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Commander's Corner

Dan Hervey, Post Commander

Foyer Remodeling: By the time you read this we should be nearly complete with phase one of our foyer remodeling. Thanks to our front entry committee, Executive Board, Hedlund Electric, PLI Contractors and sub-contractors for a job well done. We could not have completed this without the generous gifts of donors. Phase 2 will begin in the near future on the museum room providing we have a good donor response. Gifts can be made payable to the American Legion and mailed to P.O. Box 209; McPherson, KS 67460.

New Website for Post 24: We lost our ability to update our old website so Sandy and Mark Hunter and their team have been building a new website. It will have many things available which weren't listed before including the newsletter, explanations about each Legion Family unit, history, monthly sponsors and weekly updates. Check it out! www.alpost24.com

Folds of Honor Golf Tournament: Turkey Creek Golf will hold its 15th Annual Golf Tournament on Labor Day, Monday, September 1st with a shotgun start at 8:00 AM. Registration begins at 7:00 AM. Format is a 4-person scramble with 2 flights. Cost is \$240 per team or \$60 per player. If you don't have a team you will be assigned one at the tournament. Includes green fees, carts and lunch. Questions?? Call Turkey Creek Golf, 620-241-8530 or Dan Hervey, 620-242-8744.

Memorials and Celebration of Life: We wish to thank the family of Benny Petersen for naming the Post as a memorial recipient following his death. We also want to thank the family of Michael L. Ruddle for holding his Celebration of Life at the Post. Our Post Honor Guard provided Military Honors for both of these Vietnam veterans.

Legion Family Memberships: Legion members have already received their 2026 membership renewals and many have already returned them with their check. The Auxiliary and SAL will be sending their renewals out shortly so please respond before it gets lost in your junk mail stack.

New Look of the Newsletter: Wow! Did you notice the new look to the Post Newsletter last month and again this month. Mark Hunter is the one to THANK for that. He researched and found all the correct logos for print material, but more than that he edits, emails the digital format and prints copies for the Post. Actually, we keep Mark extremely busy keeping up with all our IT and electronics.

Thanks for all you do!

(Post Meetings 3rd Monday, 6 PM)

Special Member Events in September

Sept 5 (\$15), 12 (\$12), 19 (\$12), & 26 (\$12) Friday Dinners 5:30pm

Sept 8 & 22 – Legion Corn hole: 6:00 PM Register, 6:30 PM Play

Sept 9 & 23 – Adult Trivia: Starts at 6:30pm in the Banquet Hall
Team Competitions - 2nd & 4th Tuesday (\$2/person)

Sept 10 - Bring Your Own Vinyl (BYOV) – 6 to 8pm: 2nd Wed each month. We play a variety of your music that you bring for the enjoyment of all from 6-8pm. Get your vinyl cleaned for \$1 per vinyl.

Sept 11 & 25 – Queen of Hearts Draw: 2nd & 4th Thursdays-5:45pm. Another fund raiser opportunity for the legion. Next drawing will be Thursday Sept 11th and the lucky winner gets half the jackpot 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.

Sept 13 – Wine Tasting (\$35): 6:00pm Reservations required

Sept 16 – Veteran's Story Night: 5:30pm Meal, 6:30pm Stories
Note story time – No Fee, Always looking for Speakers & Sponsors

Sept 18 – Family Night Dinner for Food Bank: 5-6:30pm
\$6 Fee, Hamburger/Hot Dog/Fries/Drink/Dessert (Pick 4, 2 meat limit)

Sept 20 – Steak Night (\$30): 5:30pm Reservations required

Sept 27 – Karaoke Night: Starts at 7pm in the Lounge



Auxiliary Notes

Tresa Rauh, President

Next Meeting Sept 1st at 6:30 PM (1st Monday, 6:30 PM)

Next meeting on Monday, September 1 will be a pot luck dinner.

Bring your favorite dish to share, your membership dues, and a friend. We have lots of events going on so please check the calendar. 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 Sept 15th at 7 PM (3rd Monday, 7 PM)

All SAL Members are welcome to attend our Sept 15th meeting at 7PM. 2026 membership reminders will be mailed out.



