

SUNFLOWERETTE

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

September 2024

www.kansasala.org

www.facebook.com/ALADeptofKansas

DEPT OFFICE EMAILS

OFFICE DIRECTOR ksaladeptoffice@gmail.com

FINANCE DIRECTOR ksaladeptfinance@gmail.com



**RIDE THE TIDE FOR VETERANS
MAKE EACH WAVE COUNT**

By: Tracy Kinnick, Department President

First, Congratulations to District 11! They officially held their first homecoming and received their Charter. It was a great time, and I look forward to watching them grow and work on the mission as a family.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Department Homecoming, it was an amazing time, and I enjoyed talking to all of you, sharing ideas, and learning about you. I hope to continue meeting you all across the state.

We are gearing up for future ALA National President Trish Ward's homecoming in Wichita on September 26-28. Many members of the TAL (The American Legion) Family will be visiting us, it is our time to shine. For those of you who have been wondering, you do not need to attend every event on the schedule, but we would love to see many of us from Kansas attend some events and welcome our visitors. Make sure to see the attached flier; if you have any questions, call me for more information.

At Department Homecoming, I spoke of HOPE. Hope being our gift, to keep us going every day that we make a difference in the lives of our veterans, their families, and our active military. We can do this, but first I will mention again that we must change our mindset, from IT IS WHAT IT IS, to IT IS WHAT WE MAKE IT. It is time to quit saying it is what it is, the longer we continue in that mindset, the longer it will take us to reach our goals. Our veterans need us, we need to do what we can for them.

I spoke about how every TAL member is my hope for a better future for this organization, and that you are all my family. Commander Angela Evans said it best when she said that “Families Argue”, they do not always get along, we are a family and while we may not always see eye to eye, we all see one thing, our mission. Bring hope back to our veterans, stop fighting with the family, and move forward to BE THE ONE, they need us, their families, and their children need us. We can do this.

Each month I am hosting grassroots calls, making sure that you are on the list for the calls, The calls are designed with you in mind, to help you be successful. The strategic planning committee has some great work in progress, and I cannot wait to show you their completed project...nail biting I promise!

As Always if you need anything reach out to me.

Upcoming events:

Aug 24 – 29 National Convention New Orleans
Sept-14 District 2 Homecoming
Sept 26-28 ALA National President Trish Ward Homecoming - Wichita

Sept. 6-15 Hutchinson Fair Grounds
Sept. 21 Golf Tournament

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS PROJECT DRAWINGS



I Stand for This...
1911 .45 ACP
American Legion Family
Pistol
24K Gold Accents

500 tickets for each drawing. Drawing will be held once all tickets are sold, or at Department convention. Contact Tracy

Kinnick at tracykinnickala@gmail.com

or 316-655-5122

Anchors Away!

By Kristen Hensley, Department Vice President/Membership



We are in full swing of our renewal year and beginning September 1, we will be processing all new crew members of our Sunflower Fleet! It is an exciting time for all of our Units and Districts to strive for the goals that have been set, and exceed our previous year's performance.

I am happy to announce that the monthly Membership Calls will be happening again this year. This is a great time for Ship Captains to come with ideas to share, issues to discuss and just a whole lot of comraderies between Ship Captains of our illustrious Fleet. These meetings are being held on the 3rd Monday of every month. If you are a District Ship Captain (Membership Chair) and did not get a meeting invite, please email me at kristen.d.hensley@gmail.com. This meeting is separate from the Grassroots calls that President Tracy Kinnick is hosting each month. I do plan on doing a quarterly Membership Call for all members to come and get encouragement, ideas and discuss issues. Between the Quarterly meetings, please reach out to your District Ship Captains with any successes, obstacles, and ideas to share in our Monthly Meetings.

Current Ships of the Sunflower Fleet (if you have not turned in your ship type and name, please turn it in ASAP to Kristen.d.hensley@gmail.com) Thank to everyone who has turned in their ship.

