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## AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

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## MEMBERSHIP AWARDS & CALENDAR

# 2025 - 2026



# Department Commander Roy E. Smith



“**Just One More**” is my motto for this year. When I was a throttle man in the engine room aboard ship, the speed of the ship was determined by the RPM of the Screw. It seemed like I was the throttle man every time the ship came back into homeport. I would always give the throttle a little extra trying to get home a little quicker. **Just One More** turn.

I heard the phrase a few years ago in a movie about Congressional Medal of Honor Winner Desmond Doss. Quote “Lord Let me get **Just One More**” in reference to wounded soldiers. I have also heard in other expressions, “**Just One More.**”

So to me, “**Just One More**” can stand for a lot of things; **Just One More** member recruited, **Just One More** Person helped with benefits, suicide awareness, **Just One More** mile walked. **Just One More!**

The American Legion Family is very important to me. I am a firm believer in the theory that a family that works together will succeed both at home and in the American Legion.

I look forward to working with the entire Legion Family. No one can do this job alone, but I firmly believe that if we work as a team we can have a very successful year.

For God and Country,

Roy E. Smith  
Commander  
The American Legion  
Department of Illinois



# 2025 - 2026 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

<b>EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 10, 2025</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>FALL MEETINGS</b>	<b>OCTOBER 15, 2025</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>VETERANS DAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 13, 2025</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>PEARL HARBOR DAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 10, 2025</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>MID-WINTER</b>	<b>JANUARY 14, 2026</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 11, 2026</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>LEGION BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 11, 2026</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH</b>	<b>APRIL 8, 2026</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>ARMED FORCES DAY</b>	<b>MAY 13, 2026</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>DELEGATE STRENGTH</b>	<b>30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION</b>	

Target dates fall on the second Wednesday of the month unless there is a holiday on that day or at the beginning of that week.

The October Target Date is moved a week to allow departments to participate in Fall Meetings without affecting membership processing for that week.

Since Veterans Day falls on a Monday, the November target date will be on a Thursday.

To maximize the December renewal notice, the January target date will be on the third Wednesday of the month.

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## 2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SCHEDULE

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### CUTOFF DATES

MAY 14, 2025

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

OCTOBER 15, 2025

DECEMBER 10, 2025

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

APRIL 8, 2026

### RENEWAL MAIL DATES

JULY 1-8, 2025

OCTOBER 4-10, 2025

NOVEMBER 8-14, 2025

JANUARY 3-9, 2026

MARCH 1-8, 2026

MAY 2-8, 2026

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Transmittals not received by the cutoff date may not prevent a subsequent renewal notice from being delivered at or around the renewal date.

Please note, renewals transmitted and received by the cutoff (which is also a National Target Date) will be updated prior to printing renewal notices, assuming they can be successfully scanned. Membership that must be hand-keyed (new members and renewals that can't be scanned) will take longer to process. Please transmit as early and as often as possible in advance of the Target Dates to help avoid delays in processing.



2026

# ILLINOIS

## MEMBERSHIP YEAR TARGET DATES



75% *VETERAN'S DAY*  
NOVEMBER 14, 2025 (NOON)



80% *NEW YEAR'S EVE  
DAY* DECEMBER 31, 2025 (NOON)



85% *LINCOLN  
PILGRIMAGE*  
JANUARY 30, 2026 (NOON)



