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Commander's Corner

Kathy Nicholson, Post Commander

So many great things are happening at our Legion for the month of February, and we hope to see you at all of them. **Please check the newsletter for details on upcoming events and activities.**

We are pleased to welcome so many new members and have added a section in the newsletter highlighting them. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

We are honored to host the American Legion Auxiliary National President on February 20. We encourage everyone to attend and meet her. Our Auxiliary does incredible work for our Legion, often behind the scenes, and we sincerely thank them for all they do.

Veterans Story Night, held on the third Tuesday of each month, is one of our most meaningful events. Veterans Story Night features two veterans sharing their personal stories, along with a free meal. Veterans receive two free drinks. If you haven't attended, we encourage you to put this on your bucket list. If you know a veteran willing to share their story or are interested in sponsoring this event, please let us know.

Please be aware of a recent email scam in which someone impersonated me and requested gift cards. The Legion will never ask for gift cards via an email. Always verify the sender's email address and reach out if you are unsure. This situation has been reported to the authorities.

Last month's ladies-only dance was a huge success with a great turnout and lots of fun. We raised almost a thousand dollars to benefit our Legion. Thank you to everyone who helped put it together and all the great ladies who participated, it's always a grand time!

Membership Reminder: Please remember to renew your 2026 membership dues. We appreciate each and every one of you.

(Post Meeting Feb 16th - 3rd Monday, 6 PM)



Sons of American Legion

Mike Price, SAL Commander

Next Meeting Feb 16th at 7 PM (3rd Monday, 7 PM)

We would like to let Tresa Rauh know how much we appreciate her for picking up bingo supplies. Next SAL meeting is Feb 16th at 7PM. All members are welcome to attend.

► **Special Note:** Bingo is ½ hour early on Feb 8 due to Super Bowl ◀

Special Member Events in February

- Feb 6, 13, 20, & 27 Friday Dinners 5:30pm - \$12 most Fridays
Feb 7 & 21 - **Karaoke Night:** Starts at 7pm in Lounge, No Charge
Feb 8 - **Super Bowl Party:** Bar Opens at 4:30pm, Game at 5:30pm
Bring snacks to share, No Charge
Feb 10 & 24 - **Adult Trivia:** Starts at 6:30pm in the Banquet Hall
Team Competitions - 2nd & 4th Tuesday (\$2/person)
Feb 11 & 25 - **Legion Cornhole:** 6:00 PM Reg, 6:30 PM Play, \$10
Feb 12 & 26 - **Queen of Hearts Draw:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays-5:45pm.
Winner gets half the jackpot if Queen of Hearts is picked off board
OR \$50 if not. Chances: \$5 each or 5/\$20. Odds increase weekly!
Jan 14 - **Sweetheart Valentine's Dinner:** Social Hour 5-6pm,
Dinner 6-7pm. Dinner Cost: \$17 per person. 8:30pm Dance
Jan 17 - **Veteran's Story Night:** 5:30pm Meal, 6:30pm Stories
No Fee, Always looking for Speakers & Sponsors
Jan 18 - **Bring Your Own Vinyl (BYOV):** 6-8pm, 3rd Wed. We play
a variety of your music that you bring for the enjoyment of all.
Jan 19 - **Family Night Dinner for CASA:** 5-6:30pm, \$6 Fee
Hamburger/Hot Dog/Fries/Drink/Dessert (Pick 4, 2 meat limit)



Auxiliary Notes

Tresa Rauh, President

Next Meeting Mar 2nd at 6:30 PM (1st Monday, 6:30 PM)

Next meeting will be on Monday, March 2 with no meeting in February. We do have our National Auxiliary President coming to the post on February 20th. We will have a supper for her. Please see the flyer when it is released. Thank you to everyone that helped with the successful Ugly Dress Dance. We are still working on membership. Be safe and take care. We are looking for Bingo volunteers. Contact Tresa at 620-419-6191 if you have any questions or would like to help.



Legion Rider Rumbles

Ken Gawanda, Director

Next Meeting Feb 22nd at 1:00 PM (4th Sun, 1:00 PM)

We are selling raffle tickets for either a \$500 gift certificate to Treasure Chest or \$400 in cash. Tickets are \$5 for 1 or \$20 for 5. Drawing will be held Feb 22nd during the February meeting. If you're interested, please contact a Legion Rider. Be safe and stay warm.

