION  
McPherson, KS  
March 21, 2026

THE RULES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:

1. Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this Convention as provided by National, Department and District Constitution and By-Laws, on all points NOT covered by National, Department, and District Rules adopted by this Convention.
2. All Sessions of this Convention shall be called to order promptly or as soon as a quorum, twenty-five percent of the Units, is show present, in whole or in part.
3. The Convention assembly and the Sgt-at-Arms and the Pages shall permit no one to enter the assembly room during the election progress.
4. The Chair has the permission to deviate from the printed program when necessary.
5. Any member desiring to be recognized by the Chair, shall rise, address the Chair, state her name and the name and location of her Unit.
6. Past District Presidents, District Officers, including the members of the District Executive Committee, shall be seated with their delegation and are entitled to vote in this Convention.
7. Debate of any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minute to each speaker. No person shall speak on the same subject more than twice without the consent of the Convention.
8. Two (2) minutes shall be allowed for the reading of supplemental reports of the Officers, Committee Chairmen and Unit Presidents, except those of the District President, District Vice-President, Americanism, Children and Youth, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman.
9. The Credentials Committee shall report from time to time as directed by the Chair. Registration of delegates shall close at 11:00 AM, Saturday, March 21, 2026.
10. Any Committee recommending an appropriation of money shall confer with the Finance Committee before delegates vote on said recommendations.
11. Any proposed amendment to the District By-Laws must be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, signed by two (2) qualified delegates, not later than 12 PM, Saturday, March 21, 2026.

12. All resolutions must be in writing, signed by two (2) qualified delegates and submitted to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee for consideration not later than 1:30 PM, Saturday, March 21, 2026.
13. If there be but one (1) nominee for a District Office, the candidate shall be elected by acclamation. If there shall be more than one (1) nominee, election shall be by ballot.
14. All delegates shall be seated on the floor of the Convention in one section and with their Unit.
15. There shall be time allotted during this Convention to allow assembly to purchase Boutique tickets and not during the business session so as not to disturb the speaker.
16. Any of these Rules may be suspended by two-thirds vote of the delegation present, providing same constitutes a quorum, as stated In the District Five By-Laws.

MADAM PRESIDENT: I MOVE THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE AS PRESENTED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rules Committee Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Member

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT FIVE

OFFICER'S

REPORTS

**DISTRICT FIVE PAST PRESIDENTS  
AND  
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS FROM DISTRICT FIVE**

NAME	STREET	CITY	ST	ZIP	TELEPHONE	YEAR	UNIT	DEPT PR
Darlene McCartney	702 E 70 <sup>th</sup> St South	Wellington	KS	67152	620-326-2314	1984	Wellington # 90	1993
Orlene Saylor	P O Box 87	Gossel	KS	67053	316-804-4684	1990 & 2010-11	Newton #2	
Virginia Ball	1409 Pine	El Dorado	KS	67042	316-321-4096	1994	El Dorado #81	
Karen Hasting	301 S Taylor	El Dorado	KS	67042	316-320-1628	1997	El Dorado #81	2018
Myrna Rogers	711 C Cloud Ave Apt 1504	Andover	KS	67002	316-259-6349	1999 & 2004	Valley Center #73	2008
Teresa Rios	4731 W Harry	Wichita	KS	67209	316-942-2194	2001	Wichita #256	
Pat Teach	39 Sunnysdell Tr	S Hurchinson	KS	67505	316-772-2425	2003 & 2019-21	Halstead #231	
Carol R. Ek	907 Sycamore	McPherson	KS	67460	620-241-1131	2005	McPherson #24	
Linda Sullivan	917 W Sunrise Dr	Wichita	KS	67217	316-619-9834	2008 & 2009	Wichita #401	
Rose Sullivan	139 W 83 <sup>rd</sup> South	Haysville	KS	67060	316-218-3202	2012	Derby #408	
Debbie Evans	P O Box 747	Canton	KS	67428	620-628-4855	2013	Canton #192	
Deb Unruh	P O Box 282	Burrton	KS	67020	316-217-5730	2014	Newton #2	
Melissa Burton	304 S Bentwood	Rose Hill	KS	67133	316-644-7349	2015	Derby #408	2017
Linda Wilson	400 S C Apt 302	Wellington	KS	67152	316-617-0621	2016 & 2017	Wichita #401	
Tracy Kinnick	1614 Timberline Dr	Rose Hill	KS	67133	316-695-5122	2022	Wichita #424	2024
Jean Kimminau	4760 N Glendale	Bel Aire	KS	67220	316-200-4662	2023 & 2024	Maize #419	

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DISTRICT FIVE  
2025 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Once again, Kansas is in the Nation's eye. Kansas's own Dan Wylie is National American Legion Commander. ALA Department of Kansas received the Merit Medallion for Excellence at the National Convention in Tampa. Mulvane member Deb Plagmann received both the Department of Kansas and the National Member of the Year Award. And we have several candidates for National officer positions and chairmanships in the near future. What a privilege to work with such talent. Dole VA had three artists earn their way to National competition with Paula Zielke, US Army 1980-1993, bringing home high honors. Part of my President's Project is to pay for her lodging so she can personally receive her first place medals in Columbia, SC in June. We have a lot to be proud of thanks to all your hard work.

It has been an honor to represent District Five as your President for a second term. The rewards of working with staff and patients at the Dole VA are too many to mention, but two occasions highlight my year. One was working in a live art therapy classroom with patients as we all did ceramic pieces. The interaction with the group was priceless. The other outstanding event was having the honor to award the Art Show winners their medals and certificates. It's one of those times when "you just had to be there" to appreciate the magnitude of emotions.

Evelyn Shultz and I delivered membership packets that were not picked up at Department Convention. What a pleasure to visit with fourteen of our nineteen units lending support and mentoring. Thank you Evelyn Shultz, Linda Sullivan and Pat Teach for transportation to other events.

District Five continued holding STAR meetings in an effort to pass along valuable information. We have many new officers and chairmen and these meetings are designed to give a better understanding of leadership roles. We also conducted our first Zoom meeting primarily for the members in E-Unit 424 which are spread out all over the state but also for anyone that was unable to attend one of the other meetings.

I was honored to receive two \$500 grants from DeV Vaughn James, KAKE TV and FOX TV for Volunteer of the Month and Citizen of the Month. Footage of the presentations was aired by both stations. The funds furthered my President's Project to support the Dole VA Art Therapy Program with kiln fees and supplies. The newly formed Digital Light Therapy Program is well underway. This is an incredibly healing of the soul and mind therapy infused with density, color, and texture. My project funds have provided sixty-five filters for the camera equipment necessary to teach a variety of techniques. I'm anxious to see what will be entered in this year's Annual Art Show.

Thank you all for your support, kindness, and patience. Sincerely, Faye Evans

# DISTRICT/COUNTY/COUNCIL Year-End Impact Numbers Report

District/County Five Department Kansas

Number Units in District/County 19 Number of Units Reporting 18

Total Number of Members Reporting \_\_\_\_\_

Your name FAYE EVANS Email faye\_evans-2000@y.net.com

Here is what our units did in the past 12 months since May 1.

*underscores NOT dashes*

## 1. Our ALA Service for Veterans/Active-Duty/Reserve Military

	Service for Veterans/Military	Obtain Total From	Total
Line 1	Total hours members volunteered	Unit Form Line 1	5214
Line 2	Total dollars spent	Unit Form Line 2	\$ 21,718
Line 3	Total number of veterans/military assisted	Unit Form Line 3	1759
Line 4	Total number of "Veterans in Community Schools" presentations facilitated	Unit Form Line 4	0
Line 5	Value of in-kind donations received*	Unit Form Line 5	\$ 19,500
Line 6	Total number of poppies or poppy items distributed	Unit Form Line 6	3290
Line 7	Total dollars raised from poppies	Unit Form Line 7	\$ 645

\*Estimated cash value of non-cash donations from NON-MEMBERS of goods (like paper goods, clothing) or services (like pro-bono CPA services from a local firm)

## 2. Our ALA Service for Military Families

	Service for Military Families	Obtain Total From	Total
Line 8	Total hours members volunteered	Unit Form Line 8	3756
Line 9	Total dollars spent	Unit Form Line 9	\$ 2,005
Line 10	Total number of military families served	Unit Form Line 10	245

## 3. Our ALA Service for Youth

	Service for Children & Youth	Obtain Total From	Total
Line 11	Total hours for ALA Girls State	Unit Form Line 11	137
Line 12	Total dollars spent for ALA Girls State	Unit Form Line 12	\$ 2,245
Line 13	Total hours for other Legion Family youth activities	Unit Form Line 13	1022
Line 14	Total dollars spent on goods for youth activities	Unit Form Line 14	\$ 5663
Line 15	Total dollar amount of direct aid to help a needy child	Unit Form Line 15	\$ 225
Line 16	Total other UNIT expenses (parties, dinners, paper goods, trophies)	Unit Form Line 16	\$ 630
Line 17	Total number of children/youth served	Unit Form Line 17	699
Line 18	Total dollars to other child service charities	Unit Form Line 18	\$ 3857

4. Our Service Representing the ALA in Our Communities

	For any service not included in Sections 1-3	Obtain Total From	Total
Line 19	Total number of hours	Unit Form Line 19	25,361
Line 20	Total dollars spent	Unit Form Line 20	\$ 27,456

5. Scholarships our Units & District/County Presented/Awarded

	Scholarships	Obtain Total From	Units	District or County	Total
Line 21	Total number of scholarships presented or awarded	Unit Form Line 21			8
Line 22	Total dollar amount of scholarships	Unit Form Line 22	\$	\$	\$ 4000
Line 23	Total dollar amount donated to department scholarships	Unit Form Line 23	\$	\$	\$ 0

When completed, send to: Andi Bawnes by 1 / 1  
 (Get name and date from district or county, if applicable, or department)

**CONGRATULATIONS---YOU DID IT! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO  
 AND FOR REPORTING YOUR DISTRICT/COUNTY/COUNCIL'S IMPACT!**

## Department of Kansas

## District Program Report Form

**The report form is due to your department chair by February 28th.**

Find your Department Chairperson at: [www.kansasala.org](http://www.kansasala.org), under the ALA Committee, Committee chairperson list. Each district needs to complete a form for all ALA programs, if you did not work the program.