100% *ARMED FORCES  
DAY* MAY 16, 2026

# INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**MOST FORMS AVAILABLE ON ILLEGION.ORG**

<b>GOLD BRIGADE AWARDS</b>	<p>Legionaries who recruit 50 or more new members into The American Legion. Certification forms must be received at Department Headquarters by May 25, 2026.</p> <p>A list of new members (including name, I.D. number, and Post) must accompany the form.</p>	<p>Only “NEW” members will count. 2910 transfers are not considered ‘new’ unless expired for 2 or more years.</p> <p>All “Gold Brigadiers” are entered in a National drawing for a \$1,000 award certificate.</p>
<b>SILVER BRIGADE AWARDS</b>	<p>A legionnaire who recruits 25-49 “New” members into The American Legion will qualify for this award. A silver pin and certificate will be awarded.</p> <p>Certification forms must be received at Department Headquarters by May 25, 2026.</p>	<p>Only “NEW” members will count. 2910 transfers are not considered ‘new’ unless expired for 2 or more years.</p> <p>A list of new members (including name, I.D. number, and Post) must accompany the form.</p>
<b>BRONZE BRIGADE AWARDS</b>	<p>A legionnaire who recruits 12-24 “New” members into The American Legion will qualify for this award. A bronze pin and certificate will be awarded.</p> <p>Certification forms must be received at Department Headquarters by May 25, 2026.</p>	<p>Only “NEW” members will count. 2910 transfers are not considered ‘new’ unless expired for 2 or more years.</p> <p>A list of new members (including name, I.D. number, and Post) must accompany the form.</p>
<b>DEPT. TOP NEW MEMBER RECRUITER AWARD</b>	<p>The Top “New Member” Recruiter recipients will be presented a plaque during the Department Convention for signing up the highest number of new members. Certification forms must reach Department Headquarters by June 20, 2025.</p> <p>Certification forms must be received at Department Headquarters by May 25, 2026.</p>	<p>Only “NEW” members will count. 2910 transfers are not considered ‘new’ unless expired for 2 or more years.</p> <p>A list of new members (including name, I.D. number, and Post) must accompany the form.</p>
<b>PIONEER AWARD</b>	<p>The Pioneer Award will be presented to the founder or individual who has been instrumental in the formation of a new Post by May 25, 2026.</p>	<p>The District Commander of the District the NEW Post is in will certify the recipient of the Pioneer Award.</p>
<b>MEMBERSHIP STARS</b>	<p>Membership Stars will be awarded for recruiting 5, 10, 20, 30, 75, and 100 new members by May 25, 2026.</p>	<p>“Membership Stars” order Form is available upon request from Department Headquarters.</p>

# #1 GOLD PIN AWARD

These pins will travel with the winners until the next award date! The winners at Close of Books that meet the 100% target will retain the Gold Pins.

Beginning with the Fall D.E.C. on September 12, 2025 the 14k Gold #1 pins will be awarded to the Top Division Commander and Division Sr. Vice Commander and to the Top District Commander and District Sr. Vice Commander in each Division with the highest percentage of 2026 membership.

If Department Office is closed on a Target date cards will be accepted until 12:00 noon of the next business day.

For the final Gold Pin Award, the Districts must achieve a minimum of 100% to qualify.



# MINIATURE #1 GOLD PIN AWARD

Any Division or District Commander and Senior Vice whom at one time during the year received the Large Gold Pin but were not the **final** recipient of the Gold Pin at convention will only receive a miniature #1 gold pin.

## REMINDER!

The winning Districts at any target date that do not achieve the minimum percentage for that target date **ONLY** receive a Miniature #1 Gold Pin



# TOP 10 DISTRICT PIN AWARD

Dist. Commanders, Sr. Vice Commanders & Jr. Vice Commanders of Districts with membership placing them in the "Top 10" at the Gold Pin target dates will be awarded traveling "Top 10" pins.

The "Top 10" District Commanders, Sr. Vice Commanders and Jr. Vice Commanders at Convention Seating will be awarded and will keep their Pin.

Must be present at award dates to receive pin. Refer to Illinois Target Dates and calendar.



<u>CUTOFF</u>	<u>AWARD DATE</u>	<u>MINIMUM %</u>
Sept. 13, 2025 (12 NOON)	Sept. 13, 2025 Fall D.E.C.	60%
Nov. 13, 2025 (12 NOON)	Nov. 13, 2025 <b>VETERANS DAY AWARD</b>	75%
January 30, 2026 (12 NOON)	February 11, 2026 Lincoln Pilgrimage	85%
April 10, 2026 (12 NOON)	April 11, 2026 Spring D.E.C.	95%
June 19, 2026 CLOSE OF BOOKS (12 NOON)	July 11, 2026 Convention	100%



# POST AWARDS

**ALL - TIME HIGH / 103% ACHIEVED  
GOAL CERTIFICATE/PIN**

Will be awarded to Post Commanders and Membership Chairman who qualify by Convention Seating.

**CERTIFICATE OF  
MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

Will be awarded to Posts that enroll 2026 membership greater than previous All-Time High (by 12/31/2025)

**POST HONOR RIBBON**

Will be awarded to Posts with 2026 membership that exceeds their 2025 membership (by 12/31/2025).

**FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS ALL -TIME  
HIGH NATIONAL CITATION**

Will be awarded to Posts with five+ consecutive years of All-Time High membership(Recognized by National).

