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## Commander's Corner Dan Hervey, Post Commander

**Flag Retirement Completed:** Third time was a charm. Rained out on Flag Day, too windy for the second scheduled day so finally Saturday, July 19 we successfully retired the flags. A special thanks to Jeff Owens, SAL member who has taken the responsibility of folding all the discarded flags as they come in and to the 11 volunteers who helped with the retirement. We retired flags for the Lindsborg Post also and we estimate we had between 1,800 to 2,000 flags.

**Membership Challenge (Almost anyone can be a member of our Post):** American Legion Posts across the nation are closing due to declining membership and participation. Unfortunately, due to death & aging, we are losing veterans every month as well. To be a viable Post

### ***WE NEED YOU TO CARRY ON THE LEGION FAMILY LEGACY!***

We can double our membership IF each member will recruit at least one new member. As Commander, I will buy each recruiter and each new member a drink of your choice at our Post lounge.

**Social membership renewals:** We will be sending out renewals notices in August. The price will be \$50 per year for Social members.

**Volunteers:** We can never thank our volunteers enough. By the same token we can find you a place if you are interested in helping with Bingo, maintenance, Family Night or just baking a dessert for meals.

**Lounge and Bingo:** These are our main source of income. Summer is a slow time for our activities; however, our bills continue. Please invite someone to visit and support your Post as often as you can.

**Phase I of front entry - Constructions has started:** Hedlund Electric and PLI have started this project. We will have a suspended ceiling with windows into the lounge where you will be able to see out but not see in from the lobby. A new secured door has been added to the front office which will be converted to our museum. We have moved our offices to the main hall where the old bingo office was located and it now accommodates the Legion, SAL and Auxiliary. Hopefully a lot of phase one will be completed in August.

**Wine tasting event September 13<sup>th</sup>:** The committee has started to work on this event for September 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will go fast, so if interested get your name in.

**Annual Steak night September 20<sup>th</sup> – Small Dinner August 9<sup>th</sup>:** Our annual steak night will be Sat, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>. More info to follow. We will have a small Steak dinner on Sat, Aug 9<sup>th</sup> as we are getting ready for the big Sept. event. IF interested in coming August 9<sup>th</sup> let Jim LaDuke know – this is limited to a small number of members.

*Thanks for all you do!*

(Post Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6 PM)

## Special Events in August

**Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 Friday Dinners - \$12 per meal at 5:30pm**

**Aug 9 – Steak Night Rehearsal:** 5:30pm in the Lounge  
Reservations through Jim LaDuke Required

**Aug 9 & 23 – Karaoke Night:** Starts at 7pm in the Lounge  
Presented by M&T Entertainment

**Aug 13 - Bring Your Own Vinyl (BYOV) – 6 to 8pm:** We've started a new event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, so Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, we will play a variety of your music for the enjoyment of all from 6 to 8pm. We started this in July and had a great variety of music. If you want to get your vinyl clean, one of our members will clean them for \$1 per vinyl. Let's have some fun sharing vinyl and memories.

**Aug 12 & 26 – Adult Trivia:** Starts at 6:30pm in the Banquet Hall  
Team Competitions - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (\$2/person)

**Aug 14 & 28 – Queen of Hearts Draw:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays - 6:30pm. Another fund raiser opportunity for the legion. Next drawing will be Thursday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> and the lucky winner gets \$1476 if they pick the Queen of Hearts off the board or \$50 if the Queen is not drawn. You buy chances to select a card off a board that started with all the cards. Chances are \$5 each or 5/\$20. Odds increase each week so come to the Legion that evening. We start selling chances at 5:30pm.

