

SUNFLOWERETTE

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF KS

February 2025

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RIDE THE TIDE FOR VETERANS. MAKE EACH WAVE COUNT

By: Tracy Kinnick, Department President



THE LONELY MEMBER



I am ready to walk away, I am done, I no longer want to participate or be a part of the organization that I once fell in love with. Yup, I am that member. No matter what I tried, or how many meetings I attended, it did not matter. It didn't matter to the unit and the district, I don't even know who they are, or what they do. What do we do? Why does it even matter? What do I or my membership matter in a world of chaos and hatred? Every unit meeting is a battle, every event is a fight, why does it matter? The unit president and officers don't even talk to me anyway, why does my attendance matter? I know I am not alone, yet I feel so alone when I am there.

It doesn't matter! I am done.

As I am preparing to go to Washington D.C. to advocate for our veterans, I am reminded of the mission of why we are one of the largest organizations to fight and advocate for our veterans, active military, and their families. Without us fighting and advocating for them, who else will? Who will help the Veteran who came back home alone? The child who lost a parent? These reminders are my reason. My reason to fight for others. Although I feel alone in my unit, my district, I know why, I know when I see the veterans and provide them with a gift that they need, when I put a smile on their faces. The best part is when they reach out and give you the biggest hug you ever received because they are grateful for the small gesture of kindness. That's why I fight in my unit, my district, and the department. **It is not about me**, my feelings, or my thoughts that my way is better than someone else's. I am making a difference. That veteran's smile, a child's laugh, and watching young men and women grow in leadership. That's why!

Membership is a valuable tool for fighting and advocating for our mission in the ALA. I am challenging all of you to recruit one person by Feb 28th, 2025, for the mission. Imagine the **VOICE** that we will have with more of **US**. Everyone who recruits a new member, I will enter you into a drawing for a prize. To be entered you need to send me an email or text with your recruit's name, once verified in ALAMIS, you will be entered into a prize from me. tracykinnickala@gmail.com, or text to 316-655-5122.

find your
WHY

Ask your friends, your neighbors, family, and co-workers. If they say no, don't hesitate to ask again.

It is not about us, it is about them, and we need to fight for them.

We can do this; WE can make a difference! What is your why

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GRASSROOTS CALL

February 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM

What is a healthy unit? Join us on Feb. 20th, for a unit health checkup.

Department Office is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

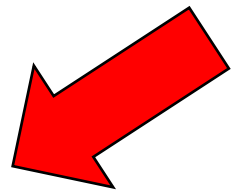
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NEWS DATES FOR IMPACT REPORTS



Reporting year January 1st through December 31st

UNITS turn in Impact forms to District President by January 31st

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS combine and turn in Impact forms to Department Headquarters by February 28th
give a copy to your District Chairmen for their reports

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN turn your complete reports to your District President for your District's Book of Reports by her deadline.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN turn in your complete reports to your Department Chairmen by April 15th

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS turn in your reports to Department Headquarters by April 15th

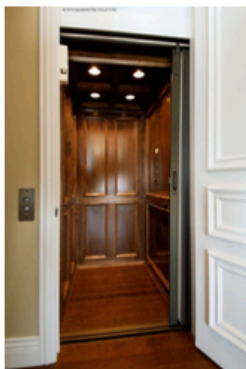
LINK to the new Forms

https://www.kansasala.org/_files/ugd/142f8e_75107e9fc53d49ebba14db219d306724.pdf

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Short and Sweet!

By Kristen Hensley – Department Vice President



Recruitment in the American Legion Auxiliary, is our life blood in keeping our organization going, ensuring the continued administration of our programs and development of future leaders. During trainings and meetings, presenters often speak about the importance of having elevator speeches. Well, what is an elevator speech and how do I make one?

An elevator speech is a little pitch for members to have in their mental arsenal, to state when out living your life. This is something ALL members should have while attending sporting programs, standing in line at local stores, attending church and even PTA meetings. These are pitches that are meant to be personal to us individually and showcase why we are passionate about our programs, delivery, and why we continue to serve with our time and talents. People listening to us will be able to tell if we are being authentic in our heart about what we are sharing.

So how do you begin to create an elevator speech? To make things simple, I have created a worksheet to help guide you through creating an elevator speech or even a couple of them to have and use for various audiences and purposes. Remember, there is no cookie cutter speech that we can all just memorize and recite with true feeling to help recruit new members to our organization. I am including the worksheet in this publication of the Sunflowerette.