## 100% POST CASH AWARDS

**POSTS WITH 2026 MEMBERSHIP OF 100% OR MORE WILL BE  
AWARDED CASH AWARDS BELOW BY POST SIZE AND DATE:**



<b>POST SIZE: 15-99</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>11/14/25</b>
<b>POST SIZE: 100-249</b>	<b>\$1.00 per member</b>	<b>11/14/25</b>
<b>POST SIZE: 250 +</b>	<b>\$1.50 per member</b>	<b>11/14/25</b>

## SPECIAL RECRUITING AWARD

The Department Commander has designed special pins for those individuals who have gone the extra mile to recruit new members.






**RECRUIT 10  
NEW MEMBERS**

**RECRUIT 15  
NEW MEMBERS**



Note: Post Adjutant will forward a list of new members recruited by the qualifying individual to Dept. HQ marked: **ATTN: MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

<b>MEMBERSHIP CARAVAN AWARD</b>	<p>The POST that turns in the most cards AT EACH STOP during receives a special award from the Department Commander!</p>
<b>LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE AWARD</b> 	<p>This award is an effort to recognize Membership Leaders that have gone the extra mile for Illinois. The Top Division Commander and Senior Vice Commander, and the Top District Commanders and Sr. Vice in each Division as of 1:00 pm on January 30, 2026 will be gifted the Lincoln Pilgrimage jacket and will be the honored guest of the Department of Illinois at the Lincoln Pilgrimage Membership Challenge Reception with the National Commander.</p> <p>After achieving minimum 85% in membership the Top Division AND District Commander along with Sr. Vice Commander — each will be reimbursed for one night stay after submitting receipt from the designated Lincoln Pilgrimage Hotel in Springfield.</p> <p><b>Must be present at the Lincoln Pilgrimage Program to Receive the Award!</b></p>
<b>DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JACKET AWARD</b> <div data-bbox="66 1031 399 1199">   </div>	<p><b>ALL DISTRICT COMMANDERS</b> that stay in the Top 10 Districts for 4 out of 5 Gold Pin Target Dates will be given their choice of a specially designed “Commander’s Jacket” or polo. This will be awarded at Department Convention to signify a District Commander as a “Membership Leader” for the 2026 membership year.</p> <p><b>ALL DIVISION COMMANDERS</b> that are the Top Division for 3 of the 5 Gold Pin Target Dates will be given their choice of a specially designed “Commander’s Jacket” or polo. This will be awarded at Department Convention</p> <p>District &amp; Division Sr. Vice Commanders in this category will be awarded the “Commander’s Polo” at Department Convention.</p>

# DIVISION & DISTRICT AWARDS

<b>TOP DIVISION &amp; DISTRICT PLAQUE</b>	<p>The Division/District Commanders and Sr. Vice Commanders with the highest percentage of 2026 membership by Close of Books will receive this award at Department Convention. Must be at least 101%</p>	<p>DEADLINE: CLOSE OF BOOKS</p>
<b>103% PIN &amp; CERTIFICATE</b>	<p>The Division/District Commanders and Sr. Vice Commanders who qualify by Close of Books will receive this award at Department Convention, along with two free nights’ hotel stay at National Convention.</p>	<p>DEADLINE: CLOSE OF BOOKS</p>
<b>DIST. CMDR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD &amp; HONOR RIBBON</b>	<p>District Commanders whose 2026 membership, as of May 20, 2026 exceeds their 2025 membership by at least the number of Posts in their District will receive this award at Department Convention.</p>	<p>DEADLINE: MAY 25, 2026</p>

## DISTRICT & DIVISION CASH AWARDS (Awarded at Convention)

\$600 will be presented to the first Division AND District that achieves 103% on or before Close of Books. Awards given: \$200 to Commander, \$200 to Sr. Vice Commander and \$200 to Jr. Vice Commander

## 2025-2026 Auxiliary Department of Illinois Membership Awards

**KATHY'S KITTENS THE CATS MEOW PLAQUE** –to the Unit with the highest percentage of membership by July 1<sup>st</sup> (10 - 150 members)

**DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE** - to the Unit with the highest percentage of membership by July 1<sup>st</sup> (151 and over members)

**SUE CC'S TWO TIMERS PLAQUE** – to the Unit with the highest numerical gain in membership by July 1<sup>st</sup>. (10-150 members)

**JO'S STARLIGHTERS PLAQUE** – to the Unit with the highest numerical gain in membership by July 1<sup>st</sup>. (151 and over members)

**DOUBLE D BOOT KICKERS PLAQUE** – to the District for the highest percent of membership by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President gets citation in a blue folder. (Districts up to 900 members)

**DEPARTMENT AWARD PLAQUE**- to the District for the highest percent of membership by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President gets citation in a blue folder. (Districts with more than 901 and above members)

**SHARON'S HALOS PLAQUE** – to the Division for the highest percent of membership by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President get citation in a blue folder.