**Aug 19 – Veteran's Story Night:** 5:30pm Meal, 6:30pm Stories  
Note story time – No Fee, Always looking for Speakers & Sponsors

**Aug 21 – Family Night Dinner for Hospital Volunteers:** 5-6:30pm  
\$6 Fee, Hamburger/Hot Dog/Fries/Drink/Dessert (Pick 4, 2 meat limit)



## Auxiliary Notes Tresa Rauh, President

**Next Meeting Aug 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM (1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 6:30 PM)**

We will have a regular meeting on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting on Monday, September 1 will be a pot luck dinner. Bring your favorite dish. Starting to collect dues for 2026. Please be safe for the holiday. We are looking for volunteers for Bingo on Sundays. Contact Tresa at 620-419-6191 if you have questions or would like to help.



## Sons of American Legion Mike Price, SAL Commander

**Next Meeting Aug 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7 PM)**

All SAL Members are welcome to attend our Aug 18<sup>st</sup> meeting at 7PM. 2026 membership reminders will be mailed out.



## Legion Rider Rumbles Ken Gawanda, Director

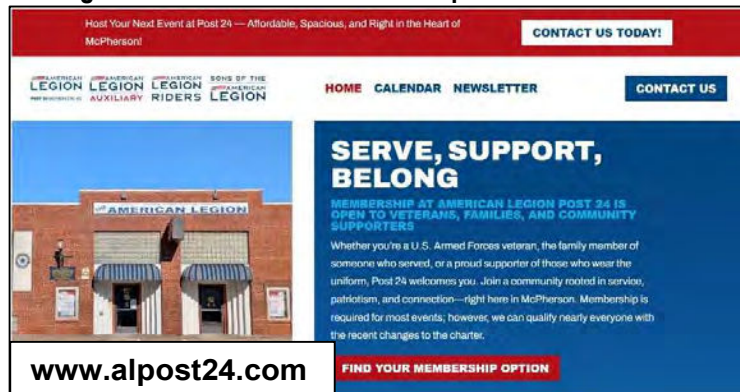
**Next Meeting Aug 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM (4<sup>th</sup> Sun, 1:00 PM)**

Join us for the **Salute to American Veterans Rally** in Cripple Creek, CO August 15 & 16. Contact Ken Gawanda for more information.

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## Our Digital Home Gets a Fresh Look: Updated Website Is Near!



You know how sometimes you walk into a familiar room after it's been updated—same heart, same warmth, but everything just feels more welcoming? That's exactly what's happening with our Post 24 website this August. [www.alpost24.com](http://www.alpost24.com) – still your go-to place for all things Post 24, but now easier to navigate, simpler to keep current, and designed to truly reflect who we are as a community.

### Why the Update?

Our old website served us well and we appreciate the past support, but we realized it was time for something that better matched the welcoming spirit you experience when you walk through our actual doors. We wanted a site that's as easy to navigate as a conversation with an old friend and as current as a morning's coffee in the Lounge.

### What's New and Improved with the launch of [www.alpost24.com](http://www.alpost24.com):

- Always Up-to-Date Events** - Our calendar now updates easily, so you'll never miss what's happening
- Streamlined Newsletter Archive** - Find past issues quickly and easily
- Better Ways to Connect** - Reaching out to us is now simpler than ever
- Clearer Membership Info** - Learn about joining our Legion family without the confusion

The biggest change? It is easier to keep it current now with the fresh, relevant details you need.

### Growing With Our Community

The updated site also gives us room to grow. Over the coming months, we'll be adding features that make staying connected even easier:

- Current Lounge Hours** - Always know when to stop by
- Complete Bingo Details** - Everything you need for a great night out
- About Our Legion Organizations** - Learn what the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, and Riders special.
- Volunteer Opportunities** - Find the perfect way to get involved
- Community Celebrations** - Highlighting the people and moments that make Post 24 special

**Ready for the Reveal** - When [www.alpost24.com](http://www.alpost24.com) relaunches in early August, take a look around. See how it feels. Let us know what works and what could be even better—the best improvements come from listening to the people who matter most: our Post 24 family.

