



## American Legion Post 327

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April — May — June

### 2022/2023 POST OFFICERS

Commander - Richard Sobek  
1st Vice - Chuck Shoemaker  
2nd Vice - Ron Toomay  
Adjutant - Micheal Chism  
Treasurer - Billy Hodge  
Service Officer - Daryl Roller  
AUX President - Mary Anne Moore  
SAL Commander - Dale DeWitte

### Clubroom

Manager - Jeanne Barnhart  
Bartenders - Lisa  
Doug  
Kathy  
Tamara  
Shanna  
Shelby  
Sandy  
Tammy

### CLUBROOM NEWS

#### Club room:

Normal clubroom hours **Open 1 PM**  
Monday to Sat, **Open 2PM** on Sun,  
unless an early game or race.

Texas Hold'em Mondays & Thurs-  
days in the clubroom starting at  
7pm & Saturdays at 3PM. Come  
out and enjoy.

Darts League We now have a dart  
league on Wednesdays.

New Games are in the game room  
and are becoming busy. Come out  
and see.

Come by the post to see what's  
happening.

### ADJUTANT

The bad news is that we still have members  
unpaid or unaccounted for. We have tried to  
contact them with little luck. The 2023-2024 year is  
about to end and 2024-2025 is starting up.

The really bad news is that starting June 1, our  
dues for 2024/2025 have to increase to \$50.00.  
National is raising all dues \$5.00 and we have to  
keep up. Please remember that dues for renewals  
begin June 1 and dues not received by December  
31 for the previous year causes us to get "drop  
lists". Thus you might get a card that has a wrong  
number of years served.

### Honor Guard Activities

We are averaging up to 4 funerals a week. The  
stones continue to fill the once empty fields.

### SERVICE OFFICER

#### *From the KCVA "Whole Health Quarterly"*

Change my thinking or perspectives on  
life to be more optimistic.

Adopt a more forgiving and accepting  
attitude toward others.

Practice being more grateful for life and  
what I do have.

Be more compassionate with myself, as  
well as others.

Work on not letting the 'bad things' that  
happen in life get me down.

Be more social.

Learn to live with less.

**Daryl Roller, Service Officer 322-6493**

### TRANSFERS TO THE POST EVERLASTING

Micheal Chism  
Andre Vanmeerhaeghe  
Charles Wight  
Ron Koerner



### COMMANDERS CORNER

2024 is in swing. We have  
three quarters left to go.  
It is so nice that we are  
here as Legion members,  
Auxiliary members and  
Sons of the American  
Legion members. The  
three groups that make  
up our family. We have  
much to be thankful for  
as we all work to contin-  
ue to maintain and keep this Post sound.



We have been told National Officers that we  
would be done in 5 to 10 years, but that might  
be "fake news". As long as we continue to work  
hard we will outlive those thoughts. Many  
strides are being taken to keep us moving on.  
We have our new website. The information on  
the website is full for all. The sites to help you  
find who to contact when you need information  
of all kinds. The history of the Post. The officers  
of the post and much more. Please take time to  
check us out if you haven't already.

We are also on **Constant Contact** and use it to  
send out the **Vet Tawk** and a weekly calendar. If  
we do not have your email we cannot get it to  
you. Let us know what it is.

We will try to continue as a great family of Vet-  
erans and their friends Veterans dedicated to  
the cause of remembrance, but will continue to  
wonder why it still is so hard to receive the dues  
for membership. As said before, this SMALL  
amount helps pay our bills. If you knew how  
many new headstones we see each day at Leav-  
enworth and the other cemetery's every week,  
you might get an idea of what we are losing. I  
don't have a strong way of begging, but broth-  
ers and sisters in order for us to survive we need  
those that really care to step up and do the  
deed.

If we did something to irritate you, we need to  
know. If you died, we need to know, If you  
moved we need to know. Sharing is caring!  
Please share with us the meaning of why you  
are not here.

If you know someone that is a Veteran that  
would like to join us let us know. The Sons of  
the American Legion are looking for members.  
The Ladies Auxiliary, the great ladies who help  
us immensely, would love to have you. LET US  
KNOW.

If you know of a Veteran in need of a hug, give  
it. We are losing TOO many to suicides at this  
time. Let us know and we will **BE THE ONE**, as  
Daryl Roller has pointed out, to help them  
through their sad times.