Legion Rider Rumbles

Ken Gawanda, Director

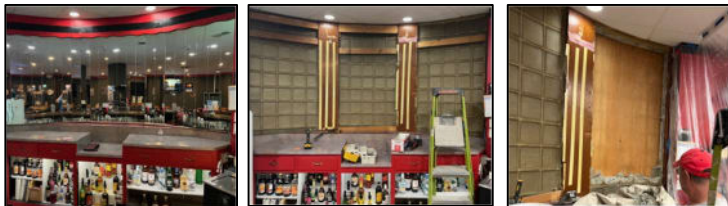
Next Meeting Sept 28th at 1:00 PM (4th Sun, 1:00 PM)

We had a great time at Cripple Creek for the Veterans Rally. A lot of bikes were there. Good rides, good friends. If you own a bike and want to be a part of something great, contact one of our Legion Riders and ask about joining. We're always looking for more people to ride with.

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Foyer Remodeling

Throughout the summer, progress has been made on the Foyer Remodeling. The mirror has been removed from the bar revealing the old glass windows. Those older windows have been removed, and new windows have been installed.



A TV screen will be installed in the center between the two windows, and a shelf will be installed below the screen. Power distribution and data routing have also been greatly improved. A TV Screen will also be installed on the foyer curved wall between the two new windows. This screen will usually be vertical with announcements displayed but it will be on a rotating mount to allow funeral and other videos to be displayed in the foyer. Flash drive and HDMI access to the foyer screen will be easily available within the bar so no cables will be seen.



The foyer ceiling and front museum room has been nearly completed. Thanks to all the Legion volunteers who helped clear out the foyer and museum room during various stages of the remodeling.



Special thanks to Dennis Friesen for all his work, including installation of the new office door and to Dan Hervey and his helpers for their continuous efforts to prime and paint all of the walls throughout the construction process. This renovation is meant to make the Legion more inviting to the public while still promoting the core values of the American Legion. Come in and see these improvements to the lounge environment for members/guests and the foyer for public events and facility rentals.



Wine Tasting Saturday Sept 13th

The wine and paired Hors d'oeuvres have been selected, and the committee is working hard again to make this a fun event. It will be a sell out as we are only selling 60 tickets. Price is \$35 per person. Contact Jim LaDuke to make your reservation. Starting time is 6 pm.

26th Annual Steak Fry Sept 20th

Saturday September 20th. A 12 to 14 oz Ribeye with cooked onions and mushrooms available, baked or sweet potatoes, salad, bread, and cookies. Price is \$30. Grill will be open from 5:30 to 7:30. Contact Jim LaDuke to get your reservations early.

Corn Hole at Legion Sept 8th & 22nd

The legion has purchased corn hole equipment, and we are trying to restart corn hole at the legion twice a month on the second and fourth Monday. We are looking to establish a small committee and if interested, contact Jim LaDuke. We have a sponsor that will contribute \$200 per time for prizes from now to end of year. It will be September 8th and 22nd. Registration starting at 6:00 PM and play starting at 6:30 PM. The participant price to pay is \$10. That goes into the prize fund. All are invited.

Welcoming New Members to the Organization – 4th Wednesday

The fourth Wednesday of the month, we will be inviting new members to the Legion for a drink from our commander and the person who signed their membership form. We want to make sure they are welcome and know what the legion offers. We have a goal of 100 new members by year end. Help us sign up members. We will have snacks available.

Chiefs Games at the Legion

Chiefs season is starting, and we once again encourage you to come down to the Legion to watch the games. There will be a few games on holidays which may not be available, but we will open the lounge for most Sunday games.

Games this month:

Sept 5 – Friday, 7:00 PM Chargers
Sept 14 – Sunday, 3:25 PM Eagles
Sept 21 – Sunday, 7:20 PM Giants
Sept 28 – Sunday, 3:25 PM Ravens

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Join us at the Legion: Activities, Meals, Gatherings & Meetings Scheduled each week

