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Commander's Corner

WOW... it is so exciting to have so many new members! We are excited to recognize our new members each month in the newsletter. I've come to realize that sometimes I can't quite read handwriting, so if your name was misspelled, please accept my apologies and let me know so I can correct it. Also, if we missed including your name, please reach out, we are so happy to have you here.



We are having great turnouts to our many events at the Legion

We are planning a **New Member Meet & Greet** in the near future, giving new members a chance to connect and current members an opportunity to extend a warm welcome. We want everyone to feel comfortable, connected, and part of our Legion family.

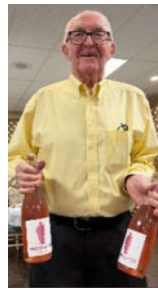
Our Post proudly hosted the 5th District Convention in March. It was a pleasure meeting dedicated Legion members from across Kansas, and we received many compliments on our Post and facilities. As always, the Ladies Auxiliary did an outstanding job taking care of every detail.



Mayor Jim Loving welcomed American Legion 5th District convention attendees to McPherson

We had an exceptional turnout for Family Night Meal benefiting the McPherson Community Dinner — long lines, but well worth the wait!

Kathy Nicholson, Post Commander



Our recent wine tasting event was also very well received and a lot of fun for everyone who attended.
Photo: Bill Mills Assisting at the Wine Tasting

Veterans Story Night was another highlight. Both speakers shared powerful stories, making it a meaningful evening filled with appreciation and support.
Photo below: Robert King, US Army & Tom Kilbride, US Navy presented to a crowd at Veteran's Story Night.



Looking ahead, the Legion and the VFW are collaborating on a float for the All Schools Day Parade. With this being the 250th Anniversary of America, it will be especially meaningful. If you'd like to help, please let me know.

Be sure to check out the updated outdoor display windows — another great way to stay informed on everything happening at the Post.

Thank you for being part of what makes this Post so special. I look forward to seeing you in April — your presence is what keeps our mission strong. (Post Meeting April 20th - 3rd Monday, 6 PM)

Special Member Events in April

- April 3, 10, 17, & 27 Friday Dinners 5:30pm - \$12 most Fridays**
- April 8 & 22 – Legion Cornhole:** 6:00pm Reg, 6:30pm Play, \$10
- April 9 & 23 – Queen of Hearts Draw:** 2nd & 4th Thurs-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!
- April 11 – Karaoke Night:** Starts at 7pm in Lounge, No Charge
- April 14 & 28 – Adult Trivia:** Starts at 6:30pm in the Banquet Hall
Team Competitions – 2nd & 4th Tuesday (\$2/person)
- April 15 - Bring Your Own Vinyl (BYOV):** 6-8pm, 3rd Wed. We play a variety of your music that you bring for the enjoyment of all.
- April 16 – Family Night Dinner:** 5-6:30pm, \$6 Fee
Hamburger/Hot Dog/Fries/Drink/Dessert (Pick 4, 2 meat limit)
- April 21 – Veteran's Story Night:** 5:30pm Meal, 6:30pm Stories
No Fee, Always looking for Speakers & Sponsors
- May 8 – All Schools Day:** Lounge opens at 9am

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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HISTORY OF THE LEGION

Kathy Nicholson, Post Commander

Since becoming Commander, I've been learning more about what our organization truly stands for, and I have to say, it's even more meaningful than I ever realized. I'd love to share some of that with you over the next few newsletters, because it's something we can all take pride in.

Congress chartered the American Legion in 1919 as a patriotic veteran's organization. What began as a group of World War I veterans has grown into one of country's most influential nonprofit organizations. Today, with more than 1.6 million members and over 12,000 posts worldwide, it's incredible to think we are part of something so large, while still making a difference right here at home. Since 1919, the Legion has been a steady presence for our military and veterans. And as I've come to learn, it's so much more than what some might assume. It's not just a place to gather, it's an organization working every day to support veterans and their families. From helping navigate the VA system to supporting hospitals and advocating for benefits and healthcare, the impact is real.

