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## Commander's Corner

### Kathy Nicholson, Post Commander

It sure feels like summer is flying by! It seems like we were just celebrating Independence Day, and now we're already looking ahead to another busy month at Post 24.

I want to say thank you to everyone who helped make our 250th Anniversary celebration such a success. From those who cooked, served, cleaned up, entertained, donated, and simply came out to celebrate, you helped make it a day to remember. Seeing veterans, families, children, and friends enjoying time together reminded me why I love being part of this organization.

One thing I've learned this year is that our members never hesitate to step up when there's a need. Whether it's volunteering at an event, sponsoring a project, or simply welcoming someone through the front door, your generosity continues to amaze me. You are making a real difference, and I hope you know how much it is appreciated.

As summer begins to wind down, I encourage everyone to keep supporting the Post by attending our events. Bring a friend, invite a neighbor, or introduce someone who has never been here before. Many people still think the Legion is just for veterans or just a place to grab a drink. We know it's so much more. It's a place where people gather, friendships are built, and our community comes together to support those who have served.

If you haven't stopped by lately, come see the changes taking place around the Post. We're continuing to make improvements that will benefit our members and guests for years to come, and it's exciting to see everyone's vision becoming a reality.

Thank you for everything you do for Post 24. Your time, your talents, your support, and your kindness are what make this Post such a special place. I truly appreciate each and every one of you, and I look forward to seeing you around the Legion this month.

Until then, stay cool, stay safe, and I hope to see you around the Post soon.

- Kathy Nicholson, Post Commander  
(Post Meeting August 17<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6 PM)

## Special Member Events in August

**Aug 4 – Veteran's Social Night:** Join other Veterans for a free drink

**Aug 8 – Karaoke Night:** Starts at 5pm with Kids Karaoke and continues at 7pm with Adult Karaoke

**Aug 11 & 25 – Adult Trivia:** Starts at 6:30pm in the Banquet Hall Team Competitions – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (\$2/person)

**Aug 12 & 26 – Legion Cornhole:** 6:00pm Reg, 6:30pm Play, \$10

**Aug 13 & 27 – Queen of Hearts Draw:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Aug 14 – Friday Dinner 5:30pm – Meatloaf (\$)**

**Aug 15, 22 & 28 – Chiefs Watch Parties –** Share Snacks w/ friends

**Aug 18 – Veteran's Story Night:** 5:30pm Meal, 6:30pm Stories, Free

**Aug 19 – Board Game Night:** 6:30-9pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. Bring your own games or join others playing theirs.

**Aug 20 – Family Night Dinner:** 5-6:30pm, \$6 Fee Hamburger/Hot Dog/Fries/Drink/Dessert (Pick 4, 2 meat limit)

**Aug 28 – Friday Dinner 5:30pm – Fried Chicken (\$)**

**Bingo every Sunday, Happy Hour every Thursday**



## Auxiliary Notes

### Tresa Rauh, President

Next Meeting Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM (1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 6:30 PM)

Next meeting will be a covered dish potluck on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7th at 6 pm. Starting in September, membership dues can be paid for 2027. Be safe. Check the newsletter for upcoming events.



## Sons of American Legion

### Mike Price, SAL Commander

Next Meeting Aug 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> 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. We had a great turnout at July meeting. Join us at the next meeting Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 7PM.



## Legion Rider Rumbles

### Ken Gawanda, Director

Next Meeting Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM (4<sup>th</sup> Sun, 1:00 PM)

Join our fellow Riders at Colorado's Largest Motorcycle Procession! Aug 21-22, 2026. Woodland Park High School, Cripple Creek, CO



## What a Wonderful Celebration



Our 250th Anniversary celebration of the United States was a wonderful evening, and I just want to say thank you.

It was so nice to see everyone enjoying themselves—visiting, eating, laughing, dancing, singing, and simply spending time together. That is exactly what our Post should be about: fellowship, friendship, patriotism, and community.

A very special thank you goes to the people who stepped up to help so that some of our regular volunteers could actually sit down and enjoy the evening. That meant more than you may realize. We have so many faithful volunteers who are usually the first ones there and the last ones to leave, and it was wonderful to see them have a chance to relax and be part of the celebration. **The gift of your time gave them the gift of time,** and that is one of the greatest ways you can show your appreciation.

Thank you to everyone who cooked, served, cleaned, helped with tables, worked behind the scenes, or simply jumped in wherever needed. Because of you, the evening was a success.

It was a great night to celebrate our country, our freedoms, and the people who make Post 24 such a special place. Here's to many more evenings filled with friendship, service, patriotism, and the pride we all share in our country and our Post.



## Queen of Hearts Drawn!

Chris Garcia picked the Queen on July 23<sup>rd</sup>! Number 34 hid the Queen for weeks before his ticket was drawn. He won \$8,093!

