

# SUNFLOWERETTE

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

JULY 2024

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### RIDE THE TIDE FOR VETERANS

### MAKE EACH WAVE COUNT

By: Tracy Kinnick, Department President

Greetings ALA members of Kansas. June and July have been filled with great adventures. Sunflower Girls State not only am I a counselor, but as your incoming ALA Department President, I had the privilege of pinning the new Sunflower Girls State Governor, I can't wait for you to meet her, and she was from my city! If you ever volunteer or attend Inaugural for Girls State I encourage you to do so, it is rewarding. I wish that I could attend Cadet Law as a student! The cadets who attend this training camp have a week full of driving fast cars, learning to shoot, gun safety, defensive tactics, and when I say fast cars speeding! An adventure of a lifetime for a young man or woman, and I was honored to meet all the cadets and visit their events. I challenge each unit to sponsor or contribute to finding someone to attend. Their experience is worth the time for you to find someone from your unit to attend.

Rumor has it that I may have broken a tradition (another unwritten tradition, maybe?) when I attended the Independence 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. This is another event that is filled with fun and fellowship. Bring the kids with you to slide down the big slide and play with other children. It was great to visit with our members and eat some great food. I know my granddaughter Harley had an amazing time, as did I. Thank you, Independence, for your hospitality.

We had our first grassroots call. Thank you to everyone for participation, your input, and feedback. The first call discussed one of the main questions we continue to receive "Where can I find information?" The call shared information on where to find forms, information for programs, and more. I encourage you to visit [www.kansasala.org](http://www.kansasala.org) as well as [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) these sites are full of information to help you with our mission and programs.

Calls will occur once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, at 7:00 PM. Next month we will share the Poppy Program, and if time we will share how you can help our VAs. Send questions for these programs to [tracykinnickala@gmail.com](mailto:tracykinnickala@gmail.com).

The grassroots calls are all part of my plan to continue working on improved communication. I cannot do this alone; I need you to help me complete this project by the end of the year. You can help by updating ALAMIS and sending emails to the department office requesting to be on the communications list. If your unit does not have someone for email, does someone in the Legion, Sons, or ALR have an email that they would be happy to print and bring to you? You will find that it is near and dear to my heart to ensure that we all receive information, this will help us to work on our mission of advocating for our veterans.

Upcoming events:

Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00am – 2:00PM, Emporia – 2921 W 12<sup>th</sup> Ave, Emporia ALL ARE WELCOME send RSVP to [tracykinnickala@gmail.com](mailto:tracykinnickala@gmail.com)

Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> – Department Homecoming – 11:00 AM, 730 W 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Hutchinson

Aug 24 – 29 – National Convention New Orleans

## 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](mailto:tracykinnickala@gmail.com)

or 316-655-5122

# Setting the Course

By Kristen Hensley, Dept. ALA Vice-President/Membership

This past month the unit goals published in July's newsletter have been turned into National. This has provided a way for Units who reach their goals to earn the 100% Membership Banners to display with pride on their Unit Flags for the 2025 Membership Year. To earn these banners, Units must have 100% Membership confirmed via ALA MIS by January 31, 2025.



**Unit Award: 100% Unit Award**

- **Award:** 100% Unit Flag Ribbon
- **Presented to:** Units that reach 100% of their 2025 membership goal by January 31, 2025.
- **Deadline:** January 31, 2025
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - This award will be based on units that reach 100% of their reported goals by January 31, 2025 as verified by ALAMIS.

**Note: Departments must submit unit goals to National Headquarters by September 1, 2024, to be eligible for the 100% Unit Award. These must be sent in a specific format which will be provided by NHQ. 100% Unit Flag Ribbons for winning units will be mailed to each department for distribution.**

You can earn individual awards for Recruitment and Rejoining of members as well. The form is included in this month's Sunflowerette to be available and worked on between now and the deadlines indicated.

**Member Award: Recruit/Rejoin 10**

- **Award:** Special gift selected by the National Membership Chairman
- **Presented to:** Members who recruit and/or rejoin 10 Senior and/or Junior members. Rejoined members must not have renewed since 2021 or earlier.
- **Deadline:** Members must be entered and paid in ALAMIS member database by June 1, 2025.
  - **FORMS** must be received at National HQ by June 6, 2025.
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - Form can be printed from the ALA national Membership Committee page of the national website ([www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)). You must be logged in to the *MyAuxiliary* area to access the page.
  - One entry per recruiter.

Now onto the first Department goal. The first goal deadline is December 7, 2024. This is the 75% of goal reached and must be confirmed based on ALA MIS on December 7<sup>th</sup>. I believe giving the advanced timing in releasing and setting goals, that this is achievable for the Department of Kansas. Below are the details of this first Goal.

**Department Award: 75% Award**

- **Award:** \$75 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Departments reaching 75% of their 2025 department membership goal.
- **Deadline:** Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 2024.
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS member database by December 7, 2024.

