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Commander's Corner

Kathy Nicholson, Post Commander

As we celebrate the month of July, I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and finding time to spend with family and friends. July is a special month for all Americans as we gather to celebrate Independence Day and reflect on the blessings of living in this great nation.

This year is especially meaningful as America begins commemorating its 250th Anniversary. For two and a half centuries, generations of Americans have worked, sacrificed, and served to preserve the freedoms we hold dear. As veterans, we have a special appreciation for those who came before us and those who continue to serve today.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July, let us remember that freedom is never free. We owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. May we all take a moment to appreciate the liberties we enjoy and the opportunities we have to give back to our communities and support one another.

On July 11th, Post 24 will celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with a special event honoring our nation's history and the values that unite us. We have something special planned, including a surprise you won't want to miss! Watch for more details and plan to join us as we celebrate this historic milestone together.

July's Family Night is sponsoring McPherson Gymnastic Club. Please make a point to come and support this group. Family Night is always a fun gathering to support many great causes.

Be sure to join us throughout the month for our regular activities, including Trivia Night, Board Game Night, Cornhole, Queen of Hearts, and Veterans Story Night. These events continue to strengthen the friendships and sense of community that make Post 24 such a special place.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time and talents to keep Post 24 thriving. Your dedication allows us to continue serving veterans, their families, and our community. I wish you and your families a safe, happy, and patriotic July, and I look forward to celebrating with you at the Legion.

(Post Meeting July 20th - 3rd Monday, 6 PM)

Special Member Events in June

July 4 – Legion Closed: We will be closed on July 4th.

July 7 – Veteran's Social Night: Join other Veterans for a free drink

July 8 & 22 – Legion Cornhole: 6:00pm Reg, 6:30pm Play, \$10

July 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!

July 11 – America 250 Celebration Night: Starts at 5pm with Social Hour, 6pm Meal, 7pm Presentation, 7:15pm DJ/Dance, 9pm Karaoke

July 14 & 28 – Adult Trivia: Starts at 6:30pm in the Banquet Hall
Team Competitions – 2nd & 4th Tuesday (\$2/person)

July 15 – Board Game Night: 6:30-9pm, 3rd Wed.

Bring your own games or join others playing theirs.

July 16 – Family Night Dinner: 5-6:30pm, \$6 Fee

Hamburger/Hot Dog/Fries/Drink/Dessert (Pick 4, 2 meat limit)

July 17 Friday Dinner 5:30pm – Taco Bar (\$)

July 18 – Country Music: Starts 8pm, No Cover Charge

July 21 – Veteran's Story Night: 5:30pm Meal, 6:30pm Stories, Free

July 31 Friday Dinner 5:30pm – Fried Chicken (\$)

Bingo every Sunday except July 5th, Happy Hour every Thursday



Auxiliary Notes

Tresa Rauh, President

Next Meeting Aug 3rd at 6:30 PM (1st Monday, 6:30 PM)

No meeting in July. Enjoy the holiday.

Check the newsletter for upcoming events.



Sons of American Legion

Mike Price, SAL Commander

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

Unfortunately, Gary Grant's health has left us short on help for Bingo. If anyone would like to help us out, please call: Mike (620-755-4078), Gary (620-242-8054), Roy (620-242-8974), or Steve (620-504-4190). It would be much appreciated. Next meeting July 20th at 7PM.



Legion Rider Rumbles

Ken Gawanda, Director

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

Thank you to everyone for sponsoring, selling, and purchasing the Rider's raffle tickets to help support our veterans. We had the drawing at our June meeting. Frank Bialecki won the \$250 Chamber Check, Joseph Farmer won the BBQ Bundle, and Trae Helms won both the Turkey Creek Bundle and the \$250 Walmart Gift card.



Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary!

Join us on **Saturday, July 11**, as American Legion Post 24 proudly celebrates the

250th Anniversary of the United States of America!

Together, we'll honor the courage, sacrifice, & freedom that have shaped our nation for two & a half centuries.

There is no cost to attend! The evening begins with **Social Hour at 5:00pm**, followed by **Dinner at 6:00pm**. We'll be serving **hamburgers, hot dogs, traditional picnic sides, and homemade ice cream** for everyone to enjoy.

The celebration continues with a **Family Dance from 7-9pm**, hosted by M & T Entertainment, followed by **Karaoke from 9-11pm**. This is a celebration for **all ages**, and we encourage families to come together as we honor our nation's history and the men and women who have defended our freedoms. Wear your red, white, and blue, bring your patriotic spirit, and join us as we celebrate **250 years of freedom, service, and the enduring American spirit**.

Gather your family, invite your friends, and join us as we celebrate this historic milestone together. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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McPherson American Legion Post 24 retired 1200 flags on June 13th. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this a meaningful ceremony.

Excitement Is Building!

I want to personally thank everyone who has stepped up and sponsored round tables and chairs for the Main Hall. The response was incredible, and it has been wonderful to see how excited everyone is about the changes coming to Post 24. These new tables will give the hall a fresh, updated look, but what makes them truly special is that so many have been purchased in honor or memory of veterans and loved ones. Every table tells a story and will be a lasting tribute for years to come. It has been fun to watch this project come together and to hear members talking about how nice the hall is going to look. Once again, our Legion family has shown what can be accomplished when we work together. Thank you for helping make Post 24 an even better place for all of us.