## Your Part in Making New Digital Home Serve the Legion Better!

**Help Us Show the Real Post 24:** Here's where we need your help: a website is only as good as the stories it tells, and the best stories come from **you**—our Post family.

**We're looking for those authentic Post 24 moments:** The warm welcome a first-time visitor receives. The teamwork during Family Night prep. The quiet support between fellow veterans. The laughter echoing from the Lounge. The pride on a volunteer's face.

**Captured a great moment at Post 24?** Send it to [al24ks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:al24ks@sbcglobal.net) with a note about what's happening. We're not looking for professional photography—we want the real, unpolished moments showing why Post 24 feels like home. These genuine snapshots will help visitors understand what they'll find here: a place where everyone belongs and service continues.



### July Veteran's Story Night

Special thanks to our speakers: Don Longenecker and Bobby Cox, sponsors, and audience at the July Veteran's Story Night.

### Woman Awareness Training Held at American Legion Post 24 on July 16:

The American Legion and State Farm sponsored a training program for Women's Safety provided by our Sheriff and Post Member Jerry Montagne. Great turnout and valuable training.



### Beer Tasting Night held on July 19 with a Jazz Band:

A variety of sample beers and Hors d'oeuvres were provided at the Beer Tasting in July. If you missed this great event, you can still sample some of the beers while supplies last. Special rate of 2 for \$5 until the supplies are gone!



### Looking Ahead: Membership Recruitment and Celebrating Next Year's 250<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration.

We have some big goals and big events in sight for next year as we look forward to a celebration like we had back in 1976 during the Bicentennial. We need to grow our membership to ensure that the Legion will continue for another 50 years. We will be reaching out to current members to help us reach this goal and plan for next year and beyond. Give us your ideas for getting yourself and others more active at the Legion: Cornhole, Game Nights, Ice Cream Socials - The Legion should be a great place for more people.

