# **SUNFLOWERETTE**

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023



### **Teamwork Makes the Dream Work** Department President Cheryl Eastep

Wow, summer is almost over! School has started, soon the leaves will be turning, and the evenings will be cooler. I am sure that everyone will be ready for some cooler weather.

I have had a very busy summer so far and the National Convention in Charlotte. August flew right past us.

I hope that everyone plans to attend the fall conference in Pittsburg on Sept 15/16. We will have our DEC meeting and supper at 6:00 PM at Barto's in Frontenac, KS. Barto's is one of the many chicken restaurants in our area that has been around for many years and is known for its live polka music on Fridays and Saturdays. Our meeting on Saturday will begin at 9:00 AM. My team and I have a great meeting planned as well as a few fun surprises, so you don't want to miss it. Lunch will be sandwiches and salads at the post office for \$10.00. I hope that everyone that attended the National Convention had a safe trip and learned a lot.

I now have hats and bracelets for sale. There are three different colors of bucket hats with sunflowers on them, black, white, and pink for \$10.00 each. The bracelets have sunflowers and will be \$5.00 each. This is going toward my presidential project. Half of the monies earned will go to purchase underwear for the ladies that are in the VA homes and the other half toward the Trish Ward Campaign for National President. Keep your eyes open for a few other fundraisers as I have a special request for all units, I would like each unit to purchase a new package of lady's underwear and bring them to mid-winter. Wouldn't it be great to be able to give each female veteran

in the VA homes a new package of panties? Then I can use the money from the fundraisers to buy each of them a new bra.

Let's continue to work on membership, we definitely want us to be in the front at the National convention next year to cheer for our very own Trish Ward as a National President.

Let us not forget that "teamwork makes the dream work" and strive to "Be the one" this year and always. Your Department President,

Cheryl Eastep





### Marching to the Beat of Membership: by Tracy Kinnick, Department Vice President

This month members will begin to see renewals, and new members can now be entered in ALAMIS. Let's talk ALA Membership 101, per our ALA Membership 101 and FAQ sheet there are other factors to consider when looking at eligibility:

- 1. If you have a potential new member and they are signing up under a veteran who is still living, that member must be a current member of the American Legion before the female relative or spouse can join.
- 2. When the membership is based on a veteran who has passed, the member will be asked to provide documentation proving their eligibility.
- 3. A female veteran who joins the ALA may join the ALA under her own right, she does not have to belong to the American Legion nor have a relative in the American Legion to join the ALA.

If a potential new member can not gain access to a DD214 there are other acceptable ways to verify military service:

- 1. DD214 discharge papers (not issued after Korean War)
- 2. Official military orders
- 3. Official military service citations/awards
- 4. Letters related to veteran's military service. Must be on official government letterhead.
- 5. Certificate from the VA Records Center in St. Louis
- 6. Data from the back of older discharges.

I recently learned that Ancestry.com allows for a free military record search.

Some Other frequently asked questions on eligibility for the ALA:

- 1: is verification of Veteran eligibility required by the Post Officer:
  - a. Yes, the Post Officer should be on every application. If the Post Officer's signature cannot be obtained, a letter from the department adjutant will be accepted. The only exception to this rule is if the member is eligible under her own right, the unit secretary signs and dates the application.

2: In female same-gender marriage, if the female spouse wartime veteran is a member or eligible to be a member of the American Legion is the female wife eligible for membership in the ALA?

- a. Yes, In June of 2015, the US Supreme Court issued a decision for states to allow for same-sex marriages. The Legion and the ALA will continue to accept into membership those individuals who meet eligibility criteria regardless of the gender of their spouses.
- 3: Are men now eligible to join the ALA?
  - a. Male spouses of current members of the American Legion are eligible to join the ALA. Only male spouses are eligible, grandfathers, fathers, uncles, brothers, or other male descendants are not eligible to join the ALA.

As we begin to focus on our 2024 goals, I hope this helps everyone understand a little better eligibility for membership in the ALA.

Should you ever have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Now let's get out there and show everyone who we are, what we do, and why we matter!



### A New Beginning

By Kristen Hensley, Department Chaplain



September is the month that Rosh Hashanah, or the start of the Jewish new year. It marks a new beginning for those that practice Judaism.

