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DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

The Department Finance Commission is recommending a membership dues increase. It is expected that a resolution will be presented to the Department Executive Committee (DEC) at the June 2027 budget meeting. If the resolution is approved by the DEC, it will be presented to the 2027 Department Convention. If passed, the dues increase would go into effect in January of 2028 for the 2028 membership year. Any 2028 dues collected before January of 2028 would not be subject to the increase.

Dues were last increased on the department level in January of 2024. The amount of increase that will be requested by the Finance Commission has not yet been determined. The dues increase is necessary due to decreasing membership and cost increases due to inflation.

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER'S TOUR

The National Vice Commander's Tour is tentatively scheduled for November 16-20, 2026. Posts and communities interested in hosting a stop on the tour should contact your district membership chair or Department Membership Chair Tony Lile.

UNITY AWARDS / DISTRICT COMMANDER'S WATCH

Membership must be received by 4pm on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 21st, to qualify for the Unity Award and the District Commander's watch. Winners will be announced the following week.

VETERANS DAY AT THE CAPITOL: JANUARY 20, 2027

- 9:00 am: American Legion Briefing at Department Headquarters
- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm: Veterans Day at the Capitol

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE: FEBRUARY 11 – 14, 2027 – DES MOINES

- Airport Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321
    - Reservations – call 515-287-2400 and ask for The American Legion rate.
- Agenda will appear on the department website, https://ialegion.org/.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION: JULY 16 – 18, 2027 – DES MOINES

- Airport Holiday Inn, 6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321
    - Reservations – call 515-287-2400 and ask for The American Legion rate.
- Agenda will appear on the department website, https://ialegion.org/.

NATIONAL CONVENTION: AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2027 – KANSAS CITY

Delegates/Alternates will be elected at District Spring Conferences. Registration materials will be available at District Spring Conferences.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

The Department of Iowa has an electronic newsletter to provide more timely information to our posts and members. The newsletter is distributed twice a month, with special editions when necessary. Information on how to sign up is available on the Department website at www.ialegion.org/signup.

DEPARTMENT SOCIA MEDIA

Follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/iowalegion.

LEGIONNAIRES INSURANCE TRUST (LIT) – FREE COVERAGE

Members of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion can enroll for life in LegionCare, the Accidental Death benefit available at No-Cost to Legion Family members.

LegionCare is a one-of-a-kind benefit that provides all adult Legion Family members with $5,000 in Accidental Death Coverage for covered accidents that occur if you are traveling on official Legion business and $1,000 for all other covered accidents.

Legion Family members must activate their protection to be covered by calling 800-235-6943 or by going online at www.theLIT.com.

Please make sure all your fellow Legionnaires are enrolled in this free benefit.

LEGIONNAIRES INSURANCE TRUST (LIT) – PRODUCTS & SERVICES

The Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT) was founded with the purpose to provide Legionnaires with the most advanced and least expensive form of insurance products and services to protect themselves and their families while providing American Legion Departments with a reliable source of revenue.

This year, the Department of Iowa received **$36,771** in allocations. Since Iowa joined the LIT in 1992, the Department of Iowa has received a grand total of $**2,017,474**.

The LIT, as the **only endorsed provider** of the Department's voluntary purchase programs, has made it possible for thousands of Legion families to collect millions of dollars in benefits by enrolling in one or more of the products and/or services offered.

Department Sponsored Programs

- **Hospital HELP Plan** — Provides benefits for hospital stays including intensive care, cardiac care, care for cancer, rehabilitative facilities, and V.A. hospitals.
- **Cancer Care** — Provides important protection and a daily benefit if you are hospitalized due to cancer.
- **Accidental Death** — Helps provide financial protection for you and your family. Up to $5,000.00 LegionCare AD coverage at no cost to Legionnaires is available. You can also purchase additional Accident coverage up to $100,000.00.
- **On-The-Move Travel Accident** — Provides up to $200,000.00 coverage when fatally injured in a covered accident while traveling, plus $500.00 per day if a covered accident lands you in the hospital.
- **ID Resolve** — Provides 24-hour identity theft resolution that helps protect your money, your time and your financial reputation.
- **Emergency Assistance Plus** — Provides you with 24/7 emergency medical and travel assistance services should something happen to you or your family while traveling away from home.
- **Medicare Supplement Insurance** — Supplements your Medicare Coverage at group rates.
- **Health & Dental Insurance** — Request a quote on various Health & Dental Insurance Plans designed with you in mind.
- **Long-Term Care** — Can help provide home health care, supervised adult care, and more.
- **Lifeline Medical Alert Service** — Provides fast access to help in the event of a fall or medical emergency so you can live confidently and independently.
- **DeviceGuard** — A simple, comprehensive, and affordable way to protect your devices—from smartphones to laptops to digital doorbells. Flexible plans and bundles ensure that you only pay for the protection you need.

