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Commander's Corner Kathy Nicholson, Post Commander

May is a meaningful month for all of us here at the Post. As we welcome warmer days and more time together, we also pause to remember the true purpose behind this season—honoring the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country.

As we approach Memorial Day, I encourage each of you to take a moment to reflect, attend a local service, or simply share a story of a veteran who made an impact on your life. Their sacrifices are the reason we enjoy the freedoms we have today.

I'm really excited to share that our American Legion Post 24 and VFW Post 2715 are joining forces to create a Veterans Float for this year's All Schools Day Parade! And we are excited that the Kansas Honor Flight will have a float as well. This year marks the 250th anniversary of the United States, which makes it even more meaningful. We will have a signup sheet in the lounge if you'd like to ride on the float or walk alongside it—I'd love to see a great turnout!

Our Post continues to grow, and it has been wonderful to see new faces getting involved. Thank you to everyone who has helped make our recent events such a success—your time, energy, and dedication are what keep our mission strong.

Be sure to check out the outdoor display windows and our newsletter for upcoming events and activities. It's a great way to stay informed and involved. We also look forward to hosting more opportunities to gather, connect, and support one another in the months ahead.

Together, we honor the past, serve the present, & build for the future.

P.S. If you are not receiving the newsletter by email, please check with us to make sure we have your correct and legible email address on file. We want to be sure everyone stays informed!

(Post Meeting May 18th - 3rd Monday, 6 PM)



Legion Rider Rumbles Ken Gawanda, Director

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

All Schools Day is here. This year there will not be a Legion Riders Burger Burn, instead we will be holding a raffle. The raffle will consist of 4 choices. First choice a \$250 Chamber Check, Second will be a \$250 McPherson Walmart instore voucher, Third a Canton Lockers \$200 meat selection and an Ace Hardware BBQ grill accessories bundle, and Fourth will be a \$50 Ellinwood meat voucher, a \$50 Little River Grocery Store voucher and 2 rounds of golf with golf carts at Turkey Creek Golf Course. Tickets are \$5 for 1 or \$20 for 5. Each ticket will be for 1 selection only. Look for us at the legion during the parade. We'll have a table set up. Plus the Riders will be selling them also. Drawing will be held on the June ALR meeting June 28th. There will be food truck at the Legion so you can still get food and come into the Lounge on ASD.

Special Member Events in May

May 1, 15, 22 & 29 Friday Dinners 5:30pm - \$12-\$15 most Fridays

May 8 – All Schools Day Bloody Mary's in the Lounge at 9am

May 2 & 16 – Karaoke Night: Starts at 7pm in Lounge, No Charge

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

May 13 & 27 – Legion Cornhole: 6:00pm Reg, 6:30pm Play, \$10

**May 14 & 28 – 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!**

May 19 – Veteran's Story Night: 5:30pm Meal, 6:30pm Stories, Free

**May 20 - Bring Your Own Vinyl (BYOV): 6-8pm, 3rd Wed. We play
a variety of your music that you bring for the enjoyment of all.**

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



Auxiliary Notes

Tresa Rauh, President

Next Meeting May 4th at 6:30 PM (1st Monday, 6:30 PM)

Next Meeting May 4th at 6:30PM. We will be talking about our plans for All Schools Day and Memorial Day. Please wear red, white, and blue. Show your support. Be safe. 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 May 18th at 7 PM (3rd Monday, 7 PM)

Next SAL meeting is May 18th at 7PM. If anyone would like to help with Bingo on Sundays 1 time a month for about 5 hours, we would appreciate if you would contact one of our officers. Thank You!

Memorial Weekend Schedule 2026

Saturday 8:00 AM Meet at McPherson Cemetery west entrance to put out crosses. Pfizer Corp. will provide donuts and drinks while instructions are given. VFW will put up Avenue of Flags at McPherson Cemetery

Monday – Memorial Day:

8:00 AM Brief service at Crestwood Cemetery on Pawnee Rd.

