BERT C. CRUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

$750

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY—DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

150 NW 40th Street Unit B, LINCOLN, NE 68528

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The **Bert C. Crum Memorial Scholarship** honors Bert C. Crum and his service to our country as a Vietnam veteran who was injured while serving. The $750 scholarship supports a deserving student pursuing education beyond high school while carrying forward Bert's legacy of service, sacrifice, perseverance, and concern for veterans and their families.

The **Bert C. Crum Memorial Scholarship** of $750 will be awarded to a graduating high school senior or individual currently enrolled in an accredited college, university, community college, trade school, or technical school. Preference will be given to applicants who are a child, grandchild, great-grandchild, or other direct descendant or immediate family member of a Vietnam-era veteran but is not a guarantee an applicant will receive the scholarship.

Applicants must:

- be a resident of Nebraska or attend an accredited Nebraska educational institution
- demonstrate good character and may be considered on the basis of community involvement, service, leadership, perseverance, academic achievement, educational goals, and financial need
- must be or have a Veteran connection

The completed application (including requested documents) must be submitted to and received (postmarked by March 1) by your local American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Unit.

ALA Unit #_____

Name _____
Local Unit Officer Name

Address_____
Address City State Zip

If the above is blank, your High School Counselor should be able to provide the name and address of the local ALA Unit where applications must be submitted or call the American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters at 402-466-1808.

If selected, the scholarship must be used within the year selected. Funding not released by January 1 will not be awarded.

The Scholarship Application must include all three (3) pages included with this packet when submitted.

Applicant's Name _____

1. Name of Applicant:_____

   Mailing Address:_____
   PO Box or Street City State ZIP

2. Name of school you are currently enrolled or last enrolled?
   _____Grade Level_____

   If not in school, what is your current occupation_____

3. Name of Veteran connection:_____
   Check their Branch of Service:

   __Army __Navy __Air Force __Marines __National Guard __Coast Guard __Reserves __Space Force

   Dates of Service (can be found on DD214 discharge paper)_____

   Relation of Veteran named above: _____

4. Institute of higher education you plan to attend:_____

5. **Applicant must provide all the following items**, assembled in the order given below, with this completed application form:

- Narrative must be provided from applicant addressing educational/career goals, school and community involvement, service, leadership or perseverance, and how the scholarship would help. Narrative should be no longer than 500 words.
- Two letters of recommendation on their letterhead and **must be signed** by the letter writer
  a. One (1) letter from an employer, clergy, or businessperson in the community
  b. One (1) letter from an administrator, guidance counselor, or teacher
- A high school resume which includes a list of community involvement, church activities and school activities/honors/awards. Include community service completed which includes a description of work, hours served, and a contact person with phone number.
- Letter of acceptance from chosen institute of higher education
- Certified Transcript (with seal) of high school (or college) grades GPA_____
- Proof of acceptance or enrollment in institute of higher education when available.

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Signature of Applicant

Applicant's Name _____

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- ✓ Individual students are welcome to apply for multiple ALA Nebraska scholarships; however, each American Legion Auxiliary Unit may submit **ONLY ONE** individual student per Department Scholarship. (Example--student "I Need Scholarship" applies for all three Department Scholarships. The Unit must submit "I Need Scholarship" for only one of the scholarships.) Each Unit may submit applications for all three scholarships, but each scholarship must be a different student.

The undersigned confirms that this scholarship application has been selected by:

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_____

Signature of ALA Unit Officer Date Daytime phone number

ALA UNIT shall MAIL or DELIVER before March 15 to:

American Legion Auxiliary
150 NW 40th Street Unit B
Lincoln, NE 68528

Applicant's Name _____

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

$500

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Career and Technical Education programs are offered through community colleges, trade schools and/or colleges/universities offering two (2) year programs for students who have the intention of going to the workforce after two years or less of higher education. These program areas are typically:

- Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree program (2 years in length)
- Diplomas (1 year)
- Certificates less than one (1) year
- **This Scholarship excludes applicants enrolled in a school of nursing.**

Applicants must:

- be a resident of Nebraska
- must have a Veteran connection or be a Veteran

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ALA Unit #_____

Name:_____
Local Unit Officer Name

Address: _____
Address City State Zip

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Applicant's Name _____

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   Mailing Address:_____
   PO Box or Street City State ZIP