For more information, visit www.theLIT.com.

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NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER

Jay Bowen was elected national commander of The American Legion on September 3, 2026, in Louisville, during the 107th National Convention.

As national commander, Bowen emphasizes The American Legion's mission of service through his theme, **"Be Part of the Solution (B.P.O.T.S.),"** encouraging members to engage actively in their communities, support veterans, and their families, and advance the organization's legislative priorities. He is a staunch advocate for The American Legion **"Be the One"** mission to prevent veteran suicide.

For more information, visit: https://www.legion.org/about/leadership/nationalcommander.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S INCENTIVES

- **Post Excellence Award:** To qualify for the American Legion's Post Excellence Award, a post is required to achieve excellence in four areas: membership, submission of the Consolidated Post Report (CPR), attaining a 90% renewal rate, and community activity. The district commander responsible for the post will certify a post as having achieved the four specified criteria. For more information, visit https://www.legion.org/about/leadership/national-commander/post-excellence-award.
- **National Commander's Pin Incentive Program:** American Legion National Commander Jay Bowen will award his national commander "Be Part of the Solution (B.P.O.T.S.)" membership incentive pin to any Legionnaire who obtains two new members into The American Legion. For more information, visit https://www.legion.org/about/leadership/national-commander/national-commanders-incentive-program.
- **100% American Legion Family Ribbon:** American Legion National Commander Jay Bowen will award his 100% American Legion Family Ribbon to any American Legion Family that achieves 100 percent membership by the 2027 100% membership target date. For this award, the Legion Family is defined as a post and/or any combination of an Auxiliary unit or Sons squadron. Each must achieve 100% membership to qualify for the award. For more information, visit https://www.legion.org/about/leadership/national-commander/100-american-legion-family-ribbon.
- **National Commander's 103% Membership Award:** American Legion National Commander Jay Bowen will award his "Be Part of the Solution (B.P.O.T.S.)" membership incentive pin to any post commander, district commander, county commander, division commander, department commander or membership chairman who achieves 103% of their assigned membership goal for 2026. Pins will be mailed directly to the recipient unless otherwise stated. For more information, visit https://www.legion.org/about/leadership/national-commander/103-percent-membership-award.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS (Awarded by Department of Iowa)

- **"I Got One" Pin** - Awarded to any member who recruits at least one new member.
- **Iowa Membership Pin** - Awarded to any member who recruits new members or renews current members for a combined total of 10.
- **Department of Iowa Recruiter of the Year** - Awarded to the Legionnaire in the Department of Iowa who recruits the most new members before the Department May Goal date. Certification forms are available on request from District Membership Chairmen or Department.
- **Bob Kerschenske Department of Iowa Recruiter Memorial Award** - Awarded to the Legionnaire who recruits the most new members 30 days prior to the Department of Iowa Convention. Applications are available at https://ialegion.org.

POST MEMBERSHIP AWARDS (Awarded by Department of Iowa)

- **Commander's Membership Sweepstakes** - awarded to the 2 posts that show the greatest numerical increase over their previous year's membership.
- **Growth Goal Voucher** - Each legionnaire of a 100% goal post present at the department of Iowa Mid-Winter Conference will receive a voucher to cover their registration fee for the conference.
- **Target Stars** – 3 awarded to post when they reach their membership goal.
- **Post Growth Award** - Awarded to any post that has had one (1) or more new members than the previous year, for ten (10) years or more, thirty (30) days prior to the Department of Iowa Convention.
- **Road Runner Plaque** - Awarded to any post that reaches 105% of their membership goal for a given year.
- **Post Trophies** – Awarded to the post that shows the greatest numerical increase over their previous year's membership in communities based on population.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS (Awarded by National)