I am now challenging each of you to work on creating your own elevator speech (or a couple of them) and work with members of your units to help them do the same. I hope all of you will share some of your elevator speeches with me, as I love to hear the heart and passion our members have for our organization and programs.



“Veterans programs are very important to ensure that our Nation’s heroes get the support and benefits to honor their sacrifice to protect our freedoms and way of life. The American Legion Auxiliary, a 100% volunteer veteran support organization, composed of direct relatives of veterans, works to administer, and advocate for much needed programs. Each year, our National President addresses congress to advocate for the continued funding of these life-giving programs, to ensure they are not seen as entitlements that can be discarded when something new and shiny is presented. With my membership, our National President has another voice behind her efforts. We would really love to have you be a part of our unit. Can I get your contact information? Here is some information about the Auxiliary and how you can help.”

Elevator Speech Creation Worksheet

There are several parts to creating an elevator speech. Each speech should have the following components and should only be 1-2 sentences for each section. The total time of the elevator speech should be no more than 2 minutes total:

- **The Hook** – This is where you state a social issue such as Veterans care, Veteran Suicide, Education for Children, waning Americanism, etc.
- **Stated Value** – This is where you introduce the American Legion Auxiliary as a solution source or a partner in change for that social issue.
- **Evidence of the value** – This is where you state proof in statistics or action that the American Legion Auxiliary is already doing or has done to address the social issue stated in the Hook.
- **Differentiator/Unique quality** – This is where you show the uniqueness or the reason the American Legion Auxiliary is different in approach or delivery than other similar organizations (i.e. 100% volunteer veteran support organization, congressionally created, annually going before congress, etc.)
- **Call to Action** – Depending on who you are addressing, you can either use this part to ask for donations, support, or help, but it is most effective in recruitment. You can state that our organization would love to have them be a part of what we are doing handing them an application.

By the end, you should have an elevator speech that lasts no more than 2 minutes that you can clearly state at any location, time, etc. This is a great recruitment tool to help you talk to people in grocery store lines, while attending your children’s or grandchildren’s ball games, local PTA meetings, or just out living your life. You can make multiple elevator speeches depending on your focus and audience. **Remember, these will be personal and different for each of us and should be something you feel strongly about as people can tell if you are passionate about what you do or not.**

In the following spaces, fill in the blanks and this will guide you in creating your 30-60 second elevator speech:

Hook – What is the social issue with veterans, children/youth, patriotism, and/or community that you are focused on or most concerned with that the American Legion Auxiliary addresses with their program(s)?



Department Individual Member - Membership Challenge!

Everyone is Responsible for Membership January 24 – February 28!

Details: Individual unit members receive a list from their unit and/or district of all members who have not yet renewed for the 2025 membership year. Members keep track of who they called and if that member was able to secure that renewal. This Challenge starts Friday January 24 and will extend to February 28th. The renewal must be received at Department Headquarters before March 7th (to allow for mailing) to be included in this challenge.

******IF YOUR UNIT OR DISTRICT IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A LIST OF UNPAID MEMBERS FOR YOUR UNIT OR AREA,*** Please contact Kristen Hensley at 913-638-9724 or by emailing kristen.d.hensley@gmail.com your request. Department President Tracy Kinnick is also willing to help members receive these lists to start working on getting renewals! We do ask that you contact one of us, instead of Department Office, to obtain unpaid membership lists to protect Ryan's time and focus on processing membership in a timely manner.

Does this have to be for only your unit?

No. If you choose to help neighboring units work their renewals, and members renew due to the work you are doing to help, then you can put those members on your form.

How do I submit what I have done?

Take a photo of the form or scan it and email to kristen.d.hensley@gmail.com; or send via US Mail to American Legion Auxiliary Membership, c/o Kristen Hensley, 334 Lincoln Ave, Osawatomie, KS 66064. Form should be received no later than 4/1/2025 to be included. Remember, the membership renewal should be received no later than March 7th, 2025.

Verification: To verify that a member has renewed during this challenge period a report of all unpaid renewals will be ran on 1/24/2025 in the early morning hours, and then ran on 3/11/2025 to compare. This will verify which members have successfully been renewed during this timeframe.

Who can participate?

Both Senior Members AND Junior Members are eligible.