2. Name of school you are currently enrolled or last enrolled?
   _____Grade Level_____

   If not in school, what is your current occupation_____

3. Name of Veteran connection:_____
   Check their Branch of Service:

   __Army __Navy __Air Force __Marines __National Guard __Coast Guard __Reserves __Space Force

   Dates of Service (can be found on DD214 discharge paper)_____

   Relation of Veteran named above: _____

4. Institute of higher education you plan to attend:_____

5. **Applicant must provide all the following items**, assembled in the order given below, with this completed application form:

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  a. One (1) letter from an employer, clergy, or businessperson in the community
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- A high school resume which includes a list of community involvement, church activities and school activities/honors/awards. Include community service completed which includes a description of work, hours served, and a contact person with phone number.
- Letter of acceptance from chosen institute of higher education
- Certified Transcript (with seal) of high school (or college) grades GPA_____
- Include one of these documents showing your score: ACT, SAT, Accuplacer

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Signature of Applicant

Applicant's Name _____

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Signature of ALA Unit Officer Date Daytime phone number

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Applicant's Name _____

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

$500

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The **Healthcare Professional Scholarship** of $500 will be awarded to a person enrolled in a four-year healthcare professional program.

Applicants must:

- be a resident of Nebraska
- must be or have a Veteran connection

The completed application (including requested documents) must be submitted to and received (postmarked by March 1) by your local American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Unit.

ALA Unit #_____

Name _____
Local Unit Officer Name

Address_____
Address City State Zip

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Applicant's Name _____

1. Name of Applicant:_____

   Mailing Address:_____
   PO Box or Street City State ZIP

2. Name of school you are currently enrolled or last enrolled?
   _____Grade Level_____

   If not in school, what is your current occupation_____

3. Name of Veteran connection:_____
   Check their Branch of Service:

   __Army __Navy __Air Force __Marines __National Guard __Coast Guard __Reserves __Space Force

   Dates of Service (can be found on DD214 discharge paper)_____

   Relation of Veteran named above: _____

4. Institute of higher education you plan to attend:_____

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- Two letters of recommendation on their letterhead and **must be signed** by the letter writer
  a. One (1) letter from an employer, clergy, or businessperson in the community
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- A high school resume which includes a list of community involvement, church activities and school activities/honors/awards. Include community service completed which includes a description of work, hours served, and a contact person with phone number.
- Letter of acceptance from chosen institute of higher education
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Applicant's Name _____

NEBRASKA ALA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

$500

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The **Nebraska ALA Memorial Scholarship** of **$500** shall be awarded to a qualified applicant accepted into an undergraduate or graduate (master's only) program at a four-year Nebraska college or university. Preference will be given to a former Nebraska Girls State Citizen who is seeking to teach middle school or junior high school social studies.

Applicants must:

- be a resident of Nebraska
- must be or have a Veteran connection

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ALA Unit #_____

Name _____
Local Unit Officer Name

Address_____
Address City State Zip

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2. Name of school you are currently enrolled or last enrolled?
   _____Grade Level_____

   If not in school, what is your current occupation_____

3. Name of Veteran connection:_____
   Check their Branch of Service:

   __Army __Navy __Air Force __Marines __National Guard __Coast Guard __Reserves __Space Force

   Dates of Service (can be found on DD214 discharge paper)_____

   Relation of Veteran named above: _____

4. Are you a graduate of Cornhusker Girls State ? YES ___ What year? ____ NO ___

5. ____I am a member, ____my parent, ____my grandparent, ____my great-grandparent is a member of (check all that apply)
   ____American Legion ____American Legion Auxiliary ____Sons of the American Legion

6. Institute of higher education you plan to attend:_____

7. **Applicant must provide all the following items**, assembled in the order given below, with this completed application form:

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Applicant's Name _____

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Navigating ALA Scholarships 101

WHAT ARE THE ALA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS?

Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship: One of the ways the American Legion Auxiliary serves our country's veterans and their families. Given to high school seniors who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans.

Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members: One of the ways the American Legion Auxiliary gives to those who are Junior members. Given to current ALA Junior members who are high school seniors and who have been Junior members for the past three years.

Non-Traditional Student Scholarship: One of the ways the ALA helps those part of The American Legion Family, veterans, and veteran or active-duty military spouses pursue a college degree later in life or allow them to pick up where they left off when their studies were interrupted.

