



*American Legion Post 327*  
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July — August — September

**2022/2023 POST OFFICERS**

- Commander - Richard Sobek
- 1st Vice - Chuck Shoemaker
- 2nd Vice - Ron Toomay
- Adjutant - Tom Seberger
- Treasurer - Billy Hodge
- Service Officer - Daryl Roller

**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 & Thursdays 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 over.

The really bad news is that starting July 1, our dues are now \$50.00. If you renewed before July 1, your cards are here and we are waiting for National to allow processing. We would ask that for 2026 you renew before 12/31/25 in order for us to not have problems on our end. Also, as indicated, late pays are showing that you are back to 1st year membership. We do not have control.

I am at the Post on Wednesdays from 1 pm until 3 pm. Call or come in.

**SERVICE OFFICER**

***Where's your DD214?***

Over my many year as your Service Officer, one of the biggest stumbling blocks helping a Veteran or next of kin has been the absence of their DD214, Your Report of Military Service. Vets move, divorce, lose their homes, or discard it to forget time in service. Many Vets don't realize the form is until needed. While you may think you only need it for VA medical and funeral burial benefits, throughout your life you have produced it for education, home buying, discounts for insurance even meals. If your dependents want to support your service through membership Auxiliary of SAL, just like you, they need a copy. Getting a copy takes more time than it should. You can get a copy at <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/order/stadard-form-180.pdf> . You may also ceck with the Register of deeds of the County your returned to after service. Just as a precaution, ask you spouse or next of kin "Do you know where my DD214 is?" If they are unsure, find it and show it to them today.

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

**TRANSFERS TO THE POST**  
**EVERLASTING**

**Elmer Papp**



**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 continue to maintain and keep this Post sound.

We have been told by National Officers in the past, that we would be done in 5 to 10 years. It is the members that keep us alive. Please help us stay that way. Please take time to check us out if you haven't already and enjoy the Post and what we do.

We are 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 Veterans through all 3 groups here. We are 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 Leavenworth 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 brothers and sisters in order for us to survive we need those that really care to step up and do the deed.

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**

In order for our Post to continue executing our mission, that of supporting our Veteran and Children and Youth programs, we must maintain a vibrant membership. Thanks to those members who maintain their membership to enable fulfillment of the mission. If you have not, please make plans to do so and join your fellow Veterans as we continue our service to the community

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

We are working hard to keep finances in order. Your dues help us to keep everything going for all. We hope for a good year and your help accomplishes that.

**Billy Hodge, Finance Officer**

I would like to give you all a picture of our Post.

Yearly Members—261  
Department Life—23  
Paid up for life—25  
Transfers in—3  
Total active—271

Membership years  
Most—63  
Average—21  
Median—19

Conflicts  
WW2—5  
Korea—31  
Vietnam—199  
Panama—10  
Lebanon/Granada—16  
Persian Gulf—29  
War on Terror—13  
Unknown—5

Not renewed—28  
Unknown addresses—5

**Tom Seberger, Adjutant / IT rep**

**"I am active in the Legion because it's a way for me to continue to serve veterans, my community, my country."  
Marri Krupco, Past Department of Kansas Commander**

**Please Remember, a Veteran Post is only as good as those that belong, care, and help.**

# JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3  HAPPY BEER DAY	4  Independence Day	5 LEGACY	6
7	8 E-BOARD & SAL 7PM	9	10  HAPPY BEER DAY	11  BINGO!	12 DIXIE CADILLAC	13
14	15	16	17  HAPPY BEER DAY	18  BINGO!	19 Hammertoe and the Fun Guys Shawnee Hills Veterans Coffee	20
21	22 POST & AUX MEETINGS 7PM	23	24  HAPPY BEER DAY	25  BINGO!	26 Trainwrek	27 Car Show Korean War Armistice Day
28 Buffalo Soldiers Day	29 Army Chaplain Anniversary	30	31  HAPPY BEER DAY			

# AUGUST 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  BINGO!	2 Legacy	3 Post Golf Tournament
4 Coast Guard Day	5 E-BOARD & SAL 7PM	6	7  HAPPY BEER DAY Purple Heart Day	8  BINGO!	9 Dixie Cadillacs	10 DOD Birthday Agent Orange Awareness Day
11	12	13	14  HAPPY BEER DAY Navajo Code Talker Day	15  BINGO!	16 Recliners National Airborne Day Shawnee Hills Veterans Coffee	17
18	19 POST & AUX MEETINGS 7PM	20	21  HAPPY BEER DAY	22  BINGO!	23 Trainwrek	24
25	26	27	28  HAPPY BEER DAY	29  BINGO! Marine Corps Reserve Birthday	30 Rick Mowan	31

# SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2—Labor Day E-BOARD & SAL 7PM V-J Day	3	4  HAPPY BEER DAY	5  BINGO!	6 Legacy	7
8	9	10	11  HAPPY BEER DAY Patriot Day	12  BINGO!	13 Dixie Cadillac	14
15 Family Picnic	16 POST & AUX MEETINGS 7PM	17	18  HAPPY BEER DAY Air Force and Air Guard Birthday	19  BINGO! POW/MIA Recognition Day	20 Recliners Shawnee Hills Veterans Coffee	21
22	23	24	25  HAPPY BEER DAY	26  BINGO!	27 Trainwrek	28
29 Gold Star Day VFW Day	30					

## 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

## 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  
 August 2 — \$20.00 per slab

Dues  
 \$30.00

If you have dual membership, National has not sent out cards those cards. Please be patient. Regular cards are in.

# 2024



The Chism Family, Sandy, Samantha, and Micheal on my wrist for their work on Toys for Tots presented by the Marine corps League Detachment 1025 by the Judge Advocate.



**Two of the GREATEST fund raising ladies in any Post**



**The choice of location for the Brick Program. Let us know which you would like to see. Up front at the flags or down back next to the outdoor patio.**