



American Legion Post 327
 6521 Nieman Road
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JANUARY— FEBRUARY— MARCH

2024/2025 POST OFFICERS

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

Clubroom

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

CLUBROOM NEWS

Club room:

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

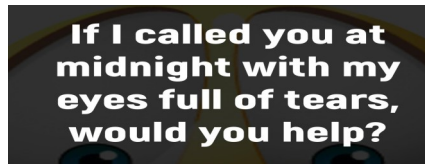
Texas Hold'em Mondays & Thursdays in the clubroom starting at 7pm & Saturdays at 3PM. Come out and enjoy.

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

Come by the post to see what's happening.

Honor Guard Activities

The year has been painful with all of the losses we stand for. Two to three funerals a week become hard on the group, but for our Post and the families suffering loss, we will continue to be there.



BE THE ONE

Who cares enough to find out why, and calls back. 22 of them are committing suicide each day. They gave for you, give for them.



TRANSFERS TO THE POST
EVERLASTING

Larry Ingels



COMMANDERS CORNER

2024 is gone, 2025 is starting. It is good to say that we are here as Legion members, Auxillary members and Sons of the American Legion members. The three groups that make up our family. We have much to be thankful for as long as we ALL work together.



As I write this, I sadly look at the statistics for our Post. 24 Members never paid their dues for 2024. 60 Members have not paid there dues for 2025.

Our existence is limited by that and the low participation at the Post. I continually here "Well I didn't know" yet we publish this newsletter each quarter, our adjutant sends out a weekly calendar, we post all on our Facebook page, and we cover our door and walls with information posters. What is it that isn't known?

One member said that participation at a meeting was futile because members don't get a say. All it takes is showing up and raising your hand when new business is asked for. With only six or seven out of 280 show up, it is easy to see the problem. Yet, let's complain. Shouldn't we remember why we are here and what we need to do to continue to be here? We were told by a National officer that Posts are dying and it's not for lack of trying. We have a club room for all and it is poorly used. We have events and they are slightly attended. We have things that need fixing and only a couple of people step up. There are other things I could talk about, but I hope that people understand what I am trying to nicely say.

If we all work to continue and take advantage of what we have, we will be even better. Let us remember that we're here to help each other and keep this American Legion Post alive and healthy. Shouldn't we keep their memories alive. It is the members that keep us alive. Please help us stay that way.

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. You can't complain about not getting what we can't send.

This Post has been here for 103 years and some of us are hoping that those who replace us will make it last longer. This Post is everyone that belongs here and uses it.

If you know someone that is a Veteran that would like to join us and help us grow, let us know. The Sons of the American Legion are looking for new members. The Ladies Auxillary, would love to have you. LET US KNOW.



**Richard "Bear" Sobek
 Commander**

Information for All

ADJUTANT

With the start of a new year I want to challenge Post 327 members to support and build the Post up in 2025.

In the Legion Preamble it states:

“To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; and To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.”

As veterans we have already committed ourselves to obligation to the nation. I am now asking you to obligate yourself to the community of Post 327.

Post 327 has 279 members down from 312 in 2023. We have had 12 new members join us in 2024 and have a member who has been with the post 64 years. 76.7% of our post are World War II, Korean, or Vietnam veterans.

That leaves 23.3% of us younger veterans to step up and ensure that we recruit new members and we obligate **OUR** time and ourselves to **OUR** community, the Post.

A few of the things Post 327 members have done in 2024 are:

Our Honor Guard has performed honors for 84 veterans with three of them were our own from Post 327, Daryl Roller, Mike Chism, and Larry Ingels.

Post 327 had a table at Hy Vee for Veteran’s Day to recruit fellow veterans.

The Color Guard presented the nations colors at a Sporting Kansas City Soccer match on national television.

On Memorial Day helped the city of Shawnee put flags out along Johnson Drive.

Had coffee each month for the veterans residing at Shawnee Hills senior center.

Hosted the Kansas District II conference at the Post.

Hosted the Vice National Commander at the Post.

Presented two wreaths at the Wreaths Across America ceremony.

It makes no difference if you have been with Post 327 1 day or 64 years, if you are able to support the post.

This can be done by attending our membership meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month.

It can be done by stepping up to be a board member. We have several openings on the EBoard that need filled.

If you want to effect change within OUR Post this year I challenge you to give of your time in 2025.

Contact me Thomas Seberger, Adjutant Post 327 at amerlegion327@yahoo.com

and make a difference by stepping up to support Post 327.

As of the beginning of 2025, our Post is surviving financially. We are still looking for more members to come and visit and enjoy their Post. We also looking for dues to come in which helps us out. Time is running out for 2025 renewals.

Billy Hodge, Finance Officer

The Department of Kansas American Legion will be holding their Mid-Winter conference January 31 thru February 2. This will take place in Great Bend, It is a good place to meet other Posts and learn what is going on in the Legion.

Chuck Shoemaker, 1st Vice Commander

JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2	3 Legacy	4
5	6 E-board 7:00 SAL 7:00	7	8 	9 	10 Dixie Cadillacs	11 Veterans Suicide Prevention Training in Paola
12	13	14	15 	16 	17 Shawnee Hills Coffee Hammertoe and Fun Guys	18
19	20 MLK Jr. Day Inauguration Day Post Meeting 7:00 Auxiliary 7:00	21	22 	23 	24 TRAINWREK	25
26	27	28	29 	30 	31 Shawnee Country	

FEBRUARY 2025

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LADIES AUXILIARY

President	- Mary Ann Moore
1st Vice	- Rose Huff
2nd Vice	- Sandy Paida
Treasurer	- Nancy Thomas
Secretary	- Cindy Duane
Chaplain	- Patty DeWitte
Sgt at Arms	- Vivian Costanza
Historian	- Darnell Burris

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

Date will be announce in the weekly letter

DUES ARE \$30.00

This year we contributed to Wreaths Across America and six schools in our area. We also did stockings for Veterans. Thank you Red Williams for your hard work. Thank you Carol Plough for the 4 years you dedicated as our Treasurer. Historian Darnel Burris is working on completing a history book for us. Thank you ladies for your help with Bingo. Thank you Auxiliary for your dedication to our Unit and Post.

We are working on a Silent Auction for February. Watch for the weekly calendar for updates.

2024 YEAR END



Commander with Loueta Tostrud and Leroy Hill Legion Riders Chapter #19 from Gardner at Toys for Tots presentation of our boxes.



The beginning of the counting of the 30,000 plus that Post 327 and Sandy Chism helped collect for 2024. The Post gave 255 toys this year. Thank you so much.