South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary

OCTOBER'S PROGRAM FOCUS IS EDUCATION

Fall District Meetings









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UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS

October 10 - District 7 Tea - Social at 1 pm meeting at 2 pm

October 10 - Sioux Falls - Department Commander Homecoming - Social at 4:30pm; Dinner and program to follow

October 11 - District 8 - Parkston - Social at 1 pm meeting at 2 pm

October 24 - District 4 - Leola - Social at 11:30 am; meeting at 12 pm; meeting at 2 pm

Reminders

- Poppy orders should be completed as soon as possible
- Department Obligations need to be paid
- Membership goal for our Department is to reach 50% of our 2027 membership goal by Veteran's Day.
- If you have not turned in your Unit Officers/Unit Chairman forms to myself and our Secretary Amy Howard, please do so.
- Donations for the HSC Christmas Party should be sent to our Department Secretary by November 1.



HSC BINGO

Bingo for the Human Services Center in Yankton, South has two more Bingo sessions in 2026 scheduled with District 8 American Legion Auxiliary Units.

October 5th at 1:00 pm - Irene and Wakonda Units

December 7th at 1:00 pm - Tabor and Yankton Units

Please bring treats for the Bingo winners in the form of individually wrapped candy, soda (caffeine free), etc. Just little fun things to give away as prizes. Thank you for continuing to do this service.

2026-2027 ALA Mission Training & National Junior Meetings

Nov. 14: Omaha, NE*
Jan. 30: Albany, N.Y.*
Jan. 30: Springfield, Ill.
Feb. 6: Atlanta, Ga.
Feb. 6: Las Vegas, Nev.*

The link to register can be found on the ALA National Website under Member Portal /Training.

INFO TO REMEMBER

- OCT 10 - COMMANDER BILL'S HOMECOMING
- OCT 12 – NATIVE AMERICAN DAY
- OCT 13 – NAVY BIRTHDAY
- OCT 24 – MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
- OCT 31 – HALLOWEEN

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This year's theme set by our National Department President Dr. Coral May Grout is, "A Beacon for Veterans" featuring a lighthouse. You will see this reflected in our membership drive.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in learning more about the American Legion Auxiliary whether it be in person or online. There are several opportunities available if this is something that you individually or as a unit would like to learn more about.

Online: ALA Academy: This is found on the National American Legion Auxiliary website that has several different opportunities including self-paced courses and online scheduled webinars. The self-paced courses that are offered are

- Member Orientation
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Branding
- Communication Methods
- Unit Fundraising and ALA Foundation Grants
- Introduction to Conflict Resolution
- ALA Leadership: Living Our Motto of Service Not Self
- Specifically for Juniors – ALA Juniors E-Learning Course

Live Webinars – Must Register

- 10/13/2026 – ALA MythBusters: Membership and Governance
- 10/20/2026 – Creative Arts, Veteran Wellness and You
- 10/27/2026 – Choosing a Medicare Plan
- 11/03/2026 – More Than Membership: Discover Your ALA Benefits
- 11/09/2026 – From Department Leadership to National Service

If you miss a webinar, they do record them so you can still watch it when it works for your schedule. There is also a long list of previous webinars that are accessible as well on the site.

https://www.legion-aux.org/ala-academy