For Department of Kansas, with our overall goal of 9,189, we need to achieve a membership total of 6,892 to reach the first Department Award goal by December 7<sup>th</sup>. I believe with the strong Membership Captains we have guiding our District Ships, this Kansas Fleet can exceed this minimum!



American Legion Auxiliary
PAID UP FOR LIFE
MEMBERSHIP

Please type or print - see instructions on reverse)

SECTION 1 - To be completed by APPLICANT

FULL NAME: (First) (Middle) (Last) DATE OF BIRTH: (required) / /
PUFL MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$ (see rate chart on reverse side)
DAYTIME TEL # ( ) -

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \* EMAIL
\*can only be omitted if membership is a gift; if a gift, please refer to section below

Date Application Submitted to Unit Secretary: / /
\*FOR GIFT Mail Card to:
Name: Tel #: ( ) -
Address:
City: State: Zip:

Indicate Payment Method:
Check or Money Order - - Make payable to: American Legion Auxiliary
MasterCard Card # - - - - - Expiration date: / CVV:
Visa Card # - - - - - Expiration date: / CVV:
Daytime Tel # - - Signature: Date: / /

SECTION 2 - To be completed by UNIT SECRETARY

With my signature below, I certify that applicant is a member in good standing, has a valid membership card (has paid dues) for the current year, that application is completed in full, that the PUFL fee listed above is accurate, and that the application is ready for processing at National Headquarters. Note: After January 1, a member's current year's dues must be paid before they can apply for a PUFL membership and cannot be deducted from the total PUFL fee (see information on back)

Applicants Membership ID #: Last membership year paid:
Unit #: Department/State: Annual Unit Dues (Unit + Dept + Nat'l): \$

\*Is Unit waiving its portion of dues for this applicant? Yes No
(By doing so, the Unit forfeits or "gives up" the annual payment of that member's dues for the remainder of their membership.)

Signature of Unit Secretary: Date application certified: / /
Address: Email:
City: State: Zip: Daytime Tel #: ( ) -
\*for explanation, see "COST" section on reverse side

Send this form, along with payment to:
American Legion Auxiliary, National Headquarters
ATTN: Membership Division - PUFL
3450 Founders Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268

\* The PUFL fee for applications processed after June 30 must be based on the total Unit dues for the following membership year.
Note: PUFL Fees are non-refundable

SECTION 3 - To be completed by NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

NATIONAL per capita: \$ DEPARTMENT per capita: \$ Balance for UNIT: \$
Date card sent / /

Revised 07.12.2024







Are you celebrating Birthdays, Weddings, Anniversaries, Graduations, or other Life Events? Do you know how to Drape your Charter or perform memorial services, when a Unit member passes away? Part of the Chaplin's responsibility is to celebrate the Positive along with comforting our members when they have these life events. Your Chaplin visits members and veterans who are shut-ins as well as keeps in contact with Gold Star Mothers. Do you request that prayers be sent to your Unit, District, or Dept Chaplain? These different Officers can send out cards to acknowledge all life events in your name or your Unit's name. Please send me any information concerning life events and I will forward cards. If you are connected to my Facebook, you will see that I am sending out two inspirational quotes a day. If you are not connected to me, feel free to reach out. If you need help with any ceremony or have any questions, please contact me at cell: 309-222-7233 or email: [cindy.ward2019@outlook.com](mailto:cindy.ward2019@outlook.com).

**Dept of KS Chaplin** – Cindy Ward – Cell: (309) 222-7233 – Email: [Cindy.Ward2019@outlook.com](mailto:Cindy.Ward2019@outlook.com)

Did you know you could create an oral report for your Auxiliary unit and share it with the American Legion Auxiliary family nationwide!?! The auxiliary's history is more than names and dates. It should include membership and how it developed the auxiliary's programs and projects to fulfill our mission of serving the veterans, servicemembers, and their families who sacrifice much for this country of ours. What better way to do that than ask your most knowledgeable members in an interview!

Here are the steps to create your very own oral report:

- This is a two-person project so find someone to assist. This is a good time to enlist the help of your 9th-12th grade Junior members as it is a required activity in earning the History Patch. If your unit does not have Junior members, enlist the assistance of college students.
- Find longtime members of the Auxiliary and ask them to share their stories in a video.
  - These stories can be about:
    - A special project,
    - A particular highlight during her membership
    - How many generations of her family have been members and why
    - If a chartered member, her experience in starting the unit
- Find a location where it is quiet and where there will be no interruptions.
- Record with iPhones/Smartphones. Please keep in mind that your video file must be either a .mov; .avi; .mpeg; or a .wmv file extension.
- Each recording should be no longer than five (5) minutes long. You may make more than one. Cover one topic in each video.
- Post the video on YouTube. An instructional video on how to upload is located at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_07iUiftbKU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_07iUiftbKU).
  - Go to YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com>
  - Give the video the following title: ALA Dept. of \_\_ (two letter abbreviation for your state) Unit \_\_\_\_ Members Remember.
  - Provide a description and tags that will help people locate the video easily.
  - Under Category, click on Nonprofits & Activism.
  - Under Privacy, click on Share your video with the world.
  - Click Save Changes.

