

Happy September everyone!!!!

Attention!! District and Units please send me what you did or still doing celebrating America's 250, articles, photos and if you put things on Facebook can you please go back and edit using this hashtag #KSALA250History.

To all Adults, kids, young adults and grand-kids going back to school have a fun and exciting year!!!
The Members of the Department of Kansas have been very busy either getting ready for the National Convention, assign members to National zoom meetings, auditing the Department, District, Girls State and VA's books to send to the Auditor.

On August 15th at Post #4 in Wichita was the American Legion Family Homecoming of the Commander, President and Detachment Commander, was a very good turn out by the whole family. Post #4 did a great job with the food, decorating and serving the family. Our President brought auctions items for one of her projects which is the **"National Veteran's Creative Arts Festival"** which raised \$ 937.00 for the program, Way to go members!!!

Now a little History, while in the basement of the Department and was going through the 1970 History tote, lots of interesting letters to and from members and Department President, Christmas cards that either the President sent out or members, old Unit Guide book, old programs etc. But one interesting pieces of paper got my attention so before I tell, I hope all our members that get this and that has been a part of the Auxiliary before and now 1970, can just give some information about this, so we found a map of Kansas with 13 District on them, it showed the now District 9 was District 1, District 8 was split up to make District 2 & 3, District 2 was either 10 or 11, and etc., so just wondering was this an idea that Legion and Auxiliary was thinking about doing or just Auxiliary? We also found there was a Report that Department use to do called the **"Order of the Gold Star"** so if any members that knew about this can you please let me know if this was a **National Program** or **Department Program** back in the day, we have not found any other info YET on this. We also found a list dated 1979-1980 of all District's Presidents and Secretaries at that time, so if some of you new/split/or current District Presidents and Secretaries have lost some of that History please let me know. We also found some interesting forms of how they did reports on certain program, will show photos later to come.

Here are some photos of this year's Cadet Law thanks to our Vice President Laurie Kerns and some info.
It is the 57th class
26 cadets attended and completed the program
Cadet Law was from Monday June 1 through Saturday June 6, 2026.
Cadet Law is held at:

Kansas Highway Patrol Training Center
2025 E Iron Ave
Salina, KS 67401

During the program students learned about flag etiquette. They posted the colors each morning and retired the colors each evening while on site. Students participated in PT each morning beginning at 5:30 am and the day was followed with classroom learning including road safety and laws and defensive driving. Students received demonstrations in K9 handler and K9 duties, the special response team Bearcat vehicle, the KHP aviation program with a helicopter on display. Students participated in shooting both pistols at targets from different distances and trap shooting with a shotgun after learning firearm safety. Students participated in driving courses in KHP patrol vehicles on a closed course to test their skills in weaving, backing, parallel parking, and cornering. Students were tested in mock traffic stops where KHP training officers gave them a wide variety of possible suspect encounters to navigate. Students received Defense Tactics training to learn about the non-lethal, intermediate, and lethal weapons officers carry and the appropriate use of each. Students were involved in coach led evening activities, mostly consisting of athletic games with cadets vs. coaches. The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary hosted an ice cream social on Thursday evening and visited with the kids about their experience at cadet law.

Graduation was held on Saturday June 6, 2026 beginning at 2:00 pm

Class President - Konner Bidwell

Hot Wheels (best driving course completion) - Tarin Carlson

Top Shot (best shooter overall) - Bryce Culbertson

Invocation was delivered by Max Helget

Benediction was delivered by Dylan Rosebrook

Laurie Kerns - Department of Kansas Vice President was on site all week acting as medical support for the program.

Kristen Hensley - Department of Kansas President arrived Thursday evening and spent Friday morning learning about the SRT Bearcat and the KHP Aviation program with the cadets.





To ALL Members of the American Legion Auxiliary (this includes everyone meaning: Unit, District & Department) if you have any family History with the Auxiliary and want to brag, please send me your info and any photos!!!

Have a great Labor Day!!!

See you all at the Kansas State Fair!!!

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