- District 1 – Stronghold Ship (Fluyt) – Captain Julie Moses
- District 2 – Rough Riders (Corvette) – Captain Cindy Ward
- District 3 – Membership Titan (Carrack) – Captain Sue Coester
- District 4 – Prairie Schooner (Schrooner) – Captain Marcia Cottrell
- District 5 – (not ship picked) – Captain Vada Culver
- District 6 – Veterans Voyage (Fluyt) – Captain Peggy Anschutz
- District 7 – (no ship picked) – Captain Deb McNamar
- District 8 – (no ship picked) – Captain Karen Ebeling
- District 9 – Endeavor (Corvette) – Captain Dolores Gallentine
- District 10 – (no ship picked) – Captain Cheyenne Brown
- District 11 – S.S. Eleven (Schrooner) – Captain Robin Mullens

1st Goal target – The first three Ship Captains that guide their District Ship and reach 80% before December 7th (according to National's count), will receive an Auxiliary Mantle Clock at Midwinter Forum, to mark their achievement! *These clocks were donated by Sally Emerson out of District 2.* Thank you, Sally! We can do this!!!

2024 -2025 MEMBERSHIP PACKET Click link below

https://www.kansasala.org/files/ugd/142f8e_aa0da67a508d4a16ae1b65f49482907f.pdf



Answering the Call to Become a Chaplain & What do they do

Do you know what your Chaplain does? Does this seem like a mysterious position for which you are unsure what the purpose is? This Leadership position quietly offers support and guidance to our members of the Auxiliary and families, who are in need. Their impact is far from subtle. With a compassionate approach, Chaplains provide spiritual and emotional care to people from all walks of life.

Your unit chaplain will reach out to our members in hospitals, military bases, overseas, or locally to listen, comfort, and offer hope. Chaplains are not just religious leaders or advisors, but listeners and guides who help people on their journeys depending on the needs of the individual.

As we work with our Veterans, Military, Auxiliary, and their families we provide emotional support during times of deployment, injury, and loss. The Essential Skills of a Chaplain are the ability to listen, be respectful, foster hope and strength, collaboration, and empathy. Auxiliary Chaplains conduct ceremonies, rituals, crisis intervention and support, outreach programs, and build and support a sense of community networks.

There are many misconceptions as to this position thinking that only “religious” people can hold this position. As a Chaplain, you are not required to belong to a religious or spiritual group but consider joining a Chaplain or spiritual group for your support or ideas. As a Chaplain, you have to keep an open mind and help during challenging conversations. Cultural sensitivity is a new challenge in the Chaplain’s understanding. I invite anyone who has an interest in this position or needs help to please reach out to me. I would like to hear from you.

If you would like me to attend any meeting or event, please feel free to contact me at cindy.ward2019@outlook.com or call me at 309-222-7233.

Department of Kansas Chaplain – Cindy Ward

LEADERSHIP

Linda Sullivan
917 W Sunrise Dr
Wichita, KS 67217
316-619-9834
sullypsy@yahoo.com

Linda Hicks
1523 N. 82nd Terrace
Kansas City, KS 66112
917-579-8233
lhicks20@kc.rr.com

12 WAKE-UP CALLS THAT EVERY LEADER NEEDS TO HEAR

- 1 If your team's failing
Look into the mirror, you're the problem
2. If you can't handle criticism
You're not fit to lead
- 3 Your title makes you a manager
Your people make you a leader, don't confuse the two
4. Don't preach teamwork and
Then play favorites. Hypocrisy kills culture
5. Stop micromanaging. If you
Don't trust your team, why should they trust you?
6. If you're not developing your
Team, you're diminishing them. Step up or step aside
7. If your teams afraid to speak up
You've already failed as a leader
8. If you're not accountable
You're not credible. Own your mistakes
9. Don't just set the pace
Set the standard. Excellence is contagious!
10. Your team doesn't work for you
You work for them. Serve to lead.
11. If your actions don't inspire
Your words won't. Lead by example.
12. A leader takes the blame
And shares the fame! No exceptions!!



Congratulations to Trish Ward for become the first Kansas National President in 43 years. Please see the info below for Trish's Homecoming.

