

District 8

South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary

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Monthly
Newsletter

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2026 National Convention

2026 National Convention in Louisville, KY

Louisville, KY hosted the 2026 ALA National Convention from August 28 - September 3, 2026. As this was my first convention, it very much so mirrored what our state convention looked like with the addition of one day that included a time period of breakout sessions. There was a lot of downtime in the afternoons, allowing for some exploration of Louisville.



District Meetings

September 19 - Dist. 5 - Watertown - 3pm

September 19 - Dist. 6 - Desmet-10 am 1/2 Pint Bar

September 26 - Dist.2 - AM - Rapid City post #22

September 27 - District 1 - 11 am - Piedmont

October 3 - District 3 - Pierre 11am meet; 12:30 meal

October 10 - Dist. 7 - Tea 1pm social; 2pm meeting

October 11 - District 8 - Parkston 1pm social; 2pm meet

October 24 - Dist. 4 - Leola 11:30 social; 12:30 meeting

Dates To Remember

September 7th: Labor Day
September 11th: Patriot Day
September 16th: American Legion Day
September 18th: POW/MIA Recognition
September 18th: Air Force Birthday
September 27th: Gold Star Mother's Day

South Dakota State Fair -

September 2nd -

September 7th

Volunteers Needed!!

**Take a shift at the American Legion
Auxiliary Family booth in Huron. These
count as volunteer hours. If interested
please contact Mary Jo Boner at
605-695-9695.**

Reminders:

- Please send in your list of unit officers to both myself and our Dept Secretary, Amy Howard if you have not already done so. Otherwise the previous unit president will continue to receive mail and email notifications.
- Dues are the same price as last year. The \$5 increase will not start until the 2027-2028 year.
- Membership chairman and unit members let's start collecting membership dues and looking to our friends and family members that may be interested in joining. We have to start recruiting younger members and engaging them in order to keep our organization going.
- If you have not had a chance, please take some time to check out the newly updated ALA Dept website. Kayla Kennedy has done a great job revamping it and making it much more user friendly.
- Our District 8 meeting will be held in Parkston on October 11th. There is a social at 1 pm followed by our meeting at 2 pm. I hope to see you all there.
- I'd love to start meeting with the units in our District. I'd prefer to do it in person as I feel that I can get to know people better that way. Please invite me a meeting or if you ladies get together for coffee or something like that I'd love to come.



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