We should have 100% reporting each year.

Program Name 5<sup>th</sup> District Membership

Department Chair Name Evelyn Shultz

Dept. Chair Email welshultz@gmail.com Phone 316-558-0808

Units in District 19 Units Reporting 10

Hours Worked 6.58 Dollars Spent \$ 765.<sup>00</sup> Mileage 748

Veterans Helped Unknown Active Duty helped Unknown Military kids Unknown

Number of non-military Children helped Unknown

Summary of Activities I unit had several meeting on how to increase membership and attendance to events. Sent out reminders for activities & enclosed the presidence report so members would know what the unit was doing. Calls were made to members to donate to a bake sale. I unit mailed copies of minutes and financial reports to members that could not attend meetings and they transported members to meeting that no longer drive. 2 units used Alamis to update members information. Note cards & phone calls were made to members to remind them to pay dues. Members also talked to friends about becoming a member. A unit sent out welcome letters to new members and they had 2 nights to welcome new members. Membership packets were sent to all 19 units. Halstead unit get 1 new ju. member and Newton unit exceeded their goal for membership in 2025 resulting in 105.5% in membership.

American Legion Auxiliary District 5 History

2025-26

Judy Klein District Historian

Dedicated to our Auxiliary members so that our units can see their impact and continue to excel. Also sharing experiences that will assist future officers. So that the auxiliary histories can continue thru the future.

Dear lord, please give peace and grace to each of our members as work is done to help the Veterans and military families in their communities..

Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag  
of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic for which it stands,  
one Nation under God, indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all.

Star Spangled Banner

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched 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

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

## DISTRICT 5 OFFICERS

2025-2026

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Faye Evans  
District 5 President  
2025-2026

Officers were elected at the 5th District Convention held in McPherson, Ks. In March of 2025. Meetings were attended and there was a Poppy Hat Parade and lunch at the Post.

Several District officers were invited to Post 256 in January to help with a meeting and to give information on fixing issues with their sales tax exemption and officer election. Linda Sullivan, Jean Kimmineau, and Judy Klein were glad to help.

Our much loved Janelle Sanneman's Memorial was held by the Post in Marquette and was attended by members from all around the state. It was a lovely service and also a fundraiser for many projects at all levels.

All of your District 5 officers attended the Department convention in Topeka the last weekend in May. It is always good to see people you have missed from all across the state at the convention. It is also a great time to ask others about their fundraisers including what did and didn't go well. Constitutions and by-laws were handled very quickly during our meetings and the convention ended on time so that members traveling a long distance were able to head home.

District 5 held 2 Star training meetings in Derby and in Mulvane. And District 5 Homecoming was held in Mulvane at the Post in October.

In December, ALA was once again at the Dole VA in Wichita holding the Christmas gift shop. Newton once again donated backpacks for Veterans and there were hundreds of gifts donated and brought to the VA. Everything was put out on the tables to be looked over and selected by Veterans for their loved ones. Packages were mailed and some were even hand delivered due to the cost of postage. So many volunteers serve in every capacity as this event is completed each year.

The Canton Unit Unit 192 was really busy this year and reported 15 new members!!

Canton sent 2 girls to Girls State and offered 2 scholarships at their school. During their Memorial day activities, they honored 13 Gold Star Mothers! They participate in the Secret Santa program at the local Grade school. They have public dinners throughout the year as fund raisers and give mobility items to community members in need of those items.

Mulvane Unit #136 made sold cookbooks this year for a fundraiser and donated many hours of time and types of food for the Post functions. They also have Bingo nights at the Post.

Air Capitol Unit 401 was busy! With only 4 active members, they worked several hot-dog fundraisers and had several raffles going. They sponsored half of a Girls State scholarship, Supported a veteran family in need,, passed out poppy coloring pages to children, participated in the Dole VA Art Show, and transported both veterans and others to doctor's appointments and errands. Members also contributed money and time to many worthy causes, please see their report attached.

Maize Unit #419 held all its usual meetings until Jean our President suffered a stroke and had to slow down a little. You all know Jean and know this was not on her list! Still recovering, she is making huge progress and our unit did have members who attended District, and department meetings, Volunteered to work elections, spent many hours helping neighbors with appointments and needs. We worked hard setting up the Dole VA Gift Shop along with so many other ALA Ladies from across the District. Two of our members are District 5 officers.

Thank you for letting me represent you all as 5th District Historian.

Attached to this report are all the reports submitted to me by 5th District Historians, or Presidents.

Submitted by Judy Klein



5th District Historian

American Legion Auxiliary

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Department of Kansas

Unit Program Report Form

**The report form is due to your district chair by January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

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Program Name History

Unit Name Number Canton 192

Unit Program Chair Name Debbie Evans

Unit Program Chair Email debbieala@gmail.com Phone 620 755 3403

DID NOT PARTICIPATE \_\_\_\_\_

Hours Worked \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars Spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mileage \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans Helped \_\_\_\_\_ Active Duty helped \_\_\_\_\_ Military kids \_\_\_\_\_

Number of non-military Children helped \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of Activities

Canton 192 is a small unit with a declining membership. Those who choose to be active keep us moving forward. The addition of new members is a blessing. We meet monthly & conduct the business at hand. Mourn the loss of 2 members this past year. We try to think of creative ways to serve our Vets' Community. We support our Legion family - the Post-ALR & SAL. As a family we accomplish more than as a separate identity. In our schools we offer scholarships. 2 girls from our state had 2 girls go last year. we are a part of the Honor Guard at the McPherson County fair parade - participate & assist the Post in

USE BACK OF FORM IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE.

Memorial Day Activities Honor on 13 Gold Star Mothers. Enjoy the Trick or Treaters that come see us at Halloween - we are best with having "Santa Claus" visit as we have Christmas in Canton - with a Bake Sale & breakfast & he gives out treat bags we have made - we join with others in the Secret Santa Program at our local Grade School. We as a unit

adopt + shop for the children. Purchase toys + clothes -  
This year "Spiderman" was the choice of 1 boy for  
all he wanted. The girl was into "art items" + we  
went for ice cream after + then took the items to the  
school -

As a "first" I members plus myself  
attended the District 5 Convention + enjoyed it  
We offer meals throughout the year to the  
Community to raise funds for our programs +  
have given mobility items to those who have  
asked or have needs + we are happy to help.

## HISTORY REPORT AIR CAPITOL UNIT 401

Typically we have three or four members attend meetings. We worked three hotdog fundraisers at different Atwoods locations. Atwoods also donated a lighted USA yard sign that we raffled which was won by Deb Miller of Unit 4. Between those activities we raised a thousand dollars enabling us to sponsor half of a Girl's State scholarship, support a National Security project sending snacks and Christmas trees to 120 deployed troops, support a veteran family in need after illness caused both parents to lose their jobs just before having a baby and supporting the Dole VA Rehab center with care packages including towel, washcloth, toiletry and hygiene products, journal and pen and pizza. We also sponsored a Coffee Tour passing out snacks to all inpatients that had no restrictions. We stuffed ditty bags for VA patients for Veteran's Day and Christmas including personal notes in 100 Christmas cards. We also worked the Gift Shop doing a variety of tasks from collecting information from the patients to shopping, wrapping and shipping the packages. Some of the heavier boxes were hand delivered.

We passed out Poppies and Poppy coloring pages for children and patriotic wrapped tootsie rolls on National Poppy Day. We made wreaths for our two passed president's gravesites – LaWanda Sparr and Nana Lewis.

We attended and participated in the Annual Dole VA Art Show. We attended and participated in the Eisenhower Pilgrimage placing our unit rose and the District Five wreath during the ceremony.

As individuals, we contributed time and/or money to Packages for Warriors, St. Judes Children's Hospital, Disabled American Veterans, One Spark, Union Rescue Mission, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Carpenter Place, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We transported both veterans and others to doctor's appointments and errands. We delivered "Hope you are feeling better" baskets, and meals to sick. We sewed dresses for young girls in Africa. We tried to help where ever help was needed.

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Kansas

Unit Program Report Form

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Program Name Historian  
Unit Name Number 136 - Mulvane  
Unit Program Chair Name Becky Thompson  
Unit Program Chair Email queenbt@spightal.net Phone 316-529-1031

DID NOT PARTICIPATE \_\_\_\_\_

Hours Worked 66 Dollars Spent \$ 150 Mileage 300

Veterans Helped 0 Active Duty helped 0 Military kids 0

Number of non-military Children helped 0

Summary of Activities  
Selling cookbooks throughout the  
year at different public events

Members supply Friday night foods

December Decorated for Christmas

Bingo is open to members + guests.  
We supply food for dinners.

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DISTRICT FIVE

UNIT PRESIDENT'S

REPORTS

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPT OF KANSAS  
ANDOVER UNIT 406

Presidents Report

2025/2026

Unit 406 in Andover is still trying to get more membership in the area. The Legion has a few new members thanks to our flyers. Several potential auxiliary members took a membership form but we are still following up with them. We have **100% membership** renewal of our members.

We did not have a meeting, dinner and Bingo in December because of Christmas. We were snowed out in January and had to cancel. We just had our meeting, dinner, and bingo on Feb. 22. We did not have many turn out for the meeting but dinner and bingo was a success.

We handed out brochures and flyers at Andover Days again and had several come to bingo and a new member for Legion.

Our Vice President and Poppy Chairman, Christine Eney was in an accident while riding the city bus in Sept. She is still in a neck brace but is doing better after finally getting some treatment. So without her, we did not have enough volunteers, and were unable to hand out poppies this year.

