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By: Tracy Kinnick, Department President

Congratulations to all incoming district officers! I wish you a successful year as you advance the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. If you need help, feel

free to reach out to me or any past office holders. We want everyone to succeed. As the year ends, please complete and return the necessary forms to the department office and your district president. These forms improve communication across our organization. Without them, sharing information becomes difficult.

#### Forms needed:

- Districts: District Chair List, Committee Appointments for Department Convention.
- Units: Unit officers elected, Delegates/Alternates to Department Convention,
- Unit Chairperson list, Dues Rate form.

All forms can be found here: DEPT FORMS | KansasALA



If you have not placed your poppy orders yet, please do so ASAP. Poppies are in high demand, and we are currently seeking more veterans who would be interested in making them. If you know a veteran who may be interested in making poppies, reach out to Pam King for more information. The office does not have poppies available; you must first place an order and coordinate with Pam King before coming to the office to pick

them up. Department Call to Convention has been mailed; inside, you will find information for the convention along with proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws (C&B). Be sure to read the entire contents of the packet and share it with your units. By returning the delegates/ alternates list to the department before the convention, it will allow us to pre-check membership status, thereby speeding up the registration process. Meetings will be held via Zoom. This is your opportunity as a member to utilize your right to vote. We will vote on incoming leadership, and the proposed changes to the C&B. I hope to see many of you in attendance. Thank you all for your continued dedication to the ALA. We still have a way to go to reach 95% membership, but it can be achieved with everyone reaching out to those who have not renewed their dues for 2025. See you at the convention!

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#### I See the Finish Line!

By Kristen Hensley, Department Vice President/Membership



Department of Kanas is doing so good with our Membership Regatta! In March, we met a National Goal Deadline of 85% which was something that we had not done is a very long time. But the race is not yet over!

The joy and celebration for hitting this goal has made us all hungry to reach the next one. May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline for the next goal. The goal is to reach 95% membership on that date. We are getting closer and closer with each passing day.

I know a lot of us have been busy compiling reports, attending District Conventions, and holding elections within our unit. Let us not forget to continue to renew and recruit.

Here is the breakdown on what we need to get as of 4/18/2025:

- Currently We have 8085 members in Kansas. We need 645 members to hit 95%.
- That is roughly 59 more renewals/new members, either Junior or Senior per District, OR
- That is roughly 6 more renewals/new members in each of 118 units (2/3 of our active 178 units remaining open after convention).

This is doable! Who will partner with me in working to blow this goal out of the water?

Sails up, rudders fixed, with our eyes on the horizon, this Sunflower Fleet is here to make waves in Membership Success!!!!