9:00 AM Memorial Service at New Gottland Lutheran Church Cemetery

10:30 AM Memorial Service at McPherson Cemetery

12:00 Noon Brief service at Empire Cemetery (Galva, KS)

2:00 PM Meet at McPherson Cemetery to pick up crosses and flags

VFW takes the lead in celebrating 250 years. Participants include the VFW Rifle Team; American Legion & Legion Auxiliary plus VFW and their Auxiliary Color Guards; Bagpipers: Lonnie Liljegren, Gavin Frazier, Jason Frazier and Ben Mourn; Taps: Mark Casebeer and Matthew Bishop; Invocations: Rev. Lynn Scott and Laura Smith; Emcee: Bobby Cox.

All Schools Day Float



As mentioned in the Commander's Corner, the Legion and the VFW are working hard to create a float for the All Schools Day Parade. It is taking many volunteers and donors to help make this happen, and we truly appreciate everyone involved. A special thank you goes to Shaun Carlson, who is

serving as chairperson for this project, along with all of the volunteers who are giving their time and effort to make it a success.

We are inviting any veteran, young or old, male or female, to ride on or walk alongside the Veterans float. If you have military attire, you are welcome to wear it. Otherwise, please just wear whatever is comfortable.

We are also looking for any Honor Flight alumni, young or old, male or female, to ride on or walk alongside the Honor Flight float. If you participate, please wear your Honor Flight shirt and hat.

Both the Legion and the VFW will have sign-up sheets in their lounges if you are interested in being part of this special event.

Kansas Honor Flight Information Table

The local Kansas Honor Flight Chapter will have a table set up before, during, and after the All Schools Day Parade to share information and visit with anyone who would like to learn more. Volunteers will be available to help any eligible veteran sign up.



Their table will be set up by the flagpole on the south side of the Legion building.

The Kansas Honor Flight is an all-volunteer organization that honors Kansas veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War by providing them with an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to visit their memorials. Veterans are flown from the Dwight D. Eisenhower airport here in Wichita, Kansas to the Baltimore/Washington International Airport by Southwest Airlines.

During their three-day trip, they visit memorials and other meaningful sites together. Everything is taken care of, allowing our veterans to simply enjoy the experience and the recognition they so greatly deserve.

This is truly a special program, and I encourage you to stop by their table and learn more—or help spread the word to a veteran who may be eligible.

April's Veterans Story Night – Sponsored by Pfizer

April's Veterans Story Night was proudly sponsored by Pfizer, and what an awesome display of involvement and support they provided. We truly appreciate their commitment to honoring our veterans and helping make the evening such a success.

Pfizer has a program called VIP (Veterans In Pfizer). This resource group's vision and purpose is to establish Pfizer as the employer of choice for veterans in the



pharmaceutical industry. They are focused on unleashing the power of their people by making Pfizer an amazing workplace for veterans.

The speakers were very entertaining—Phil Ladwig and Robert Cunningham, both U.S. Army veterans who served during the Vietnam War.



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.



History of the American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary was founded in 1919, just after World War I, as a way for women to continue serving those who had served our country. Working alongside the American Legion, the Auxiliary quickly became an important part of supporting veterans, their families, and local communities.

In the early years, members volunteered in hospitals, helped care for wounded veterans, and supported families in need. As time went on, their mission grew to include advocating for veterans' benefits, promoting patriotism, and investing in youth programs. The Auxiliary also helped support efforts that led to the G.I. Bill, opening doors of opportunity for countless veterans.

Over the years, the Auxiliary has also supported and partnered with programs that make a difference in communities, including Toys for Tots, helping bring Christmas to children in need, as well as supporting organizations like Kansas Honor Flight that honor our veterans. They are also known for their own impactful programs such as Girls State, scholarships, and assistance for military families.

Through World War II and every conflict since, the Auxiliary has continued to adapt—always focused on meeting the needs of veterans and their families.

Today, the American Legion Auxiliary remains a strong and active organization made up of mothers, daughters, granddaughters, sisters, and spouses of veterans. Their mission is simple but powerful: serving our veterans, supporting our communities, and helping shape the next generation through service and patriotism.

