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2026-2027

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS & CALENDAR



The American Legion Department of Illinois 2026-2027 Commander, CELESTE LATHAM



Legion Family,

Anchors Hold, Wings Rise, Faith Leads is my motto for this year.

It is a phrase that speaks deeply to who I am, where I come from, and how I lead. It reflects strength, movement, and purpose. I will share what it means to me, while knowing each of you may find your own meaning and inspiration in it as well.

To me, **Anchors Hold** honors my grandfather's service in the Marines during World War II and my father's service in the Navy during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Bay of Pigs. It represents stability, strength, and staying true to the values, traditions, and mission that have always made The American Legion strong. It reflects discipline, accountability, and the steady support we provide to veterans, families, and communities. In times of uncertainty, we have the opportunity to be a source of reassurance and dependability. That is what anchors do—they hold firm.

Wings Rise honors both my service and my husband's service in the Air Force. It speaks to growth, leadership, and the future. It reminds me that while we hold fast to tradition, we must also continue to move forward with purpose. We must welcome new members, encourage new leaders, strengthen communication, and ensure our organization remains relevant, vibrant, and effective for the next generation of veterans and their families. Rising does not mean leaving our foundation behind — it means building boldly upon it.

Faith Leads is the heart of this motto. To me, faith means belief not only in a higher power, but also belief in ourselves, in our mission, in one another, and in the importance of service. It means leading with integrity, compassion, and conviction. It means remembering that behind every program, every membership card, every event, and every report is a person who needs to feel seen, valued, and supported.

This motto can stand for many things:

- **Anchors Hold** when we remain steady in service.
- **Wings Rise** when we grow membership, build leaders, and reach outward.
- **Faith Leads** when we care for one another, help one more veteran, and give back with dignity and purpose.

The American Legion Family is incredibly important to me. I firmly believe that when we work together—as The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of The American Legion, and the Legion Riders—we are stronger, more effective, and better able to fulfill our mission. No one does this work alone, but together, we can make this a meaningful, united, and successful year.

I look forward to serving you, serving with you, and standing alongside the entire Legion Family in the year ahead. If we remain anchored in our mission, willing to rise to the needs before us, and guided by faith in service and in one another, I truly believe we can accomplish great things together.

For God and Country,
Celeste

2026 - 2027 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF	SEPTEMBER 9, 2026	50%
FALL MEETINGS	OCTOBER 14, 2026	55%
VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 12, 2026	65%
PEARL HARBOR DAY	DECEMBER 9, 2026	75%
MID-WINTER	JANUARY 20, 2027	80%
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEBRUARY 10, 2027	85%
LEGION BIRTHDAY	MARCH 10, 2027	90%
CHILDREN & YOUTH	APRIL 14, 2027	95%
ARMED FORCES DAY	MAY 12, 2027	100%
DELEGATE STRENGTH	30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION	

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.

When 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.

Illinois' National Membership Percentage is noted on the District and Division summary report on the Department of Illinois website.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

2027 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SCHEDULE

RENEWAL MAIL DATES

JULY 1-8, 2026

OCTOBER 3-9, 2026

NOVEMBER 7-13, 2026

JANUARY 2-8, 2027

MARCH 2-9, 2027

MAY 1-7, 2027

PROCESSING & TRANSMITTAL CUTOFF DATES

MAY 13, 2026

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

OCTOBER 14, 2026

DECEMBER 9, 2026

FEBRUARY 10, 2027

APRIL 14, 2027

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.

Transmittals refer to the membership renewals that are processed by the post through MyLegion.

Processing refers to membership cards that are sent to the Department. Please note that cards sent may not arrive in time for processing before the cutoff dates.

