

2025-26 Information and **Deadline** Checklist for Units



All deadlines are FIRM!

August 2025

Aug 3 - President Kim Dixon's and Commander Darrin's Reception, Oskaloosa Legion from 1-4pm

Aug 22-23 National Convention, Tampa, FL

September 2025

Sept 1 - Labor Day - The Department office is closed.

Sept 12-14 - Des Moines Homeless Veterans Stand Down - Downtown Des Moines

October 2025

Oct 1 - Girls State Campwise log-in opens for all units. details available on iowagirlsstate.org

Oct 13 - Columbus Day observance - the department office is closed

Oct 20 - Gold club membership renewals are **due** to the department office

Oct 20 - ALAMIS Invoices **due - Required** for all users.

Oct 20 - Unit obligation form and check due in the department office - **Required**

Oct 20 - Poppy orders are due in the department office - **no late orders will be accepted**

November 2025

Nov 1 - President Kim Dixon's Fundraising Gala, Oskaloosa Legion, Cocktail at 5, Dinner at 6, Auction at 7, Band at 8:30 - Tickets are \$40

Nov 11 - Veterans Day - The Department Office is closed.

Nov 15 - PUFL and online reimbursement checks cut from Department Office

Nov 27-28 - Thanksgiving - The Department Office is closed

December 2025

Dec 5 - Department of Iowa Christmas Party

Dec 15 - Memberships **Due** in office - to be counted at National for January 2026 - **Required**

Dec 15 - Girls State unit hold codes will be sent out on the CAMPWISE Program

Dec 24-26 - Christmas - The Department Office is closed

January 2026

Jan 1 - New Year's Day - The Department Office is closed

Jan 1 - If your membership is unpaid, you do not qualify for AEF or other benefits

Jan 15 - Spring District Conference forms **due** to Department - **Required**

Jan 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - The Department Office is closed

Jan 22 - Flag Essay Entries **due** to Legion District Chairman

Jan TBA - Legislative Day at Capitol

February 2026

Feb 13-15 - Mid-Winter Conference, Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines

Feb 16 - President's Day - The Department Office is closed

Feb 17 - Registration open for Junior Camp

March 2026

Mar 1 - All National Scholarship Applications are **due** online

Mar 15 - American Legion Birthday

Mar 29 - National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Mar 31 - Girls State citizen registration **due** on CAMPWISE Program

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April 2026

- Apr 1 - Girls State staff registration **due** on CAMPWISE Program.
- Apr 1 - Junior Camp Registration **due** in the Department Office - no late registrations
- Apr 15 - Unit **Membership** Data Form - on the website under forms - **Required**
- Apr 15 - Unit **payment for registration due** on CAMPWISE
- Apr 30 - 2026-27 District, County, and Junior Officers forms **due** in the Department
- Apr 30 - Unit Impact Reports **due** to the County President. - **Required for all units**
- Apr 30 - All Unit Narrative Reports are to be sent to the appropriate Department Chairman for their reports and awards. Reports must be sent into the appropriate Chairman by the deadline, or they WILL NOT be considered for judging. DO NOT send narratives to the Department Office.

June 2026

- Jun 1 - Iowa Merit Award Applications **due** to the Dept. Education Chairman
- Jun 7-12 - Junior Camp at the Newton Christian Conference Center
- Jun TBA - Girls State at Drake University, Des Moines, IA
- Jun 15 - National Convention Del/Alt/Guests/Hotel forms **due** to the Department Office
- Jun 15 - Suggested Governing Document changes **due** to Sandy Deacon. Send a copy of the suggestions to the Department Office attention: Attention Crystal Wright. The fillable form is on the website
- Jun 19 - Juneteenth - The Department Office is closed
- Jun 20 - Poppy Proceeds check and report **due** to the Department Office
- Jun TBA - Girls State Inauguration at Drake University, Des Moines, IA
- Jun 30 - 2026-27 Unit Officers form **due** to the Department Office - **Required**. Also, send a copy to Incoming County and District President

May 2026

- May 1 - Junior Camp Refund Request **due** to Department. No late refunds are allowed due to insurance reasons.
- May 15 - County Impact Records **due** to District Presidents - Required
- May 20 - All District Impact Reports **due** to Department Headquarters - **Required**
- May 25 - Memorial Day - The Department Office is closed.

July 2026

- Jul 3-4 - Department Headquarters Office is closed in observance of the 4th of July
- Jul 17-19 - Department Convention, Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines
- Jul 20 - Day after the Convention, The Department Headquarters Office is closed.
- Jul 24 - Plan of Action **due** to Crystal at Department Office for publishing
- Jul 24 - Programs Workshop registration **due** at Department Office

Please Note: Many forms will be in the Unit/County/District Packets distributed to all Unit Presidents by your County and/or District Presidents from the end of May to the beginning of July 2025. All forms handed out can also be located online by going to iowaala.org, clicking on FORMS, then going down to Unit Resources, or County and District Resources. All Blue Books and Policy Manuals and Plan of Actions are available online under Publications.

Also check out our **website**: Programs and Event information and registration will be found on the website.

An **Electronic Newsletter** is now available to subscribers. If you want to subscribe, please go to the Iowa Auxiliary website (www.iowaala.org) and register, then go to CONTACT US and click on the subscription link.

Unit Narrative Awards - If you are applying for a National Unit Narrative Award, please follow the directions in the National Program Action Plan. <https://www.alaforveterans.org/members/programs-action-plan/>