AED Training in February

Free training to use the Legion AED will be provided in February. If you are interested in attending this training, contact Dennis Friesen.

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Sun Feb 8 – 4:30PM Super Bowl LX Party in Lounge



The Seattle Seahawks and the New England Patriots Super Bowl game will begin at 5:30pm. The Legion Lounge will open at 4:30pm so bring snacks to share and join us to watch the game. Bingo will finish up close to game time so we can open the partition and begin cheering for your team. There is no cover charge for this event.

Sat Feb 14 – Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance

Valentine's Day DINNER
Social at 5:30pm - Dinner at 6:00pm

Join Us For a Delicious Menu!

- Tomato Basil Soup
- Seafood Avocado Salad
- Marry Me Again Chicken
- And Dessert!

\$17/Plate
Members & Guests

RSVP by Feb 9

Social time will be well on its way by 5:30pm so come in at 5:00pm for a full social hour! Dinner begins at 6:00pm.

Steve Root is making a wonderful meal for \$17 each. **Reservations are required by Feb 9.** RSVP to Steve at steveasi@hotmail.com or sign up at the Legion Lounge.

A Country Soul Dance Band will begin after dinner at 8:30pm.

There is a \$10 cover charge for the band at 8:30pm if you do not come to the dinner.

AUX National President at McPherson Legion on Friday Feb 20

American Legion Auxiliary National President, Pam Ray is coming to the McPherson American Legion on February 20. She will be joining us for our Friday \$12 Italian dinner and will be at the Legion until 8:00pm for a meet and greet opportunity. An RSVP to Tresa Rauh or Legion Lounge staff is appreciated.



Pam Ray will also be available Friday morning at the Dodge City American Legion Breakfast from 8:00 – 10:30am, Saturday morning at the Newton American Legion Breakfast from 8:00 – 10:30am and Saturday afternoon at Clay Center from 12:30 – 3:00 pm.

Sat March 7th – 6PM Wine tasting

Enjoy 6 specially selected wines and gourmet Hors d'oeuvres selected to pair with each wine. Only 60 reservations are available. RSVP: required. Call 620-755-7141 to reserve your spot now! Cost: \$35 per person. Starting time is 6 pm.

Ladies Only Ugly Dress Dance



The 4th Annual Ugly Dress Dance Fundraiser was a success on Jan 17 at the Legion. Hors d'oeuvres, music, dancing, and a raffle made this a great social event that benefitted the Legion.



Thank you to the committee for making this event possible and these sponsors for providing prizes:



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Sat March 21 – American Legion Family Fifth District 2026 Convention

The Fifth District Legion/AUX/SAL 2026 Annual Convention will be held at the McPherson American Legion on March 21. There will be a Meet & Greet from 5:00 – 9:00pm on Friday March 20 in the Legion Lounge with the full business meetings beginning Saturday morning with a joint memorial service at 9:00am in the banquet room. A breakout with Legion in the Legion Banquet room, SAL in the Legion Lounge and the AUX in the ballroom at the McPherson Opera House will be held from 10:00am – 12:15pm. Meetings will continue after lunch. Talk with one of our officers if you would like to attend or volunteer for this event.

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.

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Put these Legion activities on your calendar for 2026:

- Public Bingo almost every Sunday: Sales start at 1pm, Early Bird Games at 2pm, Regular games at 2:45pm
- Veteran Social Night 1st Tuesday, Story Night 3rd Tuesday - 6:30pm talks, 5:30pm meal
- Adult Trivia Team Competitions - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:30pm (\$2/person)
- Cornhole - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 6:00pm Registration, 6:30pm Play Begins (\$10/person)
- Bring Your Own Vinyl (BYOV) - 3rd 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 a different local charity each month (\$6 meal)
- Different Friday Foods Every Week - \$12 most weeks - Reservations Requested
- 50 cents off Wells (members only) every Monday through Wednesday 5-7pm

1 – Sunday BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games	2 – Monday No Auxiliary Meeting this month	3 – Tuesday 5:00 PM Veteran Social Night	4 – Wednesday	5 – Thursday 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO	6 – Friday Friday Food \$12 5:30 PM Bierocks	7 – Saturday 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM VFW Breakfast 9:00 AM Legion Maintenance 7:00 PM Karaoke
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22 1:00 PM Legion Riders Meeting BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games	23	24 6:30 PM Adult Trivia	25 6:00 PM Cornhole Registration 6:30 PM Cornhole Play begins	26 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO 5:45 PM Queen of Hearts Draw	27 Friday Food \$12 5:30 PM Fried Chicken	28

Please Pay Your 2026 membership dues at the Legion:

This ensures you are associated with our post.