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ILLINOIS

MEMBERSHIP YEAR TARGET DATES



75% *VETERAN'S DAY*
NOVEMBER 12, 2026 (NOON)



80% *NEW YEAR'S EVE
DAY* DECEMBER 31, 2026 (NOON)



85% *LINCOLN*
PILGRIMAGE*
JANUARY 27, 2027 (NOON)



100% *ARMED FORCES
DAY* MAY 15, 2027 **

2026-2027

* ALL DISTRICTS AND DIVISIONS THAT EXCEED THIS ILLINOIS TARGET
WILL BE AWARDED A SPECIAL CERTIFICATE

** ALL DISTRICTS AND DIVISIONS THAT EXCEED THIS ILLINOIS TARGET WILL BE AWARDED \$200.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

MOST FORMS AVAILABLE ON ILLEGION.ORG

GOLD BRIGADE AWARDS	Legionaries who recruit 50 or more new members into The American Legion. Certification forms must be received at Department Headquarters by May 24, 2027. A list of new members (including name, I.D. number, and Post) must accompany the form.	Only "NEW" members will count. 2910 transfers are not considered 'new' unless expired for 2 or more years. All "Gold Brigadiers" are entered in a National drawing for a \$1,000 award certificate.
SILVER BRIGADE AWARDS	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. Certification forms must be received at Department Headquarters by May 24, 2027.	Only "NEW" members will count. 2910 transfers are not considered 'new' unless expired for 2 or more years. A list of new members (including name, I.D. number, and Post) must accompany the form.
BRONZE BRIGADE AWARDS	A legionnaire who recruits 15-24 "New" members into The American Legion will qualify for this award. A bronze pin and certificate will be awarded. Certification forms must be received at Department Headquarters by May 24, 2027.	Only "NEW" members will count. 2910 transfers are not considered 'new' unless expired for 2 or more years. A list of new members (including name, I.D. number, and Post) must accompany the form.
DEPT. TOP NEW MEMBER RECRUITER AWARD	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 May 24, 2027.	Only "NEW" members will count. 2910 transfers are not considered 'new' unless expired for 2 or more years. A list of new members (including name, I.D. number, and Post) must accompany the form.
PIONEER AWARD	The Pioneer Award will be presented to the founder or individual who has been instrumental in the formation of a new Post by May 24, 2027.	The District Commander of the District the NEW Post is in will certify the recipient of the Pioneer Award.
MEMBERSHIP STARS	Membership Stars will be awarded for recruiting 5, 10, 20, 30, 75, and 100 new members by May 24, 2027.	"Membership Stars" order Form is available upon request from Department Headquarters.

#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 19, 2026 the 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 2027 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>
September 19, 2026 (12:00 Noon)	September 19, 2026 FALL D.E.C.	60%
November 12, 2026 (12:00 Noon)	November 12, 2026 VETERANS DAY AWARD	75%
January 27, 2027 (12:00 Noon)	February 11, 2027 LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE	85%
April 9, 2027 (12:00 Noon)	April 10, 2027 SPRING D.E.C.	95%
June 18, 2027 CLOSE OF BOOKS (12:00 Noon)	July 10, 2027 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 2027 membership greater than previous All-Time High (by 12/31/2026)

POST HONOR RIBBON

Will be awarded to Posts with 2027 membership that exceeds their 2026 membership (by 12/31/2026).

**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 2027 MEMBERSHIP OF 100% OR MORE WILL BE
AWARDED CASH AWARDS BELOW BY POST SIZE AND DATE:**



POST SIZE: 15-99	\$100.00	11/13/26
POST SIZE: 100-249	\$1.00 per member	11/13/26
POST SIZE: 250 +	\$1.50 per member	11/13/26

SPECIAL RECRUITING AWARD

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



**RECRUIT 5
NEW MEMBERS**

**RECRUIT 10
NEW MEMBERS**



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

MEMBERSHIP CARAVAN AWARD	The Post that processes the greatest number of membership cards through MyLegion (or submits them by mail) between December 19 and December 31, 2026, as reflected in membership records, will receive a special award from the Department Commander, presented at the January Caravan stop. The Post that brings in and turns in the greatest number of membership cards at a January Caravan stop will receive a special recognition award from the Department Commander. Must be present at a caravan stop to receive the Awards!
LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE AWARD 	This award honors Membership Leaders who have made outstanding contributions to Illinois. As of 1:00 PM on January 27, 2027, the Top Division Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and the Top District Commanders and Senior Vice Commanders in each Division will receive a Lincoln Pilgrimage jacket. They will also be recognized as honored guests of the Department of Illinois at the Lincoln Pilgrimage Membership Challenge Reception, alongside the National Commander. After achieving a minimum of 85% in membership, the Top Division and District Commander, along with the Senior Vice Commander, will each be reimbursed for one night's stay after submitting a receipt from the designated Lincoln Pilgrimage Hotel in Springfield. Must be present at the Lincoln Pilgrimage Program to receive the Award!
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JACKET AWARD  	All District Commanders ranking in the Top 10 for 4 out of 5 Gold Pin Target Dates will receive their choice of a "Commander's Jacket" or polo shirt at the Department Convention, recognizing them as Membership Leaders for the 2027 membership year. District Senior Vice Commanders in this category will be awarded the "Commander's Polo." All division commanders who are the top division for three of the five Gold Pin target dates will be given their choice of a specially designed "Commander's Jacket" or polo. This award will be presented at the Department Convention. Division Senior Vice Commanders in this category will receive the "Commander's Polo" at the Department Convention.

