

December 2025 Newsletter

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Help bring Christmas Joy to McPherson County Kids!



The Legion Riders' November Toys for Kids Parade/Auction along with the Legion Auxiliary's December Toy Distribution – part of the McPherson County Angel Tree Christmas Project – help bring holiday joy to McPherson County kids and families in need.

November 29th: 38th Annual McPherson County Toys for Kids:

● Due to weather concerns, we are not holding the parade this year ● Riders should bring an unwrapped gift and gather at Legion at 1 PM where Sloppy Joes await everyone. Please encourage everyone to join us for the auction, beginning slightly after 1 p.m. at American Legion Post 24, 401 N. Main St, McPherson KS.

This auction is open to the public.

<u>December 15th to 20th: Toy Distribution:</u> The Legion Auxiliary will be distributing gifts to families in need as part of the McPherson County Angel Tree Christmas Project. Details are available at https://www.mcphersonangeltree.org/.

Commander's Corner Dan Hervey, Post Commander

Officer Elections: We will be electing new officers at our Post Meeting December 15th at 6:00 PM. The Nominating Committee has selected candidates, but floor nominations will be allowed at the meeting before voting. Please attend and show your support.

Memberships: All 2025 memberships expire on December 31st so make sure you have paid your 2026 dues. It is easy to pay at the lounge after 4pm Monday through Saturday.

Veterans Story Night and Family Night: We will not be holding these events in December due to the many holiday activities.

Tom Frankenfield: Our Post lost a long-time member of our Honor Guard Team on Friday, November 14. Tom was a graduate of West Point and LTC, US Army Retired. He also was a volunteer at the Opera House for many years. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 AM, Monday, December 1, 2025, at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, McPherson. Interment with Military Honors will be at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery in Fort Riley, KS.

Veterans Story Night: If you're willing to share your military story or tell it again so it gets recorded, text Dennis Friesen at 620-242-7702. Thanks for all you do! (Post Meetings 3rd Monday, 6 PM)

Special Member Events in December

Update Your Calendars – Schedules are a little different this month

Dec 5, 12, 19, & 26 Friday Dinners 5:30pm - \$12 most Fridays

Dec 3 & 10 – Legion Corn Hole: 6:00 PM Register, 6:30 PM Play

Dec 4 & 18 – Queen of Hearts Draw: 1st & 3rd Thursday-5:45pm.

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. Chances

Dec 9 & 23 – Adult Trivia: Starts at 6:30pm in the Banquet Hall Team Competitions – 1st & 4th Tuesday (\$2/person)

Dec 13 – Karaoke Night: Starts at 7pm in the Lounge

are \$5 each or 5/\$20. Odds increase each week!

Dec 17 - Bring Your Own Vinyl (BYOV) – 6 to 8pm: 3rd 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.

Dec 15-20 - Toys for Kids Distribution to Families: By Appointment

New Year's Day Breakfast – Jan 1, 2026

New Year's Day Breakfast from 9 AM to 11 AM with Bloody Mary's and Screwdrivers available for our Legion Family Members. This has been a favorite member gathering to welcome in the New Year.



Legion Rider Rumbles Ken Gawanda, Director

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

Remember the Toy Run Auction is on Nov 29! Meet at the Legion at 1:00 PM since we are not having the parade due to weather. We will have elections at our next meeting on the 4th Sunday, Dec 28th



Auxiliary Notes Tresa Rauh, President

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

Our next meeting will be on Monday, Dec 1st. Bring membership dues, and a friend. We will be busy giving out toys, Dec 15th -20th. We will also be going to Wichita VA to help with their Christmas Shop setup on Dec 10th. No Meetings in January and February. Enjoy the Holidays and Be Safe!

Questions or would like to help: Contact Tresa at 620-419-6191



Sons of American Legion Mike Price, SAL Commander

Next Meeting Dec 15th at 7 PM (3rd Monday, 7 PM)

All SAL Members are encouraged to ensure your 2026 dues are paid and attend our meeting on Dec 15th at 7PM. Have a Safe and Happy Holidays!