- Kathy Nicholson, Post Commander



Joe Pfannestiel was our speaker for veterans story night in June. Pictured with his wife Sheila & daughter Rachel



Board Game Night – Wed July 15

Come to the Legion on July 15 from 6:30-9pm for fun and games. Bring your favorite games or try new games other members bring.

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Thank You to Our American Legion Riders



The American Legion Riders began in 1993 at Post 396, Garden City, Michigan, when a group of Legionnaires with a love of motorcycles came together to combine riding with service to veterans and their communities. What started as a small local group quickly grew across the country and was officially recognized as a national program by the American Legion in 2007. Today, the American Legion Riders boast more than 100,000 members in over 2,000 chapters nationwide. The Riders are made up of American Legion, Auxiliary, & Sons of the American Legion members, all united by a common purpose — serving veterans, military families, and their communities.

Here at Post 24, we are especially grateful for our Legion Riders and all they do. Whether leading parades, escorting veterans, participating in memorial services, supporting community events, or volunteering behind the scenes, our Riders are always willing to answer the call. Their presence and dedication reflect the very best of what the American Legion Family represents.

Across the nation, American Legion Riders have raised millions of dollars for veterans' causes and the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, which provides educational assistance to the children of fallen and disabled veterans. But perhaps their greatest contribution is the countless hours they freely give in service to others.

On behalf of American Legion Post 24, we extend our sincere thanks to our Legion Riders. We are proud to have you as part of our American Legion Family and deeply appreciate your commitment, patriotism, and continued service. Thank you for all you do to honor veterans, strengthen our Post, and make a positive difference in our community. Thank you for keeping the spirit of service alive and proving that the mission of the American Legion continues long after the ride begins.

- Kathy Nicholson, Post Commander

July 11: Help Needed at Kansas Honor Flight Booth

We need volunteers to help staff the Kansas Honor Flight booth on July 11th at the Hutchinson Monarchs Baseball Game.

Contact: Gordon Roth at Casedriven611b@gmail.com or 620-899-6506

McPherson American Legion Harry B. Dorst Post 24
newsletter editor: Mark Hunter

Prairie Rescue Band to Post 24!

Join us on **Saturday July 18**, for a fun-filled evening with Prairie Rescue Band! Their lively mix of country, classic rock, and dance favorites is sure to keep the dance floor full all night.

Admission is FREE, thanks to the generous sponsorship of **Swindoll Janzen Hawk & Loyd LLC**. We truly appreciate their support in providing this great evening of entertainment for our community.

Plan on coming, bring your family and friends, and enjoy a great night of music, dancing, and fun at the Legion. We can't wait to see you there!



County Commission Candidate Forum at the American Legion

The Civic Awareness Committee of the McPherson Chamber of Commerce will host the **McPherson County Commission Candidate Forum** on **Thursday, July 30, 7:00–8:00 pm** at the **American Legion Post 24**.

This forum is an excellent opportunity for community members to hear directly from the candidates, learn about the issues facing McPherson County, and make informed decisions before Election Day.


We encourage everyone to attend, listen, and participate in this important civic event. An informed community is a stronger community, and we are proud that Post 24 has been selected to host this public forum.

New Technology Available for Blind and Low Vision Veterans

The Blinded Veterans Association (BVA), in partnership with Meta, is offering free Ray-Ban Meta AI Glasses to blind and low vision veterans. These innovative glasses use artificial intelligence to help users identify objects, read text, and provide hands-free assistance in everyday life. If you or someone you know is a blind or visually impaired veteran, this program may provide a valuable new tool for greater independence. To learn more and see if you qualify, visit **BVA.org/glasses**. Please help spread the word so no eligible veteran misses this opportunity.

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July 2026			1 - Wednesday	2 - Thursday 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO Personal Pizza available	3 - Friday No Friday Food	4 - Saturday Independence Day Legion & Lounge Closed No Legion Maint
5 - Sunday NO BINGO	6 - Monday No Aux Meeting in July	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 Personal Pizza available	10 No Friday Food	11  Celebration 5:00 PM Social 6:00 PM Meal 7:00 PM Speaker 7:15 PM DJ & Dance 9:00 PM Karaoke
12 BINGO: 1:00 PM Sales Start 2:00 PM Early Bird 2:45 PM Regular Games	13	14 - Tuesday 6:30 PM Adult Trivia	15 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM Board Game Night	16 Family Night 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Family Night Meal Gym Pups	17 Friday Food 5:30 PM Taco Bar	18 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM VFW Breakfast 8:00 PM Prairie Rescue Country Western Band
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 Personal Pizza available	25 No Friday Food	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 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM Happy Hour BOGO Personal Pizza available 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Candidate Forum	31 Friday Food 5:30 PM Fried Chicken	August 1 Class Reunion Weekend

July 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

Put these Legion activities on your calendar for 2026:

- 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)
- Board Game Night - 3rd Wednesday 6:30-9:00pm (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)
- Friday Food - \$12 most weeks - Reservations Requested (Limited Summer Schedule)
- 50 cents off Wells (members only) every Monday through Wednesday 5-7pm

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