DIVISION & DISTRICT AWARDS

TOP DIVISION & DISTRICT PLAQUE	The Division/District Commanders, along with Sr. Vice Commanders, who achieve a membership percentage of at least 101% by the Close of Books will receive this award at the Department Convention.	DEADLINE: CLOSE OF BOOKS
103% PIN & CERTIFICATE	Division/District Commanders and qualifying Senior Vice Commanders will receive this award at the Department Convention, along with a complimentary two-night hotel stay at the National Convention.	DEADLINE: CLOSE OF BOOKS
DIST. CMDR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD & HONOR RIBBON	District Commanders whose membership in 2027, as of May 21, 2027 exceeds their 2026 membership by at least the number of Posts in their District will receive this award at the Department Convention.	DEADLINE: MAY 21, 2027

DISTRICT & DIVISION CASH AWARDS (Awarded at Convention)

\$600 will be awarded to the first Division and District that achieves 103% or more before the Close of Books. Awards distribution: \$200 to the Commander, \$200 to the Senior Vice Commander, and \$200 to the Junior Vice Commander.

AMERICA 250 – FOUR PILLARS POST RECOGNITION AWARD

★ Anchors Hold • Wings Rise • Faith Leads ★

Serve in ALL FOUR PiLLARS & Honor America's 250th Anniversary!

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

- ✓ Help & Support Veterans
- ✓ American Legion
- ✓ Sons of The American Legion (SAL)
- ✓ American Legion Auxillary

NATIONAL SECURITY

- ✓ Support the Troops

AMERICANISM

- ✓ Promote Patriotism

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- ✓ Assist & Encourage Youth

PLUS: ONE AMERICA 250 ACTIVITY

★ (Event / Public Post / Partnership) ★

- ✓ One Activity in Each Pillar
- ✓ One Easy Page to Submit
- ✓ Official Certificate + Post Award Streamer

— America 250 Commemoration – Department of Illinois —

TRIFECTA RECRUITER AWARD

★ Anchors Hold • Wings Rise • Faith Leads ★

Recruit for All Three Branches of the American Legion Family!

AWARD CRITERIA:

Recruit One New Member in EACH Branch:

- ✓ American Legion
- ✓ Sons of The American Legion (SAL)
- ✓ American Legion Auxiliary

EASY SUBMISSION:

- ✓ One Simple Form
- ✓ One Legion, One SAL, One Auxiliary
- ✓ Certified by Post Commander

ANCHORS HOLD ★

WINGS RISE

★ FAITH LEADS ★

— Strengthening the Legion Family – Department of Illinois —

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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR "NEW" 5 YEAR MEMBERS

- There is **NO** form for a New 5 YR member. Please 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.
- The amount for a new 5 YR membership is \$200.00 (\$40.00 x 5 = \$200.00)
- A 5 YR membership is NOT transferrable from post to post or state to state.

2027 THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CARD			2027 THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT CARD		
XXXXXXXXXX 26 16 002038 2			002038		
MEMBER ID # 351234567	DEPT/POST IL 102	CONT YRS 5			
NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST) JOHN DOE			NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST) JOHN DOE		
MAILING ADDRESS 12345 BLANK ST NOWHERE IL 61234			MAILING ADDRESS 12345 BLANK ST NOWHERE IL 61234		
PHONE # 309-123-4567			DATE RAID (MM/DD/YYYY)		
EMAIL nunyabiz25@yahoo.com			POST ADJUTANT'S INITIALS		
GENDER: ☐ Male ☐ Female			RENEWAL ☐ TRANSFER ☐		
If applicable, place an "X" in the appropriate box below: ☐ Deceased ☐ Update record changes as noted ☐ Duplicate of ID#			RENEWAL ☐ TRANSFER ☐		
POSTS: DO NOT SEPARATE THE NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT CARDS. See instructions on the reverse side.			062023		