Ten days after Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur comes, where practicing Jews ask God for forgiveness of their sins so that their name can be enshrined in the book of life. In English, Yom Kippur translates to "Day of Atonement". This is the holiest day of the year in the Jewish religion and the majority of the day is spent praying and repenting. In the Torah, it states in Leviticus 23:27 that the Day of Atonement should be one of "selfdenial". Such things as fasting food and drink, personal relations, bathing/washing, no work, no wearing leather shoes, and no perfumes or deodorants. Repentance without sacrifice is seen as not truly repenting.

Yom Kippur tradition dates back to biblical times when Jewish people were wandering in the desert during the time of Moses after a time of several generations of enslavement in Egypt, they worshiped a Golden Calf.

Moses went up to Mt Sinai to ask God for forgiveness. Moses came down the mountain after God forgave him. This day became known as Yom Kippur. This tradition has continued when the Jews reached the land of Israel.

The period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is a time of repentance that spans all ten days where you seek forgiveness from people you have hurt.

Once Yom Kippur has concluded on the final evening, those observing this tradition and Holy Holiday, will typically gather for a break-fast meal.

As this is a month devoted to self-reflection and forgiveness for many across our Nation, I encourage everyone to take stock of where they are in their heart and mind. If you have wronged or hurt someone, even unintentionally, I encourage you to reach out and mend your broken fences. If you have been hurt by someone, please try to forgive them, even if they haven't asked for it. Carrying around hurt and grudges will cause it to fester like a cancer making your spirit and heart bitter. It is better to forgive and not carry the weight into your future.

**Prayer:** Father God, please give us courage and insight into our own hearts and minds and work on the areas we are weak. Please give us the strength to forgive those that have hurt us or treated us harshly. We give these situations over to you for you to work on those peoples hearts, as we work on our own short-comings. In Jesus name, Amen.

### LEADERSHIP

Linda Sullivan 917 W Sunrise Drive Wichita, Kansas 67217 (316) 619-9834 sullypsy@yahoo.com Linda Hicks 1523 N. 82nd Terr. KCKS 66112 (913) 579-8233 <u>lhicks20@kc.rr.com</u>

### CAN (C) OR MUST (M)

1.	Standing with your hand over your heart during the advancement of the	
	POW/MIA drape is a	C or M
2.	Sitting after 1 rap of the gavel/bell is a	C or M
3.	During the Opening, Closing. or Meal prayer you should stand.	C or M
4.	Standing and stating your name when addressing the Chair is a	C or M
5.	Members wear white during Memorial Services.	C or M
6.	A transferring member notify the old Unit of her/his transfer.	C or M
7.	Poppies be distributed only in May.	C or M
8.	A Unit display their Charter at their meeting.	C or M
9.	A Unit's name match that of their Post's.	C or M

### Kansas State Fair Fri Sep 8th 4:00pm - Sun 17th 4:00pm (CDT) Kansas State Fairgrounds, Meadowlark Building, 2000 N Poplar St, Hutchinson, KS 67502, USA

Friday – 8 September 2023 – 1st District Saturday – 9 September 2023 – 10th District Sunday – 10 September 2023 – 2nd District Monday – 11 September 2023 – 6th District Tuesday – 12 September 2023 – 9th District Wednesday – 13 September 2023 – 9th District Thursday – 14 September 2023 – 5th District Friday – 15 September 2023 – 7th District Saturday – 16 September 2023 – 3rd District Sunday – 17 September 2023 – 8th District



Barto's, 201 S. Santa Fe St, Frontenac, KS 66763 ( Send



RSVP to President Cheryl at deptpresident@kslegionaux.org)

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS – FALL CONFERENCE AMERICAN LEGION POST HOME #394 Pittsburg, KS SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2023

5:00 PM – Finance Meeting at Bartos.

6:00 PM –? PM Friday, September 15, 2023 – DEC Meeting, and dinner at Bartos. 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Saturday, September 16, 2023 - Registration \$15.00, Lunch \$10.00

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 AGENDA

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Registration – Unit 394 9:00 a.m. – Opening – Post 394

Call to Order	1 5 1
National Convention Highlights and Announcement	NEC, Sharon Spiker
2020 – 2021 Risk & Compliance Committee Report.	Stacie Edwards
DEC Announcements	President Cheryl Eastep
Finance Committee	Jean Kimminau
Greetings Girls State Gov	Gov. McBeal
Constitution & Bylaws	Ann Barnes
Membership/Membership Turn-InDe	partment Vice President Tracy Kinnick

