



American Legion Post 327
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APRIL— MAY— JUNE

2024/2025 POST OFFICERS

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

Clubroom

- Manager - Jeanne Barnhart
- Bartenders - Lisa
- Kathy
- Tamara
- Shanna
- Shelby
- Sandy
- Amanda
- Chrissy

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.

Honor Guard Activities

MEMBERS

- Richard "Bear" Sobek
- Billy Hodge
- Chuck Shoemaker
- Thomas Seberger
- Joan Moore
- Jeannine DeMoss

The year has been painful with the losses we have had. It is sadly a silent notification of how we are growing smaller in our ranks. For the families suffering loss, we will continue to be there.



TRANSFERS TO THE POST
EVERLASTING

- Larry Engles
- Harold Nossaman
- Dan Bonawitz



COMMANDERS CORNER

2025 is now three months old. Someone told me time is flying too fast. It would seem that with all going on in today's world each day, we can find ourselves understanding that. Some would like yesterday quickly gon.



As the year goes on for us at Post 327, your E-Board is working hard to bring some good changes and a bright outlook for our future. We are going to keep working for all that belong here.

I wish to thank all who have helped out during the last three months at all of our activities. Particularly the Auxilliary ladies who step up. It is good to say that we are here as Legion members, Auxilliary 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 humbly apologize to anyone that in one way or another I might have upset or offended. I firmly believe in this Post and I guess sometimes the way I show it is wrong. Sometimes I fail to ask permission and forgiveness. Hard to back down from certain traits I learned in the Marine Corps. No excuse, I am sorry to all.

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.

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 Auxilliary, would love to have you. LET US KNOW.



**Richard "Bear" Sobek
 Commander**

Information for All

ADJUTANT

I hope that the 'State of the Post' meeting was as informative for you as I think it should have been.

Since that meeting the EBoard has started to take actions which should save the Post money in 2025.

We have changed the company which provides the inspections for the building - \$800 yearly savings

We are changing the company which provides internet, television and telephone service - \$1,485 1st year savings

As our liquor/beer vendors have raised their prices, the EBoard effective April 1 raised drink prices, mostly 25¢ on items – we are working numbers to see how much income should increase

Other areas being looked at are the building insurance. We are talking with other companies to see what we can save.

The EBoard is hoping that those that spoke up about going smoke free will bring forward plans and bids to create an area where smokers can go outside the clubroom. It was mentioned several times in the February meeting that someone had offered to pay for this effort.

Elections are scheduled for the general membership meeting April 21, 2025 at 7:00PM. This is your opportunity to have a say in who will manage the Post this next year. Nominations for post positions are:

Commander: Billy Hodge & Thomas Seberger

1st Vice Commander: Chuck Shoemaker

2nd Vice Commander: Ron Toomay

Adjutant: Thomas Seberger

Finance Officer: Chuck Shoemaker

Sgt. at Arms: Doug Walker & Jeff Sickles

Executive Committee 2 year: Adrian Arnold

Billy Hodge, Finance Officer

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 has run out for 2025 renewals without your membership being suspended.

Chuck Shoemaker, 1st Vice Commander

Per American Legion guidelines, membership dues are collected beginning July 1st of each year. Dues are considered delinquent after January 1st of each calendar year and a member becomes suspended on February 1st with loss of Post privileges. Dues not paid by June 30th result in loss of membership. A simple reminder Pay Legion dues before each New Year begins.

Auxiliary Post 327

The Auxiliary sponsored a "Stock the Pantry" food drive for Rushton Elementary in Mission, KS. 180 pounds of non-perishable food was donated as well as \$320 to help for weekend meals for the children. Special thanks to Pam Moran & "Red" Williamson.

As college approaches for this year's senior class, applications for (2) - \$1,000 college scholarships will be accepted from April 18th thru May 31st. Eligible seniors can pick up applications and eligibility requirements at the Post. This year's essay topic: **Why is it important to vote.**

The Auxiliary is looking to sponsor (2) high school girls (Class of 2026) to attend **Sunflower Girls State** at KU in Lawrence, June 1st—6th. IF you know a current junior interested in attending reach out to Darnel Burrus.

Poppy Day is May 23rd, with donations for poppies starting in early May. If you know a young lady (age 6 & up) interested in being a Poppy Girl reach out to Sandy Paida.

Plans are under way for two fundraisers: a silent auction and a 1-2-3 raffle. Stay tuned for more details.

APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 	3 	4 Legacy	5 Karaoke w/Joni
6	7 E-board 7:00 SAL 7:00	8	9 National Former POW Recognition Day 	10 	11 Dixie Cadillacs	12
13	14 Air Force Reserve Birthday	15 Purple UP! Day for military kids	16 	17 	18 Hammertoe and Fun Guys	19
20 	21 Elections for Post Meeting 7:00 Auxiliary 7:00	22	23 	24 	25 TRAINWREK	26
27	28	29	30 National Military Brat Day 			

MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Silver Star Service Day 	2 Legacy	3 Mouse Races
4	5 Cinco de Mayo E-board 7:00 SAL 7:00	6	7 	8 Victory in Europe Day 	9 Military Spouse Appreciation Day Legacy	10
11 POST CLOSED 	12 Armed Forces Week	13	14 	15 	16 The Bar Tap	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19 Post Meeting 7:00 Auxiliary 7:00	20	21 	22 	23 Train Wrek	24
25	26 	27	28 	29 	30 Kansas Dept. Convention Hammertoe and The Fun Guys	31 Kansas Dept. Convention

JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Boys State Week Kansas Dept. Convention	2 E-board 7:00 SAL 7:00	3	4 	5 	6 Legacy Kansas American Legion College	7 Kansas American Legion College
8 Kansas American Legion Col-	9	10	11 	12 Women Veterans Day 	13 Dixie Cadillacs	14 Army Birthday  <i>Long may she wave</i>
15 	16 Post Meeting 7:00 Auxiliary 7:00	17	18 	19 	20 Hammertoe and Fun Guys	21
22	23	24	25 	26 	27 TRAINWREK	28
29	30					

LADIES AUXILIARY

President	- Darnell Burrus
1st Vice	- Rose Huff
2nd Vice	- Position Eliminated
Treasurer	- Tiffany Burno
Secretary	- Cindy Duane
Chaplain	- Sandy Paida
Sgt at Arms	- Vivian Costanza
Historian	- No nominee

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

Garage sale April 26th 9AM—3PM, Member or non-member cost per table is \$20. Please contact Joyce Meyer (913-558-1780) or LeAnn Busby (913-515-2288) to reserve your table. All proceeds will benefit the Legion.