2026-2027
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Department of Illinois
MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

KATHY'S KITTENS THE CATS MEOW PLAQUE – to the Unit with the highest percent of membership by July 1 (10-150 members)

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE – to the Unit with the highest percent of membership by July 1 (151 and over members)

SUE CC'S TWO TIMERS PLAQUE – to the Unit with the highest numerical gain in membership by July 1 (10-150 members)

JO'S STARLIGHTERS PLAQUE – to the unit with the highest numerical gain in membership by July 1 (151 and over members)

DOUBLE D BOOT KICKERS PLAQUE – to the District for the highest percent of membership by July 1. 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. Vice President gets a citation in a blue folder. (Districts 901 and more members).

SHARON'S HALOS PLAQUE – the Division for the highest percent of membership by July 1. Vice President gets a citation in a blue folder.

PAT'S KNIGHTS PLAQUE – to the Unit for the highest numerical gain in Junior membership by July 1.

FAMILY CARAVAN (January 14-23, 2027) – the Unit that brings the most membership at each stop will receive an award.

LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS – to the Division and 2 Districts (1-900, 901+) with the highest percent in membership on January 27, 2027 (President and Vice President). Winners will receive a jacket and a breakfast ticket if they are present for the program on February 10th and the breakfast on February 11th.

PATRIOTIC CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS – to 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 the hotel or monetary equivalent if not staying at the hotel because they live in the area. Must be present to win.

100% ANS 101% MEMBERSHIP AWARD – any 100% Unit by Department Convention gets 2 100% pins with a 2026-2027 Bar and a certificate. The first Division in each category (1-900, 901+) to reach 101%, the President/Vice President will receive \$150.00 each. The first District in each category (1-900, 901+) the President/Vice President will receive \$75.00 each.

Traveling Necklace/Tie Tac Awards and Target Dates

Traveling Awards will move on the following dates. Division Presidents & Vice Presidents with the highest % in membership/District Presidents & Vice Presidents with the highest % in membership in each category (1-900, 901+) in each Division.

- * September 27, 2026 - Blue Ribbon Fair Day (President Linda's Birthday)
- * December 7, 2026 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance
- * March 19, 2027 – Patriotic Conference
- * July 8, 2027 – Department Convention

Membership Target Dates

- * September 27, 2026 – 25% Linda's Blue Ribbon Fair Day
- * November 4, 2026 – 50% Veterans' Day at the Fair
- * March 10, 2027 – 85% Merit Medallion Trophy Day
- * May 24, 2027 - 95% Illinois Poppy Day
- * June 30, 2027 – 100% Happy Independence Day
- * July 31, 2027 – 102% Blue Ribbon Celebration Day

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 not be passed on to the next eligible winner.**

LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE:

Division Commanders and District Commanders are eligible.

Based upon the first membership report in January after the first target date from National, the following Commanders will receive the caravan jacket, along with an invitation to lunch with our SAL National Commander, a ticket to the Abraham Lincoln Museum, and breakfast the following morning with the President of the American Legion Auxiliary as the keynote speaker. This breakfast is also a recap of the awards presented the previous day, along with the photo of you taken with National leadership will be officially presented. The luncheon with the American Legion National Commander as the keynote is optional to you at your expense.

Winning Division Commanders must be certified by Winter DEC, have all of their District's certified by that date, and have representation of either the Commander or Senior Vice Commander at both the Fall and Winter DEC.

Winning District Commanders must be certified by the Winter DEC and have all of their Squadrons certified by the same date. Representation of either the Commander or Senior Vice Commander at both the Fall and Winter DEC.

All requirements must be met to be eligible. Winning Commanders must be present at Lincoln Pilgrimage Membership Awards ceremony to receive their jackets and breakfast ticket. Lunch with the National Commander will be before the Membership Awards ceremony, with a tour of the Museum held before lunch.

