



McPherson American Legion

Harry B Dorst Post 24

January 2025 Newsletter



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Commander's Corner Dan Hervey Post Commander

Wine Tasting: Keep Saturday Feb 1st open as the committee is planning the next wine tasting. Watch social media for information. You will need to buy a ticket as this is always a sellout. Give your name to Jim LaDuke if you plan to attend.

Email for Newsletter: Reminder - We no longer mail the newsletter. If you want notifications and newsletter by email, please send your name and email to Al24ks@sbcglobal.net and we will add you to the list. Please let us know if you are a Legion, Sons, Auxiliary, Rider, or Social member when you sign up for the email newsletter.

Happy Hour at the Legion: To qualify for the 2nd drink, you will need to have your 2025 dues paid. We will have a list at the bar to make sure you are paid. Thanks to those that have already paid their dues.

Matching Grant: A few months ago, we applied for a grant to replace our aging wheelchair lift. After 24 years we cannot get parts for this one any longer. The McPherson Community Foundation has awarded us a matching grant up to \$8,000. If you would like to help with the estimated \$7,500 we need to provide, please send a tax-deductible check to the American Legion; P.O. Box 209; McPherson, KS 67460 or drop it by Jim LaDuke State Farm Agency.

Officer Elections: We elected and installed new officers for 2025. They are listed on the newsletter cover. Thank you to all who have stepped up to serve. We appreciate all you do.

Memberships: Please renew your membership immediately if you do not have a 2025 card so you don't miss getting the newsletter, etc.

Did You Know: Post has medical equipment available to members & others on a short-term basis. Call Danny Schafer (620-245-8638) if you need a wheelchair, crutches, walker, knee cart, shower chair, etc.

Food Bank Donation Area: Place items for the Food Bank on the table with a sign near the office door. Food is delivered every Friday.

Veterans Story Night: One of our most popular programs! We are now recording stories. If you're willing to share your military story or tell it again so it gets recorded, text Dennis Friesen at 620-242-7702.

Military Honors:- Every Honorably Discharged Veteran is entitled to Military Honors when they pass. Unfortunately, 2 things can stand in the way. 1st, the family does not know their wish and 2nd, the funeral home needs immediate access to the veterans discharge papers (usually a DD-214).

Thanks for all you do!

(Post Meetings 3rd Monday, 6 PM)

New Years Day Breakfast – Jan 1

Wednesday January 1st we will continue having our breakfast starting at 9AM with Bloody Mary's and Screwdrivers available. This has been a favorite to welcome in the new year.

Veterans Social and Story Night

We need sponsors for 2025. Get your tax-deductible contribution of \$100 and send to Box 209, McPherson KS 67460 with check made payable to the American Legion. We need at least 4 sponsors per month to pay for food and drinks for the Veterans. You will be recognized the night of the event plus your name will go on the Sign out front for a month. This is the start of our 7th year.

Queen of Hearts

We are continuing the Queen of Hearts on Thursdays with a running pot. When the Queen of Hearts is pulled from the board you will split the pot. Chances are sold each Thursday from 4 to 7 and the winner gets a chance to draw from the board. If it is not the Queen of Hearts, the winner gets 10% of the weekly amount and remainder carries over to the next Thursday.

Auxiliary Notes, Tresa Rauh, President

There will be no Auxiliary Meetings in January or February.
Thanks to everyone for your work and support of Toys for Kids!
Contact Tresa at 620-419-6191 if you have any questions.

Sons of American Legion Mike Price, SAL Commander

Next Meeting January 20th at 7 PM (3rd Monday, 7 PM)
Please make sure you have paid your 2025 dues.

Legion Rider Rumbles Ken Gawanda, Director

Next Meeting January 26th at 1 PM (4th Sunday, 1 PM)
Hoping everyone had a great Christmas and Happy new Year! Let's have another fun and successful year. Let's get some more exciting rides in and enjoy each other's company.
Hope to see you at our next meeting.

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<i>The Legion will be open New Year's Eve but closed Christmas Day</i>			1 – Wednesday 9:00 AM New Year's Breakfast & Drinks	2 – Thursday 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts Draw	3 - Friday Friday Food 5:30 PM Taco Bar	4 - Saturday 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM VFW Breakfast Service Officer onsite 9-Noon 9:00 AM Legion Maintenance
5 – Sunday BINGO: 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games Chiefs vs Broncos	6 – Monday No Auxiliary Meeting this month.	7 - Tuesday 5:00 PM Veteran Social Night	8 6:30 PM Cornhole	9 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts Draw	10 Friday Food 5:30pm Baked Chicken	11 7:00 PM Karaoke
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19 BINGO: 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games	20 6:00 PM Post Meeting 7:00 PM SAL Meeting	21 Veteran Story Night: 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Veteran Presentations	22 6:30 PM Cornhole	23 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts Draw	24 Friday Food 5:30pm Pork Loin	25 7:00 PM Karaoke
26 1:00 PM Legion Rider Meeting BINGO: 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games	27 6:30 PM Cornhole	28 6:30 PM Adult Trivia	29 Kansas Day	30 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts Draw	31 Friday Food 5:30pm Fried Chicken	Feb 1 Wine Tasting 8:00 AM – 10:00AM VFW Breakfast 9:00 AM Legion Maintenance Wine Tasting TBD

Adult Trivia will be held on Tuesday Jan 14 & Jan 28 at 6:30pm

Karaoke will be held on Sunday Jan 11 & Jan 25 at 7pm

Family Night will be on Jan 16 benefiting the Cat House

Banquet Hall available for Wedding Receptions, Parties, and Special Occasions. Call 241-0343 to reserve. All Bingo Sessions and Family Night events are open to the Public. Other events are for Members and Guests unless otherwise specified.

2025 membership dues must now be paid.



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this month's
Veteran Story Night
Sponsors**

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Sponsor space is still available. If you wish to have an area here, call Jim LaDuke @ 241-8600 for availability.