



September 2026

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District 6 Meeting, Saturday, September 19, Half Pint Bar in De Smet, SD. Meeting will begin at 10 AM. Please encourage your members to attend the District meeting as we have important updates, changes to discuss and information to share. See attached flier for more information. Along with hearing reports and updates from our Department Officers and Chairpersons, we will be discussing District Dues. As a new District President, I would like to see representation from all Units.

2026-27 Officers List

Thank you to those Units who have sent in your officers list: Alexandria, Artesian, Emery, Iroquois, Mitchell, Mt. Vernon, Wessington, Wessington Springs, White Lake, Wolsey and Woonsocket. **If you are not on this list, please send me your 2026-27 officers list as soon as possible!** If your Unit President does not have email, please include the name of someone in your Unit who does have email and is willing to receive mailings and share the information with your unit.

Department Website Redesign

Kayla Kennedy has been working hard on the Department website redesign. Please check it out, it has great resources and a lot of information.

<https://sdlegionaux.org>

July DEC updates

I attended my first official DEC meeting in Piedmont, SD, along with President Patrice's homecoming. During the meetings:

- the 2025-26 budget was reviewed and the 2026-27 budget was presented
- beginning with 2027-28 year, Department dues increase of \$5 for senior members and junior dues will increase to \$5 per member
- President Patrice introduced a new Unit award called the FOCUS Award. See attached flyer for more information.
- American Legion Auxiliary has a new fundraising opportunity: Amazon Smile Associates. I'll try to find more information to distribute at the District meeting. However, you can go into your Amazon account and search Smile and should be able to follow the link to select who you want your percentage to go to.

I would like to start attending your Unit meetings, please let me know when you will be meeting and I'll work out a schedule. It is always great to get out and meet new people, and see how other people do things.

Fall District Meetings:

Saturday, September 19, District 6 Half Pint Bar in De Smet, SD 10 am meeting

Saturday, September 19, District 5 Police Dept. Community Room, Watertown, 3 PM start

Saturday, September 26, District 2, Post 22, Rapid City, morning meeting

Sunday, September 27, District 1, Post 311 Piedmont, noon meeting

Saturday October 3, District 3, Post 8, Pierre, 11 Am meeting with meal to follow

Saturday, October 10, District 7, Post 266, Tea, Social 1, 2 PM meeting

Sunday, October 11, District 8, Post 194, Parkston, Social 1, Meeting 2

Saturday, October 24, District 4, Post 78, Leola, Social 11:30, noon meeting, meal 2 PM