THE BELOW WILL BE PRESENTED AT OUR DETACHMENT CONVENTION:

LARGE #1 PIN:

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

****Must be certified. If not certified, it will not 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.

100% MEMBERSHIP AWARD ENGRAVED PIN by December 31st.

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
AMERICAN LEGION & AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT CONVENTION (7 – 11)						
					SAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION (10 – 11)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 BASEBALL BANQUET	23	24	25
				SENIOR STATE BASEBALL (AVISTON)		
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						GOLF TOURNAMENT (DANVILLE)
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
GOLF TOURNAMENT (DANVILLE)				MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP (INDY)		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					ALA FALL BOARD MEETING (EFFINGHAM)	DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT HOMECOMING 11:00 AM
16 STATE FAIR VETERANS DAY(SPRINGFIELD)	17	18	19	20	21 COMMANDER'S APPOINTMENTS (BLOOMINGTON)	22 DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICER STRATEGY SESSION
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
LEGACY RIDE (23 - 27)						
30	31					
NATIONAL CONVENTION (LOUISVILLE)		NATIONAL CONVENTION (LOUISVILLE)				

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		NATIONAL CONVENTION (LOUISVILLE)				
6	7 LABOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)	8	9	10	11 9/11 CEREMONY (SANDWICH)	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING (NIU)	HOMECOMING & DEC (NIU)
					AMERICANISM CONFERENCE (INDY)	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
DEKALB BE THE ONE WALK						DEPT. FALL MTGS (HQ)
AMERICANISM CONVERENCE (INDY)						SAL DEC POST 199
27	28	29	30			

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 DEPT FALL MTGS (HQ)
						AUX FALL FORUM (ARLINGTON HEIGHTS)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	NATIONAL FALL MEETINGS (INDY)					
11	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 PUMPKIN PARADE (SYCAMORE)	26	27	28	29	30	31 OTTAWA VIGIL

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 UTICA PARADE	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY (OFFICE CLOSED) PIATT COUNTY PARADE (MONTICELLO)	12	13 CHICAGO MILITARY BALL (ALSIP)	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE (INDY)						
22	23	24	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
HAVEN JAMBOREE/ EPCC	29	30				

December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 BIG 4 MEETING (HQ)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 SAL DEC (HQ)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE	25 OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	26
27	28	29	30	31		
HEADQUARTERS OFFICE CLOSED						

January 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY CARAVAN		
17	18 OFFICE CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	19	20	21	22	23
AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY CARAVAN						
24	25	26	27 PILGRIMAGE CUTOFF	28	29	30

February 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 JR/SR VICE PLANNING SESSION
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE (SPRINGFIELD)		
14	15 PRESIDENTS' DAY OFFICE CLOSED	16	17	18	19	20 STEWARDSON BANQUET
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						WASHINGTON CONFERENCE
28						
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE						

March 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 ORATORICAL CONTEST (BLOOMINGTON) SAL DART TOURNAMENT (SPRINGFIELD)
	WASHINGTON CONFERENCE					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 ALA PATRIOTIC CONFERENCE & BOARD MEETING (SPRINGFIELD)	20 ALA BOARD MTG (SPRINGFIELD) SAL DEC & HOMECOMING (PALATINE)
21	22	23	24	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY	27
28	29	30	31			

April 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 CONVENTION MEETING
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 SPRING DEC (BLOOMINGTON)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 ALA JR CONFERENCE (MONTICELLO)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 HAVEN RUN (5 TH DIVISION)
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 LOUISVILLE BE THE ONE WALK
	SPRING MEETINGS (INDY)					
9	10	11	12	13	14 ARMED FORCES DINNER (2 ND DIV)	15 NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST
ARMED FORCES WEEK						
16 NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 OFFICE CLOSED					

June 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 SAL CLOSE OF BOOKS	12
						BOYS STATE (12-18)
13	14	15	16	17	18 TAL CLOSE OF BOOKS	19
BOYS STATE (CHARLESTON – EIU) 12 - 18						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
ILLINOIS STATE YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY (SPRINGFIELD) 20 - 25						
ILALA GIRLS STATE (20 – 26)						
27	28	29	30 CONVENTION AWARDS CUTOFF			

July 2027

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AMERICAN LEGION & AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT CONVENTION						
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