One of the things that stood out to me most is the Legion's role in creating the GI Bill. In 1944, Legionnaires helped lead the effort to pass what was then called the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, something that has changed countless lives for generations.

What means the most to me is through all these years, our purpose has remained the same: to serve those who have served, strengthen our nation, and uphold the values that define American democracy.

That mission lives on through our four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.

The more I learn, the prouder I am to be part of this organization, and even more grateful to serve alongside each of you who bring these values to life in our post and in our community. I look forward to sharing with you what I am learning in the months ahead.



Special Thanks to A Mac Realty for sponsoring the band on March 28

fallis/stockham Syndrome performing to a full house in Lounge on March 28



Photo: Celebrating St Patrick's Day at American Legion Post 24

Join us for more celebrations on All Schools Day May 8, Open at 9am



Auxiliary Notes Tresa Rauh, President

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

Next meeting will be on Monday, April 6th and May meeting will be on Monday, May 4th. We had a great turnout for a visit from Pam Ray, President of ALA. Thanks to everyone that came. Thanks to everyone that helped and came to the wine tasting - Great Night. Thanks also for everyone that came to the 5th District Convention. We are getting close to getting our 2026 memberships in. Please get caught up. They start 2027 memberships on September 1st, 2026. Contact Tresa at 620-419-6191 if you have any questions or would like to help.



Sons of American Legion Mike Price, SAL Commander

Next Meeting April 20th at 7 PM (3rd Monday, 7 PM)

Next SAL meeting is April 20th at 7PM.

All members are welcome to attend.



Legion Rider Rumbles Ken Gawanda, Director

Next Meeting April 26th at 1:00 PM (4th Sun, 1:00 PM)

With ASD approaching, this year we decided to cancel the Legion Riders Burger Burn for various reasons. We're looking at other ideas. If you're a motorcycle owner and want to get involved in helping other veterans and be a part of something great, contact any Legion Riders for more information and membership. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the parade.

Looking Ahead: We look forward to seeing you on May 8 for the All Schools Day Parade – Lounge opens at 9am. We will be closed for Memorial Day on May 25.

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Kansas Honor Flight

The Kansas Honor Flight holds a special place in our hearts, especially here at our post. We've had several of our own members take part in this incredible journey and hearing them talk about their experience reminds us just how meaningful it truly is.



This all-volunteer organization gives Kansas veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War an opportunity many never expected, an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials built in their honor. The journey begins at Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport, and from that moment on, it becomes something much more than a trip.

Our members who have gone often share how powerful it is to stand at those memorials, reflect on their service, and connect with fellow veterans who understand their experiences. It's a time for stories, healing, and long-overdue recognition. Many have said the welcome home is something they will never forget.

If you are a veteran or know of one who served on active duty during WWII, Korea, or Vietnam, whether overseas or stateside, you are eligible for this unforgettable journey. Reach out to one of our post members or visit www.kansashonorflight.org to get signed up.



We need more helpers!

Roles involve calling numbers, confirming wins, selling cards and packets, and creating an energetic

atmosphere. We are working on a monthly schedule for volunteers. Bingo brings in good business, and it can be a fun Sunday afternoon playing or working the game. Leave your name at the lounge bar Mon-Fri after 4pm or visit on Sundays between 1pm and 5pm.

Our Legion now has a new roof!

Weather damage required us to install a new roof at a cost of \$104,000. Insurance covered \$60,000, so the Legion expense was \$44,000. We are glad that this is now complete.

Blue Star Banners

For many of us in the Legion family, service is not just something we remember—it's something we are still living through alongside our children, grandchildren, and loved ones. Blue Star Banners offer a heartfelt way to recognize that connection and proudly show that someone we love is currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

These banners, often displayed in a window or at the front of a home, feature a blue star for each immediate family member on active duty. They can be displayed by parents, spouses, siblings, children, stepparents, and grandparents, each star representing not just service, but sacrifice, pride, and love.

