

July 2, 2026



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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.



Veterans Day at the Iowa State Fair Parade - America 250

To honor those most responsible for America's semiquincentennial, this year's Veterans Day at the Iowa State Fair Parade, August 17, will celebrate America 250-IA by honoring the veteran-patriots of every U.S. conflict.

Presented by the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) and the Iowa National Guard, we are calling on all Iowa veterans, military organizations, and community supporters to join us on the Grand Concourse. Whether you are marching to represent a specific era of service, organization, playing in a band, or showing your community's support, we want you in the lineup or along the route as we celebrate 250 years of American resilience.

Want to Participate in the Parade?



Option 1

March with The American Legion Family of Iowa - Walk for Veterans

The American Legion Walk for Veterans will be during the Veterans Parade at the Iowa State Fair on Monday, August 17, 2026. The parade begins at 11:00 am and participants are asked to be in the staging area between 7:00 am and 10:30 am.

Participants must register (free registration) with The American Legion of Iowa **before July 31, 2026**. The cost of a Walk for Veterans shirt is \$20.00. All walk participants must wear The American Legion Walk for Veterans shirt and must pre-register. All parade participants will receive free entry into the Iowa State Fair after the parade. Parking is not included.

Information, instructions, and forms are available on our website.

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Option 2 Register Your Own Unit with the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs

Interested participants can download the entry form directly at the event page on the Iowa Department of Veteran Affairs website.

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Honor Guard Reimbursement Forms Due July 31

Posts seeking reimbursement for military funeral honors conducted between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, must complete and submit the reimbursement form before July 31, 2026.

Forms are available on the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs website.

[Learn More](#)



Our office is closed
July 3rd.

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



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WHAT is Hospital Help Plan?

The Legionnaire Endorsed Hospital HELP Plan steps forward with benefits for hospital stays, intensive care, cardiac care or care for cancer, rehabilitative facilities, and V.A. hospitals.

What if I decide Hospital Help Plan isn't right for me?

There's no obligation with the program's 30-Day Free Look. As soon as you sign up, we'll send you a Certificate of Insurance. Look it over for a full 30 days. If you're not completely satisfied, just let us know. We'll cancel your coverage and give you a

complete 100% refund of any premium you've paid as long as you haven't made any claims during that time.

WHY it matters:

Do I need a medical exam to enroll?

Absolutely not. There are NO medical exams or health questions involved when you sign up for this important program. As a Legionnaire, you (and your spouse) are GUARANTEED coverage – no matter what your age or health now. (subject to the pre-existing conditions provision.*)

*Pre-existing conditions are any injury or sickness for which medical advice, care or treatment was received during the twelve-month period (six-month in ID, NV and SD) immediately prior to the effective date.

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HOW to take action:

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

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National Membership Standings June 25, 2026

38th Place	Iowa	93.97%
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2026 Actual Membership: 30,353
2026 Membership Goal: 32,300

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Department Membership Standings June 30, 2026

1st Place	District 2	96.14%
2nd Place	District 4	94.52%
3rd Place	District 6	94.31%
4th Place	District 1	93.81%
5th Place	District 5	93.78%
6th Place	District 3	93.09%
7th Place	District 7	92.83%

8th Place	District 9	92.64%
9th Place	District 8	91.98%

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Department Calendar

Jul 3	Department Offices Closed
Jul 4	Independence Day
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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