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American Legion Post 327

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2026 — OCTOBER — NOVEMBER — DECEMBER

2026/2027 POST OFFICERS

Commander	- Thomas Seberger
1st Vice	- Chuck Shoemaker
2nd Vice	- Ron Toomay
Adjutant	- Scott Williams
Finance Officer	- Billy Hodge
Sergeant At Arms	- Jimmy Gowin
	- Doug Walker
Service Officer	- Adrian Arnold
Executive Members	- Jeff Sickels (2yr)
	- Adrian Arnold (1yr)

Clubroom Staff

Manager	- Jeanne Barnhart
Bartenders	- Lisa
	- Kathy
	- Tamara
	- Shanna
	- Amanda

CLUBROOM NEWS

CLUBROOM—HOURS—Eff. 6/20/2026

Sunday - 2PM to 8PM

Monday - Wednesday - 1PM to 10PM

Thursday - 1PM to 10:30PM

Friday - 1PM to Midnight

Saturday - 1PM to 11PM

Hours are always subject to change:

If there is an early/late KC Chiefs game or there is no one in the clubroom, the bartenders **MAY** close early.

Skills Games are in the game room and for **POST MEMBERS ONLY**.

Come out and play.



MEMBERS

Billy Hodge
Chuck Shoemaker
Thomas Seberger
Joan Moore
Jeannine DeMoss
Jeff Sickels
Matt Swartzlander
Doug Toomay

If you are interested in being an honor guard member, please reach out to anyone of them with your questions.

The last few years have been painful with the losses within the Post. 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 to support them.



TRANSFERS TO THE POST **EVERLASTING**

Terry L. Williamson—Army
Ocal "Bill" Boster—Army



COMMANDER'S CORNER

As we wind down 2026 and I look back over the year at what we have accomplished.

Home Depot got the gazebo installed on the patio — **FINALLY!** We celebrated our 104th anniversary as a Post. We had ceiling fans installed in the clubroom thanks to a generous donation of the fans and the installation of the fans. We are almost complete in replacing the ceiling tiles in the clubroom. We have a new cook serving food at bingo. The Legion membership drive for 2026 hit 97.48% a number we have not seen in years. We have had some very successful meals at the Post from St. Patrick's Day corn beef and cabbage, the July 4th picnic, for some of the Royals and Chiefs games. It has been a very active year for Post 327.

The event kiosk runs in the clubroom to keep you aware of what is happening at your Post.

This has all due to the few Post volunteers from our Legion, Sons, Auxiliary and family members who volunteer their time. Volunteering is a key part of what keeps the Post 327 doors open. Unfortunately only a FEW people step up when it is needed the most over and over again.

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Information for All

COMMANDER'S CORNER Continued

As the year comes to an end look into 2027 for YOUR opportunity to help at the Post.

The eBoard and House Committee would like to have more events for the membership but we need volunteers to help at these events. These events bring in money which allow us to have free popcorn in the clubroom, host the car shows, watch the Chiefs and Royals on TV, provide honors for veteran's funerals, have coffee with the veterans at Shawnee Hills Residence and have other events during the year.

As 2027 begins, **WE NEED YOU!!** Even if it is just ONE day a month. If you can do more, that is a blessing, but all the eBoard and I are asking is for ONE day a month for just a FEW hours. Any amount of time is huge if everyone puts forth that little bit of time. Somethings which are provided to the Post from community companies are slow, but remember too, they are volunteering their time to support our Post, so please be patient as things slowly progress.

Remember, together we are the solution to any problems that we encounter!

Commander Post 327
Thomas Seberger



Chuck Shoemaker — 1st Vice Commander

For the 2027 membership year Kansas Department set the Post 327 goal at 243. As of September 18th we are at 150 or 61.73% of our goal. With this in mind on October 13th we will be having a prospective member dinner for the three components of the Post. Reach out to that friend or neighbor or coworker or family member who is eligible to be a Legion, Sons, or Auxiliary member and bring them to get a free dinner and learn about what Post 327 is about and what the benefits are and the activities occurring at the Post and what the Post is doing in the Shawnee community.