- **Recruiter of the Year -** Top new-member recruiter certified by the May target date for department and national recognition.
- **Gold Brigade New Member Recruiter Award** - 50 or more new members, excluding transfers, by the May target date. Multi-year levels apply.
- **Silver Brigade** - For enrolling 25 to 49 new members, excluding transfers, by the May target date.
- **Bronze Brigade** - For enrolling 15 to 24 new members, excluding transfers, by the May target date.
- **The American Legion Pioneer Award** - Recognizes Legionnaires who help ensure a new post's success.
- **New Post Development Pin** - Recognizes individuals who help start a new American Legion post.
- **Revitalization Recognition Letter** - Recognizes individuals who help revitalize a post or renew delinquent members.

POST MEMBERSHIP AWARDS (Awarded by National)

- **Post All-Time High Award** – December 31 advance membership equals or surpasses the post's all-time high or surpasses its current-century high. Five consecutive all-time highs also qualify.
- **Post Membership Retention Award** - At least 95% renewed by the may target date; the post must also meet its department's charter minimum.
- **Post Honor Ribbon** - Awarded to posts whose December 31 advance membership equals or exceeds the final membership for the year ending.

POST/SQUADRON HANDBOOKS AND MATERIALS

The membership materials being sent to Posts and Squadrons will be changing beginning with the 2028 membership year. Some materials will be sent to Posts every three years, while others will be available every other year. (This is subject to change.)

Every Three (3) Years:
Post Adjutant's Guide
SAL Handbook

Every Other Year:
TAL/SAL Membership Applications
Post Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies

The Department highly recommends keeping your officer guides and manuals each year until a new edition is released. Digital copies of all publications, brochures, and forms can be found at legion.org.

AMERICAN LEGION OF IOWA FOUNDATION

Incorporated Nov. 29, 1978, as the charitable entity of the Iowa Department of The American Legion, the Foundation was organized as a mechanism for the Legion to provide financial assistance to promote Americanism, youth programs, veterans' rehabilitation, and community service in the state of Iowa.

Since 1979, over $3 million has been contributed to support veterans' assistance, educational programs, patriotic endeavors, and children and youth programs. The American Legion of Iowa Foundation has accumulated a total permanent endowment fund of over $2.5 million. Earnings from this endowment are dedicated to supporting programs of veterans' assistance, education, and patriotic endeavors.

Applications for grants must be postmarked no later than April 15th of each calendar year. Application information is available on the website at www.ialegion.org/iafoundation/. Donations to the Foundation may be mailed to Department Headquarters or given online at www.ialegion.org/donate.

DONATIONS

The department has an online platform for donations. The platform allows donors to give one-time donations, monthly donations, and even has a text-to-give function. Visit www.ialegion.org/donate or simply text the word "LEGION" to 26989.

The online platform also allows for "round-up" donations. Donors may designate a debit card or credit card to be used and every purchase on the card can be rounded up to the next dollar as a donation. The accumulated donation is taken out once per month, and donors may set a maximum amount to give.

ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS

The American Legion of Iowa offers two financial assistance programs for veterans and their families:

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)

- Administered by American Legion National Headquarters
- Must have dependent children in the household
- Must be a current American Legion member or serving on active-duty orders

Veterans Emergency Fund (VEF)

- Administered by The American Legion Department of Iowa
- Must be honorably discharged or currently serving
- Must be an Iowa resident

Applying for Assistance

- The Veterans Emergency Fund is a **one-time assistance program** and approval is **not guaranteed**.
- Complete all application questions. If a question does not apply, mark **"Not Eligible"** or **"N/A."**
- Include copies of bills for which assistance is requested.
- Provide a DD214 or proof of honorable service.
- Submit a statement explaining your financial hardship and how assistance may help prevent future hardship.
- Write **"Veterans Emergency Fund"** at the top of the application if applying for VEF.

Please read all instructions carefully and submit all required documentation to avoid delays in processing.

The Veterans Emergency Fund is supported **entirely through donations**. Because this program relies solely on the generosity of individuals, organizations, and community partners, continued donations are essential to helping Iowa veterans and their families during times of crisis. Every contribution helps ensure that emergency assistance remains available for those who have served our country.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

The American Legion National Emergency Fund was established to meet the needs of Posts or an individual member of The American in areas stricken by natural disasters.

