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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.****

[Learn More / Register](#)

## 2026 Retiree Appreciation Day

On Thursday, August 13th, 2026, from 0700 to approximately 1230 hours the US Army Fort McCoy Retirement Services Office and the Central Iowa Military Retiree Council (CIMRC) will sponsor a Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD).

This event will be held at American Legion Post 403, 910 Main Street, Van Meter, IA 50261. Get updated information on military retiree benefits, TRICARE, Dental, VA eligibility and programs, funeral planning, financial planning and more.

There will be a representative present from the Iowa Veterans Cemetery. If you have an interest in pre-registering for veteran burial benefits, please review the application on their website at <https://dva.iowa.gov/iowa-veterans-cemetery>. The following documents will need to be provided as well: DD214 or NGB-22, and marriage certificate if applicable.

This is a free event; there is no cost to attend. However, pre-registration is requested to ensure an accurate headcount for vendors, a continental breakfast, and seating. If interested, please email your name, phone number and if you will be bringing a guest to: [centraliowamilitaryretirees@gmail.com](mailto:centraliowamilitaryretirees@gmail.com) – by **August 1, 2026**.



Thanks to all who participated or volunteered for the Stars Stripes Spirit 5K Run/1K Walk!



## 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.

[Learn More](#)



### 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](#)

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Thank you Des Moines Scheels for another successful flag exchange event!

## 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**.



[Learn More](#)



## Department Leadership School Attended by 68 Legion/SAL Members

The Department Leadership School was held May 29-31 at the Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport. Emerging leaders received instruction and training throughout the weekend as they prepare for leadership roles for the 2026-2027 year.

[Department Leadership School](#)

# LIT Product Spotlight ID Resolve



## WHAT is ID Resolve?

A comprehensive identity theft protection and restoration benefit.

Provides access to:

- Certified Resolution Specialists available 24/7
- Identity restoration support and case management
- Assistance with fraud alerts and credit freezes
- Lost wallet assistance
- Medical identity theft support
- Monitoring tools designed to help detect suspicious activity early

ID Resolve helps members navigate the complicated process of recovering from identity theft with real people ready to help.

## Why it matters:

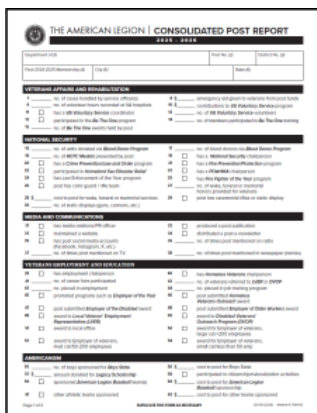
- Identity theft protection is no longer optional; it is a modern-day necessity.
- Members increasingly value practical real-world benefits that protect finances and personal information.

## How to take action:

- [Access FAQ](#)
- [Enroll Now](#)

“Identity theft can happen in minutes. Having trusted support can make all the difference.”

[Visit theLIT.com](http://theLIT.com)



## Consolidated Post Reports

The Consolidated Post Reports (CPR) have been mailed to each Post Adjutant on record. 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.

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.

Awards will be presented during the Department Convention.

[Learn More](#)



### National Legion College

The 2026 National Legion College class is scheduled for November 15-20, 2026.

The Department of Iowa is currently seeking two candidates. The prerequisites to apply for the National American Legion College are as follows:

- Current member in good standing for at least 3 consecutive years
- Demonstrates leadership potential
- Capable of developing/facilitating training
- Completed American Legion Basic Training and certificate is included with application
- Application is completed correctly and accurately by applicant
- Submitted by Department of Iowa **deadline of July 1.**

[Learn More](#)

### National Membership Standings May 31, 2026

35th Place	Iowa	93.49%
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2026 Actual Membership: 30,197  
2026 Membership Goal: 32,300

[View National Membership Report](#)

### Department Membership Standings

1st Place	District 2	95.54%
2nd Place	District 6	94.03%
3rd Place	District 4	93.93%
4th Place	District 1	93.52%
5th Place	District 3	92.82%
6th Place	District 7	92.25%
7th Place	District 9	92.22%
8th Place	District 5	92.03%
9th Place	District 8	91.29%

[View Department Membership Report](#)

## Department Calendar

Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 15	<a href="#">Consolidated Post Reports</a> (CPRs) due
Jun 15	<a href="#">Legionnaire of the Year</a> nominations due
Jun 15	<a href="#">National Convention Registration</a> due
Jun 19	Juneteenth
Jun 19	Department Offices Closed
Jun 21-26	<a href="#">Boys State</a> - Camp Dodge
Jun 26	Department Finance Commission
Jun 27	Department Executive Committee
Jul 4	Independence Day
Jul 4	Department Offices Closed
Jul 14-18	<a href="#">Junior Shooting Sports</a> National Championship - Hillsdale College
Jul 17-25	<a href="#">Boys Nation</a> - Washington, DC
Jul 17-19	<a href="#">Department Convention</a>
Aug 6-9	National Membership Workshop
<u>Aug 13-15</u>	<a href="#">American Legion World Series</a>
Aug 23-27	<a href="#">American Legion Legacy Run</a>
Aug 28-Sep 3	<a href="#">National Convention</a>

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