Chuck Shoemaker
1st Vice Commander

Billy Hodge — Finance Officer

Thanks to bingo, Post Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and the Honor Guard the Post is financially stable at this point in time. Additionally, expense restructuring has contributed to savings in expenses at the Post. Currently the clubroom's income is not covering the cost which means we still have a long way to go but are better off with each passing day.

Scott Williams — Adjutant

Get ready and mark your calendars for a busy and fun filled three months. Starting with our KC Chiefs, join us in the clubroom to cheer them on! There is a signup sheet in the clubroom if you want to bring snacks to share. See the kiosk for dates and times for games.

July started the 2027-2028 membership year. Dues for the Legionnaires is \$50 and after you have and sign your card, we'll be happy to laminate it for you.

November 1st brings Daylight Savings Time (fall back 1 hour).

November 3rd is voting on the mid-term elections. TO vote you'll need to be registered and bring a photo ID to your polling station. I urge all members to get out and vote for your candidates.

With so many events and activities scheduled, I can't list them all in this newsletter. Check social media or come to the clubroom and check out the kiosk and bulletin boards.

I think the best way to stay informed is member to member communication, So if you do not see a member at the Post reach out to them and let them know what is happening at our Post.

Looking forward to seeing you all. Have a safe and healthy quarter.

Your Adjutant
Scott



From the Commander

Peter Smith American Legion Post 327 Shawnee, Kansas



Volunteer Openings

LEGION BOARD POSITIONS

Positions needed for the Post to operate per the Bylaws

HONOR GUARD

Help provide funeral honors and community events

BINGO MANAGER – Thursday for set up and 5PM to 9 PM

To Manage the Post bingo program

BINGO FLOOR HELPERS – Thursday 5 to 9 PM

Help bingo players and monitor the games

HELP AROUND THE POST – As needed

Help around the Post occasionally with little projects

In the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion, in the Preamble it states:

“To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation”

In order for Post 327 to operate and keep the lights on, have free popcorn in the clubroom, Thursday night bingo, Friday night dances, the car shows, the Post picnic, have the Chiefs and Royals games on TV, provide honors at Celebration of Life events and at veterans funerals, hold a veterans coffee at Shawnee Hills, and many other activities throughout Shawnee it takes money and it takes YOUR SUPPORT!!!!!!!

These events are all supported by volunteers. People who give their time to come to the Post and support the Legion and their community.

We need YOU! Even if it is just ONE day a month. If you can do more, that is a blessing, but all the eBoard is asking is for ONE day a month for just a FEW hours. These events bring in people to the Post to see what the Legion is all about and hopefully spend money. By your volunteering to come in and help means that someone else that may not be able to help has an event or activity to come too!

Please, contact an eBoard or Post Board member, or an officer for your Legion family group. OR get with the folks that are heading up these events and ask what you can do to help!! OR simply send an email stating you want to help to AMERLEGION327@yahoo.com

Information for All

Open Officer and Committee Positions

Post Chaplain: VACANT

Duties: The Chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the post comrades and will offer divine but non-sectarian service in the event of dedications, funerals, public functions, etc., adhere to such ceremonial rituals as are recommended by the national or department headquarters from time to time.

Post Historian: VACANT

Duties: The historian shall be charged with the individual records and incidents of the post and post members and shall perform such other duties as may properly pertain to the office as may be determined by the post or the Executive Committee.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: VACANT

Duties: The Judge Advocate shall be the legal advisor of the Post Officers and the Executive Committee, and shall perform other duties as the functions of his office may require.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: VACANT

Duties: The Legislative Committee shall be the Parliamentarian of the Post. The Parliamentarian shall be consulted by the Commander in all manners of procedure at a meeting which in turn shall be governed by Robert's Rule of Order as interpreted by the Parliamentarian. The Commander of the Post shall be advised and guided by the Parliamentarian in all matters pertaining to the conduct of the meeting as specified above.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: VACANT The Chairman of the Membership Committee shall be the First Vice Commander. **(Chuck Shoemaker)**

Duties: The Membership Committee shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the membership of the Post, including the procuring of new members, reinstatements, and eligibility of members. All questions of eligibility and or continuity of membership not immediately discernible from available records shall be referred to the Executive Committee for disposition. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to sponsor and advocate and exploit every means of obtaining new members.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: VACANT The Chairman of the Finance Committee shall be the duly elected Finance Officer. **(Billy Hodge)**