### **Committee Breakout Sessions**

### 9:45-11:00 AM Session 1

### <u>Table 1</u>

Cavalcade of Memories	Paula Sellens
Public Relations/Press Book	Cindy Ward
	<u>Table 2</u>
Americanism/Essay	Marsha Weber
Oratorical	Lorene Oppy
	<u>Table 3</u>
Children & Youth	Deb Evans
Junior Activities	Anndi Bownes
Education/Scholarship	Deb Carr
	<u>Table 4</u>
Рорру	Pam King
Child Welfare	Kristen Hensley
	<u>Table 5</u>
VA&R	Linda Wilson

National Security...... Marcia Cottrell

### 11:00-11:10 Break 11:10-11:30 Everyone return to seats for Leadership Workshop 11:30-12:30 PM Lunch Session 2 12:30 – 1:30PM

### <u>Table 6</u>

Community Service	Louis Staley
Bowling	Marcella McGuire
Eisenhower	Janelle Sanneman
	Table 7
Legislative	Jenelle Hulse
AEF	Faye Evans
	Table 8
Leadership	Linda Sullivan
Notebook Handout	Carol Roush
	Table 9
Constitution & Bylaws	Ann Barnes
Parliamentarian	Jeanne Haas

1:30 PM - 1:45 PM Break

### Session 3 1:45-2:30 PM

### <u> Table 10</u>

Membership	Tracy Kinnick
	<u>Table 11</u>
Chaplain	Kristen Hensley
	<u>Table 12</u>
Historian	Dorothy Wahl
	<u>Table 13</u>
Рорру	Pam King

### 2:30 PM Closing Session

### THIS AGENDA MAY NEED TO BE ADJUSTED IF NECESSARY.

# DOW\*MI HERE NATCHER

11th Annual POW/MIA Watchfire, hosted by the American Legion Post 3 and VFW Post 1372 members and auxiliaries, is planned for <u>September 16,2023</u>

This year's event will begin at <u>5:00 pm and be held at</u> the American Legion Post south of the park.

As in past years, there will be a flag retirement ceremony and food and drink will be available for purchase.

Bring your lawn chairs and join in remembering and honoring POW/MIAs.



\*\*NO REFUNDS \*\*

835 S. Washington Junction City, KS 66441

<u>Host Hotel</u> Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Junction City, KS Free Hot Breakfast

\$99 per night Make reservations NLT September 3, 2023

#### Kansas American Legion Auxiliary Tournament 2023 Rules

- The rules and regulations of USBC will govern this tournament and will be sanctioned by USBC.
- Teams must have at least two(2) Kansas American Legion Auxiliary members. Each bowler must have a current USBC card and must show these cards prior to bowling (or furnish receipt).
- 3. The tournament location will be selected annually by a vote of the Kansas Department of the American Legion Auxiliary Bowling Committee from bids received by Kansas Bowling Proprietors and/or Center Managers. Bids may be mailed directly to Mike Cole, and must be received prior to September 1st of the year preceding the tournament year being bid on.
- 4. All entrants must use their highest USBC league average of 21 games or more from the 2022-2023 bowling season. If a bowler does not have an average from the previous season, they may use their highest summer 2023 season average of 21 games or more. If a bowler has neither, they must enter the tournament with their current 2023-2024 season average of at least 12 games or more from one league or a composite average. Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify the score if submitted average is lower than current average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average for the tournament. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average if it is higher than the current average in the tournament. However, corrections in averages may be permitted up to the completion of the first game bowled. Anyone entering the KALABA tournament without an established average will bowl with a 150 average.
- 5. This is a handicap tournament. Handicap will be 80% of 200.
- 6. No bowler can enter more than once in doubles and singles. All bowlers that enter doubles must enter singles and vice versa. A bowler may bowl a second team event as long as at least two(2) members in the lineup are different. A bowler's first team score will count toward their All Events total. At least one member of the Doubles team must be an Auxiliary member.
- 7. Entry fees will not be refunded. Changes in line-up will be permitted but must be made in the Tournament Office prior to the start of your squad. Payouts will be sent to Team Captains for distribution, unless other arrangements are made in advance with the Tournament Manager. All prize checks must be cashed within 90 days.
- In the case of a tie in the Team event, the winners will be declared Co-Champions. The travelling plaque will be engraved with both teams and each team will have possession of the plaque for a six month period.
- The prize list will be pro-rated to pay 1:5 entries. All prize fees collected in an event or division of any event, will be returned 100% to the participants in that event or division.
- Each event will be bowled on a pair of lanes. Doubles and singles will be bowled on the same pair of lanes.
- Team event will be bowled on Saturday. Doubles and singles will be bowled on Sunday with Doubles being bowled first.
- 12. A bowler shall be at the tournament 30 minutes before scheduled time to bowl. The team captain shall be responsible for reporting the team ready to bowl. In case of a substitute, the tournament shall be

notified as the earliest possible time. In case no substitute is available and the regular bowler arrives after the frame commences, they may start in the frame the team is in and the score is counted only for the frames bowled. This also applies to doubles and singles.