Two members helped with the Christmas Gift shop at the Dole VA Hospital. We will donate \$200.00 to go toward gifts and postage to be used for next years gift shop.

We have been donating food and funds to the Andover Childrens Home. We have also donated to the Childrens Home Thrift Shop in Andover.

We are still working on our "Proud Military Veteran" door signs for veterans in the three nursing homes in Andover. We are getting them decorated and hope to get them out soon.

Charlotte Hendrick  
President, Unit 406

2025 PRESIDENTS REPORT-----CANTON AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #192

JANUARY--Unit 192 agreed to send 2 Girls to Sunflower Girl's State this year. We also contributed to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

February--Members attended Mid- Winter Forum. Sent Valentines cards to shut-ins.

March--We held election of Officers for 2025-26. We had 3 members attend the District 5 Convention. Two were first Timers.

April--Presented Legion Family Scholarships at the Canton-Galva Academic Banquet.

May--Memorial Day Activities included assisting the Post placing crosses for our deceased Veteran's at the local cemetery. Placing a Poppy on each of the 300 crosses. Honoring our 13 Goldstar Mothers with a Goldstar Flag and a Poppy Bouquet. A member recites In Flanders Fields and a Junior member places a wreath for those that died on foreign soil or at sea and buried elsewhere.

June-- found us at the American Legion Department Convention. We attended the evening ceremonies on last night of Girl's State. The Unit assisted the Post with their Flag Retirement Ceremony. Donated Comfort Sacks packed by the Auxiliary at Department Convention to Fort Riley for the children there.

July--Hosted a breakfast as part of McPherson County Fair Days. Members were the Honor Guard in the McPherson County Fair Parade.

August--Attended the American Legion National Convention in Tampa Florida.

September--Took part in Heritage Day festivities with Breakfast and Supper. Attended Fall Conference in Salina.

October--Took part in the Eisenhower Pilgrimage and Homecoming Festivities. We attended National President Pam Ray's Homecoming. Distributed candy at the Post on Halloween.

November--Our ALR held their annual Veteran's Day Pork Chop Dinner. Voted to sponsor 2 children in the Secret Santa program at the local school. Members took part in several Toy Runs. We helped with the Big Red Turkey Run at Fort Riley.

December--Christmas in Canton found us offering breakfast along with a bake sale. Santa Claus even came to join us. He visited with all the boys and girls & they each received a bag of treats provided by the Auxiliary.

Debbie Evans -----Unit President #192.

DERBY/HAYSVILLE ALA UNIT 408  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
2025

By Coni Honn, Unit 408 President

I was sworn in May 2025. I gave Tracey Barton a gift at the event. Our first big event was Smoke on the Plains – a huge community event every year in the town of Derby, Kansas. The BBQ extravaganza is free to the public with live music and a Kid's Corner. Proceeds from sales of tasting kits benefit McConnell Air Force Base families. My fabulous Auxiliary was there every step of the way, even though the second day flooded and was completely rained out. My volunteers were out there ready for action even if it was for cleaning up. The Post canopy was destroyed in the overnight storm and, of course, the Auxiliary helped pay the thousands of dollars to replace it.

The Auxiliary helped at the Golf Tournament sponsored by Post 408 Foundation. It was great fun selling hot dogs and margaritas for the players. Proceeds are to fund scholarships.

The Auxiliary did a fabulous fundraiser full of meat. We did the drawing on the night of a Cruiser drive in. Attendees enjoyed burgers and fries along with witnessing someone win hundreds of dollars in meat. The seller of the winning ticket received an 8 pack of filet mignon. The event raised \$1000 for the Auxiliary.

Monthly, we play Bunco as a fundraiser. Food and prizes are donated by members. Participation proceeds help defray the cost to assemble "cancer bags" for patients in the unit and community that are dealing with cancer and all the side effects. Several of my Auxiliary members have made small pillows out of bandanas and any other fabric they may have. The cost was approximately \$65. Fortunately we have very generous people that contribute personal items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, deodorant, a blanket, pillow, snacks, etc. We sent 72 bags to the Robert Dole VA Cancer Unit in July.

A new Flag Box was donated by Metal Arts LLC for proper flag disposal which will be finished and delivered later this year.

Terry Gowan, an Auxiliary member, and other entities gave a personal "thank you" for the Auxiliary always willing to step in and help with each Thursday night dinner.

One of our members has several students come and do some deep cleaning for the Post. They work hard for the Legion.

We hosted three more fundraisers: Red (Remember Every Deployed) Friday T-shirt sales sporting an eagle over laid on an American flag; a special Italian Night dinner with our own Italian Joe making authentic "gravy" that most Americans call "sauce"; and our annual Atwood's hot dog fundraiser. It is always fun to get out with the public to talk people about the American Legion family.

My husband and I were on vacation for most of the month of October. When we got home, my husband had medical issues. Fortunately my Auxiliary carried on without me hosting Bunco, dinners, etc.

We held our monthly meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> – the celebration of the 106<sup>th</sup> birthday of the American Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary was born with the spirit of Service not Self to support patriotism. I brought patriotic cupcakes to share the theme of For God and Country.

The Auxiliary sponsored twenty wreaths for Wreaths Across America designated for the Winfield Soldier's Cemetery. Cost: \$350.

Several members of the Auxiliary helped with Operation Holiday. In addition, we gave a donation of \$1000 to help 291 families in Derby.

We decorated the Post for Christmas. There was a big Christmas party hosted by the Auxiliary. We got it all ready, but unfortunately, several of us were unable to attend. The SAL sponsored Kids at Christmas and several Auxiliary members supported that event.

I attended the wreath ceremony for the grave of John M. West at El Paso Cemetery.

We give the homeless children \$50 each month.

We give The Pat Kitterman Scholarship Fund \$300 annually.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #81**  
**EL DORADO, KANSAS**

Being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary is one way to show a person's Americanism, and our Unit #81 believes that helping our Veterans is one of the best ways to demonstrate our love for our country: The United States of America. We begin each meeting with a prayer for our servicemen and women as well as the Pledge Allegiance.

Kansas is fortunate to have Kansas Representative Jerry Moran as the Chairman of the United States Veteran Affairs Committee. Therefore, we can receive updates as we wish from him and/or his office. Our Unit stays active in local legislation. We personally know our Kansas Senator Mike Fagg and have him listed in several phones. Senator Fagg attended Virginia Ball's 100 Birthday Celebration, and not in the capacity as a senator but as a friend. Senator Fagg has continually contacted our ALA Unit 81 President Hasting to inform her about legislation he thought she should be aware of this past year.

Our members stay informed on local and national legislation and activities. Even though we are represented strongly by parties, we stay united by common ground legislation. We also have a member who works at the voting centers.

This year, we dressed in our red, white, and blue and drove Virginia Ball's van which is decorated with American Legion décor and while some rode in the van, some of us walked in the Veteran's Parade and passed out candy. The van has a motto printed on its tailgate: "Honk if you're a Veteran". We get lots of honks.

We never forget our Veterans, especially those in nursing homes. We visit them when possible. This year, on Valentine's Day, we gave them sun catchers. At Christmas, we personally gave and delivered each one a homemade patriotic pillow which was designed and made by one of our members who is a professional seamstress. At Christmas, we gave these Veterans a heart shaped ornament holder with a patriotic Christmas ornament for their rooms. Not only do we support men and women in our nursing homes, but we have a couple Veterans who need assistance in their homes. We help them manage their finances, give them rides to appointments, banks, and stores as well as make sure they are fed.

Sadly, we attended funerals of some of our Veterans and watched while the widows received an American flag in tribute of their deceased husbands as we all stood in silence.

We support our local teachers, firefighters, and police officers. Several local restaurants give free coffee, and one owned by an Auxiliary member gave not only free coffee but also free meals to local Veterans and to law enforcement.

Our members helped wrap hot dogs for the Fourth of July celebration at our park as well as for the Veterans Day celebration. We gave out poppies at the event also. In addition, we set up a booth at the Gold Fest. Our Unit then donated some weights for the Fifth District's tent.

One of our money making projects was an inflatable 10' snowman. Displaying him downtown gave us some good exposure.

We support the Robert Dole Veterans Hospital. We give money for their coffee tour as well as money for their Christmas fund.

We are sad to report that our member Ramona Fowler passed away this year. She worked with women of her church to provide lap blankets for Veterans at the Robert Dole Veterans Hospital in Wichita. Our Unit provided material for the church women who spent countless hours making lap quilts for Veterans. Ramona is sadly missed for her devotion as well as her contagious laugh and smile.

Member Virginia Ball gives free reflexology sessions to Veterans and some of their family members.

One best celebration this year was hosting a 100 year old birthday party for our Past Unit and Past District President Ruby "Virginia" Ball! Virginia was unique of the many "Rosy the Riveters". We had over 100 guests help her celebrate. She left her party in a side car of a motorcycle. We had dignitaries as well as reporters and was featured on the news several times over the following days. I sent in a request for the President of the United States to send a birthday card. However, it did not arrive in time for her birthday. I asked that it be sent to our Unit's mailbox, P.O. Box 81. It did finally arrive, but was sent to P.O. Box 91...our city's administrator. So, he got some people together along with our local reporter and personally delivered the card; thereby, making her front page news in the local newspaper.

A member has helped with Wreaths Across America for Veteran's gravesites.

Our members also donate to Veterans Honor Flights to Washington, D.C. This year, a member gave money for a school's Honor Flight. This school sends students to accompany a Veteran on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. These students return to Kansas learning so much from this experience and have a new perspective for our Veterans as well as a deeper patriotic outlook on our country and the sacrifices that have been made for them.

One of the things our members totally agree on is the welfare of our children and the influence we have on them. Therefore, we attend ball games and other events. At Christmas, we packed and donated 100 small bags of candy for Santa's elves to distribute when he visited our children after the Christmas parade. Our members dressing as elves, kept the line moving while they passed out candy and candy canes to the anxious children.