**PAT'S KNIGHTS PLAQUE** – to the Unit for the highest numerical gain in Junior membership by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**FAMILY CARAVAN (JANUARY 15-24, 2026)** At Family Caravan the Unit that brings the most membership at each stop will receive an award. To be determined.

**LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE AWARDS** – to the Division and the 2 Districts (1-900, 901 +) with the highest percentage in membership on January 30, 2026. To include the President and Vice President. Winners will receive a Jacket and a breakfast ticket **if they are present** for the program on February 11<sup>th</sup> and the breakfast on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**PATRIOTIC CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS** – for any District President/Vice President and Division President/Vice President that are goal by opening of Patriotic Conference, they will receive 1 free night at hotel or monetary equivalent if not staying in hotel because of location (live in area). **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**

### **100% & 101% MEMBERSHIP AWARDS –**

Any 100% Unit by Department Convention gets 2 - 100% pins with a 2025-2026 Bar and a certificate.

The first Division in each category to reach 101%, the President and the Vice President will receive \$150.00 each.

The first District in each category (1-900, 901+) to reach 101%, the President and the Vice President will receive \$75.00 each.

### **Traveling Bracelet Awards and Target Dates:**

- September 13, 2025 - cutoff at 10:30 AM, the beginning of Fall Board Meeting - Div. President & V. President highest % in membership/Dist. President & V. President highest % in membership in each category (1-900, 901+) in each Division
- December 24, 2025--Div. President & V. President highest % in membership/Dist. President & V. President highest % in membership in each category (1-900, 901+) in each Division
- March 20, 2026--Div. President & V. President highest % in membership/Dist. President & V. President highest % in membership in each category (1-900, 901+) in each Division. If they are 100% they may keep their pins.
- July 9, 2026—Christmas in July – cutoff is 9 AM, the beginning of convention. Div. President & V. President highest % in membership/Dist. President & V. President highest % in membership in each category (1-900, 901+) in each Division.



## **2026 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

### **Member Award: Recruit/Rejoin 10**

- **Award:** Special gift selected by the National Membership Chairman
- **Presented to:** Members who recruit and/or rejoin 10 Senior and/or Junior members. Rejoined members must not have renewed since 2022 or earlier.
- **Deadline:** Members must be entered and paid in ALAMIS member database by June 1, 2026.
  - **FORMS** must be received at National HQ by June 6, 2026.
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - Form can be printed from the ALA national Membership Committee page of the national website ([www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)). You must be logged in to the *My Auxiliary* area to access the page.
  - One entry per recruiter.

### **Member Award: Family 3**

- **Award:** Special gift selected by the National President
- **Presented to:** Members who recruit 3 *New* Legion members, 3 *New* Auxiliary members & 3 *New* SAL members.
- **Deadline:** Members must be entered and paid in the database by June 1, 2026.
  - **FORMS** must be received at ALA National HQ by June 6, 2026.
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - Form can be printed from the ALA national Membership Committee page of the national website ([www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)). You must be logged in to the *MyAuxiliary* area to access the page.
  - One entry per recruiter.

### **Unit Award: 100% Unit Award**

- **Award:** ALA Key Chain with phone stand and cleaner, 2 per unit for the unit president and unit membership chairman.
- **Presented to:** Units that reach 100% of their 2026 membership goal by January 31, 2026.
- **Deadline:** January 31, 2026
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - This award will be based on units that reach 100% of their reported goals by January 31, 2026 as verified by ALAMIS.

**Note:** Departments must submit unit goals to National Headquarters by September 1, 2025, to be eligible for the 100% Unit Award. These must be sent in a specific format which will be provided by NHQ. Key chains for winning units will be mailed to each department for distribution.

### **Unit Award: New Unit Award**

- **Award:** Unit Guidebook & ALA National Constitution & Bylaws from Emblem Sales.
- **Presented to:** New units chartered between September 1, 2025 and July 31, 2026.
- **Deadline:** July 31, 2026.
- **Materials and guidelines:**
  - This award is automatically presented upon receipt and processing of new unit charter applications at National Headquarters.