Reward: The three members across the Department responsible for getting the most renewals, will receive their 2026 ALA Membership Dues Paid for by Department! **ALL MEMBERS** including any members holding Chairmanships, Officer Positions, or other leadership roles are eligible to win.

Winners to be Announced at Department Convention!



ALA Individual Membership Renewal Success Form
Challenge Date Range: January 24, 2025 – February 28, 2025

Return completed form to arrive no later than March 7, 2025 to be eligible, to kristen.d.hensley@gmail.com or my US Mail to:

American Legion Auxiliary Membership
 c/o Kristen Hensley
 334 Lincoln Ave
 Osawatomie, KS 66064

Individual Member Name: _____ Member ID# _____

District# _____ Unit Name: _____ Unit #: _____

Renew Member Name	Unit No.	Member Number (if known)	Contact Date	Contact Date	(Dept use) Verified?

Department of Kansas Chaplin – February 2025

FOUR CHAPLINS DAY is marked on February 3rd each year, Four Chaplains Days honors four military chaplains from World War II who sacrificed their lives for fellow service members. Chaplains in the military are an integral part of the service environment. They provide counseling, spiritual guidance, conduct services, and religious rites, among other responsibilities, and serve all over the globe. If there are military personnel stationed there, chaplains are too.

The four chaplains were Reverend George L. Fox, a Methodist minister, Reverend Clark V. Poling of the Reformed Church of America, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, and Father John P. Washington of the Roman Catholic Church. Their voyage began on January 23, 1943. At the time, German U-Boats were patrolling the area, and the convoy was on high alert. When a German submarine torpedoed the Dorchester on February 3, 1943, in the frigid waters off the coast of Newfoundland, chaos ensued.

Eyewitnesses recounted the chaplains' heroism, including giving their life jackets and gloves to other service members. They prayed with service members, assisting them into lifeboats. The four chaplains remained on the sinking of Dorchester. Only 230 men were rescued from the waters.

Congress awarded the four chaplains the Four Chaplains Medal in 1960.

Many of us sit through this service on Sundays without understanding the meaning behind the Four Chaplains and what they did for the men they gave their lives for. To learn more about them or to visit The Four Chaplains Foundation go to <https://fourchaplains.org/>



February Calendar Events

Holiday	Date
Black History Month	Entire Month of February
Groundhog Day	February 2
Four Chaplains Day	February 3
USO Day	February 4
National Salute to Veterans Patients	February 9 – 15
Lincoln Pilgrimage	February 11-12
Valentine's Day	February 14
President's Day	Third Monday in February (2/17/2025)
Coast Guard Reserve Birthday	February 19
Ramadan	Friday 2/28 – Saturday, March 29

You should be completing your Chaplin books with your Units Spiritual information. I look forward to reviewing and awarding many awards this year. Let's show people what we can and do for our members.

Department of Kansas Chaplin – Cindy Ward

Cindy.ward2019@outlook.com - Phone (309) 222-7233

Department of Kansas Historian

Auxiliary members, We are in the heat of reporting season and the histories are an integral part of keeping our Auxiliary alive at all levels. Here are some pointers for you as you work on those histories.

- Write the history in a third-person narrative. Your job is that of an intermediary – someone who witnessed the events and then describes them for the reader. Do not include your thoughts or comments on the events – only the occasion, the people involved, and what occurred.
- VIP visits are important, did a department officer, district officer, or national officer visit your unit? If you are a District Historian, did any department or national VIP's attend your district events?
- Include all member activities as part of the history, not just activities of the president.
- Include awards your unit or district have been given by the department or national organization as well as those from the communities.
- Record special events that occur during the year. Example:
 1. Does your Unit or District participate in Veteran's Day parades or other community events through the year? If so, be sure to include any media coverage from these events in your history.
- Pick out impressive statistics from unit and district committees. Example:
 1. Your unit or district sent students to ALA Girls State or Cadet Law
 2. Your unit or district had Junior members attend conferences
- Be sure to include the failures as well as the successes as we all learn from errors. For example, the unit or department tried a new project, but it didn't go as well as hoped. Include why the project failed. Future members may see the value of the project but need the details so they can make a success of the project.
- Include all amendments and resolutions that were carried and those that didn't. If one didn't pass, include the discussion so that others may learn why it failed.

Once complete, present history for the year to the Unit or District President.



AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY

MID WINTER FORUM

FRIDAY 31:

- DINNER 5-8PM AT POST 180

SATURDAY 1:

- OPENING SESSION 8:00 AM POST 180
- ALA MEETING 15 MINUTES AFTER DISMISSIAL
- 4-5:30 RECEPTION FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS AT POST 180
- 5:30 - 7 DINNER AND ALA PRESIDENTS PROJCT PURSE AUCTION

SUNDAY 2:

- 7-8 BREAKFAST POST 180
- 8:00 CALL TO ORDER 4 CHAPLIANS SERVICE



Jan 31 - Feb 2, 2025

**POST 180, GREAT BEND
1011 KANSAS AVE
GREAT BEND, KS 67530**

Hello Auxiliary Members,

It is the time of year we turn our attention to preparation for District and Department Conventions. This includes submitting proposed amendment changes to our Constitution and Bylaws committee.

As our organization evolves, members might run across a situation that may spark an idea about a change to our guidelines. These changes may be submitted on an Amendment Form. The template can be found on the Department Website under forms.

Below is an example and instructions.

If you have any changes to submit, please do so by **February 10th**. The C & B committee would like the opportunity to review the submissions and pass them along to Districts to discuss at their conventions.

Final submissions will be given to Department by **April 1st** to go out with the Call to Convention for Department of Kansas.

Please forward submissions to Ann Barnes abarnes44@hotmail.com or mail to 702 Parma Way Gardner Ks 66030

Warm Regards,

Ann Barnes

C & B Committee

Here is an example of how it should read when submitted.

Proposal #1 Adopt new Standing Rule			
Amendment to: Standing Rules, I, Office, New #2 (subsequent items to be renumbered)			
Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read	Rationale
	<i>2. All passwords for American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kansas owned programs, software, hardware and/or other office equipment or access requiring passwords or passcodes necessary for business operations shall be retained in a physical folder stored in a locked file cabinet in the office. The Department President shall have access to the folder and full knowledge of its stored location.</i>	2. All passwords for American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kansas owned programs, software, hardware and/or other office equipment or access requiring passwords or passcodes necessary for business operations shall be retained in a physical folder stored in a locked file cabinet in the office. The Department President shall have access to the folder and full knowledge of its stored location.	In order to maintain continuity of business operations at all times, the Department President shall have access to necessary passwords. In the event access is required, the Department President shall have the ability to access all equipment and software necessary for the smooth and consistent daily operations for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kansas.

How do I Amend a Constitution/Bylaws/Standing Rules

The ALA has moved away from presenting all motions as resolutions and reserves the use of resolutions for temporary or honorary purposes. They can be prepared and distributed in advance. Think of it like this: Whereas, I want to give special recognition to someone or present a motion that only applies to the coming year and Whereas, I have a lot of reasons for this motion, and Whereas, I wanted to explain my reasons in writing; therefore be it Resolved, that I present to you this formal resolution for all to admire and applaud.

A resolution, therefore, is a fancy motion. For handling the ordinary business of a Unit, a motion serves the purpose. See the document Basic Parliamentary Procedure for details on making a motion in a meeting.

The American Legion Auxiliary national organization has moved toward using a 3-column motion form for proposing amendments to its governing documents. This simplifies the process of presenting a motion by putting the reasoning behind the motion in plain language in the Rationale section at the bottom of the form. These amendments are prepared in advance and sent to the voting members. Here is what goes in each of the three columns.

- Column 1: The precise wording of the existing bylaw or rule. If none currently exists, this is blank.
- Column 2: The proposed change beginning with “amend by striking out” or “amend by adding” or “amend by striking out and inserting.” Then include the existing bylaw or rule with the new words to insert in bold and words to be deleted with a line struck through them. If it’s a completely new rule, the entire rule would be in bold.
- Column 3: How the bylaw or rule will read if the amendment passes.

Below the three-column table, a rationale statement explains the need for the change being presented.

What’s the big deal? The words used in governing documents have precise legal meanings. If your documents say “shall,” then it means that whatever it is, it must happen and it must always happen. If an action of the organization is challenged in court, the court will look at the organization’s governing documents to see if they have been followed. So, governing documents not only explain how the organization will function and govern itself, but they also have a direct impact on the rights of its members. The national organization engages a professional registered parliamentarian from the National Association of Parliamentarians to review proposed amendments for clarity and consistency with our governing documents. Engaging a professional parliamentarian can save an organization a lot of time and help protect the rights of members.