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Join us at the Legion: Activities, Meals, Gatherings & Meetings Scheduled each week • Bingo every Sunday in December except December 28 th . • Veteran Social Night 1 st Tuesday, There will be no Story Night OR Family Night this month • Adult Trivia Team Competitions - 2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 6:30pm (\$2/person) • Cornhole - 1 st & 2 nd Wednesday 6:00pm Registration, 6:30pm Play Begins (\$10/person) • Bring Your Own Vinyl (BYOV) - 3 rd Wednesday 6-8pm (No Cover Charge) • Buy1/Get1 Happy Hour (members only) Every Thurs, Queen of Hearts Draw (members only) 1 st /3 rd Thurs • Different Friday Foods Every Week - \$12 most weeks this month - Reservations Requested • 50 cents off Wells (members only) every Monday through Wednesday 5-7PM						Nov 29 Toys for Kids Meet at Legion No Parade due to weather precautions 1:00 PM Auction & Sloppy Joes @ Legion 8:00 PM – Midnight Band: King Midas \$10 Cover Charge
Nov 30 – Sunday NO BINGO THIS SUNDAY	1 – Monday 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting	2 – Tuesday 5:00 PM Veteran Social Night	3 – Wednesday 6:00 PM Cornhole Registration 6:30 PM Cornhole Play begins	4 – Thursday 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO 5:45 PM Queen of Hearts Draw	5 – Friday Friday Food \$12 5:30pm Italian	6 – Saturday
7 – Sunday BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games	8	9 6:30 PM Adult Trivia	10 6:00 PM Cornhole Registration 6:30 PM Cornhole Play begins	11 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO McPherson Wrestling Club Public Chili Feed	12 Friday Food \$12 5:30pm Taco Bar	13 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM VFW Breakfast 7:00 PM Karaoke
14 BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games	15 6:00 PM Post Meeting ELECTIONS 7:00 PM SAL Meeting Toy Distribution	16 – NO Story Night Toy Distribution	17 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM BYOV: Bring Your Own Vinyl	18 – NO Family Night 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO 5:45 PM Queen of Hearts Draw Toy Distribution	19 Friday Food \$12 5:30pm Chicken Fried Steak Toy Distribution	20 Toy Dist. until Noon
21 BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games	22	23 6:30 PM Adult Trivia	24 – Christmas Eve	25 – Christmas Day Legion Closed Note: No Chief's Game in Bar 11:30 AM-1:30 PM. Community Dinner at Community Building	26 Friday Food \$12 5:30pm Sub Sandwiches	27
1:00 PM Legion Riders Meeting ELECTIONS NO BINGO THIS SUNDAY	29	30	31 – New Year's Eve	Jan 1 – 2026 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Legion Family New Year's Breakfast Bloody Mary's & Screwdrivers	The American Legion is more than just a veteran's organization; it's a community of individuals dedicated to service, patriotism, and the wellbeing of those who have served the nation, their families, and their communities.	

Please Pay Your 2026 memberships dues at our Legion: This ensures you are associated with our post.

All Bingo Sessions, Family Nights, Toy Run/Auction events are open to the Public: Other events are for Members & Guests unless otherwise specified.

The Legion Banquet Hall is available for Receptions, Parties, & Special Events: Call 241-0343 to reserve



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American Legion Post No. 24

P.O. Box 209, 401 N. Main, McPherson, Ks. 67460



Corn Hole – December 3rd & 10th 6:00 PM Registration, 6:30 PM Play begins

Cost to play is \$10 plus there is an additional contribution. Double elimination with payout to top four teams.



New Year's Day Breakfast

Jan 1, 2026: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Bloody Mary's and Screwdrivers available for our Legion Family Members



Join & 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.

Plan Ahead in 2026:

Jan 31: Ugly Dress Dance

Feb 8: Super Bowl Party at the Legion

Feb 14: Valentine's Day Dinner



Use Your Legion: We provide numerous activities at the Post such as Bingo, Karaoke, Trivia, Family Night, Corn Hole. Veterans Story Night, Happy Hour and Friday Night Food. Your participation keeps our 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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2025 OFFICERS



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President: Tresa Rauh Secretary: Jan Bieri Treasurer: Barb Behrens Chaplain: Pam Unruh



S.A.L. - 2025

Commander: Mike Price 1st Vice: Roy Dunham Adjutant: Gary Grant Finance: Dan Hervey Advisor: Dan Hervey



Legion Riders - 2025

Director: Ken Gawanda Asst Director: Allen Whorton Secretary: Mike Morgan Treasurer: Dan Hervey Ride Captain: Tim Davison Chaplain: Keena Longstaff

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