**SMALL #1 PIN:**

Commander & Sr. Vice of Leading Division and Leading District within each Division.

Presented at Fall & Spring DEC

**\*\*Must be certified. If not certified, it will be passed on to the next eligible winner.**

**LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE:**

Leading Division Commander and Leading District Commander in each Division.

At the close of the post caravan membership report, the following Commanders will receive the caravan jacket, along with an invitation to lunch with our SAL National Commander and a ticket to the Abraham Lincoln Museum. Winning Division/District must be certified by Winter DEC and have attended at least the Fall or Winter DEC. If requirements are not met, it will not be passed on to the next available winner. Winner must present to receive.

**LARGE #1 PIN:**

Commander & Sr. Vice of Leading Division and Leading District in each Division

Presented at Department Convention

**\*\*Must be certified. If not certified, it will be passed on to the next eligible winner.**

**SQUADRON AWARDS:**

1st Place: Plaque

2nd Place: Certificate

3rd Place: Certificate

**ANTHONY BADAMO AWARD**

Squadron that has the largest percentage increase over the previous year's membership.

Must have at least 20 members in the previous year.

**PFC JAMES T. CUMMING MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

Squadron that has the largest percentage increase over the previous year's membership.

Must have at least 75 members the previous year.

**ROY MITCHELL MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

Squadron that has the largest numerical increase over the previous year's membership.

Must be chartered the previous year.





In the 2026 card year, we will continue to promote the 5-year card program. For every 10 new 5-year cards processed starting in the 2026 membership year, the Post will receive a FREE 5-year membership. To qualify for this incentive, a Post must have a current Certification of Officers form and a Consolidated Post Report on file. Your post must also be above the threshold to be a Post in good standing (above 15).

## 5 YEAR GOLD CARD PLAN

Spread the word to your members regarding the 5 Year Gold Card. This will not only benefit the member, but the post as well. Here are some of the benefits:

- It's money the Posts can invest
- It's cheaper than a Paid Up for Life membership
- It's a convenience for the Post and the member. Department will update all 5 year members at the start of a new card year, which means the posts do not have to collect money on those members. The member then does not have to worry about sending in dues.
- Each 5 year member will receive a "5 Year Gold" card with their name, post number, card & ID number and the years in which they're covered by the plan.
- The cost of a 5 year card is \$200.00. The Post would collect 5 years of post dues and then would submit \$200.00 per capita ( $\$40.00 \times 5 = \$200.00$ )

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR "NEW" 5 YEAR MEMBERS

- There is NO form for a New 5 YR Member. Follow the instructions below:
- Please mark the upper right hand corner "New 5 YR" (see example above) and place on top of all other renewals when submitted to Department.

2026 THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CARD		000003	2026 THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT CARD	
XXXXXXXXXX 26 16 000003 4			MEMBER ID # 000003 DEPT/POST IL- CONF YRS	
NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST)			NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST)	
MAILING ADDRESS			MAILING ADDRESS	
PHONE # DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)			DATE PAID (MM/DD/YYYY) POST ADJUTANT'S INITIALS	
EMAIL			<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New  <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer </div> </div>	

**War Era:**

☐ WWII ☐ Korea ☐ Vietnam ☐ Lebanon/Grenada ☐ Panama ☐ Gulf War ☐ Global War on Terror ☐ Other Conflicts

**Branch of Service:**

☐ USA ☐ USMC ☐ USN ☐ USAF ☐ USSF ☐ USCG ☐ USMM (WWII Only)

**GENDER:** ☐ Male ☐ Female

If applicable, place an "X" in the appropriate box below:

☐ Deceased ☐ Update record changes as noted ☐ Duplicate of ID#

POSTS: DO NOT SEPARATE THE NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT CARDS. See instructions on the reverse side. 059988

# July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Fourth of July (OFFICE CLOSED)	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					SAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION (SPRINGFIELD) 11 - 13	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
SAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION (SPRINGFIELD) 11 - 13					VIETNAM VETERANS TRAVELING WALL (ANTIOCH) 17-20	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					JUNIOR STATE BASEBALL (ALTON) 24-26	
27	28	29	30	31 LEGION COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINE		
					SENIOR STATE BASEBALL (RANTOUIL) 31-2	