HAPPY NEW YEAR American Legion Auxiliary Sisters & Brothers!! You've Got This!! Halfway through the 2024-2025 year, it's time to reflect on Your Unit's success and accomplishments by reporting your projects & start mapping out next year's activities. Two tools have been developed and are available for an easy self-check and help for your Unit. Please print the [Healthy All Star Unit Check Sheet](#) from the website under Strategic Planning to look at areas met &/or needing improvement. The plan is to have District Presidents in the future follow up with certificate incentives.

Then, using your checklist, engage your members by putting recurring projects & important dates on your Unit calendar. Brainstorm using National's [ALA Challenge Deck](#) as a springboard for ideas & resources to add activities that support Veterans, Active-Duty Military & their Families, and the Community to make a Difference. By being welcoming, kind & respectful, this will enhance your members experience by valuing their time, recognizing their contributions, & ensuring a positive experience. Here's to SUCCESS!!

Don't hesitate to reach out to your District Team with any problems or questions. And, anytime, your Strategic Planning Team would love to assist in revitalizing your Unit!!

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REPORTING/FORMS:

- * Was ALA [Direct Billing Unit Data Form](#) (Dues Amount/Remit Address) submitted to Dept. HQ by May 1?
- * Was [Officers & Chairs Contact Information Sheet](#) to Dist. President by June 1 and entered in ALAMIS?
- * Is the [National Program Book](#) & [Unit Guidebook](#) downloaded & available for meetings &/or chair use?
- * Is [C&B](#) updated with changes and [Policies & Procedures](#) available, & on file at District & Department?
- * Has your annual [e-postcard 990N](#) been filed? Date of acceptance letter? _____
- * Has annual [Dist. Per Capita](#) AND [Dept. Convention & Conference tax](#) (June 30 members) been paid?
- * President & Treasurer bonded every 3 years (Through Department Headquarters)
- * [ALAMIS](#) (ALA Membership Information System) annual fee paid to Dept. for users access by Dec.31.
- * [Delegates/Alternates to Convention list](#) due 30 days prior to Convention. Department due May 20.
- * [Program Reports/Narrative](#) due to Dist. CH by Mar. 1/ For Dist. Book of Reports to President Mar.15.
- * Poppy proceeds – ½ to Unit (Restricted Fund) ½ to Department following event.

AUXILIARY UNITS:

- * Does the Auxiliary host a monthly business meeting? ___ How often? ___ Average Attendance ___?
- * Is the meeting conducted following an agenda and/or the accepted order of business?
- * Are local, Dist. & Dept. communications (emails, letters, Sunflowerette, etc.) shared at meetings?
- * Are minutes & treasurer's reports incorporated into the Unit's permanent records? Budget?
- * Is an internal audit performed in accordance with C&B requirements & filed with permanent records?
- * Did the Unit make membership GOAL? Are notices/surveys sent to unpaid - checking on them?
- * Is contact & email information current & updated in ALAMIS?
- * Do Chairs give summaries of program information from Dept. & National when applicable?
- * Do Chairs download & edit report forms from [kansasala.org](#) (covering convention to convention)?
- * Do members understand Auxiliary traditions, ideals & purposes and know where to find resources?

- * Do members utilize the Unit Impact Report Form to track volunteer service/hours for reporting?
- * Do members attend functions outside the Unit? District, Department, National meetings, workshops?
- * How is the Unit active in their local community?
- * Do the Post, Auxiliary, & SAL have a good family atmosphere & working partnership?
- * Is the Unit aware of ALA Member Benefits and how to access them?
- * Does the Unit program objectives support veterans, their families & the community?
- * Is current branding/logos observed? Do members proudly wear ALA apparel when volunteering?

LEADERSHIP

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Now that you have completed your reports and narratives and the Impact report (you have, right?), Give yourselves a pat on the back!!! You have done great things for Veterans this year!!!!

Please consider submitting a candidate for Unit Member of the Year.

Open to senior members who are not currently, nor have ever been, in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than unit president.

Submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less to your **department**. Describe the nominee's accomplishments and activities and include the nominee's name and address.

Unit Member of the Year Information

Name* First Name. _____ Last Name _____

Member Number* _____

Address* _____ Address Line 1 _____ Address Line 2 _____

City _____ ZIP Code _____

Email* _____

Phone* _____

Unit Name and Number* _____

Narrative

The deadline for submitting the form is **APRIL 15, 2025**.