1ST DISTRICT	UNIT	GOAL	TOTAL	%	2ND DISTRICT	UNIT	GOAL	TOTAL	%	3RD DISTRICT	UNIT	GOAL	TOTAL	%	4TH DISTRICT	UNIT	GOAL	TOTAL	%
Topeka	1	62	31	50.00%	Lawrence	14	35	33	94.29%	Columbus	3	33	27	81.82%	Emporia	5	140	114	81.43%
Atchison	6	37	54	145.95%	Iola	15		27	112.50%	Winfield	10	141	141	100.00%	Yates Center	13	30	28	
Leavenworth	23	48	42	87.50%	Gardner	19	159	151	94.97%	Arkansas City	18	90	67	74.44%	Burlington	38	10	6	60.00%
Rossville	31	52	44	84.62%	Fort Scott	25	8	11	137.50%	Coffeyville	20	66	57	86.36%	Peabody	95	34	28	82.35%
Oskaloosa	36	37	30	81.08%	Garnett	48		17	80.95%	Girard	26	55	38	69.09%	Waverly	119	23	19	
Tonganoxie	41	13	9	69.23%	Olathe	153	177	156	88.14%	Cherokee	35	43	42	97.67%	Osage City	198	32	23	
Holton	44	28	31	110.71%	Paola	156	80	85	106.25%	Erie	102	109	101	92.66%	Gridlev	296	35	35	100.00%
Trov	55	16	15	93.75%	KC Quindaro	199	68	71	104.41%	Caney	138	10	17	170.00%	LeRoy	313	13	12	92.31%
Leavenworth	94	37	39	105.41%	Osawatomie	204	26	24	92.31%	Independence	139	80	73	91.25%	Melvern	317	0		#DIV/0!
Perrv	142	27	21	77.78%	Kansas City	213	64	68	106.25%	Howard	149	91	75	82.42%	Lebo	323	38	28	
White Cloud	154	22	14	63.64%	Baldwin City	228	12	12	100.00%	Chanute	170	211	198	93.84%	Toronto	325	12	6	50.00%
Wathena	161	60	50	83.33%	Mound City	248	32	27	84.38%	Mulberry	176	0		#DIV/0!	Lincolnville	347	13	12	92.31%
Ozawkie	225	122	119	97.54%	Louisburg	250		167	87.89%	Arma	182	80	92	115.00%	Hillsboro	366	85	78	
Effingham	285	13	10	76.92%	Blue Mound	279	60	78	130.00%	Cedar Vale	201	19		89.47%	Allen	389	11	14	127.27%
Topeka	319	9	6	66.67%	Shawnee	327	129	124	96.12%	Baxter Springs	206	20	17	85.00%					
Winchester	387	26	25	96.15%	Spring Hill	350		27	108.00%	Weir	272	10		70.00%	4TH DISTRICT		476	403	84.66%
Topeka	400	170	147	86.47%	Overland Park	370	256	260	101.56%	Pittsburg	394	57	28	49.12%	14 Total Units		-170		20070
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Lansing	411	7	8	114.29%	Lenexa	407	38	36	94.74%	3RD DISTRICT		1115	997	89.42%					
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Atwood	46	20	13	65.00%	Seneca	21	43	38	88.37%	Herington	12	16	12	75.00%	PLACE	Dist #		%	
Norton	63	77	69	89.61%	Washington	91	12	7	58.33%	Manthattan	17	176	151	85.80%	1st	2ND DISTRIC	T	96.82%	
Oberlin	70	67	64	95.52%	Sabetha	126	9	11	122.22%	Alma	32		37	82.22%	2nd	3RD DISTRIC	Τ	89.42%	
Hays	173	56	32	57.14%	Barnes	145	39	31	79.49%	Abilene	39		26	104.00%		1ST DISTRICT		87.21%	
Wakeeney	197	10	8	80.00%	Marysville	163		158	81.03%	Leonardville	40		30	73.17%		6TH DISTRICT	Γ	87.15%	
Kirwin	277	9	6	66.67%	Blue Rapids	169		17	89.47%	Junction City	45				5th	5TH DISTRICT	Γ	86.12%	
Logan	281	24	18	75.00%	Frankfort	181	80	64	80.00%	Clay Center	101	75		85.33%	6th	11TH DISTRIC	CT	85.95%	
Grainfield	301	27	22	81.48%	Centralia	216	22	17	77.27%	Maple Hill	130				7th	7TH DISTRIC	Γ	85.65%	
Seldon	321	0	0	0%	Clifton	227	154	121	78.57%	Wamego	172		20	76.92%	8th	4TH DISTRICT		84.66%	
Jennings	351	25	23	92.00%	Greenleaf	235		28	77.78%	Saint Mary's	178	2	8			10TH DISTRICT		82.36%	
Bird City	352	19	18		Linn	237	63	54		Westmoreland	186	_		60.71%		9TH DISTRICT		81.91%	
Bogue	356	0	0	0%	Beattie	244	26	24	92.31%	Chapman	240	_	50	96.15%	11th	8TH DISTRICT		71.47%	
Agra	357	17	14	82.35%	Wetmore	282	54	48	88.89%	Saint George	260	22	18	81.82%					
Colby	363	25	21	84.00%	Hanover	306	84	68	80.95%	Hope	365	9	5	55.56%	DIST Totals	8085			
					Fairview	322	17	16							Dept 58	78			
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14 TOTAL UNITS					Waterville	332	19	15		14 TOTAL UNITS									
					Summerfield	362		32	94.12%						Dept Goal	9189			
					Powhattan	373		39	82.98%										
					Horton	415	22	15	68.18%						Seniors paid		7617		
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					10TH District		975	803	82.36%							Total	8085		
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#### May Chaplain Article - Gratitude - The Power of Appreciating Life