This year, as usual, we helped the school to provide Christmas for children in need. This year's recipients were sisters in fourth and fifth grade at one of our local elementary schools. We provided them with winter coats and gloves, reading material of their choice, and an activity kit. In addition, members donated coats and toys to be distributed to children in town.

We passed out 100 flag pins to promote Americanism to children in our city. Our members regularly display their flags at their homes where they proudly wave thanks to the Kansas winds. We hope children in our community realize the importance of these flags and will do the same at their homes...now and in the future.

Our ladies helped wrap hot dogs for the Fourth of July celebration at our park as well as for the Veterans Day celebration. Children and youth, especially band members appreciate the hot dogs and drinks they receive after participating in the local stage band and/or marching band.

We sponsored a young lady from El Dorado High School to Girls State. She gave a wonderful report on her adventure. She was elected to the Girls State Kansas House of Representatives. She enjoyed the campaigning and meeting new friends from across the State

of Kansas. As a House Representative, she got to visit Topeka and see the House Chambers. Even though she does not come from a family of Veterans, she has already joined the Navy.

We have given away above average the number of scholarships as in the past. These recipients are exceptional students. We have one which plans on becoming a dentist and another in the medical field. One of our recipients was elected as one of our El Dorado City Council Members.

In addition, we also set up a scholarship fund with the USD 490 El Dorado where our funds are put in a interest growing fund. The interest will then be used for scholarships. Consequently, this will be an on-going, lasting scholarship for years to come.

However, our ability to help and provide benefits to children did not have any borders this year. I was fortunate to travel with my sister to Africa with her coworkers at Southwest Airlines. One of our tours included a visit to a government run orphanage in Nairobi, capital of Kenya. I inquired about the funding because these children were barely clothed and fed. In addition, the living conditions were devastating, yet they were happy and well behaved. They had just had just got over an outbreak of head lice; therefore, they had thrown away mattresses, bedding, and clothes, leaving these children with few items of clothing and little bedding and blankets. They were sleeping two children per bed in most cases.

I was informed that due to the corruption of the country that these children became a low priority if one at all. With the generosity of the members on this tour group, we gave little which gave these children a lot. When we left the country, we had been informed that bunk beds had been fixed and new ones had been made, so all but the very young children had their own bed, a new mattress which were being delivered along with a new blanket for each child. A previous tour group had fixed their water supply so they had filtered water to drink. I wish everyone had this opportunity. As stated, our love for children should never see any border.

*Karen Hasting*, Unit 81 President  
ALA Unit #81, District 5, Department of Kansas

**RUTH – WILSON UNIT 231**

**American Legion Auxiliary**

**Halstead, Ks**

**Year in Review Jan. 1, 2025- Dec. 31, 2025**

Our unit meets at 2:00 PM on the second Tuesday of March, April, May, Sept. , Oct., Nov., and Dec. The Executive Board is authorized to conduct necessary business during the other months.

- Wreaths from WWA were placed on veterans' graves before Christmas. Approximately 678 wreaths were placed by auxiliary members, Junior High students and several members of the community.
- Refreshments were furnished by the auxiliary and served to the volunteers after the wreaths were placed.
- Two members assisted in the Christmas Shop at the VA. Our unit donated \$100 for postage and approximately \$904 in items for the veterans were packed and taken to the VA for the Veterans Christmas Shop.
- The auxiliary maintained the area around the Civil War Monument at the local cemetery.
- The Auxiliary maintained the area and planters at the Pine Park Monument for local veterans who were either POW/MIA or died in combat.
- A rose was purchased for the Eisenhower Pilgrimage.
- Jr. High students placed flags on the graves of deceased Auxiliary members for Memorial Day.
- Due to rainy weather, rolls, juice and coffee were served to the Honor Guard and volunteers who placed the flags at the cemetery at the post home instead of the cemetery as planned.
- Junior members had a decorated table on Main Street for Poppy Day handing out poppies, coloring pages and candy.
- The City Council read the Poppy Day Proclamation at the council meeting.

- Members volunteered to help out in the community for when Kansas Sampler Foundation Road Trip came to Halstead in Sept.
- A grant for \$1500 was applied for and received from the Community Foundation and will be used to purchase additional stands for Wreaths and flowers for the Civil War Monument and Pine Park.
- A potluck dinner was held for our Sept meeting. All spouses and surviving spouses were invited along with elderly veterans in our community. Five members were recognized for continuous years of membership totaling 140 years.
- POW/MIA table was on display at our potluck dinner.
- Members assembled gift bags and distributed them to homebound and veterans in the local care facilities for Veterans Day.
- Several members attended the Veterans Day tribute given by the Junior High School students in honor of Veterans Day.
- Several members attended the Veteran's Day dinner served by the SAL's at the post home. Members furnished four cakes to be served.
- The SAL's furnished Thanksgiving dinner for 18 families in the community this year. Members of the Auxiliary provided 45 containers of whipped topping, 40 lbs of potatoes, 12 boxes of stuffing mix, 10 tubs of spreadable butter, 2 pies, 12 jars of gravy, 15 cans of cream of mushroom soup.
- The SAL's held a golf tournament to raise funds for their Christmas for Youth Project which a cake was furnished for.
- Approximately 25 containers of homemade cookies were assembled and delivered to area shut-ins and care home residents for Christmas.
- Several boxes of items were packed and delivered to the VA for the Veterans Christmas Shop. Value was \$904 in items donated.
- The Charter was draped for four members who had died this year. Books were purchased at the local library in memory of each one. Auxiliary markers and flag holders were placed on their graves.
- Monthly collection of hats, gloves, t-shirts, socks, briefs, laundry soap, zip lock baggies, bathroom tissue, toiletries and other clothing items were taken to the VA for homeless vets.

- The courtesy chairman sent 2 Thinking of You cards, 1 Sympathy card and approximately 40 Birthday cards.
- Four members fly the American Flag at their homes 24 hours 7 days a week.
- Each meeting began and ended with a prayer, moment of silence in memory of the war dead and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited to begin the meeting.

Nina Wendling

Ruyh-Wilson Post #231

Halstead, Ks.

MAIZE UNIT #419  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
2025

Maize Unit #419 had a fun, busy, and productive year, despite some setbacks.

Officers for the year were, President Linda Sullivan, Vice President Kathryn Ake, Chaplain Pam Grether, Historian Judy Klein, Sargent at Arms Pam Miller and Secretary/Treasurer Jean Kimminau. Three of our members also hold District Five Offices: Linda Sullivan, District Five Secretary; Jean Kimminau, District Five Treasurer; and Judy Klein, District Five Historian.

We usually meet once a month, typically at a member's home, and have lunch before the meetings.

Several members attended District and Department Convention . At District Five Convention we received Certificates for submitting Chaplains Report and VA & R Reports. We were recognized for our contribution to Girls State. We fully sponsored one girl and contributed one half the fee for another (shared with Unit #401). We also received recognition for contributing the most money to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. We contributed \$200.

The Unit participates in many activities. Money was donated to the Dole VA Coffee Tour; one meeting is usually a "sewing day", where we sew cancer bags and other needed items for the Dole VA. One member attended the Veterans Art Show.

We donated money and items to the Juniors for their project; cancer bags for the VA. Money and items are donated to the Dole VA Gift shop, and several members assist with shopping and wrapping gifts. We also collect change at our meetings; sending half the money collected to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

We were excited that, at the end of June, we had achieved 100% membership goal!!!!

In July of 2025, our Unit Secretary/Treasurer Jean Kimminau had a stroke. Although she continues to be very involved as she recovers, some changes needed to be made to make her path to recovery easier. Member Katheryn Ake assumed the responsibilities of Unit Treasurer and Linda Sullivan the Secretary duties.

During the time period from July to October, our Unit did not have any formal meetings. Following Jean's stroke, we were a little disorganized and working on establishing the need for redistributing responsibilities. Some of the activities we had planned (fundraisers, etc.) did not happen. But, we are back on track and looking forward to a great year!!!!

Unit #419 is a Widow Unit, and has a small membership, but we work very well together and have fun, but take our mission for helping veterans very seriously.

Linda Sullivan, President  
Maize Unit #419

## **Marquette American Legion Auxiliary #253**

### **President's Report 2025**

We held monthly meetings throughout the year except in June, July, and August. On a regular meeting night, on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm the Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary groups all meet at the same time starting with a potluck supper, with an entrée provided. Then we break into our groups for the meetings. For our post we do everything as one big group, we really are a very close-knit family.

Our meeting for January was cancelled due to weather. However, we were able to correlate a beautiful celebration of life for Janelle Sanneman. We had a huge turn out!! We really appreciate all of the support we had from all of the other posts across the state coming and celebrating our sweet Janelle. In February, the Auxiliary had a quick unplanned meeting with small group discussing some upcoming events combined with some great fellowship. For March, this is our annual birthday celebration for our legion post with a short meeting following. Each year during this time we give out certificates to members recognizing their number of years for being a member (we did this in increments for every five years within the allotted range.) We gave out 21 auxiliary certificates ranging from 15-55 and 6 legion members ranging from 15-50 years. Three ladies received quilts along with their certificates for being members for 50 and 55 years as a special thank you for their dedication. Later that month a few of our members attended the 5<sup>th</sup> district convention in McPherson. During April, our Auxiliary and Legion groups participated in the community Easter egg hunt and gave out small prizes to the kids. Then the last Friday of April is our biannual Spring Lamb Fry that we help serve in any capacity we can. This is one of the few big events we have. May is a big month! In May for our meeting night, we have a special ceremony remembering all of the members who passed over the last year followed by a meeting, we celebrated two special members during this time. This has become a special time for family and friends to come share time together. A group of members joined in with holding flags on one of the bridges while the Run for the Wall group came through on I-70 near Salina on their way to Washington D.C. We gave 2 scholarships out at the Marquette Alumni Banquet one for \$1,000 and the other \$500. We had a couple small groups that met on the Friday and Saturday before Memorial Day and put out poppies, flags, and grave markers on the two cemeteries we take care of. This consists of about 285 grave maker flags, 150 poppies, 36 big cemetery flags. This has been a very special time with the help many of the junior members along with the adults that really make the cemeteries stand out. On Memorial Day, we start our memorial services at the Riverview nursing home where residents are able to partake in the beginning of the day's events with the raising of the flag, the color guard and the choir singing a few hymns. We then travel to four different cemeteries, where a service is held at each one ending with the taps being