UPCOMING EVENT

Contact the Hotel Directly for Accommodations

Drury Plaza Broadview-Wichita
400 West Douglas Ave., Wichita, KS 67202
Call: 800-325-0720 or Book Online: www.druryhotels.com
Event Code: 10038050
Room Rates: \$129.00 +Tax, Double Occupancy
Hotel Parking Available: \$10.00/Day
Hotel Event Savings Block Closes September 10, 2024

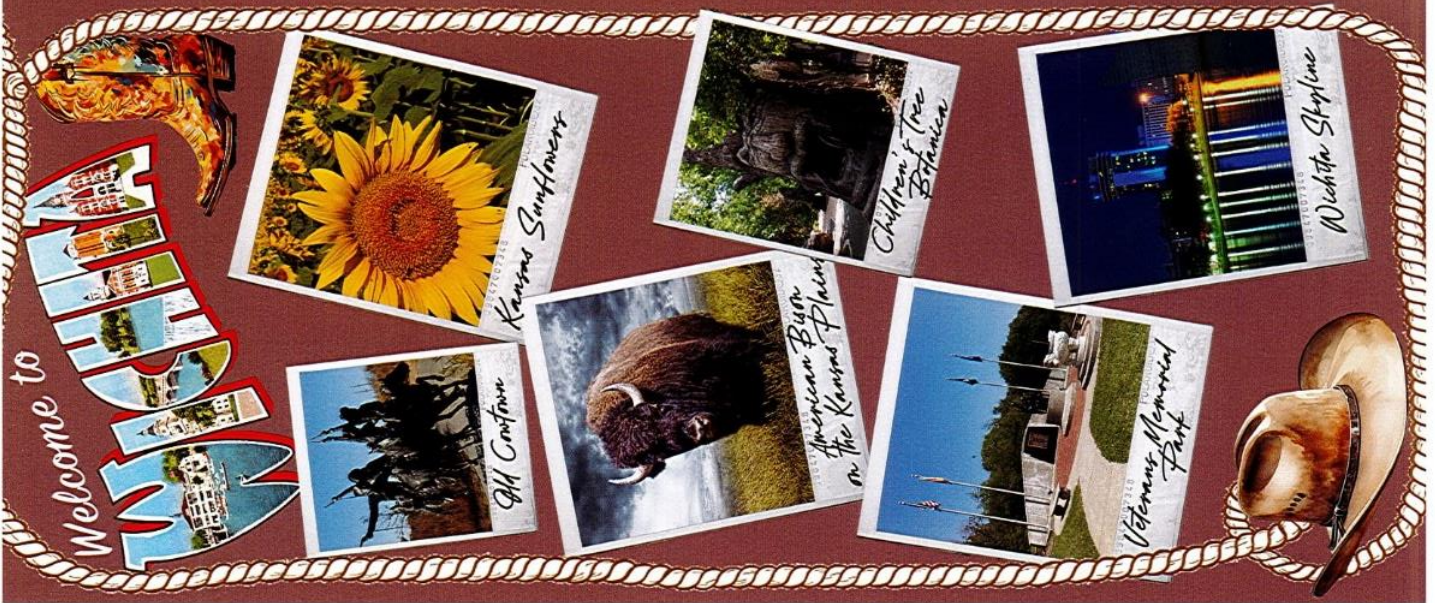
The Department of Kansas
American Legion Family
Invites you to the
Homecoming Event for

Trish Ward

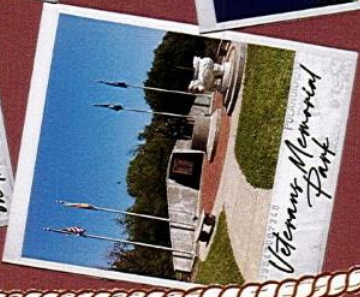
American Legion Auxiliary
National President 2024 - 2025

Wichita, Kansas

September 26 - 28, 2024



Welcome to
WICHITA



You can book your air travel plans to arrive at:

WICHITA
Dwight D. Eisenhower
National Airport (ICT)



Thursday, September 26, 2024
Fun and Fellowship at the Drury

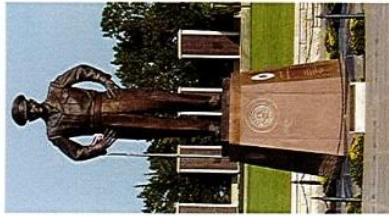
- American Legion Family Fun and Fellowship at the Drury Broadview Hotel in the Waco Lobby from 5pm-9pm. Welcome to Wichita!
- Enjoy extensive food selections courtesy of the Drury Kickback 5:30pm-7pm.
- No Host Bar (debit/credit cards only-no cash) and Snacks.
- Games, Activities, Music, Conversation. Relax, enjoy, and settle in.