Richard "Bear" Sobek  
Commander

## **Information for All**

Each year the Kansas American Legion conducts a program to enable high school students to learn from and participate in a program of governmental studies...the American Legion Boys State. Originated in 1935 in Illinois by American Legion members, Kansas initiated the program in 1937, and today it is presented by states throughout the nation. This one week yearly event, conducted on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan, provides the opportunity for young men to “learn by doing”, enabling each attendee to experience our nation’s political process, and to learn how our nation’s form of government is and has been the most effective in all of history.

Participants are given the opportunity to run for an elected office of their choosing. Political parties, mirroring our nation’s major parties, are assigned to individuals. Groups are formed to solve problems which resemble those encountered in our country today. From this and other activities, friendships are formed that, in some cases, have lasted a lifetime by former attendees. And, there are extracurricular activities as well. Staters also enjoy recreational sports at the K State athletic facilities, lectures by professionals on various interesting topics, living the lifestyle in a highly accredited university, and partaking of the outstanding culinary skills by the gifted folks serving the meals at a buffet style cafeteria.

For more information and application to attend, visit the Boys State website, [ksbstate.org](http://ksbstate.org). It has been said by some that attended, “It was a week that changed my life.”

**Chuck Shoemaker, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**

We are working hard to keep finances in order. Your dues help us to keep everything going for all. Also we would love to see more of you at the Club enjoying music on Friday nights and on game days. We hope for a good year and your helps accomplishes that.

**Billy Hodge, Finance Officer**

# APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 	4 	5 LEGACY	6
7	8 E-BOARD & SAL 7PM	9	10 	11 	12 DIXIE CADILLAC	13
14	15	16	17 	18 	19 Mark Doty and the Cause Band	20
21	22 POST & AUX MEETINGS 7PM	23	24 	25 	26 Melissa and Company	27
28	29	30	31 			

# MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 	3 LEGACY	4
5	6 E-BOARD & SAL 7PM	7	8 	9 	10 DIXIE CADILLAC	11
12	13	14	15 	16 	17 Mark Doty and the Cause Band	18
19	20 POST & AUX MEETINGS 7PM	21	22 	23 	24 Melissa and Company	25
26	27	28	29 	30 	31 Rick Mowen	

# JUNE 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 State Department Convention
2 Department Convention	3 E-BOARD & SAL 7PM	4	5 	6 	7 DIXIE CADILLAC	8
9	10	11	12 	13 	14 Legacy	15
16	17 POST & AUX MEETINGS 7PM	18	19 	20 	21 RECLINERS	22
23	24	25	26 	27 	28 Mark Doty and the Cause Band	29
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## LADIES AUXILIARY

President - Mary Ann Moore  
 1st Vice - Rose Huff  
 2nd Vice - Sandy Paida  
 Treasurer - Carol Plough  
 Secretary - Nancy Thomas  
 Chaplain - Patty DeWitte  
 Sgt at Arms - Vivian Costanza

## Auxiliary News

### May is Poppy month.

The Auxiliary will have Poppys available as well as Memory cards for deceased Veterans to hang above the bar for a donation for each.

Thursday Bingo is manned by our Auxiliary members and is doing well. Thank you ladies for your dedication and the great job you do. A portion of the proceeds are given to the American Legion. We have Queen of Hearts as a fund raiser for Auxiliary future projects.

## Sons of the Legion

Commander — Dale Dewitte  
 1st Vice — Steve Rudkin  
 2nd Vice — Craig Congrove  
 Adjutant — Troy Shields  
 Sgt at Arms — Mike Stump  
 Finance Officer — Dennis Dressler  
 Chaplain — Mitch Rudkin

## Ribs will be available Golf Tournament weekend. Watch for dates



# 2024



Monthly Coffee with Shawnee Hills Veterans. They really enjoy our visits.



It is Poppy season for the Ladies Auxiliary. Contact one of them to see about getting yours.



The Mayor of Shawnee being honored with the Commander and District and State officers.

JUST A SMALL VIEW HANDFULL OF THE ACTIVITIES ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR IN 2024 THAT REALLY SHOW WHAT WE ARE ABOUT IN OUR POST. WE WILL CONTINUE THE WORK AND MORE IN 2025.