- The 15 pins or more increase in average and the tournament prize winning has been waived. Rules 319a-2, 319d, and 319e USBC rules.
- 14. It shall be each bowlers responsibility to verify the accuracy of their average on their recap sheet prior to the first frame of bowling. Any corrections needed may be made with the Tournament Office.
- Tardy bowlers may be permitted to bowl the squad in progress, in the current frame being bowled, but will take zero for each frame missed.
- Use of an ineligible bowler, or incorrect averages, will nullify all claims for any prizes or awards.
- Protests or errors in scoring/calculation must be made in writing to the Tournament Management within 24 hours after bowling, or the scores will stand as scored on the standings sheets. [Rules 327b, 329a]
- In the event of an emergency or some other unforeseen circumstance, the Tournament Manager will have the final decision on how to proceed.
- Unused Expense Funds and all other fundraising proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the Kansas Honor Flight.
- These rules may be changed by majority vote of the Kansas Department of the American Legion Auxiliary Bowling Committee at any time.
- Entries are based on first come, first served, and must be complete or they will be returned. Acceptable funds would be Auxiliary check, cashier's check, personal check, or money order.

Please make all checks payable to: KS AM Legion Auxiliary Bowling Assn

> Mail entries to: Michael Cole 918 Josela Court Leavenworth, KS 66048

### Holiday Inn Express, 221 E. Ash Street, Junction City, KS

Call 785-579-5787 or go to www.hiexpress.com/ juncitoncityks

Group Code is ALA make sure you use this code when making reservations.

### 70TH ANNUAL KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION BOWLING TOURNAMENT • 2023 ENTRY FORM

TEAM EVENT OFFICIAL LINE UP	ID NUMBER	
1)		
2)		
3)		
4)		



## TOURNAMENT

	SINGLES/DOUBLES OFFICIAL LINE UP	2022-2023		AUX ID NUMBER	ALL
1)			ID NOBBER		
2)					
1)					
2)					

Squad Times

Saturday 30 September Teams 1pm & 4:30pm

> Sunday 1 October Sgls & Dbls 10am & 1:30pm

Preferred Singles & Doubles	
Dates	Times
1. 1 Oct 2023	
2. 1 Oct 2023	

### Preferred Team

	Dates /	Times
1.	30 Sep 2023	
2.	30 Sep 2023	d
-		

Please allow time for lane dressing between squads

INDIVIDUAL USBC SANCTION AND KS AMERICAN LEGION AUX CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE TIME OF BOWLING

MORAL SUPPORT IS SANCTIONED BY USBC

TEAM NAME:		
CAPTAIN:		_
PHONE:		_
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		_
STATE:	ZIP:	
EMAIL:		

Reserved entries close at midnight August 25, 2023 Non-reserved entries close at midnight September 15, 2023 Money without an entry form will NOT hold your spot

DO NOT WRITE IN	THIS SPACE-OFFICE USE ONLY
Team \$:	All Event \$:
Single \$:	Double \$:
Total \$:	Check #
Date Rec'd:	



EN	TRY FEE BREA	K-DOWN	
TEAM DOUBLE			
PRIZE FUND	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
BOWLING FEE	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$12.50
EXPENSES	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$2.50
TOTAL	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$25.00

### **OPTIONAL ALL EVENT FEE = \$6.00**

Prize Ratio is at least 1 out of 5 Prize fund payout is 100%

Team @ \$100.00\$	
Doubles* @ \$50.00\$	
Singles* @ \$25.00\$	
All Event @ \$6.00\$	
TOTAL DUE	



# District 4 Family Homecoming



OCTOBER 7, 2023 Social Hour - 11:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Program- 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Harold "Skinny" Spatz American Legion Post 323 9 E. Broadway, Lebo, Kansas

Join us in honoring:

District 4 Commander Eszter Blair District 4 American Legion Auxiliary President Carol Roush District 4 Detachment Commander Randy Porter