# August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
						STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT					NTL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP (INDY) 8-9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
LEGION BASEBALL						
STATE FAIR VETERANS DAY						DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICER TRAINING (DEPT. HQ) 15-16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
ILLINOIS/ MISSOURI ALL STAR GAME (SAUGET)						
						NATIONAL CONVENTION 22-28
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day (OFFICE CLOSED)	2	3 COMMANDER'S APPOINTMENTS 4th—9:00 3rd—10:00 2nd—11:00 1st—1:00 5th—2:00	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
LEGION, AUXILIARY & SAL HOMECOMINGS						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
18/19th DIST ALA FALL FORUM (RANTOUL)						10TH DIST ALA FALL FORUM (TBD)
DEKALB BE THE ONE WALK 9:00 AM						DEPT. FALL MEETINGS
28	29	30				

# October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Legion Fall Meetings ALA FALL FORUM 1ST DIV (FRANKLIN PARK)
					SAL NATIONAL FALL MEETINGS 3—5	
5 ALA FALL FORUM 2ND DIV (GENOA)	6	7	8	9	10	11 ALA FALL FORUM 16TH DIST (HENNEPIN)
FALL MTGS 3—5		NATIONAL FALL MEETINGS (INDY) 6—9				
12	13 Columbus Day (OFFICE CLOSED)	14	15	16	17	18 ALA FALL FORUM 15TH DIST (TBD)
19 ALA FALL FORUM 5TH DIV (O'FALLON)	20	21	22	23	24	25
				PAM RAY NATIONAL PRESIDENT HOMECOMING (SPRINGFIELD) 23—26		
26 PAM RAY NATIONAL PRESIDENT HOMECOMING	27	28	29	30	31	


**November 2025**

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# December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						BIG 4
						SAL WINTER DEC (MORTON GROVE)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve (OFFICE CLOSED)	25 Christmas Day (OFFICE CLOSED)	26	27
28	29	30	31 NYE			

**January 2026**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				American Legion Family Membership Caravan 15—24		
18	19 MLK Day (office closed)	20	21	22	23	24
American Legion Family Membership Caravan 15—24						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE CUTOFF (NOON)	



# February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE (SPRINGFIELD) 11 & 12			Jr./Sr. Vice Commanders Planning Session
15	16 Presidents Day (office closed)	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
						WASHINGTON CONFERENCE (28—4)

# March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Dept. Oratorical Contest
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE (28-4)						SAL DART TOURNAMENT (SPRINGFIELD)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						SAL DEC (MACOMB)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					ALA PATRIOTIC CONFERENCE (SPRINGFIELD)	
					ALA BOARD MEETING	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

# April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Good Friday (office closed)	4
5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9	10 DEC CUTOFF (NOON)	11 Spring DEC (BLOOMINGTON)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 ALA JR CONFERENCE (MONTICELLO)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 ANNUAL HAVEN RUN
26	27	28	29	30		

# May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
			SAL NATIONAL SPRING MEETINGS 1—3			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			BE THE ONE SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK (LOUISVILLE)			
SPRING MTGS 1—3			National Spring Meetings 4—7			
10	Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15
			ARMED FORCES WEEK 10—15			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)	26	27	28	29	30
31						

# June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 SAL CLOSE OF BOOKS	13
						BOYS STATE 13—19
14	15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20
					SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER GAMES	
					TAL CLOSE OF BOOKS	
	Illinois Premier Boys State (CHARLESTON—EIU) 13—19					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	ILALA GIRLS STATE 21-27					
	Illinois State Youth Police Academy (SPRINGFIELD) 21—26					
28	29	30 Dept. Convention Awards Cutoff				

# July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 FOURTH OF JULY (OFFICE CLOSED)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					SAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION (SPRINGFIELD) 10 - 12	
					AMERICAN LEGION & AUXILIARY CONVENTION (SPRINGFIELD) 7 - 11	
12	13	14	15 Flag Day	16	17	18
SAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION (SPRINGFIELD) 10 - 12						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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# Legion Leadership

<b>Department Commander Roy E. Smith</b>	
<b>Department Sr. Vice Celeste Latham</b>	

## DIVISION COMMANDERS

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## DIVISION SR. VICE COMMANDERS

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## DIVISION JR. VICE COMMANDERS

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## DISTRICT COMMANDERS & SR. VICE

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