I just want to take a moment to personally thank all of our Auxiliary members. The time, heart, and dedication you give does not go unnoticed. You truly make a difference, and we are so grateful for everything you do for our veterans, their families, and our community. - Kathy Nicholson, Post Commander

All Schools Day at the Legion

May 9th: Doors open at 9 AM with Bloody Mary's in the Lounge. Come down and relax as you wait for the parade to start. Veterans are encouraged to catch a ride down the street on one of our floats and Veterans/Auxiliary members can walk in the parade. Come back to the Legion afterwards and grab a meal at the food truck which will be parked in our North parking lot then bring your meal in and join us in our nice cool and dry lounge.



Food Truck at the Legion:

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Ma Ma C says, "I make homemade pot pies that includes a Southern Bierock Pot Pie and a Chicken-Noodle over Mashed Potatoes pot pie. I also sell dessert Pies- Chocolate Cream Pie, cherry cheesecake, peanut butter pie, apple crisp pie, cherry crisp pie, and peach crisp pie. Plus, soft serve ice cream cones, sundaes, root beer floats, and ice cream nachos. Drinks include strawberry lemonade, regular lemonade, tea, sweet tea, water. *There will not be a regular Friday Evening Dinner at the Legion on ASD.*

April Cornhole



Each 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month we have Cornhole at our Legion. You don't have to be an experienced player to have fun on these nights at the Legion. Come down and learn. You will enjoy the friendly competition and comradery.

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 <p>May Calendar – Lounge Opens Mon-Sat at 4pm</p> <p>Bingo Sessions & Family Nights are open to Public Other events are for Members & Guests unless specified public.</p> <p>Banquet Hall available for Receptions, Parties, & Events: Call 620-241-0343 Mon-Sat, 4-8pm to reserve</p>				<p>1 – Friday Friday Food 5:30 PM Pork Chops</p>	<p>2 – Saturday 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM VFW Breakfast 9:00 AM Legion Maint 7:00 PM Karaoke</p>	
<p>3 – Sunday BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games</p>	<p>4 – Monday 6:30 PM Aux Meeting</p>	<p>5 – Tuesday 5:00 PM Veteran Social Night</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO</p>  <p>Most Thursdays</p>	<p>8 All Schools Day 9:00 AM Bloody Mary's in Lounge</p>  <p>Food Truck at Legion</p>	<p>9</p>
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<p>17 BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games</p>	<p>18 6:00 PM Post Meeting 7:00 PM SAL Meeting</p>	<p>19 Veteran Story Night: 5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Veteran Presentations</p>	<p>20 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM BYOV: Bring Your Own Vinyl</p>	<p>21 Family Night 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Family Night Meal Helps Special Olympics</p>	<p>22 Friday Food 5:30 PM Hot Dogs</p>	<p>23 8:00 AM Flag Setup at McPherson Cemetery <i>Volunteers Needed</i></p>
<p>24 No Legion Riders Meeting No Bingo</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day Lounge Closed Memorial Services: 8:00 AM Pawnee Rd 9:00 AM New Gottland 10:30 AM McPherson 12:00 PM Galva 2:00 PM Flag Pickup at McPherson Cemetery</p>	<p>26 6:30 PM Adult Trivia</p>	<p>27 6:00 PM Cornhole Registration 6:30 PM Cornhole Play begins</p>	<p>28 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO 5:45 PM Queen of Hearts Draw</p>	<p>29 Friday Food 5:30 PM Fried Chicken</p>	<p>30</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>May 29-31 Legion State Convention in Topeka</i></p> </div>
<p>31 BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games</p>	<p>June 1 6:30 PM Aux Meeting</p>	<p>Put these Legion activities on your calendar for 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Public Bingo: 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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Welcome New Members

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

Legion:	Auxiliary:	SAL:	Social:
Keith Crow	Janelle Edwards Tayana Edwards Rhea Gepner	Taya Smith Katie Travis Mitchell Luttig	Melanie Luttig

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