As always, if you have any questions about your unit and district histories, please email me at [lauriedkerns@gmail.com](mailto:lauriedkerns@gmail.com) **Dept of KS Historian** Laurie Kerns

## LEADERSHIP

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## IMPORTANT DOs FOR AUGUST

### DISTRICTS:

- Officers & chairmen list with info sent into Department
- 2023-2024 Audit materials sent to Department
- District 990 filed by October
- District per capita sent to Units

### UNITS:

- Officers & chairmen list with info sent to
- DISTRICT President 990 filed by October
- DISTRICT per capita paid to DISTRICT address on bill
- DEPARTMENT conference, convention, rehabilitation and per capita tax sent to DEPARTMENT headquarters.
- ALAMIS payment sent to DEPARTMENT with name(s) and email(s)
- Make sure Department has a correct contact name and number.

# American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kansas



## Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policies

Update: June 1, 2024

File Version: C\_B\_KS\_06.01.24

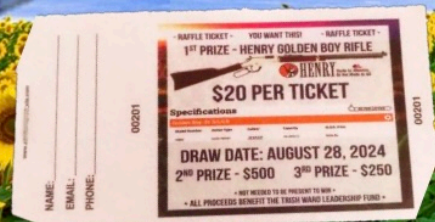
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# Trish Ward Leadership Fund



Name:				
Address:				
Phone#:		Email:		
Gear	QTY	Color	\$ Each	Total
Camo Windbreaker		BLK/White		
Small			\$45.00	
Medium			\$45.00	
Large			\$45.00	
Xlarge			\$45.00	
XX Large			\$50.00	
XXX Large			\$50.00	
Cross Body Bag			\$20.00	
Baseball Hat - Mesh			\$25.00	
Ticket Drawing			\$20.00	
Shipping	Check One			
Pick-up @ dept Meeting			Free	\$0.00
Please Ship to me Direct			Flat Rate	\$5.95
			<b>Grand Total</b>	

**Mail Order form to:**  
**Trish Ward Leadership Development**  
**2633 Shasten St**  
**Grove, OK 74344**

**Donations also accepted via:**

**PayPal:**  
**tbw\_ksaux@yahoo.com**

**Venmo: @Patricia-Ward-25**

# UPCOMING EVENT

## The American Legion Family Homecoming



HONORING:

ANGELA EVANS- AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT COMMANDER  
TRACY KINNICK- AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT  
JIM GALLETINE- AMERICAN LEGION SAL DETACHMENT COMMANDER

August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 11:00 am Social Time

Lysle Rishel Post 68  
730 W 4th Ave, Hutchinson KS  
\$15.00 per person (RSVP by August 5th ), \$17.00 at the Door.

Luncheon Menu:

Roast Beef  
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
Green Beans  
Dinner roll with Butter and Desert

For Additional information or to RSVP, please contact Angela Evans; 719-659-0837  
-or-

Make checks payable to Angela Evans and mail to  
720 W Commercial St, Lyons, KS 67554; or VENMO to Angela-Evans-165

-----PLEASE CUT AND MAIL-----

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

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)

<b>WREATH - DISTRICT LEVEL OR HIGER</b>
District or Department _____ (\$20 for one wreath)
Name _____ Person Placing the Wreath

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Day Time) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>RECEPTION &amp; DINNER</b>
<b>Chapman Post #240</b>
<b>Friday, October 11</b>
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](mailto:jjaws111@aol.com)  
Jeremy Ehart, 620-899-0010 or [jjehart23@gmail.com](mailto:jjehart23@gmail.com)





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*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](mailto: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

# AMERICAN LEGION

## 2024 Golf Classic

### What We Do Why We Matter

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 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

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3rd \$100**

**Deadline for entry:  
Sept 1st, 2024**

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**  
For info contact Jeremy Ehart,  
620-899-0010 or  
jjehart23@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 \_\_\_\_\_





The call is set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM central time. As we continue to work with each district president on contact information for the units, I encourage you to share this information with your units and other members across Kansas. This is one way you can take part and help us to gather and share information to all our members on topics that are important to you, and knowledge that you want to know more about.

Here is your call in information:

Department Office is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Monthly Grassroots Kansas Members Call

Time: Every month on the Third Tue, until May 20, 2025, 11 occurrence(s)

Aug 20, 2024, 07:00 PM  
Sep 17, 2024, 07:00 PM  
Oct 15, 2024, 07:00 PM  
Nov 19, 2024, 07:00 PM  
Dec 17, 2024, 07:00 PM  
Jan 21, 2025, 07:00 PM  
Feb 18, 2025, 07:00 PM  
Mar 18, 2025, 07:00 PM  
Apr 15, 2025, 07:00 PM  
May 20, 2025, 07:00 PM


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](http://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](mailto:ksaladepthoffice@gmail.com)

### 2024-2025 Department Officers



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