 \$20.00 per person (RSVP no later than September 28, 2023) Catered by Chicken House, Olpe, Kansas RSVP or need additional information Contact Clarence "Frenchie" Frye (757) 477-3403
Make check payable to American Legion Post 323 and mail to American Legion, P. O. Box 204, Lebo, KS 66856

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Meals \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$\_\_

Name(s) of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Unit/Squadron \_\_\_\_\_









### **DISTRICT TWO LEGION FAMILY HOMECOMING**

**OCTOBER 7, 2023** 

FELLOWSHIP BEGINS AT 4:00PM WITH DINNER/PROGRAM AT 5:00PM

HOSTED BY:

THE AMERICAN LEGION MIAMI POST 156 5 DELAWARE STREET, PAOLA, KS 66071

### JOIN US IN HONORING DISTRICT 2 LEADERSHIP:

TAL COMMANDER - DOUG HENSLEY - PAOLA ALA PRESIDENT - CINDY WARD - PAOLA SAL COMMANDER - JOHN REED - LOUISBURG

PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30TH

\$12,00/PERSON IN ADVANCE (BY SEPTEMBER 30TH) OR \$15,00/PERSON AT THE DOOR

# **BE THE ONF**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT, DOUG HENSLEY, AT (913) 314-2306.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL (NOTATING "DISTRICT 2 HOMECOMING" IN THE MEMO) TO:

> **AMERICAN LEGION POST 156** PO BOX 126, PAOLA, KS 66071

### THIS IS THE LAST STOP ON THE "MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN DISTRICT 2" PASSPORT/SCAVENGER HUNT RIDE!

FOR INFORMATION ON RIDE, CONTACT DAVID HECK AT (316) 207-8650 OR VISIT THE "AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS - DISTRICT 2" FACEBOOK PAGE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# OF MEALS \_\_\_\_\_\_ ENCLOSED CHECK AMOUNT: \$\_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF OTHERS ATTENDING:

POST/UNIT/SQUADRON: \_\_\_\_\_\_CITY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

43rd ANNUAL	
<b>EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE</b> Enclosed is our payment for a rose to be placed at the Eisenhower Memorial on Saturday, October 14, 2023.	
Purchaser Post - Unit - Other (Please be Specific)	
No. of Roses Amount Enclosed (\$10 for each rose requested)	
Name	
Person Placing the Rose	
Please appoint an appropriate individual to place our rose.	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Telephone (Day Time)	
******	
RECEPTION & DINNER Chapman Post #240 Friday, October 13	
No. of Dinner Reservations Amount Enclosed (\$20 per person)	
MAIL TO: KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE 1314 SW Topeka Blvd. Topeka, KS 66612	
ABSOLUTE DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2023	

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT VISIT TO KANSAS

# OCTOBER 12-14, 2023

Save the date, more information to come. AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 153 OLATHE KANSAS WELCOMES ALA NATIONAL PRESIDENT

LISA WILLIAMSON

Join us for a

**Breakfast Buffet** prepared by American Legion Riders Chapter 153

## **Thursday Oct. 12, 2023**

8:30 - 10:00 am

Scrambled Eggs Pancakes French Toast Biscuits & Gravy Bacon Fresh Fruit OJ / Coffee / Water All You

**\$10** 

Can Eat







Pay by cash / debit credit\* at the event, or pay by \$10 check made out to ALR153 Olathe KS. Mail checks to address below, ATTN Paul McBride by October 1, 2023



\*Debit/Credit charge will total \$10.30

Olathe American Legion 410 E Dennis Ave. Olathe, KS 66061



# SAVE THE DATE



## Upcoming Events Vice and District Homecoming Dist. 7 & 8 Sept 30<sup>th</sup> more info to come. Dist. 2 & 4 Oct 7<sup>th</sup> see flyers above.

## **Dept Vice Family Homecoming**

Sat Oct 14th 12:00pm - 3:00pm Grey Hound Hall, 407 S Buckeye Ave, Abilene, KS 67410, USA

Angela Evans Vice Commander's Legion Family Homecoming on October 14, 2023, which also includes Tracy Kinnick, the American Legion Auxiliary Department Vice President and Matthew Krupco, the S.A.L. Detachment Vice Commander **Dist. 1 & 5** 

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> more info to come.

Please go to this link on the Dept Website for more info <u>https://www.kslegionaux.org/department-calendar</u>