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| <div>All 2026 memberships dues may now be paid at the Legion.<br/>Please pay through the local legion so you are associated with our post.<br/>Banquet Hall is available for Receptions, Parties, &amp; Special Occasions.<br/>Call 241-0343 to reserve.<br/>All Bingo Sessions and Family Night events are open to the Public.<br/>Other events are for Members and Guests unless otherwise specified.</div> |   |   |  |  | <div>1 – Friday<br/>Friday Food \$12<br/>5:30pm Taco Bar</div>  | <div>2 – Saturday<br/>8:00 AM – 10:00 AM<br/>VFW Breakfast<br/>9:00 AM Legion<br/>Maintenance<br/>MHS Class Reunion<br/>Weekend</div> |
| <div>3 – Sunday<br/>BINGO<br/>1:00 PM Sales Start<br/>2:00 PM Early Bird<br/>2:45 PM Regular<br/>Games</div>  | <div>4 – Monday<br/>6:30 PM Auxiliary<br/>Meeting</div>   | <div>5 – Tuesday<br/>5:00 PM Veteran<br/>Social Night</div>   | <div>6 – Wednesday</div>   | <div>7 – Thursday<br/>4:00 PM – 7:00 PM<br/>Happy Hour BOGO</div>  | <div>8<br/>Friday Food \$12<br/>5:30pm Italian</div>            | <div>9<br/>Steak Night<br/>Limited Seating<br/><br/>7:00 PM Karaoke</div>   |
| <div>10<br/>BINGO:<br/>1:00 PM Sales Start<br/>2:00 PM Early Bird<br/>2:45 PM Regular<br/>Games</div>   | <div>11</div>   | <div>12<br/>6:30 PM Adult Trivia</div>  | <div>13<br/>6:00 PM – 8:00 PM<br/>BYOV:<br/>Bring Your Own Vinyl</div> | <div>14<br/>4:00 PM – 7:00 PM<br/>Happy Hour BOGO<br/>6:30 PM Queen of<br/>Hearts Draw</div>                       | <div>15<br/>Friday Food \$12<br/>5:30pm Fish Fry</div>          | <div>16<br/>8:00 AM – 10:00 AM<br/>VFW Breakfast</div>  |
| <div>17<br/>BINGO:<br/>1:00 PM Sales Start<br/>2:00 PM Early Bird<br/>2:45 PM Regular<br/>Games</div>   | <div>18<br/>6:00 PM Post Meeting<br/>7:00 PM SAL Meeting</div>  | <div>19<br/>Veteran Story Night:<br/>5:30 PM Dinner<br/>6:30 PM Veteran<br/>Presentations:</div>  | <div>20</div>  | <div>21 Family Night<br/>4:00 PM – 7:00 PM<br/>Happy Hour BOGO<br/>5:00 PM – 6:30 PM<br/>Hospital Volunteers</div> | <div>22<br/>Friday Food \$12<br/>5:30pm Pulled Pork</div>       | <div>23<br/>7:00 PM Karaoke</div>   |
| <div>24<br/>1:00 PM Legion<br/>Riders Meeting<br/>BINGO:<br/>1:00 PM Sales Start<br/>2:00 PM Early Bird<br/>2:45 PM Regular<br/>Games</div>   | <div>25</div>   | <div>26<br/>6:30 PM Adult Trivia</div>  | <div>27</div>  | <div>28<br/>4:00 PM – 7:00 PM<br/>Happy Hour BOGO<br/>6:30 PM Queen of<br/>Hearts Draw</div>                       | <div>29<br/>Friday Food \$12<br/>5:30pm Fried<br/>Chicken</div> | <div>30</div>   |
| <div>31<br/>BINGO:<br/>1:00 PM Sales Start<br/>2:00 PM Early Bird<br/>2:45 PM Regular<br/>Games</div>   | <div>September 1<br/>Labor Day<br/><br/>Legion Lounge<br/>Closed<br/><br/>6:30 PM Auxiliary<br/>Meeting<br/>Pot Luck Dinner</div> | <div>Join us at the Legion: Activities, Meals, Gatherings &amp; Meetings Scheduled each week</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bingo every Sunday this month including Labor Day Weekend</li><li>• Veteran Social Night 1<sup>st</sup> Tues, Story Night 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 6:30pm talks, 5:30pm meal</li><li>• Adult Trivia Team Competitions - 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 6:30pm (\$2/person)</li><li>• Bring Your Own Vinyl (BYOV) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 6-8pm (No Cover Charge)</li><li>• Buy1/Get1 Member Happy Hour Every Thur, Queen of Hearts Draw 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Thur</li><li>• Family Night Meal 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs benefiting McPherson Hospital Volunteers(\$6 meal)</li><li>• Different Friday Foods Every Week (\$12 each week this month - Reservations Requested)</li><li>• 50 cents off Wells every Monday through Wednesday 5-7PM</li></ul> |  |  |   |   |

**The American Legion is more than just a veteran's organization; it's a community of individuals dedicated to service, patriotism, and the well-being of those who have served the nation, their families, and their communities.**





## August 2025 Newsletter

American Legion Post No. 24  
401 N. Main, P.O. Box 209, McPherson, Ks. 67460

**Note the New Look:** The newsletter now has a slightly new look to reflect updates to the American Legion Brand Standards. The updated website and more will be available soon.

### Special thanks to this month's Veteran Story Night Sponsors

Dan and Sue Hervey  
Terry & Lily Hedlund  
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**Consider Sponsoring a Story Night for \$100.**

**At Least 4 Sponsors are needed each month.**



**Use Your Legion:** We try to provide numerous activities at the Post such as Bingo, Karaoke, Trivia, Family Night, Corn Hole, Veterans Story Night, Happy Hour and Friday Night Food. We need your participation to keep the Post operating. Thank you to those that have scheduled weddings, birthday parties, Celebration of Life and named the Post in Memorials. Book the Legion Hall for your events! Contact us at 620-241-0343

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