At our Post, we encourage families to take part in this meaningful tradition. When you display a Blue Star Banner, you're doing more than honoring your own loved one, you're sharing their story with the community. Reminding others that service continues today, and behind every uniform is a family standing strong at home. Please contact our Legion to receive a Blue Star Banner for your home to honor your active-duty family member. In addition, the Legion will pay your active-duty military family member's dues while they are serving on active duty.

It's a simple gesture, but one that speaks volumes. A Blue Star Banner tells our service members, "We see you, we support you, and we are proud of you." And that's a message worth sharing.



April 21st Speakers

Robert Cunningham
and Phil Ladwig

Special thanks to Pfizer
for sponsoring this month



Special Thanks to the Hedlund Family for all of their continued support at American Legion Post 24.

This plaque is now hanging in our entry way honoring Victor "Arnold" Hedlund, Sgt. US Army, WWII for his service to this post as well as this country.

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April Calendar - Lounge Opens Mon-Sat at 4pm Bingo Sessions & Family Nights are open to Public Other events are for Members & Guests unless specified public. Banquet Hall available for Receptions, Parties, & Events: Call 620-241-0343 Mon-Sat, 4-8pm to reserve		1 - Wednesday 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO	2 - Thursday 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO	3 - Friday Friday Food \$12 5:30 PM Subs	4 - Saturday 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM VFW Breakfast 9:00 AM Legion Maint 5:00 PM Final 4 Games Illinois vs UConn	
5 - Sunday Easter Sunday Legion Closed Note: No Bingo (Easter Sunday)	6 - Monday 6:30 PM Aux Meeting	7 - Tuesday 5:00 PM Veteran Social Night	8 6:00 PM Cornhole Registration 6:30 PM Cornhole Play begins	9 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO 5:45 PM Queen of Hearts Draw	10 Friday Food \$12 5:30 PM Beef or Chicken Noodles and Potato	11 7:00 PM Karaoke
12 BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games	13	14 6:30 PM Adult Trivia	15 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM BYOV: Bring Your Own Vinyl	16 Family Night 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Family Night Meal: Helps Christian Church Rock Solid Kids	17 Friday Food \$12 5:30 PM Mexican	18 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM VFW Breakfast
19 BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 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: 5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Veteran Presentations	22 6:00 PM Cornhole Registration 6:30 PM Cornhole Play begins	23 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO 5:45 PM Queen of Hearts Draw	24 Friday Food \$12 5:30 PM Fried Chicken	25
26 1:00 PM Legion Riders Meeting BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games	27	28 6:30 PM Adult Trivia	29	30	May 1 - Friday Friday Food 5:30 PM Pork Chops	Please Pay Your 2026 dues at the Legion This ensures you are associated with our post. Almost anyone can join as a Legion, Aux, SAL, or Social member!

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

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Special thanks to this month's Veteran Story Night Sponsor



*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:	SAL:	Auxiliary:	Social:
Craig Hart Derek Daniels	Kenneth Krueger Dave Lewis Sam Muns	Greg Pauls Cody Postier Matt Widen	Kalin Koehn Chad Rowell Nancy LaPrad Rowell Devin Wiens

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



April 12, 19, & 25 - Bingo Sunday

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

No Bingo April 5 Doors open at 1 PM - These games are open to the Public



April 8 & 22 – Legion Cornhole

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

Round Robin on ScoreHolio



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April 11 – Spring Karaoke Night

Share a Snack - Enjoy an Evening with Friends!

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



April 14 & 21 – Adult Trivia

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

Large and Small Teams



April 15 – Bring Your Own Vinyl

You decide which vintage hits to share.

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



April 16 – Public Family Night Meal

5-6:30pm Supporting First Christian

Church Rock Solid Kidz

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



April 21 – Veteran’s Story Night

5:30pm Meal, 6:30pm Stories by

Robert Cunningham and Phil Ladwig

Free, Always looking for Speakers and Sponsors



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



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