Duties: The Finance Committee shall be charged with the supervision of receiving, disbursing and accounting of all Post funds.) It shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee to have an annual audit to be accomplished by a recognized reputable accounting firm one month prior to the annual election of officers

PUBLICITY, PUBLIC RELATIONS & SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE: VACANT: The Chairman of the Publicity, Public Relations, & Social Media Committee shall be the Publicity, Public Relations, & Social Media Officer. **(Thomas Seberger)**

Duties: The Publicity and Public Relations Committee shall be charged with the promotion of local publicity of Post programs and activities. Elevates awareness in the veteran community and the community advocating for veterans. The American Legion is defined in the public eye by the values it demonstrates. The communication is accomplished by advertising post activities via multiple methods online. By providing awareness to the post membership and the community on activities occurring within the post. By advertng opportunities for post membership to demonstrate the values of the American Legion through volunteering for the post and the community.

REHABILITATION AND SERVICE COMMITTEE: VACANT

Duties: The Rehabilitation and Service Committee shall supervise all matters pertaining to service to comrades in the prosecution of all just claims against the United States or State governments, employment, relief etc., and is charged with the visiting and comforting of members and their families when sick or bereaved and with visiting ex-service men in nearby hospitals.

CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE: VACANT

Duties: The Child Welfare Committee shall be charged with aid and service to children of veterans, cooperating with other established agencies in the community; laboring for the betterment of child conditions and in coordinating services and agencies in the community for the above purpose. To act as intermediary for needy child of a veteran in obtaining fulfillment of the Legion's pledge that "no child of a World War veteran shall be in need of the necessities of life" and "a square deal for every child" subject to vote of membership.

LADIES AUXILIARY

President - Darnel Burrus
1st Vice - Rosie Huff
Treasurer - Tiffany Burnau
Secretary - Cindy Duane
Chaplain - Sandy Paida
SGT at Arms - Vivian Costanza

October— Leaves are falling and autumn is calling

Time to clean out the closet, basement and garage for the annual fall garage sale on Saturday Oct. 3rd from 9AM-3PM. Please contact LeAnn (913-515-2288) if interested in a table. The Post is sponsoring a prospective member dinner on Tuesday Oct. 13th at 6PM. Please plan on bringing a friend, family member, or neighbor who is eligible to join the Legion, SAL, or Auxiliary to learn more about the Post and have a free meal. Join us for the 2nd annual Halloween Trunk or Treat at the front parking lot at the Post on Saturday Oct. 31st from 4-6PM. Dress in a costume, if you'd like and help pass out candy.

November—Sweater weather is here!

Auxiliary will be sponsoring a food drive for a local elementary school to help stock their food pantry. Watch for a donation box in the foyer at the Post. On Veterans Day Nov. 11th join us to honor veterans at HyVee's veterans breakfast from 6-10AM and thank them for their service. We will be handing out thank you cards and "stars". OR volunteer to visit veterans in care facilities around Shawnee and present them with a gift of appreciation. Also on Nov. 11th the Post will hold an Honor Guard ceremony at 5PM followed by serving ham & beans. The Auxiliary will be drawing a winner of the \$250 for the 250th raffle. Get tickets for \$5 each for a chance to win.

December—Cue the holiday music and bring on the hot cocoa.

The Auxiliary is planning a drawing/lottery/raffle to sponsor a Post 327 veteran and chaperone to attend a 2027 Honor Flight. We will also be giving out \$1,000 in gift cards to local elementary schools to help make a magical Christmas to the children. We also will be participating in the Wreaths Across America by sponsoring 20 wreaths to be placed on veteran's graves on Saturday Dec. 19th. There will be a committee to review our Constitution and Bylaws to update them due to the new eligibility changes, Now grandparents, parents, and siblings of veterans who belong to a Post or served in any branch of the US military can join.

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

SAL will have a rib fundraiser on October 30—1 slab \$22 & 2 slabs \$40.

We are selling bread for a fundraiser again this year. One bread sale is in November with the turn in date TBD.

