



S.M.N.&R. POST #163

310 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR, MARYSVILLE KS 66508

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Wayne Carroll, COMMANDER

Jim Swim, ADJUTANT

**POST MEETINGS HELD THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS AT 6 PM, WITH THE REGULAR MEETING
STARTING AT 7 PM. ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**



Bi-Monthly Newsletter for September and October 2026

September

6th – Baseball Banquet.
12th – Blackhawk Poker Run
13th – SAL Chicken Feed 11AM – 1:30 PM
17th – Legion Hamburger Feed – 4:30 PM – 7 PM
19th – Ellenbecker Wedding
25th – Bulldog Family Reunion
27th – Legion Breakfast – 7:30 AM – 12 Noon

Bingo Games are scheduled for every Tuesday evening starting at 6:30 PM.

October

3rd – Schroedl Wedding
8th – Legion Baseball Soup Day – 9 AM – 7 PM
11th – SAL Chicken Feed - 11AM – 1:30 PM
15th – Legion Hamburger Feed – 4:30 PM – 7 PM
17th – Tommer Wedding
22nd – MHS Football Meal
25th – Legion Breakfast – 7:30 AM – 12 Noon

Bingo Games are scheduled for every Tuesday evening starting at 6:30 PM.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

We have selected Mitchell Plumbing to install our new HVAC system. The cost is \$72,349.32. As you know we have funds from Pony up, however we do not want to deplete our funds there.

The American Legion building has long served as an important gathering place for veterans, families, civic groups, and members of our community. It is a place where we honor service, host events, support local causes, and bring people together. To continue serving our community safely and comfortably, we are seeking donations to help fund the purchase and installation of a new HVAC system.

Our current heating and cooling system are no longer meeting the needs of the building. A reliable HVAC system is essential for year-round comfort, energy efficiency, and the continued use of the facility for meetings, ceremonies, fundraisers, community meals, and special events. This improvement will help preserve the building as a welcoming space for veterans and the public for many years to come.

We respectfully ask you to consider making a financial contribution to this important project.

Donations of any size are appreciated and will directly support the cost of the new HVAC equipment, installation, and related expenses. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference in helping us maintain a comfortable and dependable facility for our veterans and community members.

Contributions may be made payable to **American Legion Post 163** and mailed or delivered to **310 Veterans Memorial Dr, Marysville KS 66508**. Please note **"HVAC Fund"** on your donation. If you have

questions or would like additional information, please contact **Wayne Carroll** at **785-562-8612** or **wayne.carroll@outlook.com**.

On behalf of the members of the American Legion, thank you for your consideration and continued support. We are grateful for the generosity of our community and for all who help us honor and support those who have served our country.

If any of you would like to be awarded a Quilt of Valor from the women's quilt group, please contact Mary Ann Holle 785-716-1663 or Sandy Swart 785-562-7772.

ADJUTANT'S NOTE

Hope all is well with everyone. Please send in your 2027 membership renewal dues as soon as possible. You can also pay your dues online at mylegion.org

Also, here is a link to the Kansas Legion Dept. website with information on the 2027 Scholarships being offered for High School graduates. Check it out and encourage your 2027 graduates to apply. This also includes scholarships for SAL members.

[Scholarships - Kansas Department of The American Legion](#)

Jim Swim – Post 163 Adjutant – 785-562-8390 – jls swimj@gmail.com

SAL NOTES

The Son's of the Legion Chicken Feeds are starting up again! Our first feed is Sunday Sept 13th. Serving from 11:00 to 1:30. The next Chicken Feed will be Oct 11th and Nov 8th. We have sent the membership renewals out, please try to return them in a timely manner. We are cooking hamburgers and hotdogs for the high school football jamboree in September. Go Dawgs!! Also please remind your family or friends who are sons of Veterans that we are always looking for new members to join us. The dues are \$25.00 per year, and our meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at 8:00pm.

Bob Ferris

AUXILIARY NOTES

No Report Submitted

LEGION RIDER NOTES

We are participating in two Community Poker run Fund raisers. One being held by the Blackhawks MC raising funds for two breast cancer victims in

the community on September 12th. The 2nd run is being held by the Frankfort community to benefit collision victim Pat Brown October 3rd.

We will cook and serve at Post 163 Breakfasts in September and October. We will also participate in the downtown Marysville September 11th ceremony.

Otherwise, we do not have any other events planned.

Russ

Boy Scouts – Troop 180 Notes

Boy Scout Troop 180 had a unique summer. While regular meetings were put on hold, that did not stop the adventure. We had Scouts that were part of Council camp staff and another that spent 2 weeks in the Canadian backcountry canoeing 125 miles! These are memories that will last a lifetime. We will be returning to normal schedules now that school has started and families have returned from vacations.

Scouting is open for youth from kindergarten, all the way through high school.

Any additional info, feel free to reach out.

Joe Pils

Scoutmaster Troop 180 - 785-562-6040

Post 163 Legion Baseball Notes

Marysville Post 163 had a busy and productive summer on the diamond. Post 163 sponsored three teams: a 15u team that played in the K-18 league, a 17u Junior Legion team and a 19u Senior Legion team. In total, 38 young men were allowed to play summer baseball due to the generosity of our Legionnaires and their supporters.