In a constantly moving world where responsibilities pile up and challenges often overshadow joys, it's easy to overlook the quiet power of gratitude. Yet, within this simple act of recognizing and appreciating what we have lies a profound source of strength, peace, and connection.

What Is Gratitude? Gratitude is more than saying "thank you." It is a deeper recognition of the goodness in our lives, often stemming from something outside ourselves. It could be the support of a friend, the beauty of a sunset, or the opportunity to grow through a challenging experience. Gratitude invites us to shift our focus from what's lacking to what's present — and often, what's abundant.

- 1. **Resilience in Hard Times**: Gratitude doesn't ignore pain or hardship but helps us find meaning and light even in dark moments. It provides perspective and resilience.
- 2. Modern research in psychology and neuroscience confirms what ancient wisdom has always taught: practicing gratitude has tangible benefits for our mental, emotional, and even physical well-being.

#### **How to Cultivate Gratitude**

Gratitude is a skill that grows stronger with practice. Here are a few simple ways to cultivate it:

- **Keep a Gratitude Journal**: Write down three daily things you're thankful for. They don't have to be grand even small moments matter.
- **Express Thanks**: Take time to tell people you appreciate them. A heartfelt message, a thank-you note, or a few sincere words can go a long way.
- Pause and Reflect: During your day, pause and recognize what's going well. Appreciate the people, opportunities, or simple comforts around you.

**Practice Mindfulness**: Being fully present helps you notice the good around you — the warmth of the sun, a smile from a stranger, the taste of your favorite meal.

**The Ripple Effect** Gratitude is contagious. When we lead with appreciation, we uplift ourselves and those around us. A culture of gratitude—whether in a home, workplace, or community—creates an environment where kindness, empathy, and cooperation thrive.

**In Conclusion** Gratitude is a gentle yet powerful force. It's a feeling-good emotion and a transformative perspective that enhances our life experience. In every moment, there's something to be thankful for, and by acknowledging it, we invite more peace, joy, and connection into our lives.

So, take a moment. Breathe. Look around. What are you grateful for today?

Remember either to send or bring your Chaplain Books to Convention. I have some great Prizes to hand out.

Department of Kansas Chaplain - Cindy Ward

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The Department of Kansas American Legion Auxiliary convention is right around the corner. I am looking forward to checking out all the History books at the convention. Thank you for allowing me to be your Historian for the 2024-2025 year. As always, if you have any questions regarding your history book or the guidelines for the history books, please email me at <a href="mailto:lauriedkerns@gmail.com">lauriedkerns@gmail.com</a>

See you at the convention!

Laurie Kerns

#### **LEADERSHIP**

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Happy Spring, soon to be Summer!!!!!!

After four years, the Leadership Lindas are leaving!! No, no, not the Auxiliary, we love the Auxiliary – we are just leaving the Leadership Committee.

We have enjoyed planning activities for you, and hope you have had fun with, and learned a few things, from the things we dreamed up.

Please support the future Leadership Committee and make them feel valued, as you have us.

See you in Topeka at the Department Convention!!!!!!!!

Linda and Linda

#### **POPPY**

National Poppy Day is May 23. Our supply of poppies is very small due to poppy workers being ill. We will try our best to fill orders received by May 1st, but we can't guarantee the delivery by poppy day.

