



District 4 September, 2026 Newsletter
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September Calendar

Labor Day
September 7th

Patriot Day
September 11th

POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 18th

Gold Star Mother/Family Day
September 27th

District 4 Fall Meeting
October 24th

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I hope you had a great summer and enjoyed celebrating America's 250th birthday on July 4th. Many units were involved in 250th celebrations and I know those celebrations will continue through the rest of the year. **THANK YOU** to 250 years of veterans fighting for and defending our freedom!



While many units have been on break from activities and meetings over the summer, the SD ALA has still been busy. **THANK YOU** to district 4 members who helped host the Department ALA convention in Aberdeen in June! Your time was greatly appreciated. In August, the Finance Committee and the Department Executive Committee (DEC) met in Piedmont and several ALA members including me will represent our SD Department at the National ALA/Legion convention in Louisville August 28 – September 3.

As our new ALA year begins, our units will get busy again. **REMEMBER** to track your hours and dollars spent serving our veterans! Please keep me informed of community events your unit is sponsoring or participating in. I look forward to meeting members in the year ahead.

 **Membership:** Units should soon be receiving 2027 membership renewal packets from Department Headquarters. Members will receive renewal notices this fall. At convention, a Department dues increase was approved. That increase will not take effect until the 2028 membership year so dues notices should be the same as last year unless your unit had a local change. It is **NOT TOO LATE** for members to pay current year dues in order to maintain their continuous membership.

 **Unit Officers & Chairs report:** If you haven't already, please make sure to submit the Unit Officers & Chairs 2026-2027 form. Even if officers & chairs are the same, please submit one copy of the form to me and one to the SD ALA office, P.O. Box 983, Mitchell, SD 57301.

- ✚ **sdlegionaux.org** The website for our Department has had a major facelift! Give it a look when you have a minute. THANK YOU to Webmaster Kayla Kennedy for the new look and to Kayla and Department Secretary Amy Howard for continuing to update the site and forms. There are still items being added to the site, but it should be an excellent resource for unit officers, chairs and members.
- ✚ **Fall District Meeting:** Mark your calendars for the fall District 4 meeting on October 24th in Leola. The meeting is scheduled to start at 12:30 with a joint lunch with the Legion at 2:00. I will provide the location and other information as I receive it. Please let your unit members know of this date. Many of our Department officers and program chairs travel to these meetings and we can show our support of them by attending the meeting.



Patrice Sorenson, Department President 2026-2027

Theme: "Focus"

- Family
- Organization for
- Community
- Unity and
- Service

Colors: Blue & green

Flower: Blue Hydrangea and Red Poppy

Songs: "Black Sheep" by Ben Fuller and

"Amazing Grace" by Ani DiFranco

Spoken Word: "Ragged Old Flag" by Johnny Cash

