



*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 & Thurs-  
 days 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**

2024 is gone, 2025 is starting. It is good to say 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 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 their 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 Talk 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 Auxiliary, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 <b>POST CLOSED</b> 	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

### Auxiliary nominations for 2026

<b>President</b>	- Darnell Burrus
<b>1st Vice</b>	- Rose Huff
<b>2nd Vice</b>	- Position Eliminated
<b>Treasurer</b>	- Tiffany Burno
<b>Secretary</b>	- Cindy Duane
<b>Chaplain</b>	- Sandy Paida
<b>Sgt at Arms</b>	- Vivian Costanza
<b>Historian</b>	- 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.