Member Loyalty Scholarship: One of the ways the ALA helps former American Legion Auxiliary Junior members who retain their membership into adulthood. Given to current college students.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Be sure to check if your scholarship requires providing letters of recommendation. Please have your reference include their contact information. Letters of recommendation from family members will not be accepted.



Letters of recommendation must be received by the March 1 deadline.

The letters of recommendation may be attached to the scholarship application directly or emailed to education@ALAforVeterans.org.

If letters of recommendation are emailed, please include the name of the student, as well as the scholarship for which the student is applying in the subject line.

Check out more information about our ALA national scholarships using the QR code above.

Or visit www.ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships

Who do I contact with questions? Email National Headquarters at education@ALAforVeterans.org.

"I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the kind and generous individuals who contribute to the scholarship funds of the ALA. Their support provides financial assistance and opens doors of opportunities for students like me."



— Latisha Wagner, Non-Traditional Student Scholarship Recipient

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American Legion Auxiliary Eligibility changes

What Changed? More family relationships eligible

* Grandmother to Grandparent
* Mother to Parent
* Sister to Sibling
* Daughter to Child
* Grandaughter to Grandchild

Adopted relationships are eligible

Application Verification:
completed by an officer of
an American Legion post
or American Legion Auxiliary unit

What Stays the Same

* Living Veterans - Must still be member of The American Legion
* Deceased Veteran - must have served during applicable War Era & honorably discarged or died in service
* Female Veterans - join under their own service without being a member of The American Legion unless someone is joining under their service.
* Spouses - Male or female spouses of veterans

Still Not Eligible

* Male Veterans - Under their own service
* Nieces, Nephews, Aunts and Uncles
* Sister-in-Law's & Brother-in-Law's
* Step Children
* Great Grandparents and Great Grandchildren per IRS requirements

New Applications available at www.nebraskalegionaux.net/membership/.
Questions contact Justina Birkel at 402-389-0537
or email: jbirkel.ala@gmail.com

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Families Accomplishing Rewarding Memories





Nebraska Deparment Membership Awards



Barn Builder Award

*50% paid Membership by December 8, 2026

Grand Island Gift Shop Day

*Award given to Unit President and Membership Chair





Lofty Goals Award

*85% paid Membership by February 18, 2027

National Caregiver Day

*Award given to Unit President and Membership Chair







Nebraska Department Membership Challenges

Tack Room Cleanup Challenge

Contact your Members and verify and update contact information

Deadline 12/31/2026





"Out to Pasture" Challenge

Focus on members that you haven't seen for awhile or work on getting former members to rejoin. Let's work on bringing these members "Back to the Barn" and not leave them "Out to Pasture"

Deadline 6/1/2027





Barn Raiser Challenge

Have a membership event and include the entire Legion family

Deadline 6/1/2027





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Tack Room Cleanup Challenge

Contact your Members and verify and update contact information

Deadline 12/31/2026





Unit Name and Number: _____



How many membes contacted: _____



Unit Membership Chair: _____

Phone #: _____



Email Address: _____











Please send to Justina Birkel by deadline
89101 Meadville Ave, Ainsworth NE 69210
or email jbirkel.ala@gmail.com

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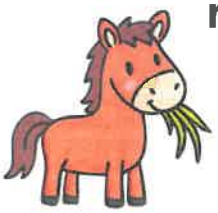




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Unit Name and Number: _____



How many members did you connect with:

How many membes rejoined: _____



Unit Membership Chair: _____



Phone #: _____,

Email Address: _____





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Barn Raiser Challenge

Have a membership event and include the entire Legion family

Deadline 6/1/2027





Unit Name and Number: _____

Tell me about your event: _____

_____

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Unit Contact _____ **:** _____

Phone #: _____



Email Address: _____



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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

2027: RECRUIT/REJOIN 10

Members who recruit and/or rejoin 10 junior or senior Auxiliary members for the 2027 membership year. Rejoins must not have paid membership dues since 2023 or earlier.

One entry per recruiter.

Certified forms must be received at ALA National Headquarters by June 7, 2027.
Please send this form to your department headquarters office no later than one week prior to the deadlines.

New members must be paid in ALAMIS by June 1, 2027.

ENTRY/CERTIFICATION FORM

Please type or print legibly and fill out the form completely. Incomplete forms may not be processed.