Eligibility

- Eligibility open to Legionnaires (up to $3,000) and Legion Posts (up to $10,000).
- Applicant must have been displaced from their primary residence due damage sustained during a declared natural disaster. If emergency/disaster shelters are available, and applicant chooses not to stay at shelter, need to know the reason why they did not stay in the shelter.
- Not meant to replace or repair items, only to meet most immediate needs (i.e., temporary housing, food, water, clothing, diapers, etc.) during the period immediately following the disaster.
- Does not cover insurance compensation or monetary losses from a business, structures on your property (barns, tool sheds, etc.), equipment or vehicles.
- Membership must be active at time of disaster and the time of application.

Application requirements

- Application must be submitted to the Department Headquarters within 90 days of disaster.
- Disaster must be a "declared" natural disaster.
- Supporting data (photos, receipts, repair estimates, etc.) should be included if possible or statements (testimony) from post/district/department officers attesting to damages to residence requiring displacement.
- Only one grant per household per disaster.
- Post grants must derive from a declared natural disaster and substantiating documentation must provide that The American Legion post will cease to perform the duties and activities in the community due to losses sustained.

All requests for assistance will be submitted through Department Headquarters on The American Legion National Emergency Fund Grant Application. Should a natural disaster occur in your District, we recommend your District designate one individual to set up a centralized location for members to obtain copies of the grant application.

"BE THE ONE"

The Be The One Committee has turned The American Legion's Be The One into an actionable plan to lead/train the American Legion Family to be mental health first responders.

The Department of Iowa Be The One Suicide prevention program utilizes the Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) training materials and method to create a robust buddy check process with the mission of making every buddy check and every interaction positive, productive and keeping our suicide minded veterans alive for one more day.

Posts, counties, & districts can now request local Be The One OPR suicide awareness training. Classes are offered free of charge and can accommodate 5 to 35 participants. Classes will run 1 to 2 hours depending on class size and questions from participants.

THE AMERICAN LEGION TRAINING

The American Legion offers comprehensive training for members to learn, lead, and serve. From Basic Training and National American Legion College to Service Officer courses, Training Tuesdays, and key conferences, Legionnaires can access resources and programs that strengthen knowledge and leadership at every level.

National Regional Information Conference

Join us in Omaha, Nebraska, on Saturday, November 14, 2026.

Attendees will gain valuable insights into Constitution & Bylaws, Post Operations, Be The One, and more, with sessions designed to enhance member engagement and leadership.

To learn more and register, visit https://www.legion.org/information-center/training.

Basic Training

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

Already taken the old course? The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. The program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam.

To learn more and register, visit https://www.legion.org/information-center/training.

The National American Legion College

The National American Legion College embraces a servant leadership model, that equips Legionnaires with the skills to lead through service, inspire others, and strengthen The American Legion's mission.

This six-day immersive experience goes beyond traditional leadership education as it fosters a deep understanding of The American Legion's core values, and the power of collaborative, service-driven leadership. Students will develop practical strategies to lead with empathy, accountability, and vision, ensuring they are prepared to build strong teams, enhance community impact, and guide The American Legion into the future. Through critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and hands-on learning, participants will gain the confidence and knowledge to lead at every level—within their posts, districts, departments, and beyond.

Applications can be downloaded, completed, and submitted to Department Headquarters before July 1 each year.

To learn more, visit https://www.legion.org/information-center/training.

Training Tuesdays

60-90-minute sessions from American Legion National Headquarters, offering helpful information for post and district leaders.

To learn more, visit https://www.legion.org/information-center/training.

Training in a Box

Dropbox repository offering workshop presentations, videos, and digital materials to use at your post and district to educate your members.

To learn more, visit https://www.legion.org/information-center/training.

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORTS

The Consolidated Post Reports (CPR) will be mailed to each Post Adjutant on record in the spring of 2027. The Consolidated Post Report must be returned on the correct annual form to Department Headquarters, or submitted through myLegion.org (preferred), before June 15 to be considered for Department Community Service and Children & Youth Awards. Eligible posts selected will be awarded during the Department Convention. Posts wishing to be considered for Community Service and Children & Youth Awards need to provide a narrative of their activities with their CPR submission. Narratives may be submitted separately if your post's CPR is submitted electronically. Start collecting information now so it is not forgotten.