played. Throughout the day poppies are handed out to those in attendance and each member of the color guard is wearing a poppy. Riverview is also given a card with the meaning of the poppy and a poppy attached with it for each of the residents to have. September is our startup month, and we hold a pancake feed during the Thunder on the Smoky motorcycle rally. This is a big event in Marquette with bikers coming from all over and vendors set up on Mainstreet. We also had raffles for a quilt made by one of our ALA members and a homemade wooden crafted American flag made by one of our SAL members. We also held a celebration of life for Linda Hendrix, who was an Auxiliary member and one of Marilyn Hendrix's daughters. The last Friday of October is typically our Biannual fall Lamb Fry, this time we moved it up one week due to Halloween. The second Saturday in November is our Annual pancake feed, which we all assist with. One ALA member took a huge part in putting together and helping with the Free Veteran's steak supper with a +1 at the McPherson Legion post sponsored by Pfizer. Our November meeting night fell on Veteran's day and each Legion member was given a Veteran's day card signed by the Auxiliary members in attendance. We made donations to the Bob Dole VA for \$150, the Marquette Learning Center for \$50 to help the Angel tree gifts, and \$100 to help purchase candy for the Santa Sacks given at the Community Christmas event. In December, we finished up the year with a little Christmas cheer having a small parade with the color guard marching down main street. Instead of the typical meeting night in December, we each bring a small gender gift \$10 and a white elephant gift to be exchange in our groups with a little game.

Throughout the year our members work hard serving and dedicating their time back to their community helping in church, delivering meals on wheels, preparing summer lunches, cleaning up around the town, and simply stepping up wherever needed. Our members are very busy attending sports activities, recitals, plays, you name they are there. Not only for their own, but other members families too. Our unit donated over 130+ shirts and hygiene items to a local homeless group. When the call came that troops needed care packages our unit was able to donate snacks, hygiene items, and a monetary donation to help with the care packages for the 5<sup>th</sup> district. Our members have also help make quilts which have been given to hurricane victims, housing coalition, world relief and Veterans as a special "Thank You" for their sacrifice.

We will continue to serve as we have over this past year and strive for more ways we can make big impacts for others.

Secretary, Ashley Bennett  
President, Marilyn Hendrix  
Unit #253

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Kansas

Unit Program Report Form

The report form is due to your district chair by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

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Program Name President Report

Unit Name Number Harry B Doist #24 McPherson KS

Unit Program Chair Name Tresa Rauch

Unit Program Chair Email trauh129@GMail.com Phone 620-4196191

DID NOT PARTICIPATE \_\_\_\_\_

Hours Worked \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars Spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mileage \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans Helped \_\_\_\_\_ Active Duty helped \_\_\_\_\_ Military kids \_\_\_\_\_

Number of non-military Children helped \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of Activities \_\_\_\_\_

We Plan around 7 meals a month for Our Veterans.  
We have Family Night 11 months Ya proceeds go to Non Profits.  
We have a Ugly Dress Dance to raise money for Our Post.  
We help with Meetings.  
We collect & Buy Items for Gift Shop & Christmas Shop  
We give money for coffee tour.  
We try to help when Needed.  
We have our Meeting 9 month out of Year  
We have a Dinner for our Post on Birthday in March  
We have Toy Run we help with.  
We have a Toy distribution we helped 317 Kids This Year  
Our Post keeps busy. We try to be there when Needed

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Program Name Presidents Report

Unit Name Number 136

Unit Program Chair Name Linda Julius

Unit Program Chair Email linda.j@cox.net Phone 316-393-0071

DID NOT PARTICIPATE \_\_\_\_\_

Hours Worked 116 Dollars Spent \$ 527<sup>00</sup> Mileage 250

Veterans Helped 41 Active Duty helped 3 Military kids 0

Number of non-military Children helped 45

Summary of Activities Conducted meetings throughout the year on the first Tuesday of each month. Hosted STAR meetings. Attended several events representing the ALA.

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Department of Kansas  
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**Program Name** Presidents Report 2025

**Unit Name Number** Unit 2, Wayne G Austin, Newton KS

**Unit President** Jeanie Galemore

We continue to meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. We take a break for July and August for a summer break.

Memorial Day, our unit makes poppy wreaths that the local Scout Troup puts on veterans graves at Greenwood Cemetery. This year we made about 2,500 wreaths.

Unit members are active in the kitchen at the post. Meals are prepared for Monday and Wednesday evenings, monthly breakfast, and funeral dinners.

Our unit conducts a fundraiser to fill backpacks for veterans. This year we were able to put together 43 backpacks. This backpacks were given to the VA to use for homeless veterans.

Our post held a family Christmas event. Our unit provided food and activities for children who attended. The children were able to work on craft projects and take pictures with Santa and the Grinch.

Our post family granted a \$1,000 scholarship to a senior. Our unit provided \$250 towards this scholarship.

Our unit exceeded the goal for membership this year. We met 105.5% membership welcoming new members.

We are looking forward to another productive year.

Jeanie Galemore, President



American Legion Auxiliary

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Program Name Presidents Report & Camp Report

Unit Name Number Unit 273

Unit Program Chair Name Dr. Smith

Unit Program Chair Email frank@56.com Phone 1310 966 2423

DID NOT PARTICIPATE

Hours Worked \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars Spent \$ 0 Mileage \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans Helped \_\_\_\_\_ Active Duty helped \_\_\_\_\_ Military kids \_\_\_\_\_

Number of non-military Children helped \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of Activities \_\_\_\_\_  
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Unit 424- Reflection Ridge  
President Report

This is my first year as President in a Kansas unit. Even though we are located in multiple areas of Kansas we are letting our communities know that we are members of the American Legion Auxiliary at every chance that we can. I am proud of this unit; we accomplished much for a small unit. We were busy working the mission in 15 of 16 programs.

Our biggest efforts were helping our members grow in leadership and team building. This will help our unit grow in the future.

Next, we worked community service. We let our communities know that we are here to support them. We worked at church dinners, alumni banquet, and BBQ blowout. Then we made donations to clothes closets at church, American Lung Association, American Cancer Society, Derby library "save the kitties", food pantry, and goodwill to name a few. member volunteered at the National Convention community service project before convention started. Then another member adopted a nursing home in their town. She wants to let the residents know that they are not forgotten.

VA&R was worked by several members by making donations to Wounded Warrior project, Wreaths Across America, and Annie's Closet Eisenhower VA. We helped with Gift shop, VA medical center visits, snacks, and popcorn, provided a meal to two meals to two veterans and families. We attended funerals, military honors/one was a MIA from WWII.

These are some of our largest areas of the mission we worked. These are not all that we did but ones that I am highlighting.

Ann Ritacco  
President

DISTRICT FIVE

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN

REPORTS

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILARY  
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
DISTRICT FIVE REPORT FORM

Program Name: AMERICANISM

District Program Chair: Faye Evans

Program Chair Email: faye\_evans\_2000@yahoo.com

Program Chair Phone: 316-833-8005

Units in District: 19 Units Reporting including Non-participation: 14

Hours Worked: 494 Dollars Spent: \$1522 Miles Driven: 1519

Veterans Helped: 235 Active Duty Helped: 8 Non-Military Kids Helped: 101

Summary of Activities:

Mulvane Unit 136 participated in Wreaths across America and presented a Memorial Day Program complete with luncheon. They placed flags on Veterans and Auxiliary graves at two cemeteries. On Flag Day, markers were placed on graves and a luncheon served. Deb Plagmann was awarded Member of the Year and received plaques from both Department of Kansas and National ALA. The Unit decorated the Post for Veteran's Day, presented a program and served a meal. The Unit repeats the Pledge of Allegiance at every meeting.

El Dorado Unit 81 recites the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer at each meeting. When at public events, members stand and place their right hand over their heart to show respect for the Flag and when saying the Pledge of Allegiance. The Unit paid a tribute to teachers, firefighters and police officers by delivering apples and donuts to various locations. Many of these individuals are Veterans. El Dorado cemeteries were decorated with flags on Memorial Day. After participating in the Veteran's Day Parade, members helped serve hot dogs to the parade workers.

Canton Unit 192 members fly the American Flag at home and recite the Pledge of Allegiance at their meetings. Members assisted their Post in a Flag retirement ceremony. On Memorial Day, they worked with the Post to place 300 crosses on Veteran's graves. Flags and markers were placed on nine Gold Star Mothers' graves. A member carries the Auxiliary Flag in the Honor Guard and members carry the Auxiliary banner in the McPherson County Parade.

Wichita E-Unit 424 members helped plan and prepare for parades: Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day. On Flag Day, ceremonies are attended. Members visit the local schools encouraging students to enter the Americanism Essay Contest. Patriotic music is sung in the member's churches.

Maize Unit 419 has five members that fly the Flag around the clock and 27 members fly the Flag on major holidays.

Wichita Unit 401 had members fly the flag year rounds. Respect is shown for Old Glory at public events by standing when the Flag passes and by performing the hand salute. Members voted.

Marquette Unit 253 members recite the Pledge of Allegiance at every meeting. They attend and participate in five Memorial Day services. One of their members plays taps at each service. Cemetery lists are maintained so members can place markers, Flags, and Poppies on graves of passed members and Veterans. Members vote at elections. Junior members participated in Veteran's Day activities. Veteran's Day cards are signed by members and distributed. Members participated in Run for the Wall.