The second bread sale will be in December with the turn in date TBD.

We will continue our train of having a Holiday family. Don't forget it's a New Year for membership so if your membership card doesn't say 2027, it's time to renew you membership! Please support your Squadron and Post 327!

Have a Happy and Safe Holidays!

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR 2027 DUES RENEWALS LEGION \$50 S.A.L \$30 AUXILIARY \$40			Receiving from Home Depot 2 picnic tables and 2 benches	1 	2 Dancing to Legacy @ 7PM 	3 Auxiliary Garage Sale 9AM—3PM 
4 3:25PM—Chiefs @ Raiders 	5 eBoard Meeting 7PM SAL Meeting 7PM	6	7	8 	9 Dancing to Dixie Cadillacs @ 7PM 	10 Car Show Noon to 4PM 
11	12 Columbus Day 	13 Prospective Member Dinner @ 6PM Navy Birthday	14	15 	16 Vet Coffee 10AM ** Dancing @ 7PM Route 66 	17 Eisenhower Pilgrimage – Abilene
18 3:25PM—Chargers @ Chiefs 	19 Legion Meeting 7PM Auxiliary Meeting 7PM	20	21	22 	23 Dancing to The Bar Tabs @ 7PM 	24
25 7:20PM—Chiefs @ Seahawks 	26 Day of Deployment 	27 State of the Post 7PM in the Clubroom 	28	29 	30 Halloween Dance @ 7PM 	31 Halloween 4PM to 6PM Trunk or Treat 

Bingo opens at 5:00pm with balls rolling at 7:00PM



** The 16th Vet Coffee is at Shawnee Hills Senior Residence

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Time Change fall back 1 hour Chiefs @ Broncos 3:25PM	2 eBoard Meeting 7PM SAL Meeting 7PM	3 Get out and VOTE!!! 	4 	5 	6 Dancing to Legacy @ 7PM 	7 District II Homecoming & Fall Conference
8.....Noon Jets @ Chiefs 	9 Honor Guard at Shawnee Hill ceremony 2PM	10 Marine Corps Birthday 	11 SEE BELOW Veterans Day 	12 	13 Dancing @ 7PM Train Wreck 	14 Mouse Races 6PM 
15.....Noon Chiefs @ Falcons 	16 Legion Meeting 7PM Auxiliary Meeting 7PM	17	18	19 	20 Vet Coffee 10AM ** Dancing @ 7PM Supermatics 	21
22.....Noon Cardinals @ Chiefs 	23	24	25 Post Clubroom Closes at 6:00PM	26 Thanksgiving Day Clubroom CLOSED NO BINGO	27 Dancing to Shawnee Country @ 7PM 	28
29	30 Blood Drive - 10AM to 2PM 					

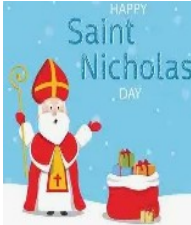
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HONOR GUARD NOV. 11
HyVee breakfast 6AM—10AM
Garden Villa @ 1:30PM
Post Taps @ 5:00PM
Ham & beans @ 5:30 PM



**** The 20th Vet Coffee is at Shawnee Hills Senior Residence**

DECEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3.....7:15PM Chiefs @ Rams  	4 Dancing to Legacy @ 7PM 	5
6 	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day eBoard Meeting 7PM SAL Meeting 7PM	8	9	10 	11 Dancing to Dixie Cadillacs @ 7PM 	12 Kansas Department Christmas Party—Newton Post #2
13 3:25PM Chiefs @ Bengals 	14	15	16	17 	18 Vet Coffee 10AM * * Dancing @ 7 Supermatics 	19
20 Employees Breakfast 9AM	21....Post Christmas Party 7PM 	22	23	24 Post Clubroom Closes at 6:00PM NO BINGO	25 Christmas Day Clubroom CLOSED NO BAND	26
27.....3:25PM 49ers @ Chiefs 	28	29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 7PM  NO BINGO	1 New Year's Day NO BAND	

Bingo opens at 5:00pm with balls rolling at 7:00PM



* * The 18th Vet Coffee is at Shawnee Hills Senior Residence