The 15u team finished the season with a 9-6 record. The highlight of the summer was a 1st place finish in their league tournament. Their league was comprised of teams from Waterville, Clay Center, Clifton-Clyde and two teams from Concordia. Their season ended with a 10-4 loss to Smith Center in the K-18 East Regional tournament.

The 17u Junior Legion team finished the season with a 13-6 record. The team participated in the KALB Class C (17u) State Tournament in Pittsburg. The team went 1-2 in the tournament beating Seneca 17-2 and losing 9-6 to Garnett and 3-0 to Wellsville in a game shortened due to lightning.

The 19u Senior Legion team had an outstanding year with a 21-7 overall record. The highlight of the summer was winning the KALB Class B State Championship in Hiawatha. The team was 4-0 during the tournament beating Corning 7-2, Doniphan Co 15-7 and 29-13 and defending champion Garnett 20-14 in the final game. This was the 2nd Senior Legion State Title for Post 163. The first coming in 2021. Post 163 was also invited to play in the KALB Class A tournament the following week. Class A differs from Class B in terms of total

enrollment, allowed for teams to draw from (10,000 vs 750). Marysville showed they could play with anyone and went 3-2 in the tournament. Wins over Ottawa 11-1, Chanute 13-6 and Hiawatha 8-4 along with two losses to Topeka, 11-1 and 6-3 were good enough to earn 3rd place behind Topeka and Class A champion Pittsburg.

Thank you John Haefele for Coaching the Post 163 Legion Ball Team!

ATTENTION: Legion, Sons, Ladies Aux & Rider Members

Your Help is Needed.

Thursday October 8th will be our Annual Fall Baseball SOUP DAY fundraiser. Baseball is just one part of the Legions Programs for Family and Youth that the Post Supports "SINCE 1938" and it is essential to have these Programs for the Youth in our Community. So, your help would be graciously appreciated.

We will be in need of help on Soup Day on the Morning-Noon shift (9-1:00), Afternoon shift 100-430 and Evening shift (430 -7:00) and then Evening Cleanup shift (7 - 830). We will be doing Deliveries at the Noon 11am – 1:00pm (need a about 4-6 people for this)

The Ladies Auxiliary generally takes Care of the Desserts for this Event.

We will do a lot prep work on Sunday afternoon October 4th at 3 *pm*. It takes about 2-3 hrs depending on the amount of help we get. So if anyone that can't help on Soup Day and are wishing to help please do so then.

We Setup the Dining Hall - Serving Lines and Kitchen at 10am on Wed October 7th.

Serving Chili, Ham & Bean, Vegetable Beef, Chicken Noodle & The "Special Recipe Chili" with Ham Salad, Chicken Salad, Pulled Pork Sandwiches & Assorted Desserts.

Again, if you would like to Help on Soup Day, Contact Me so we can put you on the List & if you can't help, please plan on attending to support the Baseball Teams.

Thanks, Greg Scheele – 785-629-0426

Kansas Honor Flight Notes

KANSAS HONOR FLIGHT - 2027

This information to the Post 163 Newsletter provided by Ron Grauer, former Kansas Honor Flight Leader:

I received a recent e-mail from Kansas Honor Flight Headquarters in Hutchinson with a request to pass on the contents of that e-mail in an effort to promote the opportunity for any remaining World War II, Korean, or Vietnam Veterans who haven't done so to seriously consider signing up for this trip of a lifetime in recognition of their service time decades ago. I have reported at our regular Post 163 meetings many times that it is an exciting, educational, emotional and service oriented (FREE) three-day excursion that brings back those same feelings of comradery that so many experienced as young G.I.'s.

We felt that publishing this in the Newsletter would reach many more individuals than those faithful, though scant, numbers who show up at regular Legion meetings.

The e-mail from Kansas Honor Flight began with: "Every year Kansas Honor Flight loses veterans who wanted to go on a flight to Washington, D. C., but kept WAITING." So many say, 'I'll go later' or 'Let someone more deserving go first.' "Please don't let them wait."

In that light, I would invite any of you who fall under these categories to seriously consider this as a tribute to your service as a veteran. You will not be sorry, and I can honestly report that in all of my many trips, and through reports I've received since retiring, there have never been any negative responses from returning veterans.

Following is a schedule of flights on the agenda for 2027. KHF is planning flights in June, September and October for next year. The note from KHF Headquarters indicates that they would like applications to be received by December 31, 2026 for these 2027 flights. If any of you are interested in making this most deserving trip, I would be more than happy to help anyone with an application. Otherwise, there are a couple of other ways you can apply. If you are at all computer-savvy, or know someone who is, you can easily access a step-by-step application by going to: [HTTPS://kansashonorflight.org/.....](https://kansashonorflight.org/)or: call "LaVonne" at 316-259-9502 and I'm sure she will have a volunteer call and do the heavy lifting for you.

Again, as a reminder. Flights tend to fill up well in advance, so remember, the deadline for this cycle is December 31, 2026.

For more details, or to assist you in applying, please feel free to contact Ron Grauer, Cell Phone – 785-713-9061. Home Phone – 785-562-3086.