FUN
&
fellowship

Friday, September 27, 2024
Eisenhower Library and Museum

- A full Kansas breakfast starts the day at the Drury Broadview Hotel.
- Board the bus for a fun-filled day of Kansas hospitality.

- We will be traveling to Kansas' #1 Visitor Destination, The Dwight D. Eisenhower Museum and Library. Built by the Eisenhower Foundation with funds raised through public gifts, the museum building is constructed of Kansas limestone. Originally dedicated on Veterans Day in 1954, the museum was built to house the materials and objects related to Dwight D. Eisenhower's life. The Place of Meditation is the final resting place of the President, First Lady, and their first-born son, Doud. Tour the museum and enjoy the grounds surrounding the library and beautiful bronze statue depicting Eisenhower in his famous World War II "Ike" Jacket." Gift shop will be open.



For Lunch, we are heading to Legacy Kansas for a home-style Kansas feast featuring fried chicken, mashed potatoes, creamed corn and all the down home fixings.

- Off we go to visit a Kansas original: Russell Stover's Candy Outlet Store. Get candy, chocolate and confections to enjoy.
- Back to the Drury for fun and fellowship in the Waco Lobby 5pm-9pm.
- Extensive food selections courtesy of the Drury Kickback 5:30pm-7pm.
- No Host Bar (debit/credit cards only-no cash) and Snacks.
- Games, Activities, Music, Conversation, and Caricature Artist Fred!

American Legion Family Event Bag/Backpack
All registered hotel guests will receive a complimentary event bag upon arrival. Contains snacks, water information, schedules, and everything you will need for the weekend. We've got some extras, so while supplies last, be sure to take one home to a friend!



Saturday, September 28, 2024
Veterans Memorial Park, Botanica

- Get started with an extensive breakfast at the Drury Broadview Hotel as we get ready for a fun-filled day around Wichita.
- Trish will lead a walking tour (or you can ride the bus - approx. .5 mile) along the Arkansas River to the Wichita Veterans Memorial Park featuring 17 memorials representing six wars and every branch of the military. Some walking required.
- We will all hop on the bus for a short ride to Botanica where 17.6 acres of botanical gardens can be enjoyed. If we're lucky, the Monarch butterflies will be migrating through the gardens.
- Lunch at Thomas Hopkins Post 4. Enjoy one of Wichita's oldest and most historic Legion Posts.
- Wine tasting courtesy of Kansas Oz Winery. Be sure to taste "Poppy Fields" and their famous "Squished Witch" wines.



Afternoon, Day Tour Option A
Kansas Aviation Museum

Hop on the bus for a once-in-a-lifetime experience at the Kansas Aviation Museum whose mission is connecting the rich aviation heritage of Kansas to an innovative future for all. Enjoy more than 40 aircraft and engines or browse through the archive to learn about Wichita's "Air Capital" history.



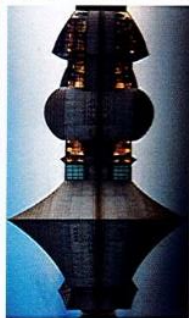
Afternoon, Day Tour Option B
Old Town Shopping Excursion

The bus will take you to beautiful Old Town Wichita. Local shops line the red brick streets where you will find boutiques, vintage treasures, artwork, and more.



Gala Event Banquet Dinner
Exploration Place

A Western-themed gala event at Exploration Place, Kansas' premier science center. Wear your best boots, stetson, and favorite denim as we celebrate Wichita's historic Western heritage. The evening will conclude with a front-row view of the "Ring of Fire" around the spectacular "Keeper of the Plains" statue located on the magnificent Arkansas River.



