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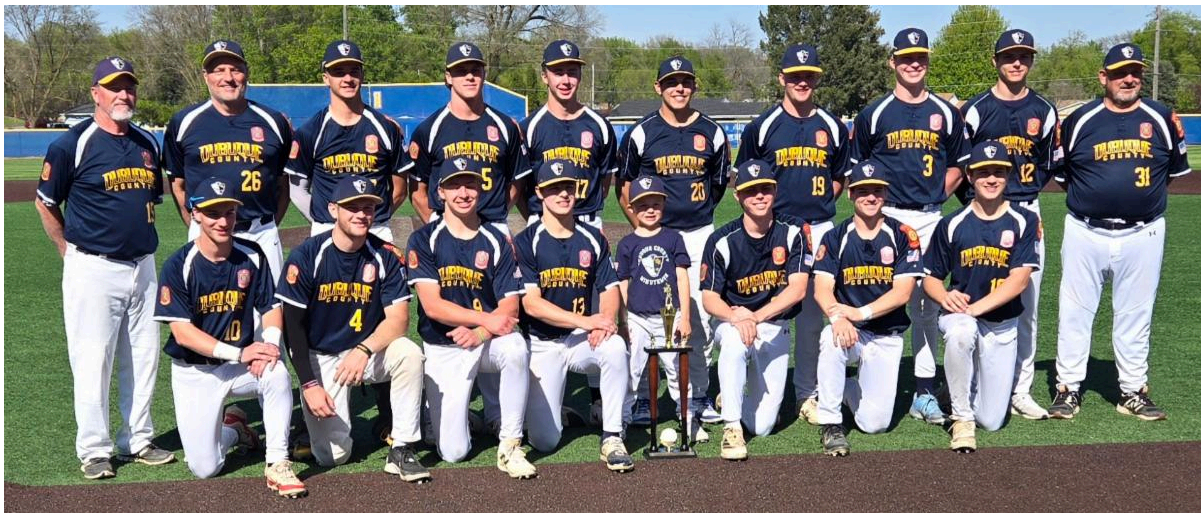
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2026 American Legion Baseball Department Champions

The 2026 Department Legion Baseball champion is **Dubuque County** from the **2nd District**. Dubuque County is sponsored by **Cascade Post 528, Dubuque Post 6, Dyersville Post 137, Epworth Post 650** and **Farley Post 656**.

Dubuque County won the State Tournament by beating Merville Post 303 by a score of 11-0 and 14-4 in a best-of-three games series. The games were hosted by Merville Post 303 played at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa on May 2.

Drew Sullivan of the Dubuque County team was awarded the Earl H. Proctor & Esther J. Proctor Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Drew pitched a complete game shutout giving up 1 hit, 1 walk and had 9 strikeouts.

Dubuque County will play in the Region 6 (Central Plains) Regional Tournament Aug 5-9 in Fargo, ND. Dubuque County won the East Area Tournament by beating last year's State Champion Swisher Post 671 by a score of 11-0 and beating Hiawatha Post 735 by a score of 5-1.

A big thank you to Merville Post 303 for hosting the State tournament and thank you to all the volunteers and Legion Families that helped in the tournament.

Mike Weber
Iowa Dept, Baseball Chairman



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National Convention
Louisville, KY

The National Convention will be **August 28 - September 3, 2026**, in Louisville, KY.

Delegates and Alternates were elected at the Spring District Conference. Those not elected as Delegates or Alternates can attend the National Convention as a guest.

Registration information, instructions, and forms are available on the Department website.

The deadline for National Convention registration is June 15.

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2026 Department Convention July 17-19, 2026

All meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport. Ask for the American Legion rate when making reservations.

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Pre-Register for Department Convention

American Legion and SAL members can save time in the registration line at Department Convention by pre-registering online. Have your payment made and your badge pre-printed and waiting for you.



Cutoff for advance registration is **July 9 at 12:00 pm.**

[Register Online](#)

Legionnaire of the Year

The Art McLaughlin Legionnaire of the Year nomination forms is available on our website. There is no limitation on the number of applicants for each District. Nomination forms must be submitted to Department Headquarters before **June 15**.



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NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

SAL Members Eligible for NEF Grants

Members of the Sons of The American Legion are eligible to receive grants from The American Legion's National Emergency Fund (NEF).

The NEF Trust Committee met May 4 during the Spring Meetings in Indianapolis to amend the trust to allow SAL members to apply for NEF grants.

While application forms and information on Legion.org are in the process of being updated to reflect the change, effective immediately, SAL members can apply for an NEF grant if they meet the necessary qualifications.

Similar to individual Legionnaires, SAL members may qualify for an NEF grant of up to \$3,000 if:

- They have been displaced from their primary residence due to damage sustained during a declared natural disaster. If emergency/disaster shelters are

available, and the applicant chooses not to stay at a shelter, their reason must be included in the application.

- The SAL member must be active at the time of the disaster and at the time of application.

NEF grants are not meant to replace or repair items, only to meet the most immediate needs (i.e., temporary housing, food, water, clothing, diapers, etc.) during the period immediately following the disaster. They also do not cover insurance compensation or monetary losses from a business, structures on your property (barns, tool sheds, etc.) equipment or vehicles.

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Legionnaire Insurance Trust Education & Training Webinar May 19, 2026 - 12:30 pm

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What You Will Gain:

Program Updates: Stay current on LIT benefits and program enhancements.

Proven Strategies: Actionable tools to grow engagement in the Department of Iowa.

Expert-Led Insights: Learn directly from LIT specialists and program partners.

Live Q&A: Get your questions answered in real time by the LIT team.

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The American Legion, Department of Iowa, extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who donated during the month of April. Your generosity provides vital support to our youth programs, local communities, and fellow veterans.

Area of Greatest Need

Bob Colin
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National Membership Standings May 13, 2026

33rd Place	Iowa	93.17%
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2026 Actual Membership: 30,094
2026 Membership Goal: 32,300

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Department Membership Standings May 15, 2026

1st Place	District 2	95.02%
2nd Place	District 6	93.53%
3rd Place	District 1	93.23%
4th Place	District 4	92.95%
5th Place	District 3	92.39%
6th Place	District 9	92.12%
7th Place	District 7	91.83%
8th Place	District 5	91.56%
9th Place	District 8	91.19%

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Department Calendar

May 21	American Legion of Iowa Foundation Annual Meeting
May 25	Memorial Day
May 25	Department Offices Closed
May 29	District Commander Orientation
May 29-31	Department Leadership School
Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 15	Consolidated Post Reports (CPRs) due
Jun 15	Legionnaire of the Year nominations due
Jun 15	National Convention Registration due
Jun 19	Juneteenth
Jun 19	Department Offices Closed

Jun 21-26	Boys State - Camp Dodge
Jun 26	Department Finance Commission
Jun 27	Department Executive Committee
Jul 4	Independence Day
Jul 4	Department Offices Closed
Jul 14-18	Junior Shooting Sports National Championship - Hillsdale College
Jul 17-25	Boys Nation - Washington, DC
July 17-19	Department Convention

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