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From the Adjutant, Thomas Seberger

Our 2024 membership drive is going well, but we still need for you to renew your membership before the dues increase takes effect. Please renew your membership online or stopping by the Post.

The Post will be publishing a monthly "E-Mail Call" to inform you of events within the Post and events occurring for veterans in the area and news from the Veterans Administration, American Legion, and others who support the veteran's community. If you have the spare time and there is an event that peaks your interest, volunteer your time at the Post to show your support.

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19	20 POST & AUX MEETINGS 7PM	21	22	23 BINGU	24 Melissa and Company	25 Placing Flags on veteran's Graves
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MAY 2024

May 4: Armed Forces Day Celebration



F.I.S.H. is hosting an Armed Forces Day event at the New Century Airport (260 Gardner Drive, Gardner, KS 66031) from 10am to 4pm. There will be a Service Dog presentation, Military Enlistment, Skydiving Team, Live Bands, Food Trucks, Military Equipment on display, and Special Guest Sgt. Major Carlos A Ruiz (20th Sgt. Major of the Marine Corps).

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May 4: Post 327 Mouse Races

Sponsor a mouse for \$20 in one of six races with the winners racing in the 7th "championship" race.

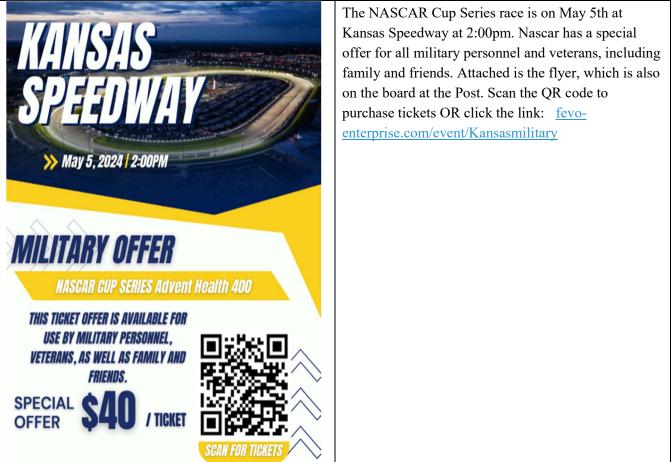


May 5: NASCAR Cup Series Tickets

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May 25: Memorial flags at the Cemeteries

The Post is placing flags at each veterans' headstone for the Memorial Day weekend. If you would like to help with this effort please be at the Post at 8:00AM for biscuits and gravy before we head out to place the flags at Shawnee Mission Memory Gardens and Pleasant View Cemetery.

May 27: Memorial Day Service

The Post will have Memorial Day ceremony at Pleasant View Cemetery at 11:00AM. Mark your calendars to come out and show your support.

May 31 – June 2: American Legion Department of Kansas Convention

Those individuals interested in attending the American Legion Department Convention in Topeka, KS this coming May 31st to June 2nd by going to the KS American Legion <u>website</u> for more information on registration and accommodations.

July 1: American Legion Dues Increase

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Website - <u>http://327.legionpost.us/</u> Facebook - <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/1498664513763647</u> The American Legion National level announced that they will be increasing their membership dues by \$5 this coming July. Because of this announcement, the American Legion Post 327 voted at the April 2024 Meeting to adjust their dues to offset this increase. Beginning July 1, 2024, the amount for American Legion Post 327 membership will be \$50 annually. Renew your dues prior to July 1 and save yourself \$5.

Veterans! Do you need care but need help figuring out where to go? Help is just a phone call away at your local VA Medical Center!

Knowing what kind of care you need can be confusing when health issues arise. Primary care offices, specialists, urgent care centers, and emergency departments offer different levels of care. So where should you go?

Tele Emergency Care supports but does not replace in-person care. Call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest emergency department if you believe your condition is life-threatening.

Call Leavenworth VA 800-952-8387 or Topeka VA 800-574-8387 then press **3**, to speak with a nurse and get helpful advice **24 hours a day**, **7** days a week.

Our team of experienced nurses and emergency medicine providers will quickly assess your needs and recommend the most appropriate care for your condition. Sometimes, a quick phone or video appointment can get your health back on track! Best of all, we coordinate with your primary care physician and specialists to cover your follow-up needs.

How does it work?

Veterans receiving health care at VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System can call [insert VAMC 800 number], then Press 3 to speak to a nurse 24/7. There is no appointment necessary and no copayment for your visit.

If your condition can be safely treated virtually, our Tele Emergency Care providers are available **Monday** - **Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to offer rapid phone or video visits.** If an in-person visit is necessary, we can recommend the most appropriate level of care for your unique needs. **Conditions that can be managed virtually.**

Let us help you get the right care! Many conditions can be safely managed with a virtual visit or rapid appointment with our providers without needing a visit to an emergency department:

- Cough, cold, flu and COVID symptoms
- Sore throat
- COPD and asthma flares
- Eye redness & irritation
- Tick and other insect bites
- Rashes
- Skin infections
- Minor allergic reactions
- GI illness
- Urinary tract infections
- Gout flares
- Muscle sprains/strains

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To learn more about Tele Emergency Care, visit VA Eastern Kansas Health Care | Veterans Affairs