Derby-Haysville Unit 136 utilized the efforts of Derby High School ROTC students to present the colors on several occasions. The Auxiliary planned the annual birthday party for the Post. Members decorated, ironed table clothes, and volunteered their services. Post 408 flies the Flag daily, as does the two high schools and many elementary schools. Students gather around the Flag pole monthly to pray for peace and for our Veterans and military. The Auxiliary began a project of honoring tattered Flags which are placed in a box that will be buried at the local cemetery.

Halstead Unit 231 participated in the Wreaths across America program. Junior High students and local volunteers worked together placing 600 wreaths on the graves of Veterans at the local cemetery. Wreaths were purchased individually and grant money from the city purchased the stands. The Unit recites the Pledge of Allegiance at each meeting and function they attend. Members attended and provided desserts for the Veteran's Day dinner sponsored by the SAL. Members also attended the Junior High Veteran's Day program. Four members fly the Flag twenty-four hours a day. Members attended Memorial Day services and provided rolls, coffee and juice for the after gathering. Elderly and widowed Veterans were invited to the Unit's covered dish dinner. The MIA/POW table was displayed at the annual pot luck dinner. One member maintained the grounds around the Civil War Monument and at Pine Park memorial, commemorating those that died in action.

Newton Unit 2 meets ten times a year and at each meeting members recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Members wore ALA apparel to meetings and events. Members fly the American Flag, vote at elections, and participate in Memorial Day activities.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
DISTRICT FIVE REPORT FORM

Program Name: AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

District Program Chair: Faye Evans

Program Chair Email: faye\_evans\_2000@yahoo.com

Program Chair Phone: 316-833-8005

Units in District: 19 Units Reporting including Non-participation: 9

Hours Worked: 16 Dollars Spent: \$185

Summary of Activities:

Mulvane Unit 136 donated \$25 each in memory of three passed members.

McPherson Unit 24 donated \$100

Maize Unit 419 donated \$10

Wichita E-Unit 424 had a member that spent 14 hours raising awareness of the purpose of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund – what the fund can be used for, how to apply for a grant, how to make a donation and who to contact with questions

American Legion Auxiliary----Department of Kansas

District Five----Cadet Law Report

I regret to say that I did not receive any reports from Units in District Five stating their activity involving the Cadet Law Program of the American Legion in 2025.

Debbie Evans

District Five Cadet Law Chair

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS**

**CHILDREN & YOUTH—DISTRICT FIVE REPORT---2025**

**Unit 424 Reflection Ridge**---Members are involved with Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, Operation Christmas Child, Band & Dance. They volunteer and support these and other activities of our youth. They are faithful in supporting a variety of Children's Charities with monetary donations. As an E-Unit they continue to be involved in various Auxiliary Programs.

**Unit 24 McPherson**---This group of ladies are responsible for putting smiles on over 325 children's faces & their families at Christmas as they are part of the McPherson County Toy Run and get the pleasure of serving as Santa Claus to all of them. They get to help families shop for 4 items for each child and they offer to wrap the gifts as well, which at times can be quite challenging. They donated 80 games & 20 dolls to Roosevelt Elementary School.

**Unit 419 Maize**---this unit makes donations to the Child Welfare Foundation. They donate to an area Children's Home. School fundraisers are supported by one member as she makes Bierocks for them to sell.

**Andover Unit 406**---these members donate food and give monetary donations to the Andover Children's Home.

**Wichita Unit 256**---members held an Easter Egg Hunt for Post members and their families. A member was able to dress up and partake as the Easter Bunny.

**El Dorado Unit 81**---has been busy. They passed out candy at the Veteran's Day Parade. Put together 100 bags of candy for Santa's Elves to distribute after the Christmas Parade. They adopted 2 sisters at Christmas and provided them with winter coats & gloves, reading material & an activity kit. In addition, they donated coats & toys during the Holiday Season.

**Whitewater Unit 65**---a Junior member potted plants for the elderly and delivered them to the Whitewater Care Home on May Day. All the residents were youth once upon a time.

**Air Capital Unit 401**---several members of this unit belong to 8 & 40 an organization that supports families with children that suffer from respiratory diseases. They also raise money for a Nursing Scholarship in hopes they find someone that is interested in specializing in lung diseases in children.

**Newton Unit 2**---is very active in the Children & Youth Program. Members can be found at a variety of youth sporting events and often seen as volunteering at other youth-oriented program activities. Members donate to children's charity programs. They pack lunches for baseball teams on Veterans Recognition Game Day. At Christmas time they host a Christmas

Party for Veterans & their families were the children get photos with Santa & the Grinch. They sign cards for the Veterans and take part in a craft project. Members donated funds to the local emergency shelter to for Christmas gifts. Pop cans are collected to raise money for the Honor Flight Program. Several area churches are also recipients of the Unit's generosity and their volunteer spirit.

**Canton Unit 192**---this group of ladies can be seen passing out Halloween treats that they have put together to give to the local boys & girls in front of their Legion Post. Christmas time finds them once again putting together treat bags for Santa to give to the children that come visit him at the American Legion and the local Carnegie Library. We adopt 2 children from the Secret Santa program at the Elementary School and shop for clothes and toys from their Christmas list. Members partake in Toy Runs as well. We volunteer for various children's programs though out the year & we hold various fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for our youth.

The American Legion members of District Five are very active with our youth from buying Girl Scout Cookies to sitting in the bleachers and auditoriums and arenas encouraging them. We will continue to support & help guide them and be positive influences for the next generation.

HOURS---2,156    MILES---629    MONEY---\$8,187.00    CHILDREN---1200

Debbie Evans ---District Five Chair

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
DISTRICT FIVE REPORT FORM

Program Name: COMMUNITY SERVICE

District Program Chair: Faye Evans

Program Chair Email: faye\_evans\_2000@yahoo.com

Program Chair Phone: 316-833-8005

Units in District: 19 Units Reporting including Non-participation: 13

Hours Worked: 8,865 Dollars Spent: \$14,756 Miles Driven: 10,868

Veterans Helped: 14 Active Duty Helped: 8 Non-Military Kids Helped: 40

Summary of Activities:

El Dorado Unit 81 wore their red, white and blue while they drove Virginia Balls' van decorated with American Legion Auxiliary décor. Others walked beside the van passing out candy to onlookers at the Veteran's Day Parade. Members supported the Elk's by helping serve breakfast to the community on a regular basis. One member crocheted 450 hats that were taken to nursing homes in El Dorado, Whitewater, Wichita, and a nursing home in Louisiana. They had a fundraiser that was a 10' inflatable snowman that was displayed downtown giving our Auxiliary good exposure.

Derby/Haysville Unit 408 worked with their SAL to serve pancakes to the community during Operation Holiday and after the Veteran's Day Parade. They host an annual steak feed where everyone brings their own steak to grill. The Legion family serves baked potatoes and baked beans. Proceeds go to the scholarship fund. They helped host several Cruiser Car Shows. These events are open to the public.

Wichita E-Unit 424 had six active members that did a variety of activities. One member helped with their Alumni Banquet handling publicity, raffles, and the behind the scenes work. She also handled notifications for their BBQ Blowout. Several members worked in their churches: teaching children's Sunday school classes, visiting church families, delivering items to Children's Mercy Hospital, working the firecrackers stand fundraiser, working in the clothes closet and various food pantries. One handled technology issues, another played the church music. Donations were given to "Save the Kitties", Flint Hills Breadbasket, Goodwill, American Cancer Society, and American Lung Society. A member played the piano at their nursing home and provided craft kits for the residents. She also had the piano tuned.

Mulvane Unit 136 served the Marauder's Family Day meal. Members donated desserts to the Post for two fish fries, the Optimist Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, and the 20 year anniversary of the Patriot Guard. They helped with the Old Settlers Day breakfast and donated candy for the parade. They hosted their annual Dessert Auction raising \$4,815.

Canton Unit 192 members recycle, donate to the local food bank, and donate to the Goodwill Store. They take people to appointments and provide meals when requested for those that do not cook. They deliver medical equipment from the Post to the person in need and one member is the Director of the Senior Center, coordinating community needs with the Post resources.

Wichita Unit 401 members provided transportation to appointments and errands to needy individuals. One member was active in the "Sew for the Master" program at her church. Young girl's sundresses are sewn from scratch and sent to needy children in the Philippines. Another member delivered and assembled beds for four children helping two families. Coats, clothes, toiletries were donated to One Spark benefiting homeless. Meals and care baskets were delivered to sick people. One member assisted with a garage sale fundraiser to benefit a family whose father and husband was severely injured in an accident. One member helped hang two storm doors for an elderly couple.

Halstead Unit 231 had two members that work in the local thrift store/food bank one day a week. One member provides meals four times a year at the homeless shelter. Two members worked the Blood Drive. Members provided 45 containers of cool whip, 40 lbs. of potatoes, 12 boxes of stuffing, 10 tubs of butter, 2 pies, 12 jars of gravy, and 15 cans of cream of mushroom soup for the SAL Thanksgiving meal for the needy. A cake was donated to the SAL golf tournament fundraiser. Twenty-five boxes of Christmas cookies were assembled and delivered to shut-ins and Veterans.

Maize Unit 419 had a member make muffins for the homeless, sew gift bags for the 8 & 40 organization that benefits families with children with lung diseases, and a member that provided transportation for a disabled couple.

Newton Unit 2 members helped prepare and serve meals at the Post on a regular basis. They served funeral dinners upon request. They volunteered at the Senior Center, homeless shelter and their respective churches. They volunteered with Bingo and donated supplies. They donated to food pantries, Goodwill and a church needing repair. They lent medical equipment.

Marquette Unit 253 hosted three pancake feeds and two lamb fry feeds both open to the public. They raffled a wooden flag, two quilts, and a drill set. Members volunteered at the church, motorcycle museum, and Marquette Learning Center. They assisted with the Blood Mobile and delivered Meals on Wheels. One member donated over 130 shirts and hygiene items to homeless groups. Four quilts were given to community leaders. They donated 170 quilts to World Relief, 25 quilts to the Housing Coalition, 32 baby quilts to hurricane victims and 14 quilts to the Salina Mission. Fabric was donated for dog beds.