BOYS STATE: JUNE 20 – 25, 2027, AT CAMP DODGE

The American Legion of Iowa Boys State program will be held June 20 – 25, 2027, at Camp Dodge.

Post Adjutants will receive information in the mail regarding the timeline and the registration process. Post Boys State Chairs or members responsible for the program need to check with their adjutant for that information.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Teams on file will be emailed a packet this fall with registration information. Post-contact information will be required to participate. We are striving to increase communication to include posts. Registration fee for teams is $500.

A coaches meeting will be held on Saturday of Mid-Winter.

Anyone 18 years or older volunteering or coaching must pass a background check and abuse training. There are no exceptions to this as it is required by law for this sport.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION AWARDS

The National Veterans Employment & Education Commission annually presents several awards to honor employers who hire veterans, disabled veterans, and older workers. Those who help veterans find employment are also recognized.

The awards include:

- Employer of the Year - Small Business, Mid-Sized Business and Large Business
- Employer of the Disabled Award
- Employer of Older Workers Award
- Local Veterans Employment Representative of the Year
- Outstanding Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist of the Year
- Outstanding Employment Service Office of the Year
- Michael Guty Homeless Veterans Outreach Award

Nomination forms for each award are available through the Department Headquarters. All entries must be accompanied by an official nomination form with no more than two pages of narrative, along with supporting documents.

The deadline for submittals to the Department Veterans Benefits Committee is **October 15**. It is important that the Post nominations are submitted by this time to ensure that they are considered for the Department Awards to be delivered at the Department Convention. The Department selects one nominee in each category as its winner and submits the winners for the National awards.

Forms and criteria are available on our website at https://www.ialegion.org/employmentawards.

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LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

The Art McLaughlin Legionnaire of the Year nomination form is available online at https://www.ialegion.org/loty or by request from Department Headquarters at (800) 365-8387. There is no limitation on the number of applicants for each District. Nomination forms must be submitted to Department Headquarters before June 15.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

- Contestant applications will be available for download: www.ialegion.org/oratorical.
- Contest information, chairman guides, and brochures to take to the schools are on the Department website at www.ialegion.org/oratorical. National no longer provides hard copies of the National Rules Brochures.
- **Contest Deadlines:**
    - Local must be completed by December 7, 2026
    - County must be completed by December 21, 2026
    - District must be completed by January 11, 2027
    - Area must be completed by January 25, 2027
        - Area I: (Districts 1,5,6) District 5 scheduled to host – Details to come
        - Area II: (Districts 2,3,4) District 2 scheduled to host – Details to come
        - Area III: (Districts 7,8,9) District 7 scheduled to host – Details to come
- First and second-place district finalists may advance to the area contest.
- Dates and details will be updated on the Department's website: www.ialegion.org/oratorical.
- Department Finals: **Sunday, February 14, 2027**, Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines at 8:00 a.m. All contestants will be required to report to the hotel on Saturday, February 13, 2027, by 6:00 p.m.

FIFTH GRADE FLAG ESSAY CONTEST

- Applications can be downloaded from: www.ialegion.org/flag-essay
- Posts will forward one winning entry to their District Children and Youth Chairman or District Commander with a signed Participation Application by **January 5, 2027**.
- District entries will be judged by the respective District Children and Youth Chairman and sent to Department Headquarters at the address at the end of this report by **January 22, 2027**.
- Department judging will be by the Department Children and Youth Committee at the Mid-Winter Conference.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

- Application packets must be completed and forwarded to the Department of Iowa, ATTN: National Affairs Commission, by **November 30**.
- Guidelines and applications are available on the Department website, or by request from Department Headquarters: https://www.ialegion.org/lawenforcement/ or https://www.ialegion.org/firefighter/ .

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

One of the goals of The American Legion has always been to work in cooperation with the schools that assist veterans, their families, and local communities.

Iowa integrated the program into our Legion Family by developing a state program that recognizes those teachers.