All Bingo Sessions and Family Nights events are open to the Public:

Other events are for Members & Guests unless otherwise specified.
Almost anyone can join as a Legion, Aux, SAL, or Social member!

Banquet Hall available for Receptions, Parties, & Special Events:

Call 620-241-0343 Mon-Sat, 4-8pm to reserve

Plan ahead for these events in March

March 2 – 6:30PM Aux Meeting

March 7 – 6:00PM Wine Tasting Event, RSVP Required

March 20 – 5:00PM – 9:00PM Lounge Meet & Greet for
American Legion Family District Fifth District
2026 Convention

March 21 – Fifth District Convention - Legion/Aux/SAL



Special thanks to this month's Veteran Story Night Sponsors

**Culligan of McPherson
Jim & Becky LaDuke
Tresa Rauh
Jeff & Tracy Viola**

*Consider Sponsoring a Story Night for \$100.
At Least 4 sponsors are needed each month.*



Welcome New Members

We welcome these new members to our Legion Family. Thank you for joining our ever-growing family.

Legion: Derrick Britting Larry Cruse John Green Michael Richards	SAL: Rick Bressie David Johnson Rick Regier Kelly Vogts	Auxiliary: Sunnie Boydston Veda Clark Kelly Dickerson Lisa Johnson	Kalin Koehn Janice Lacy Martha Parie Arhea M Unruh Laura Vogts
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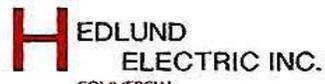
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Colleague Resource Group

Sponsor space is still available. If you wish to have an area here, call Jim LaDuke @ 620-241-8600 for availability.

Members can bring guests – Almost anyone can join as a member

Sat Feb 14 - Valentine's Day at the American Legion



5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Social Hour

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Valentine's Dinner - \$17 per person for Dinner & Dance

Reservations to steveasi@hotmail.com required by Feb 9

8:30 PM – Midnight – Country Soul Dance – \$10 Admission to just Dance



Feb 1, 8, 15 & 22 - Bingo Sunday

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

These games are open to the Public



Feb 7 – Valentine Karaoke Night

Share a Sweet Snack - Enjoy Drink Specials!

Feb 21 – Karaoke Night Party

7:00-11:00pm in the Lounge, No Cover Charge



Feb 10 & 24 – Adult Trivia

6:30-8:00pm in the Banquet Hall, \$2/person



Feb 11 & 25 – Legion Cornhole

6:00pm Register, 6:30pm Play - \$10/person



Feb 17 – Veteran's Story Night

5:30pm Meal, 6:30pm Stories

Free, Always looking for Speakers and Sponsors



Feb 18 – Bring Your Own Vinyl

You decide which vintage hits to share.

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



Feb 19 – Public Family Night Meal

5-6:30pm Supporting CASA

\$6 Meal - Pick 4: Hamburger, Hotdog, Fries, Drink, Dessert (2 meats max)



Feb 6, 13, 20, & 27 – Friday Meals

Different meals each Friday (\$12) - Reservations Requested



Join the Legion & receive our monthly newsletter: Almost everyone is eligible to join the Legion as a Veteran, Aux/SAL Member, or Social member.

Inquire at American Legion Post 24, Mon-Sat, 4-8pm.

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Tuesdays 6:30PM

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Tuesday Feb 17

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6:00 PM Registration, 6:30 PM Play begins, **Cost: \$10/person**



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**ALA National President
Pam Ray is coming to Kansas!**

Make Plans to meet and greet the ALA National President
at one of the following locations:

Friday Feb. 20th, 2026

8:00 AM - 10:30 Breakfast Dodge City Post - Free Will Donation

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Dinner McPherson Post

\$12.00 Italian Dinner

RSVP to Tresa Rauh 1413 Oakmont, McPherson, KS 67460

Saturday Feb 21, 2026

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM Breakfast Newton Post (details TBD)

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Lunch Clay Center - Free will donation RSVP Lois Staley @
jlstaley@twinvalley.net or text to 785-632-1751 (location TBD)

6:00 PM to ?? Ugly Dress Ball Lindsborg, RSVP ONLY, Females ONLY Event.