Ticket sales from the July 23<sup>rd</sup> draw night seed the

pot for the next draw on August 13<sup>th</sup> so the initial take home level for the next Queen of Hearts board is nearly \$800.

## Department Homecoming for Commander at Post 4

The Kansas American Legion Family Homecoming is scheduled for Aug 15, 2026, from 11AM to 2:30PM at Thomas Hopkins Post 4, located at 816 N. Water St., Wichita, KS. The event honors Dept Commander George Pogge, Dept Auxiliary President Kristen Hensley, and S.A.L. Detachment Commander Michael Weber. RSVP by Aug 5, Price \$20, includes meatloaf meal.



George Pogge  
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## Thanks to Veteran's Story Night Speakers



Scott Waters, US Navy

Michael Richards, US Navy

## Connie Ketterman Passed Away

Connie, a long time member who was almost 104, passed away this past month. She was an active member who will be greatly missed.

## A Gift or Legacy

As the number of veterans decrease we are seeing American Legion Posts close across our state and nation. The McPherson Post is an active Post and an anchor to the downtown. We hope we can continue forever, therefore we are establishing a Legacy Fund that we can draw from during times when our income is less than expenses. **Please consider writing a check to American Legion Post 24 now or leaving a small percentage of your estate to the Post to assure it's future.**

## McPherson Hospital Volunteers Family Night Dinner

Our August Family Night will benefit the McPherson Hospital Volunteers! We hope you'll join us for a fun evening while supporting a great local organization.

Be sure to get your tickets—we'd love to see you there!



### Celebrating Years of Dedication

One of the highlights of our 250th Anniversary Celebration was recognizing members who have shown an incredible commitment to American Legion Post 24 through their years of continuous membership. Congratulations to:

- James Aman 50 Years
- John Austin 50 Years
- James Leach 50 Years
- Roy Wash 75 Years
- Gordon Paulson 80 Years

These milestones represent decades of service, loyalty, and dedication to our Post, our fellow veterans, and our community. We are proud to honor each of you and grateful for your many years of membership.



Roy Wash, 75 Years

Legion Recruiting Gold Star Awards were also awarded at the State Convention to Richard Johnson and Dan Hervey.

### Honoring Roy Wash

One of the most memorable moments of our 250th Anniversary Celebration was the unveiling of our new mural in the main hall. This project began with Roy Wash's vision to create something that would celebrate the history and spirit of American Legion Post 24. Thanks to his dedication and hard work, that vision is now a beautiful reality.

The mural is a lasting reminder of our Post's legacy and the veterans and families who have made it what it is today. We were honored to recognize Roy during the celebration and thank him for giving Post 24 such a meaningful gift.

Thank you, Roy, for your commitment to preserving our history and helping make our Post an even more welcoming place for generations to come.



James Aman, 50 Years



James Leach, 50 Years



John Austin, 50 Years

### Thank You for Making Our Main Hall Shine

Sometimes it's easy to notice the finished project and forget about all the people who made it happen.

Over the past several weeks, I've had the privilege of watching so many members step up to help improve our Main Hall and Lounge. Members painted, hung TVs and curtains, unloaded tables and chairs, moved furniture, cleaned, and took care of dozens of little jobs that most people will never even notice. But I noticed, and I want you to know how much I appreciate every one of you.

No one asked who would get the credit. They simply showed up, grabbed a tool, and went to work. That's what makes this Post so special. We have members who care deeply about our home and are always willing to lend a hand when something needs to be done.

Because of your hard work, our Main Hall and Lounge has a fresh new look that we can all be proud of. More importantly, you've helped create a place where veterans, families, and our community will gather for years to come.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy, and talents. Your willingness to help reminds me every day why I'm so proud to be Commander of this incredible Post.

I hope each of you takes a moment to look around the next time you're here and know that you played a part in making it happen. Thank you for caring about Post 24 as much as you do.