Recruiter's Name: _____ Member ID#: _____

Recruiter's Department: _____ Unit #: _____ Email: _____

Recruiter's Address: _____

_____

Names of *New/Rejoined* Members	Member ID#	Names of *New/Rejoined* Members	Member ID#
1. _____		6. _____	
2. _____		7. _____	
3. _____		8. _____	
4. _____		9. _____	
5. _____		10. _____	

Certified by Department Secretary: DATE: _____

Department Secretary
Printed Name: _____ Dept: _____

Dept Secretary Signature *(required)*: _____

***I certify that all 10 members are new or rejoined into the 2027 year.**
***I've provided or verified member ID numbers and that the form is filled out legibly and completely.**

DO NOT SEND INCOMPLETE FORMS or more than 1 form per recruiter.

Units: Send form to your department secretary.

Departments:

Please either scan and email to:
membership@ALAforVeterans.org
(Subject line: Recruit 10/ Member Name & ID)

Or

Fax: (317) 569-4502 (Attn: Membership)

***Must be received at NHQ no later than midnight June 7, 2027.**

Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2027 National Membership Committee Chairman.
One award per recruiter.

Poppy Poster Contest Rules

Units shall sponsor contests in local schools. When schools do not conduct activities, other youth groups — including Junior members — may participate under direct supervision of the unit.

Contest Classes

- Class I: Grades 2 and 3
- Class II: Grades 4 and 5
- Class III: Grades 6 and 7
- Class IV: Grades 8 and 9
- Class V: Grades 10 and 11
- Class VI: Grade 12
- Class VII: Students with special needs defined as:
    a. Those in special education classes.
    b. A student recommended for special education classes but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors.
    c. A child identified as having a disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities; identification contingent upon discretion of school officials.

Poppy Poster Requirements

1. Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Articles "a", "and," "an", "the" are not to be counted as words. The words "buddy" and "buy" cannot be used.
2. The words "American Legion Auxiliary" must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10-word count.
3. Each poster must include a red poppy.
4. The department shall determine the closing date of the unit contest. The poster shall be on 11x14" poster board. (Drawing paper will not be accepted).
5. The United States flag may be used as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.
6. Posters will be judged using the following criteria:
    - 50% - poster appeal (layout, message, originality)
    - 40% - artistic ability (design and color)
    - 10% - neatness
7. Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils, and markers.
8. Written in ink on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age, and grade of the contestant and the name of the department.
9. Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.

10. The poster shall be the work of only one individual.
11. The label "In Memoriam" from the veteran-made poppy may not be used.

Poppy Poster Contest Judging and Awards

1. Each department shall establish its own procedure for judging.
2. A citation will be given for the most outstanding poster in each classification within the five divisions.
3. Unit members should follow deadlines and process for the department. All department entries are due to the division chairman by June 1.
4. While ALA representatives will do their best to return all posters, it is not guaranteed. We recommend participants take a picture or scan their poster for their records.
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POPPY POSTER CONTEST
COVER SHEET

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors a Poppy Poster Contest for students in grades 2-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into seven classes. One award in each of the seven classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive $50 and a $50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at www.ALAforVeterans.org after national convention.

Poster Classes:

Class	Grade Level
I	2 and 3
II	4 and 5
III	6 and 7
IV	8 and 9
V	10 and 11
VI	12
VII	Students with special needs

Class competing in: _____

Sponsoring ALA unit: _____

Due date for student to return to ALA unit: _____

To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:

Student Name: _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

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E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

School Name: _____

City/State of School: _____

Parent or Teacher Name and Signature: _____

Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered.):

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: _____

Signature of Unit Poppy Chairman/President: _____

Unit winner due to Department on: _____ Department: _____

Signature of Department Chairman: _____

Department winner due to National Poppy Division Chairman by June 1

POPPY CENTERPIECE CONTEST – 2026-2027

The following rules apply to both the Senior and Junior Poppy Centerpieces

- Remove the labels from the poppies used in the centerpiece.
- **SENIORS** – use Department President Vicki's theme – "Families Accomplishing Rewarding Memories" – F.A.R.M.
- **JUNIORS** – use Honorary Department Junior President Kendall's theme – "Clearer Connections for Every Veteran."
- Poppies must be predominant, using a sufficient number of small or large poppies or a combination of both to make a nice arrangement.
- The American Flag MAY NOT be used in the centerpiece.
- Centerpieces should have a maximum height of 12 inches and width of 12 inches to allow for viewing from all sides.
- **SENIOR** centerpieces are the work of a member of the Unit displaying it.
- Unit name, number, and town should be securely affixed to the bottom of the centerpiece.
- Each District winning centerpiece will be eligible for the Department winning centerpiece.