Pam King



District 1 Convention
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American Legion Auxiliary
April 5, 2025

Department of Kansas Auxiliary Members,

The members of Unit 23 and District 1, American Legion Auxiliary, endorse Sonia Wiley for the Office of Department Historian. Sonia is eligible for membership through her husband, Dan and has been a member since 2016. She has attended many Legion and Auxiliary activities, including the Fall Conference, Mid Winter Forum, LV VA Memorial Day Services, Leadership College, LV Veterans Day Parade, Boys State, Sunflower Girls State, The Turkey Run, Operation North Pole, Erie Bean Feed, District Conventions, Washington Conference and National Conventions.

She has served the Auxiliary as Unit 23 President, Secretary/Treasure and Membership Chair . At the District level, as District 1 President, Vice President, Historian, Education Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Chair, and member of the Transition Committee. She has served the Auxiliary at the Department level as Sergeant at Arms and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. She is serving on the National Constitution and Bylaws committee for 2024-25. She has the endorsement of Unit 23 and her husband, Dan.

Sonia taught at David Brewer Elementary from 1999 - 2021 where she has been on many committees. She has served on USD 453 District committees and cadres. She currently teaches at Lawson Early Education Center in Leavenworth. Dan and Sonia have two children and one grandson. All three are members of the Legion Family. She is a strong supporter of strength through working together as a Legion Family.

Respectfully, submitted by Unit 23, Leavenworth and District 1, Department of Kansas American Legion Auxiliary.

Kim Smith, District 1 President

Unit 23, Secretary

Sheila Snyder, Convention Secretary

Unit 23, Vice President

#### **EVENTS**

Planning is underway for **ALA Sunflower Girls State**! The 82<sup>nd</sup> Session will be held June 1-6, 2025, at The University of Kansas.

Registration forms are available now on our website and are due by May 1, 2025. Please use this registration form only to ensure we obtain all the necessary information for a camp involving minors.

The fee is \$425 per delegate. We are asking all delegates to contribute \$25 themselves, so the sponsoring units will only need to contribute \$400. Some units have used a similar model in the past. To stay consistent across all units, please do not ask delegates to contribute more (or less) than \$25.

We are so grateful to the ALA members who continue to be dedicated to working our program year after year!

What do we need from you?

- We need help with recruitment!
  - Please encourage the current high school juniors in your life to submit a registration form!
  - Share our information in your community. We have flyers and brochures to distribute.
  - O Do you or someone you know work in a Kansas high school or partner with a home school co-op? If so, we would love to connect!
- We need volunteers at session! If you are available during session and willing to help, please let us know.

#### What is ALA Sunflower Girls State?

This is a week-long, government-in-action, non-partisan camp that teaches delegates Americanism, citizenship, government, and leadership. Delegates establish city-, county-, and state-level governments, run for office, debate and pass legislation, and hear from leaders at all levels of government from across Kansas.

#### Who is ALA Sunflower Girls State for?

Our program is for students between their junior and senior years of high school from across Kansas.

#### Would you like to learn more?

Please visit our website (www.ksgirlsstate.org), find us on social media (Facebook and Instagram), or contact ALA Liaison Pam King by phone (620-222-1835) during the day or Director Lindsay Maudlin by phone (620-728-4072) in the evenings or email (<a href="mailto:sunflowergirlsstate@gmail.com">sunflowergirlsstate@gmail.com</a>) for more information.



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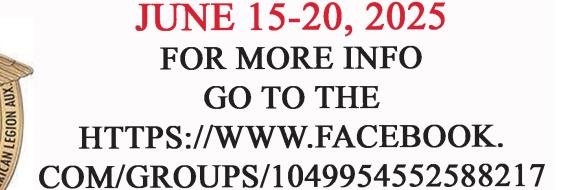
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