- Kathy Nicholson, Post Commander

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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| <b>August<br/>2026</b>                                                                                                     | <b>Lounge Opens Mon-Sat at 4pm</b><br><b>Bingo Sessions &amp; Family Nights are open to Public</b><br>Other events are for Members & Guests unless specified public.<br><b>Banquet Hall available for Receptions, Parties, &amp; Events:</b><br>Call 620-241-0343 Mon-Sat, 4-8pm to reserve |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                            |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                           | <b>1 – Saturday</b><br>8:00 AM – 10:00 AM<br>VFW Breakfast<br>9:00 AM Legion Maint                   |
| <b>2 – Sunday</b><br>BINGO:<br>1:00 PM Sales Start<br>2:00 PM Early Bird<br>2:45 PM Regular Games                          | <b>3 – Monday</b><br>6:30 Aux Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>4 – Tuesday</b><br>5:00 PM Veteran Social Night                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>5 – Wednesday</b>                                                       | <b>6 – Thursday</b><br>4:00 PM – 7:00 PM<br>Happy Hour BOGO<br><i>Personal Pizza available</i>                                            | <b>7 – Friday</b><br>No Friday Food                                                                       | <b>8 Karaoke Night</b><br>5:00 PM – 7:00 PM<br>Kids Karaoke<br>7:00 PM – 11:30 PM<br>Adult Karaoke   |
| <b>9</b><br>BINGO:<br>1:00 PM Sales Start<br>2:00 PM Early Bird<br>2:45 PM Regular Games                                   | <b>10</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>11</b><br>6:30 PM Adult Trivia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>12</b><br>6:00 PM Cornhole Registration<br>6:30 PM Cornhole Play begins | <b>13</b><br>4:00 PM – 7:00 PM<br>Happy Hour BOGO<br>5:45 PM Queen of Hearts Draw<br><i>Personal Pizza available</i>                      | <b>14</b><br>Friday Food<br>5:30 PM Meat Loaf                                                             | <b>15</b><br>8:00 AM – 10:00 AM<br>VFW Breakfast<br><br><b>3:00 PM Watch Party</b><br>Chiefs vs Rams |
| <b>16</b><br>BINGO:<br>1:00 PM Sales Start<br>2:00 PM Early Bird<br>2:45 PM Regular Games                                  | <b>17</b><br>6:00 PM Post Meeting<br>7:00 PM SAL Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>18</b><br>Veteran Story Night:<br>5:30 PM Dinner<br>6:30 PM Veteran Presentations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>19</b><br>6:30 PM – 9:00 PM<br>Board Game Night                         | <b>20 Family Night</b><br>4:00 PM – 7:00 PM<br>Happy Hour BOGO<br>5:00 PM – 6:30 PM<br>Family Night Meal<br>McPherson Hospital Volunteers | <b>21</b><br>No Friday Food                                                                               | <b>22</b><br><br><br><b>7:30 PM Watch Party</b><br>Chiefs vs Buccaneers                              |
| <b>23</b><br>1:00 PM Legion Riders Meeting<br>BINGO:<br>1:00 PM Sales Start<br>2:00 PM Early Bird<br>2:45 PM Regular Games | <b>24</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>25</b><br>6:30 PM Adult Trivia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>26</b><br>6:00 PM Cornhole Registration<br>6:30 PM Cornhole Play begins | <b>27</b><br>4:00 PM – 7:00 PM<br>Happy Hour BOGO<br>5:45 PM Queen of Hearts Draw<br><i>Personal Pizza available</i>                      | <b>28</b><br>Friday Food<br>5:30 PM Fried Chicken<br><br><b>7:00 PM Watch Party</b><br>Chiefs vs Seahawks | <b>29</b>                                                                                            |
| <b>30</b><br>BINGO:<br>1:00 PM Sales Start<br>2:00 PM Early Bird<br>2:45 PM Regular Games                                  | <b>31</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Put these Legion activities on your calendar for 2026:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday Public Bingo: Sales start at 1pm, Early Bird Games at 2pm, Regular games at 2:45pm</li> <li>• Veteran Social Night 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, Story Night 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - 6:30pm talks, 5:30pm meal</li> <li>• Adult Trivia Team Competitions - 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 6:30pm (\$2/person)</li> <li>• Cornhole - 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6:00pm Registration, 6:30pm Play Begins (\$10/person)</li> <li>• Board Game Night - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 6:30-9:00pm (No Cover Charge)</li> <li>• Buy1/Get1 Happy Hour (members only) Every Thurs</li> <li>• Queen of Hearts Draw (members only) 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs</li> <li>• Family Night Meal 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs benefiting a different local charity each month (\$6 meal)</li> <li>• Friday Food - \$12 most weeks - Reservations Requested (Limited Summer Schedule)</li> <li>• 50 cents off Wells (members only) every Monday through Wednesday 5-7pm</li> </ul> |                                                                            |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                      |





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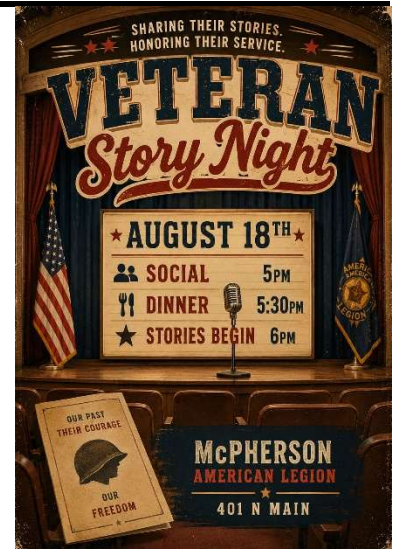
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### Welcome New Members

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

**Legion: Colton McFerrin**

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