LITTLE MISS POPPY CONTEST (AGES 6-12)

- Participants must be between 6 and 12 years of age as of June 1 and be a Junior member in good standing of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- Promotional activity of the poppy story must occur through The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the community during the timespan of May 1 of the current year to April 30 of the following year.
- For National Little Miss Poppy consideration, participants must submit a Little Miss Poppy award electronic application with supporting documentation.
- All entries are due by 5 p.m. on June 1.
- In addition to the information on the award application, please include documentation on the criteria below. Accepted formats are Word document, Google Slide, or .pdf. PowerPoint presentations may also be uploaded via Google Slides. For mor information on Google Slides, please visit https://www.google .com/slides/about/.

Criteria for judging Little Miss Poppy entries:

- The memorial poppy must be visible in all promotion and publicity submitted.
- There is no specific dress code or dress color for Little Miss Poppy.
- Promotion of the Poppy Program: What did you share and do?
- Publicity of poppy activities (newspapers, radio/TV, etc.).
- Submitted file must include the following information (both pictures and descriptions)
    - What I learned during my time as Little Miss Poppy?
    - How I shared the story of the poppy with my community?
    - What does the poppy mean to me?
    - What activities did I attend to promote the poppy and its meaning?
- Age-appropriate originality with considerations for neatness and creativity.

The Little Miss Poppy (age 6-12) winner may be invited to the ALA National Convention immediately following her selection and if she so chooses, will travel at her own expense.

The winner of the National Little Miss Poppy contest will receive a citation plaque.

SERVICE TO VETERANS – Tray Favors & Centerpieces

This list provides you with information for Centerpieces
and Tray Favors for our Veteran Facilities

GRAND ISLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER (GIVAMC)
Carmen Larson – 308-380-3537
10 Centerpieces

OMAHA VA MEDICAL CENTER (OVAMC)
Paula Pillen – 402-630-6583
75 Tray Favors

CENTRAL NEBRASKA VETERANS' HOME (CNVH)
Kathy Fisher – 308-627-4454
150 Tray Favors

EASTERN NEBRASKA VETERANS' HOME (ENVH)
Donna Smith – 402-250-3309
24 Centerpieces

NORFOLK VETERANS' HOME (NVH)
LaRee Kubes – 402-841-6813
20 Centerpieces

WESTERN NEBRASKA VETERANS' HOME – (WNVH)
Cecil Doshier – 308-631-7093
13 Centerpieces
90 Tray Favors

For signing up to provide either centerpieces or tray favors, contact Mary Ann Boldt at 308-870-4772. Some facilities have restrictions on what can be used when making the centerpieces or tray favors. If you have any questions regarding the materials you can use, please contact the *Facilities Contact Person* listed above.

- REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR ASSIGNMENTS 2 – 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE MONTH THEY ARE DUE –

ALA CALENDAR

January

MEMBERSHIP
LEGISLATIVE
NATIONAL SECURITY
Educational Conference

February

MEMBERSHIP
AMERICANISM
Four Chaplain's Day
President's Day

March

MEMBERSHIP
National Scholarships due
Department Scholarships due
The American Legion's 108th BD
ALAF Celebrating Women of Service

April

MEMBERSHIP
CHILDREN & YOUTH
Month of the Military Child
Purple Up! Day for Military Kids
Juniors Conference
End of Year Reports due
Arbor Day

May

MEMBERSHIP
POPPY
GOLD STAR
Teacher Appreciation Week
National Military Appreciation Month

June

MEMBERSHIP
GIRLS STATE
Flag Day
Women's Veteran Day
Department Convention

July

GIRLS NATION
Independence Day
Plan Unit's Activities for the Year

August

MEMBERSHIP
National Convention

September

MEMBERSHIP
Labor Day
Veteran's Day at the State Fair
Gold Star Mother's Day
POW/MIA Recognition Day

October

MEMBERSHIP
EDUCATION – Give 20 to Education
Creative Arts Festival
Make a Difference Day

November

MEMBERSHIP
Veterans' Day
Dollar Days
American Education Week
National Veterans &
Military Family Month
American Legion Auxiliary's 107th BD

December

MEMBERSHIP
VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION
Dues paid by De. 31 or lose benefits
Gifts for Yanks
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
National Wreaths Across America

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