Wellington Unit 90 hosted a family meal as their fundraiser raising \$1,071.

Whitewater Unit 65 members donated food to the local food bank, prepared a chicken and noodle meal for the public, prepared food for the Fall Festival and served food on Bingo nights twice a month for nine months. They donated to the Wheat State Manor.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DISTRICT FIVE  
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REPORT

There are nineteen (19) Units in District Five. Reports were received from sixteen (16) Units.

A total of seventy-three (73) hours was reported, with milage at twenty (20) miles.

Four (4) Units reported that they had updated their Constitution and Bylaws this last year.

Seven (7) Units reported they had reviewed their Constitution and Bylaws and plan on updating this year.

One(1) Unit reported sending their Constitution and Bylaws to Department.

One (1) Unit reported they reviewed their Constitution and Bylaws annually.

Six (6) Units reported that they did not participate.

Submitted by  
Linda Sullivan  
District Five Constitution and Bylaws Chairman

Department of Kansas—American Legion Auxiliary  
Education & Scholarship---District Five Report---2025

Debbie Evans --Chair

District Five had several Units reporting on their participation in the Education & Scholarship Program in 2025.

Andover Unit 406---shared scholarship information at their local High School.

Canton Unit 192---presented 2 scholarships from their unit at \$250.00 each. They also contributed \$250.00 to the Canton American Legion Family Scholarships of \$500.00 each. All recipients are required to add a small essay to their applications of What Patriotism Means to them. Scholarships are presented at the annual Academic Banquet. They put snacks in the Teacher's Lounge during Education Week.

Derby Unit 408---is putting together the Pat Kitterman Scholarship written for the John M. West Foundation. This scholarship will be promoted in both the Derby High School & the Campus High School in Haysville. There will be 2 recipients of a \$500.00 scholarship each. The Auxiliary has earmarked a \$300.00 monthly donation to this scholarship.

El Dorado Unit 81---awarded 2 scholarships. One recipient is planning to attend school to become a Dentist & the other plans to enter the medical field. This Unit also set up a Scholarship Fund with USD 490 El Dorado where funds will be put in an interest growing fund. The interest earned will be turned into a lasting scholarship for years to come.

Marquette Unit 253---Kenzie was the first recipient of the Janelle Carlson Memorial Scholarship & Elsie Boughfman received the Lew Hendrix Scholarship. Both scholarships named for past members of the Marquette American Legion Family. These ladies also filled backpacks & accepted food donations for a School Supply Drive.

Mulvane Unit 136---delivered scholarship forms to the High School and awarded a \$500.00 to a student. In August they were found at a Welcome Back Teachers event. Here they set up a table & handed out scholarship forms.

Newton Unit 2---members donated \$250.00 towards a \$1000.00 Scholarship presented by the Newton American Legion Family. A unit member sits on the scholarship committee. Unit members donated \$120.00 towards school supplies. They have a member that donated \$500.00 towards student scholarships & another that donated \$200.00 towards student backpacks.

Reflection Ridge Unit 424---participated in Education Week by delivering various snacks & homemade goodies to the local school staff in appreciation for all they do for the students. They were also able provide information on the Auxiliary Poppy Contest, American Essay Contest, Girls/Boys State, Cadet Law & Oratorical Contest.

Hours	Dollars Spent	Miles	Children Helped
40	\$ 4000 .00	710	358

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILARY  
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
DISTRICT FIVE REPORT FORM

Program Name: EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE

District Program Chair: Faye Evans

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Program Chair Phone: 316-833-8005

Units in District: 19 Units Reporting including Non-participation: 14

Hours Worked: 43 Dollars Spent: \$170 Miles Driven: 998

Veterans Helped: Active Duty Helped: Non-Military Kids Helped:

Summary of Activities:

The Eisenhower Pilgrimage is co-sponsored by The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary. Other ancillary organizations include the 40 and 8, 8 and 40, Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Riders, and La Femmes. Under normal circumstances, the Adjutant General of Kansas and support groups from the Ft. Riley National Guard are on hand to make this a memorable experience.

Nine units purchased roses to be placed at the altar of the Methodist Church in Abilene. The location was changed due to the government shutdown and the Eisenhower grounds were closed. There was no military presence but the ceremony was performed for the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual event in ritual fashion. A member from E-Unit 424 placed the Department wreath. District Five President from Unit 401 placed the District Five wreath. Members from Maize Unit 419, Newton Unit 2, Canton Unit 192 and Wichita Unit 401 placed roses commemorating the event. Other Units that purchased roses were McPherson Unit 24, Halstead Unit 231, Marquette Unit 253, and Mulvane Unit 136.

After the ceremony, a small group rode the Abilene Railway to a pumpkin patch and others attended the Vice Commander's and SAL Commander's Homecoming at the Greyhound Museum.

American Legion Auxiliary—Department of Kansas

District Five---Girls State Report 2025

I am pleased to report that District Five sent 5 girls to Girls State in June 2025.

Lindsborg Unit 140 was able to partner with Geneseo Unit 241 from District 7 and sponsor a girl. A Unit member from Lindsborg offered to pay her registration fee.

El Dorado Unit 81 sponsored a young lady who is set to join the US Navy upon her High School Graduation. A surprise to her family as they have no family history of military service. She attended a Unit meeting and shared about her week at Girls State. The Unit hopes to remain in contact with her and encourage her in her future endeavors.

Maize Unit 419 & Air Capital Unit 401 also partnered to send a young lady. Maize was also able to sponsor a girl on their own.

McPherson Unit 24 traveled to 3 High Schools and present the program but were unable to find any girls interested.

Canton Unit 192 was also able to sponsor a girl along with having their 2024 delegate Mint return as a counselor in 2025. They both enjoyed their week. Gracelynn was able to run for an office and get elected.

Doug and I were able to attend the final night activities. This was quite the experience to witness the history of this program. As we watch the ceremonies it is apparent that the future of our country is in capable hands. These girls are ready to take it on.

Debbie Evans

District Five Girls State Chair

**American Legion Auxiliary  
District 5  
25 -26 Junior Activities  
Tracy Kinnick – Junior Activities Chair**

<sup>11</sup>  
~~10~~ Units reporting on Junior Activities:

Dollars Spent \$ \$60.00

322 Miles

72 Hours

Members along side our Junior members worked various programs supporting the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Participation in parades, poppy day, memorial services and more. 3 of juniors attended the Department of Kansas Junior Lockout and Meeting where they participated in mission activities, ran for office, and participated in their own junior meeting.

Misty Minzey from Unit 424 served as an Honorary Sgt – AT – Arms for the Department.

3 Junior members from Unit 424 participated in the patch program earning 3 patches each.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DISTRICT FIVE  
LEADERSHIP REPORT

There are nineteen (19) Units in District Five. Reports were received from thirteen (13) Units.

A total of eleven hundred (1100) hours was reported, with milage at four thousand four hundred forty-nine (4949) miles. Dollars spent was four hundred sixty (460)

Two (2) Units reported that they had members who attended the National Convention.

Seven (7) Units reported members attending the District Convention.

Four (4) Units reported members attended Department Convention, as well as Mid-Winter meeting.

Two (2) Units reported holding monthly meetings.

Four (4) Units reported members attended the District training sessions.

One (1) Unit has a members who serves as a National Committee Chairman.

Nine (9) Units have members who hold District Officers and/or Chairmanships.

Two (2) Units have members who serve on Department Committees.

Five (5) Units reported that they did not participate.

Submitted by  
Linda Sullivan  
District Five Leadership Chairman

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
DISTRICT FIVE REPORT FORM

Program Name: LEGISLATIVE

District Program Chair: Faye Evans

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Program Chair Phone: 316-833-8005

Units in District: 19 Units Reporting including Non-participation: 13

Hours Worked: 191 Dollars Spent: \$467 Miles Driven: 262

Veterans Helped: 19 Active Duty Helped: Non-Military Kids Helped:

Summary of Activities:

El Dorado Unit 81 is in contact with Senator Mike Fagg who keeps the Unit informed on current legislation. They have a member that works the election polls. They stay informed on local and national legislative activities.

E-Unit 424 members attended school board meetings, recreation commission meetings and candidate forums. They also met with county and state representatives. They read the Grassroots Newsletter, send emails to representatives via American Legion Voter Voice keeping them apprised of where the members stand on important issues concerning Veterans and their families. They received acknowledgements in return.

Canton Unit 192 members take part in the "grassroots" agenda to contact representatives. They receive email updates from Congressmen. Members voted at all local and national elections. They watched the local city council meetings on line.

Wichita Unit 401 members voted for active legislation 228 times. They voted in local and national elections. They shared the Grassroots Newsletter and Senator Marshall's Newsletter.

Maize Unit 419 has a member that works the polls. Approximately half of their membership voted.

Whitewater Unit 65 had ten members vote.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILARY  
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
DISTRICT FIVE REPORT FORM

Program Name: NATIONAL SECURITY

District Program Chair: Faye Evans

Program Chair Email: faye\_evans\_2000@yahoo.com

Program Chair Phone: 316-833-8005

Units in District: 19 Units Reporting including Non-participation: 14

Hours Worked: 2,550 Dollars Spent: \$4,349 Miles Driven: 1,058

Veterans Helped: Active Duty Helped: 143 Non-Military Kids Helped:

Summary of Activities:

Wichita E-Unit 424 members participated in National Security Programs by donating items to adopted troops overseas, donating to the USO, donating to the McConnell Air Force Base thrift store and participating in Blue Star Banners. Members checked on dependents and cooked meals for four military families. The Unit continues to support National Security projects with donations to the Army Emergency Relief program, food banks, and showing their dedication to our Active Military and their families.

Canton Unit 192 presented a Blue Star Banner to a local family.

Wichita Unit 401 had a member help pack 65 boxes of a variety of items to be shipped overseas through Packages for Warriors. The Unit donated \$220 to buy small Christmas trees and snack items to our 120 adopted Army deployed. One member sent a Christmas card to Zach Sanders, a Kansas deployed troop.

