



2026-2027

Program Guide

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Theme: FOCUS-Family Organization for
Community Unity and Service

Colors: Blue and Green

Flowers: blue hydrangea, poppies

Songs: Old Rugged Flag by Johnny Cash,
Black Sheep by Ben Fuller, Amazing Grace
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Calendar of Events:

September-Junior Activities, Publicity & Music, 9/11 National Day of Service & Patriot Day, send Gift Shop items by October 1st, reports from Girls State, plan unit programs for the year, National POW/MIA Day 9/18, attend District meeting, Gold Star Mothers/Family Day 9/27, mandatory obligations

October-Education, poppy orders to HQ, Make a Difference Day 10/24, mandatory obligations

November-Membership, observe ALA birthday 11/10, Veteran's Day 11/11, poppy orders to HQ, mandatory obligations

December-VA & R, Christmas program at unit meeting, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 12/7

January-Legislative, National Security, sponsor Legislative programs, Martin Luther King Day 1/18, Plan poppy contest/ Miss Poppy

February-Americanism, Girls State & Journalism applications due March 1st, Mid-Winter Oacoma 2/19-2/21/2027, Americanism Poem & Essay, Pay Past President Parley dues, District Meetings March/April

March-Community Service, Legion birthday observed 3/15, Unit Member of the Year due to District Presidents

April-Children & Youth, Good Deed/Youth Hero awards, Purple Up for military kids 4/15, annual reports due District Presidents 4/15

May-Poppy & Mother's Day, election & installation of unit officers, poppy distribution, Mother's Day/Poppy Day Programs, remit 25% of poppy proceeds to Dept HQ by 6/10, elect delegates to Dept Convention and remit registration fee, Girls State 5/23-27

June-Girls State week 5/23-27@USD Vermillion, Dept Convention, Sioux Falls 6/18-20, Flag Day Program 6/14, PTSD Awareness Month

July/August-4th of July, 30 Days prior to National Convention-held in Kansas City, MO 8/27-9/2/2027

What VA Facility does my unit support?

Ft Meade VA: All of Districts 1 and 4

Hot Springs VA: All of District 2 and 3 and District 5: Big Stone City, Britton, Grenville, Langford, Milbank, New Effington, Pierpont, Revillo, Rosholt, Roslyn, Sisseton, Strandburg, Veblen, Waubay, Wilmot

Sioux Falls VA: All of District 7 and District 5: Astoria, Aurora, Bradley, Brookings, Bryant, Carpenter, Castlewood, Clark, Clear Lake, Elkton, Estelline, Gary, Raymond, Toronto, Volga, Watertown, Webster, White, Willow Lake

Hot Springs State Home: All of District 6

Human Service Center: All of District 8

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