- Bingo every Sunday in September - Please Note: NO BINGO on Labor Day Weekend now
- Veteran Social Night 1st Tuesday, Story Night 3rd Tuesday - 6:30pm talks, 5:30pm meal
- Adult Trivia Team Competitions - 2nd & 4th Tuesday 6:30pm (\$2/person)
- Bring Your Own Vinyl (BYOV) - 2nd Wednesday 6-8pm (No Cover Charge)
- Buy1/Get1 Happy Hour (members only) Every Thurs, Queen of Hearts Draw (members only) 2nd/4th Thurs
- Family Night Meal 3rd Thurs benefiting McPherson County Food Bank (\$6 meal)
- Different Friday Foods Every Week - \$12 most weeks this month (\$15 Sept 5) - Reservations Requested
- 50 cents off Wells (members only) every Monday through Wednesday 5-7PM

Aug 31 – Sunday NO BINGO This Sunday	1 – Monday Labor Day Legion Lounge Closed 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting Pot Luck Dinner	2 – Tuesday 5:00 PM Veteran Social Night	3 – Wednesday	4 – Thursday 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO	5 – Friday Chief's Game 7:00 PM Chargers Friday Food \$15 5:30 PM Chicken Fried Steak RSVP Required	6 Saturday 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM VFW Breakfast 9:00 AM Legion Maintenance
7 BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games	8 6:00 PM Cornhole Registration 6:30 PM Cornhole Play begins	9 6:30 PM Adult Trivia	10 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM BYOV: Bring Your Own Vinyl	11 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO 5:45 PM Queen of Hearts Draw	12 Friday Food \$12 5:30pm Lasagna	13 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Wine Tasting
14 – Chief's Game 3:25 PM Eagles BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular	15 6:00 PM Post Meeting 7:00 PM SAL Meeting	16 Veteran Story Night: 5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Veteran Presentations:	17	18 Family Night 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM McPherson County Food Bank	19 Friday Food \$12 5:30pm Pot Roast	20 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM VFW Breakfast Steak Dinner
21 – Chief's Game 7:20 PM Giants BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular	22 6:00 PM Cornhole Registration 6:30 PM Cornhole Play begins	23 6:30 PM Adult Trivia	24 5:30 PM Welcome Meeting for New Members	25 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO 5:45 PM Queen of Hearts Draw	26 Friday Food \$12 5:30pm Fried Chicken	27 7:00 PM Karaoke
28 – Chief's Game 3:25 PM Ravens 1:00 PM Legion Riders Meeting BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular	29	30	All 2026 memberships dues may now be paid at the Legion. Please pay through local legion so you are associated with our post. Banquet Hall available for Receptions, Parties, & Special Events. Call 241-0343 to reserve. All Bingo Sessions & Family Night events are open to the Public. Other events are for Members & Guests unless otherwise specified.			

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.

Note the New Look: The newsletter now has a slightly new look to reflect updates to the American Legion Brand Standards. www.alpost24.com has new pages and features!

Special thanks to this month's Veteran Story Night Sponsors

**Bill & Peggy Mills
Terry Lacy
Bev Kavouras
Culligan**

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



Bingo Every Sunday *(Except Aug 31)*

2:00 PM Early Bird, 2:45 PM Regular Games

These games are open to the Public



Sept 9 & 23 – Adult Trivia

Starts at 6:30pm in the Banquet Hall, \$2/person

This is a member only event but guests are welcome.



Sept 10 – Bring Your Own Vinyl

You decide which vintage hits to share.

6:00-8:00pm, No Cover Charge

This is a member only event but guests are welcome.



Sept 16 – Veteran's Story Night

5:30pm Meal, 6:30pm Stories

No Fee, Always looking for Speakers and Sponsors

This is a member only event but guests are welcome.



Sept 18 – Public Family Night Meal

Supporting McPherson County Food Bank

Hamburger/Hot Dog /Fries/Drink/Dessert

\$6 Meal - Pick 4: Hamburger, Hotdog, Fries,

Drink, Dessert (2 meats max) 5-6:30pm



Sept 27 – Karaoke Night

Starts at 7pm in the Lounge, No Cover Charge

This is a member only event but guests are welcome.



Sept 5, 12, 19 & 26 – Friday Meals

This is a member only event but guests are welcome

Different meals each Friday (Most \$12) - Reservations are required



Join the Legion & receive our monthly newsletter.

Almost everyone is eligible to join the Legion as a Veteran, Aux/SAL Member, or Guest member. Inquire at American Legion Post 24, Mon-Sat, 4-8pm.