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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.**

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Visit Boys State

Legionnaires Day at Boys State will be Wednesday, June 24. If that day does not work for you, we welcome you to attend on another date.

As Legionnaires, we want you to see firsthand the leadership development and activities found only at Boys State!

Please complete this short form so we can plan for visitors and meals.

[Form](#)

Department Media Awards Announced

The Media and Communications Committee hosted an annual Media Contest in four categories. All categories require publication between May 1st and April 30th of the following year. All categories must be a publication of

- The American Legion (TAL)
- American Legion Auxiliary (ALA)
- Sons of The American Legion (SAL)
- American Legion Riders (ALR)

Or a joint publication of two or more of the organizations, at the local, county, or district level.

There is NO entry fee. Deadline for entry in all categories is April 30.

Categories:

1. Single Sheet
2. Multiple Sheet
3. Electronic Newsletter (e-mail)
4. Website/Social Media

Judging

Categories 1, 2, 3 are judged on content of TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR local, county, district, department (state) and national news, as appropriate, clear, concise and balanced writing, make-up, design, and appearance.

Category 4 is judged on local information, user-friendliness, the cover sheet which must contain the information listed below the site design, links, appropriateness of information, and attractiveness.



2026 Media Award Results:

- Category 1:
 - No entries
- Category 2:
 - First place Ames Post 37
 - Second place Marion Post 298
- Category 3:
 - First place Marion Post 298
 - Second place Ames Post 37
- Category 4:
 - First place Ames Post 37
 - Second place Dyersville Post 137



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

Area of Greatest Need

Bob Colin

Robert Haus

Willow Jacobsen

Patrick Morris

Dave & Ann Rehbein

Morris & Alice Ruby

Don Swan

Veterans Emergency Fund

Doug Honse

Lloyd Jones

Jennifer Rehbein

Squadron 37

Boys State

Dennis Britson

Post 548

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Jamie Barker

Bob Colin

Steve & Kim Dixon

Jim Peterson

Jim & Lu Rolfes

Post 37

Squadron 37

Service Office

Bob Colin

Don Swan

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Post Membership Materials

Incoming District Commanders received the 2027 Legion membership packets at the end of May for distribution. Below are the District Commanders for the upcoming membership year. If you need help contacting them, please call our office.

1st District	Kandice Miller
2nd District	Polly Graham
3rd District	Richard Echelberger
4th District	Jim Perry
5th District	Sam Blumer
6th District	Anthony Perdue
7th District	Mitch Brahms
8th District	Ruth Trecker
9th District	Larry Haitz

Need coffee mugs for your post?


Cases of new, unused ceramic coffee mugs are available for free to any post interested, while supplies last. They come in cases of 36. To arrange pickup, please contact Patricia Tonsi at (515) 491-6686.



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](#)



LIT Product Spotlight Travel Accident Protection

WHAT is Travel Accident Protection?

Travel Accident Protection program is designed to help provide additional financial protection during covered travel accidents. Benefits are paid regardless of other insurance coverage the member may already have.

What if I decide Travel Accident Protection isn't right for me?

There's no obligation with the program's "Free Look" Period. As soon as Legion Family members sign up, they will receive a Certificate of Insurance. They can look it over for a full 30 days. If they are not completely satisfied, the coverage will be cancelled and a refund of any premium paid will be made, as long as no claims were made during that time.

WHY it matters:

As a Legion Family member, you are officially eligible to receive this coverage. You cannot be turned down...regardless of your health, occupation, past driving records, or the number of miles you travel annually.

All benefit amounts reduce by 50% at age 75, regardless of age at enrollment.

*Please refer to the "[Terms](#)" section for exclusions.

HOW to take action:

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

A quick errand across town. A weekend getaway or family vacation. A business trip in a distant city - Legion Family members are always on the move.

[Activate TAP](#) now.

[Visit theLIT.com](#)

National Membership Standings June 14, 2026

37th Place	Iowa	93.84%
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2026 Actual Membership: 30,310

2026 Membership Goal: 32,300

[View National Membership Report](#)

Department Membership Standings June 15, 2026

1st Place	District 2	95.74%
2nd Place	District 4	94.37%
3rd Place	District 6	94.05%
4th Place	District 1	93.77%
5th Place	District 5	93.18%
6th Place	District 3	92.77%
7th Place	District 9	92.45%
8th Place	District 7	92.33%
9th Place	District 8	91.49%

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Department Calendar

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
Jul 17-19	Department Convention
Aug 6-9	National Membership Workshop
Aug 13-15	American Legion World Series
Aug 23-27	American Legion Legacy Run
Aug 28-Sep 3	National Convention

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