Name(s): _____
Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Flight Information: _____ or Driving Arrival Date: _____

Arriving Airline: _____ Date: _____

Flight # _____ Time: _____ AM/PM

Departing Airline: _____ Date: _____

Flight # _____ Time: _____ AM/PM

ENTER TOTAL QUANTITY IN BOXES

American Legion Family Event Bag x \$20.00 = _____
Each hotel guest receives 1 free - Extras are available for purchase Thursday, September 26, 2024

Waco Lobby Fun for Hotel Guests x \$ 0.00 = \$ 0.00

Waco Lobby Fun Non-Hotel Guests x \$20.00 = _____
Friday, September 27, 2024

Bus Trip, all Meals & all Activities x \$80.00 = _____

Waco Lobby Fun for Hotel Guests x \$ 0.00 = \$ 0.00

Waco Lobby Fun Non-Hotel Guests x \$20.00 = _____
Saturday, September 28, 2024 (Choose Day Tour Options)

Bus Trip, day meals, Tour Option A x \$50.00 = _____ names: _____

Bus Trip, day meals, Tour Option B x \$50.00 = _____ names: _____

Gala Event Banquet Dinner x \$60.00 = _____

Please choose per person - Enter Qty in Box: _____

Grilled Medallions of Beef names: _____

Balsamic Glazed Chicken names: _____

Special Dietary Request: what/who: _____
we will do our best to accommodate

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID:

Remittance Information:

Checks to: Irish Ward Leadership

Mail to: Tracy Kinnick • 1614 Timberline Dr. • Rose Hill, KS 67133

Or Email form to: tracykinnickALA@gmail.com

Electronic Funds:

Venmo: Patricia-Ward-25

PayPal: tbw_ksaux@yahoo.com

Questions: Tracy Kinnick • 316-655-5122

Payment/Reservations due by September 15, 2024



**AMERICAN
LEGION**

**FAMILY
HOMECOMING**

HONORING:

**GEORGE HONN – LEGION DEPARTMENT VICE-COMMANDER
KRISTEN HENSLEY – AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT VICE-PRESIDENT
MATTHEW KRUPCO – SAL DETATCHMENT VICE-COMMANDER**

October 12, 2024

11:30am (Immediately following the Eisenhower Pilgrimage)

Greyhound Hall of Fame

407 S Buckeye Ave, Abilene, KS 67410

\$18.00 (RSVP by October 4, 2024)

LUNCHEON MENU:

**Two Beef Bierocks, Cheesy Hashbrowns, Salad, Cookies, & Tea/Water
(If you have dietary restrictions, please let us know and we will try to accommodate you.)**

For additional information or to RSVP, contact: George Honn (913) 731-5172

Use @gthonn to send money via Venmo (include a note with whom the RSVP is for)

-or-

Please Make checks Payable to George Honn and mail to 410 S Walnut St., Paola, KS 66071

Please cut and mail

Names: _____

Number of Meals _____ **Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$** _____

Post/Unit/Squadron

44th ANNUAL
EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE

Enclosed is our payment for a rose or wreath to be placed at the
Eisenhower Memorial on Saturday, October 12, 2024.

Post, Unit, and/or Squadron: _____
Post / Unit / Squadron Number, City

No. of Roses _____ Amount Enclosed _____
(\$10 for each rose requested)

WREATH - DISTRICT LEVEL OR HIGER

District or Department _____
(\$20 for one wreath)

Name _____
Person Placing the Wreath

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (Day Time) _____

RECEPTION & DINNER

Chapman Post #240

Friday, October 11

Social Hour: 6:00 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM

No. of Dinner Reservations _____ Amount Enclosed _____
(\$25 per person)

Persons Attending Dinner

MAIL TO:
KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION
EISENHOWER PILGRIMAGE
1314 SW Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, KS 66612

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2024

 AMERICAN
LEGION

BE THE ONE

*2024 American Legion Dept of Kansas
Golf Classic*



September 21, 2024

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Four Person Scramble
Shotgun start at 9am**

**Cost: \$80/Person -
\$320/team
Includes Green Fees
and Cart,
Lunch will be provided**

**On Course Events: \$20/player
Closest to the pin M/W
Longest Drive M/W
Longest Putt M/W**

**Payouts
1st \$240
2nd \$140
3rd \$100**

Deadline for entry: Sept 1st, 2024

For info contact James Snyder, 785-865-8393 or jjaws111@aol.com
Jeremy Ehart, 620-899-0010 or jjehart23@gmail.com



2024 American Legion Dept of Kansas Golf Classic



Donations Needed!