Please send to one of the Leadership Linda's. SPRING WILL SOON BE HERE!!!!!!



DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

**Auxiliary
Juniors
Meeting**

MARCH 7-8, 2025

REGISTRATION FEE \$5.00

SAT LUNCH FEE \$5.00

FRI 5:00 PM ~ SAT 3:00 PM

OSKALOOSA POST 36

404 DELAWARE OSKALOOSA, KS

**SLUMBER PARTY,
CRAFTS, GAMES, AND MORE**

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A SLEEPING BAG AND PILLOW

**MORE INFORMATION:
RSVP TO SHEILA SNYDER
785-640-7664
SHEK111@AOL.COM**

The Junior Meeting is quickly approaching. It will take place on March 7-8, 2025 at the American Legion Post 36 at 404 Delaware, Oskaloosa Kansas. There is a registration fee of \$5 and a \$5 fee for lunch for all Junior's, Seniors and guest planning to attend. This is an overnight event so you will need to have sleeping bags, pillows and maybe an air mattress because it is a tile floor.

We will gather at 5pm on Friday the 7th to register and get acquainted and then dinner will be at 6pm.

Saturday will be our day for business.

Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Sheila Snyder

Department Junior Activities Chair

785-640-7664

sheka111@aol.com |

Planning is underway for **ALA Sunflower Girls State!** The 82nd Session will be held June 1-6, 2025, at The University of Kansas.

Registration forms are available now on our website and are due by May 1, 2025. Please use this registration form only to ensure we obtain all the necessary information for a camp involving minors.

The fee is \$425 per delegate. We are asking all delegates to contribute \$25 themselves, so the sponsoring units will only need to contribute \$400. Some units have used a similar model in the past. To stay consistent across all units, please do not ask delegates to contribute more (or less) than \$25.

We are so grateful to the ALA members who continue to be dedicated to working our program year after year!

What do we need from you?

- We need help with recruitment!
 - Please encourage the current high school juniors in your life to submit a registration form!
 - Share our information in your community. We have flyers and brochures to distribute.
 - Do you or someone you know work in a Kansas high school or partner with a home school co-op? If so, we would love to connect!
- We need volunteers at session! If you are available during session and willing to help, please let us know.

What is ALA Sunflower Girls State?

This is a week-long, government-in-action, non-partisan camp that teaches delegates Americanism, citizenship, government, and leadership. Delegates establish city-, county-, and state-level governments, run for office, debate and pass legislation, and hear from leaders at all levels of government from across Kansas.

Who is ALA Sunflower Girls State for?

Our program is for students between their junior and senior years of high school from across Kansas.

Would you like to learn more?

Please visit our website (www.ksgirlsstate.org), find us on social media (Facebook and Instagram), or contact ALA Liaison Pam King by phone (620-222-1835) during the day or Director Lindsay Maudlin by phone (620-728-4072) in the evenings or email (sunflowergirlsstate@gmail.com) for more information.



JUNE 1-6, 2025

University of Kansas

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
SUNFLOWER GIRLS STATE

A Week to Shape a Lifetime



THE AMERICAN LEGION

HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A Constitutional Speech Contest

KANSAS ORATORICAL CONTEST

MARCH 15, 9:00 AM

TOPEKA POST #400 3029 US-24 TOPEKA, KS

FOR MORE INFO GO TO [HTTPS://KANSASLEGION.ORG/201-2](https://kansaslegion.org/201-2)

BOYS STATE OF KANSAS



AMERICAN LEGION

2025

87TH SESSION

JUNE 1ST - 7TH

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY |

GOODNOW HALL

1825 CLAFLIN RD

MANHATTAN, KS 66502

FOR MORE INFO WWW.KSBSTATE.ORG

LEGION NIGHT
JUNE 4, 2025 | 5 P.M.
KRAMER DINING CENTER
1835 CLAFLIN RD
MANHATTAN, KANSAS 66502



KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION/AUXILIARY CADET LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

JUNE 15-20, 2025

FOR MORE INFO

GO TO THE

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1049954552588217)

[COM/GROUPS/1049954552588217](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1049954552588217)



APPLICANTS MUST BE A HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR OR SENIOR WITH A "C" AVERAGE AND BE PHYSICALLY ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES IN THE WEEK-LONG ACADEMY. A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE IS REQUIRED.