Nomination brochures are available on the information table or online at www.ialegion.org/educator and must be received at the Department by **April 1, 2027.**

SCOUTING

- All applications are available on the Department's website: https://www.ialegion.org/scouting/ .
- Submission deadline to the Department will be **March 1, 2027**, for the following:
  - Eagle Scout of the Year – Eagle Scouts are required to complete the fillable version online, print it, and obtain proper signatures.
  - Adult Boy Scout of the Year – Available online or by request from the Department.
  - Adult Cub Scout of the Year – Available online or by request from the Department.
- Square Knot Award – for adult leaders – can be applied for at any time. Applications are available at https://www.ialegion.org/scouting/ .
- A Certificate and Department Commander's endorsement letter can be sent to any Scout who achieves the rank of Eagle. The request is available online at https://www.ialegion.org/scouting/.

JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM

- The Annual Department Junior Shooting Sports Program Championship Match will be mailed to each post that officially sponsors a shooting team.
- New Team Affiliations must be completed by **December 31, 2026**, to be eligible for the 2027 Department Match at Camp Dodge, which will be on March 13, 2027.
- Department Match information will be available following the October Americanism Workshop.
- Anyone 18 years or older volunteering or coaching the Department match must pass a background check and abuse training. There are no exceptions to this as it is required by law for this sport.
- National Postal Match: Information regarding the ordering of target sets and national match information will be distributed to all registered teams in Iowa as soon as it becomes available.
- For more information, visit https://www.ialegion.org/jssp/.

FLAG REWARDS PROGRAM

Posts can receive a 10¢ credit for each dollar spent on the purchase of American Flags from Emblem Sales. This includes purchases made by your Post, members, friends, neighbors, schools, and businesses that choose to sponsor your Post and buy their flags from The American Legion.

Posts can ask potential sponsors to purchase their flags from American Legion Emblem Sales, or the Post can buy and re-sell the flags. If a Sponsor purchases an American Flag from Emblem Sales, they need to request that their purchase benefit their local Post and indicate the Post #. Once a sponsor chooses a Post, all future purchases will automatically benefit the Post.

Points earned for the calendar year will be credited on February 1 of the following year. For example, 2026 points earned will be available on February 1, 2027. Your Post will have 11 months, February 1 to December 31, to spend its points.

Posts have taken a copy of the Flag Rewards sign-up to their city councils, schools, county, and state officials. The sales result in a credit for the local Post, that could be spent on items from American Legion Emblem Sales.

Information and registration for the program are available online at:
http://emblem.legion.org/flag_rewards.asp.

TAX-EXEMPT STATUS AND IRS FILINGS

- Under the 2006 Pension Protection Act (PPA), a non-church exempt organization's failure to file IRS Form 990 for three consecutive years will result in the revocation of the organization's exempt status.
- All posts are required to file an IRS Form 990 every year.
- For more information, visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov.
- You may also get more information by contacting your tax professional.

SECRETARY OF STATE VETERANS FOR VOTING INITIATIVE

The office of the Iowa Secretary of State and veteran organization partners are committed to facilitating the participation of veterans across the state in exercising their right to vote.

The following resources have been created to provide information on ways to vote absentee, inform on important election dates, and answer questions about Iowa's accessible resources on election day. Help veterans access information to register to vote.

- Share information about how to obtain an absentee ballot.
- Drive veterans to their polling locations on Election Day, November 4, 2026.
- Direct them to the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.iowa.gov or their county auditor's website for questions about Iowa election security, 2026 candidates, and important voting deadlines.
- Promote voting through post websites, newsletters, and social media posts.
- Buddy Check members to see if they plan to vote or require assistance in casting their vote.

For more information and to access resources, visit https://sos.iowa.gov/iowans/veteran-programs.

DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS

Our Department Headquarters Office and our Department Service Office have many volunteers who assist us throughout the year. Some volunteer on a regular basis, while others volunteer occasionally for specific projects.

Our regular volunteers assist with filing, mailings, answering phones, and data entry. Volunteers also assist with building cleaning and maintenance, repairs, and other special projects.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our volunteer group, please contact Department Headquarters or the Department Service Office. Whenever we have a project, we will email the group to find available help.

DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

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720 Lyon Street	(515) 282-5068	info@ialegion.org
Des Moines, IA 50309	(515) 282-7583 (fax)	