Marquette Unit 253 sent 2400 personally signed Christmas cards to deployed troops. Six hundred mini Afghans, 2,520 bookmarks, and 200 crocheted crosses were sent, as well. Hygiene items and snacks were donated for care packages sent to troops.

Maize Unit 419 had a member donate a gardening book to an active Veteran to assist with community gardening projects. Another member donated to grandson and Veteran during the government shutdown.

Newton Unit 2 prepared and served meals for National Guardsmen on guard weekends. The Unit contributed to the purchase of rolls for the Big Red Turkey Run at Ft. Riley. They supported First Responders.

Derby Unit 408 sent coupons to families located overseas. Twenty-three Hero Boxes were sent to deployed troops. \$500 was given to the Chamber of Commerce for care packages for troops that couldn't be home for Christmas.

American Legion Auxiliary----Department of Kansas

District Five----Oratorical Report----2025

I regret to report that I received no reports of any Units in District Five participating  
in the American Legion Oratorical Contest in 2025.

Debbie Evans

District Five Oratorical Chair

American Legion Auxiliary  
District 5  
2025 Past President's Parley  
Tracy Kinnick - Chair

District 5 held their past district presidents parley meeting at district convention last year. They got together had breakfast, held a meeting, recognized and held memorial for past district presidents who passed.

Units reported no activity in the district.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
DISTRICT 5  
POPPY REPORT**

Nine reports were received. Four units ,256,273,406, and 419 sent reports but did not participate.

Unit 24 McPherson: Collected \$51.77 on Memorial Day.  
\$25.88 was donated.

Unit 192 Canton: Placed poppies on veterans crosses on memorial Day-300  
Gold Star mothers received a poppy on their grave also.  
Recited "In Flanders Field" at service and placed a wreath  
in honor of all who served and are deceased.

Unit 231 Halstead: Three Junior members passed out poppies, coloring books,  
and candy at a table on Main street. Poppy Declaration was  
read by the mayor at city council meeting.

Unit 401 Air Capital : Distributed poppies, patriotic wrapped tootsie rolls, and  
coloring pages of the poppy story. Collected \$192.00.  
Made 2 poppy wreaths for grave sites of 2 past  
unit presidents. Sent \$58.50 to Dept. of Kansas.

Unit 424 Reflection Ridge:  
One member set up poppy display on Memorial weekend  
and Veterans Day. The grocer store and beauty salon  
allowed poppy displays so customers could get there  
poppies. Collected \$38.00 in donations.

Thank you everyone for your work on the Poppy Program.

Christine Eney  
Unit 406 Andover  
5<sup>th</sup> District Poppy Chairman

**American Legion Auxiliary**

**District 5**

**25 -26 Public Relations**

**Tracy Kinnick – Public Relations Chair**

12 Units Reporting

Dollars Spent \$50.00

1.55Miles

55Hours

Units in the district continue to work the mission in their communities while wearing branding and participating in community events.

By making monthly fliers, contacting news stations, and having articles placed in their local and community papers they are showing their mission.

Social media remains a constant in public relations with many of the units.

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## Post 231 ramping up a new year

HALSTEAD—The Halstead American Legion Auxiliary Post 231 will be starting its 2025-2026 year with our annual covered dish dinner. They will meet at the Legion at 6 p.m.

All current auxiliary members are encouraged to attend and to bring a spouse or guest and a dish to share. Anyone interested in becoming a member may also attend as a guest.

During the meeting, long-time memberships will be recognized.

The auxiliary meets six times throughout the year: September, October, November, December, March, April and May. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of those months at 2 p.m.

in the Legion home. The only evening meeting is the one in September.

As an American Legion Auxiliary, the main project is to collect items for the homeless veterans in the area and for veterans in long-term care at the Bob Dole VA Hospital in Wichita.

Other projects include: in December,

helping to put out and take up the wreaths at the Halstead Cemetery for the Wreaths Across America project; collaborating with the Sons of the American Legion in providing meals at Thanksgiving for families in need; and sponsoring girls who are juniors in high school to attend Girls State.

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**American Legion Auxiliary  
District 5  
25-26 Strategic Planning Report  
Tracy Kinnick – Strategic Planning**

**We had 4 Units reporting that they did not participate in this program.**

**Thank you to those units who reported.**

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
VA&R REPORT 2025 DISTRICT 5  
Linda Wilson Chairman

13 Units Reporting – 2 did not participate

Newton Unit 2 had a fundraiser for backpacks for homeless at gift shop at Robert Dole Hospital. Forty-three backpacks were delivered. Members help veterans with food, a place to live and travel to VA for appointments. A member cares for a veteran outside of their home.

Wichita Unit 401 – member popped popcorn for veterans at the VA. Some members drove veterans to ER and other doctor appointments and prepared and delivered meals. A member delivered pizza to the Rehab unit at the VA for Valentine's Day and Salute to Veteran's Week. Members attended the annual Art Show at the VA and helped with awards. The Unit helped with a coffee tour, providing snacks and drinks given to patients to help break up their day. The Unit donated \$105 for items to be stuffed in the Veteran's Day and Christmas ditty bags. A member helped with Dole gift shop. A member helped with registration for the VA2K walk, an annual event benefiting the homeless.

McPherson Unit 24 helped at Robert Dole VA shopping at gift shop and helping with a coffee tour.

El Dorado Unit 81 members attended a Veteran Parade passing out candy. They visited veterans in nursing homes. When possible, patriotic pillows were given to the patients. For Christmas, heart shaped ornament holders with patriotic Christmas ornaments were given to brighten their rooms. Members attended veteran's funerals. Members supported firefighters, police officers and teachers. Several restaurants gave free coffee and meals to veterans, law enforcement and ALA members on Veteran's Day. Members helped the Elk's on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Veteran's Day by passing out hot dogs. The Unit supported the Dole VA gift shop and coffee tour with monetary donations. One member and her church group make lap blankets for veterans at the VA. Virginia Ball gives free reflexology sessions to veterans and family members. The Unit purchases wreaths for Wreaths across America and supports Kansas Honor Flights

Halstead Unit 231 does a monthly collection of hats, gloves, T-shirts, socks, briefs, laundry soap, zip lock bags, bathroom tissue, toiletries and other clothing items that were taken to the Dole VA for homeless veterans. Two members worked at Christmas gift shop and donated money to help defray postage costs.

Maize Unit 419 donated to the Dole VA coffee tour and a member handed out military ball caps to the patients. The Unit sent money for mailing Christmas gift shop packages. Six members shopped, wrapped, and shipped packages in addition to donating items for the veterans to select from.

Mulvane Unit 136 donated \$300 to the Dole VA for the Memorial Garden in memory of Vanda Bird. Members provided baked good for a two day training session at their Post. They donated clothing for the VA gift shop.

Wichita E-Unit 424 had a member from Denver attend a Women Veteran Luncheon. She also displayed flags in her store on Veteran's Day. She prepared two dinners for a veteran and his wife. Another member did yard work and prepared dinner for a veteran and three dependents. Donations were made to Wounded Warriors, the VA coffee tour and Wreaths across America. A veteran was honored at a local school. One member attended 13 military funerals, one was MIA from WWII. One member drove a veteran to chemo treatments. Another member volunteered at the Dole VA popping popcorn, doing coffee tours, gift shop, ditty bags for Veteran's Day and Christmas and helped over the holidays with in-patients.

Marquette Unit 253 made 65 quilts for veterans. Members attended funerals for veterans. They made donations to Dole VA.

Wichita Unit 4 Auxiliary actively supported the Veteran's Day Parade event raising money for the homeless veterans through the VA. The Unit purchased a car seat for a VA family that requested help due to extenuating circumstances. Five VA families were adopted at Christmas through the VA Operation Holiday providing all of the items on their wish lists. The Auxiliary, along with the Post and other community partners, purchased approximately 1500 wreaths for three separate cemeteries for Wreaths across America. Members of the Unit helped four families complete the paperwork to provide military markers for their loved ones graves.

Total hours: 4,094

Total dollars spent: \$14,432

Total miles driven: 9,387

Total veterans served: 990

Total active military served: 84

DISTRICT FIVE CONVENTION  
McPherson, KS  
March 21, 2026

RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions Committee presents the following courtesy Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, the Committee wishes to recognize guests that extended greetings and best wishes, who gave fine addresses and helped to make this Convention a success, and to whom we personally showed our appreciation at the time of their appearance on the program.

Therefore, be it resolved that the District Secretary send an acknowledgment of thanks to all persons for their presence at the District Five Convention.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, the committee feels that the District Commander, Joe Hulse and District SAL Commander, Dan McDowell have been most cooperative with the American Legion Auxiliary.

Therefore, be it resolved that the District Secretary be instructed to write a note of sincere appreciation from the District Five American Legion Auxiliary to these Commanders.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, the District Five American Legion Auxiliary has been honored by the presence of Department \_\_\_\_\_ We would thank her for her dedication and untiring efforts in making this a successful year.

Therefore, be it resolved that the District Secretary send her our thanks for taking the time from her busy schedule to come to our Convention.

RESOLUTION NO.4

Whereas, the American Legion Auxiliary throughout District Five is appreciative of our District President, Faye Evans, for her dedication and untiring effort in making this a most successful year and convention.

Therefore, be it resolved that we give her a rising vote of thanks.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, the officers this past year have shown great ability in performing their duties.

Therefore, be it resolved that we now express our appreciation by applause.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, the Convention demands much work and planning, the Committee feels that the Convention Chairman, Tresa Rauh, and the entire Committee from McPherson have done an outstanding job in making this Convention enjoyable for those attending.

Therefore, be it resolved that we express our appreciation to Tresa and all her committees by applause.

Madame President, at the direction of the Resolutions Committee, I move the adoption of these Courtesy Resolutions.

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Resolutions Committee Chair

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Committee Member

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Committee Member

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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