We are asking for donations for Hole Sponsors* (minimum \$100.00 donation).
The signs will be 18" x 24" with your logo and whatever text/information you would like to use. We also need prizes for "On Course Games"
We would appreciate all donations for money, gifts and time.

Donation for Hole Sign \$: _____

Text on sign: Send info for the signs to jjehart23@gmail.com _____

Business or Personal Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Send Form and Check To: American Legion - Dept. of Kansas
1314 SW Topeka Blvd., Ste A
Topeka, KS 66612
Make check payable to:
American Legion Kansas Golf Tournament



2024 Golf Classic

What We Do Why We Matter

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1918 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veteran's service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs on our communities, security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

We Make a Difference in Kansas

- Legislative Advocacy for Veterans and Veterans' Issues
- American Legion Baseball
- American Legion Boys State
- Care and Support for Veterans and their Families
- Help and Comfort to Veterans in VA Facilities
- American Legion Auxiliary Girls State
- Distribution of Memorial Poppies
- Care and Financial Support to Children of Veterans
- Scholarship Opportunities for Children of Veterans
- Awareness of Veterans Health Issues and PTSD
- Financial Support to Wounded Warriors
- End Veteran Homelessness Initiatives
- Family Support Networks
- Emergency Financial Support to Veterans
- Flag Etiquette and Advocacy
- Youth Activities and Education
- Americanism and Get Out the Vote
- POW / MIA Initiatives
- Veteran Suicide Prevention and Awareness
- ...and so much more

BE THE ONE

September 21, 2024

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
For info contact Jeremy Ehart,
620-899-0010 or
jehart23@gmail.com

Team Captain

Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone _____

Player 2

Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone _____

Player 3

Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone _____

Player 4

Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone _____

Four Person Scramble
Shotgun start at 9am

Cost: \$80/Person - \$320/team
Includes Green Fees, Cart,
Lunch will be provided

On Course Events: \$20/player
Closest to the pin M/W
Longest Drive M/W
Longest Putt M/W

Payouts
1st \$240
2nd \$140
3rd \$100

Deadline for entry:
Sept 1st, 2024

For more events, please go to the dept calendar
<https://www.kansasala.org/dept-calender>

Please go to the New Dept Website
www.kansasala.org for more info!

If you want to have the sunflowerette and the weekly membership report email to you, please make sure you have your email on record with at Department office.

ksaladepthoffice@gmail.com

2024-2025 Department Officers



President
Tracy Kinnick
1614 Timberline Dr.,
Rose Hill, KS 67133
(316) 655-5122
tracykinnickala@gmail.com



Vice President
Kristen Hensley
334 Lincoln Ave.
Osawatomie, KS 66064
(913) 638-9724
kristen.d.hensley@gmail.com



Secretary-Treasurer
Sue Coester
204 E. Bredehoelt
Girard, KS 66743
(620) 724-0245
fraze59@yahoo.com



Chaplain
Cindy Ward
1525 W. 9th St.
Grove, OK 74344
(309) 222-7233
Cindy.Ward2019@outlook.com



Historian
Laurie Kerns
703 Cherokee St.
Humboldt, KS 66748
(620) 228-4277
lauriekerns@gmail.com



Sergeant-at-Arms
Jessie Mueller
PO Box 811
Derby, KS 67037
316-644-1970
jmueller.alaks@gmail.com



Sergeant - at- Arms
Pat Teach
39 Sunnydel Terr South,
Hutchinson, KS 67505
(316) 772-2425
patteach45@yahoo.com



NEC
Sharon Spiker
705 4th Street,
Weirmore, KS 66550
(785) 851-7081
Sharon_spiker@yahoo.com



Alternate NEC
Cheryl Eastep
1605 W Hwy. 160
Mindemias, MO 64760
(620) 687-3197
cjeastep55@yahoo.com



Parliamentarian
Sharon Spiker
705 4th Street,
Weirmore, KS 66550
(785) 851-7081
Sharon_spiker@yahoo.com

In the Spirit of "SERVICE, NOT SELF"
thank you for serving active-duty military, military reserves,
veterans, and their families!!