

JULY FOCUS: Leadership

*American Legion Family Day (Date & location to be determined)

*District Executive Board Meetings

- 1- ALA NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS
- 1- BE THE ONE (Initiative to reduce veteran suicide)
- 1- Women's Army Corp Established 1942
- 1- Cadet Nurses Corp Established 1943
- 1- Air Forces Nurses Corp Established 1949
- 2- U S Army Air Corp Established 1926
- 2- Made in America Day 1989
- 4- Independence Day 1776
- 14- Bastille Day
- 16- Rural Transit Day 2019
- 25- National Hire A Veteran Day 2017
- 27- Nat'l Korean War Veteran Armistice Day 1953
- 28- National Buffalo Soldiers Day 1992
- 28- World War I Began 1914
- 29- Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary 1775
- 30- Navy Women's Reserves (WAVES) Est. 1942

AUGUST FOCUS: Public Relations; Nat'l Mentoring Month; Antiterrorism Awareness

*Department American Legion Family Homecoming (Date & location to be determined)

*Legacy Run Prior to National Convention

*National American Legion Family Convention (Date & location to be determined)

- 1- BE THE ONE (Initiative to reduce veteran suicide)
- 4- Coast Guard Established 1790
- 5- Women Air Force Service Pilots Est. 1943
- *- VOTE – 2nd Tuesday in August – PRIMARY (For Election Years)
- 7- Purple Heart Medal Established 1782
- 7- Vietnam War Began 1964
- 10- U S Department of Defense Birthday 1947

MONTHLY OBLIGATIONS / OBSERVANCES/ PROGRAM IDEAS

- 10- Agent Orange Awareness Day 1961
- 10- Spirit of '45 Day (2nd Sunday in August) 2010
- 14- Navajo Code Talkers Day 1982
- 14- End of War with Japan Announced 1945
- 16- National Airborne Day 1940
- 19- National Aviation Day 1939
- 26- Women's Equality Day 1920 (right to vote) / Gender Equality 1973
- 29- Marine Corps Reserves Birthday 1916
- 31- Iraqi Freedom Ended 2010

SEPTEMBER FOCUS: C&B; Nat'l Suicide Prevention; Nat'l Service Dog Month

- *State Fair Booth in Hutchinson
- *ALA Fall Conference (Date & location varies)
- *American Legion Riders State Rally
- *TAL Department Golf Tournament
- *ALA Bowling Tournament
- *District American Legion Family Homecomings
- *Track volunteer service/hours for reporting ([Unit Impact Report Form](#))
- *Purchase Eisenhower Pilgrimage Rose or Wreath
- *Download [National ALA Program Book](#) and Updated [Unit Guide Book](#)
- *Update Constitution & Bylaws (Copy to Unit File, District & Department)

- 1- BE THE ONE (Initiative to reduce veteran suicide)
- 2- Victory over Japan (V-J) Day 1945
- 3- American Revolution Ended 1783
- *Grandparents Day (1st Sunday after Labor Day) 1979
- 10- Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron Founded 1942
- 10- U S Naval Sea Cadets Corp Inc. 1962
- 11- National Day of Service & Remembrance / Patriot's Day for 9/11/2001 (2009)
- 13- Uncle Sam Day 1989
- 17- Citizenship Day Began 1952/ 1955
- 17- Constitution Day - U S Constitution Approved 1787
- *- POW-MIA Recognition Day (3rd Friday in September)

MONTHLY OBLIGATIONS / OBSERVANCES/ PROGRAM IDEAS

18- Air Force Birthday 1947

18- Air National Guard Birthday

*- National POW-MIA Recognition Day (3rd Friday in September) 1979

*- Gold Star Mothers / Families Day (Last Sunday in September) 1936

21- Johnny Appleseed Day (Alternative date March 11)

OCTOBER FOCUS: Past Presidents Parley; Agent Orange Awareness; Breast Cancer Awareness & Check-ups.

*Fall Conference (Date & location varies)

*- Reception/Dinner @ Chapman (PM before Eisenhower Pilgrimage)

*Eisenhower Pilgrimage – Abilene (Held the weekend closest to his birthday the 14th)

*Dept TAL Commander, ALA President, & SAL Commander Homecoming

*District American Legion Family Homecomings

1- BE THE ONE (Initiative to reduce veteran suicide)

7- Enduring Freedom Began Afghanistan War 2001

7- Global War on Terrorism & Gulf War Veterans Day

10- National Homeless Awareness Day & National Handbag Day

13- U S Navy Birthday 1775

18- Pink Day Breast Cancer Awareness

20- Women's Army Corp Disestablished

23- Grenada Campaign Began 1985

24- United Nations Day

26- Day of the Deployed 2006

*- Make A Difference Day (celebrated 4th Saturday in October) 1992

27- National Navy Day 1922

27- National Mentoring Day

31- Halloween

NOVEMBER FOCUS: National Veteran & Military Family Month; Warrior Care Month; National Family Caregivers Month; National Security; & Education.

*Big Red One Turkey Run @ Fort Riley

*Veterans Day Activities

*District Assessments mailed to Units (based on June 30 membership of prior year)

- 1- BE THE ONE (Initiative to reduce veteran suicide)
- *- VOTE – (1st Tuesday in November) General Election Day
- 10- Marine Corps Birthday 1775
- 11- Veterans Day
- 11- Armistice Day / remembrance Day 1918
- 11-15 National Veteran Small Business Week
- 21- Grenada Campaign Ends 1983
- 23- U S Coast Guard Women Reserve (SPAR's) Est. 1942
- *THANKSGIVING (4th Thursday of November)

DECEMBER FOCUS: Auxiliary Emergency Fund

- *Department American Legion Christmas Party
- *Operation North Pole – Fort Riley
- *Wreaths Across America (2nd Saturday in December) 2008
- *ALA-MIS annual fee paid to Department for users access by December 31.
- *Unpaid prior Membership Dues are DELINQUENT!

- 1- BE THE ONE (Initiative to reduce veteran suicide)
- 1- Civil Air Patrol Birthday (U S Air Force Auxiliary) 1941
- *- Giving Tuesday (Tuesday after Thanksgiving)
- 5- Somalia Campaign Began 1992
- 7- Pearl Harbor Remembrance 1941
- 8- War declared on Japan 1941
- 11- Germany & Italy declared war on U S 1941
- 13- U S National Guard Birthday 1636
- 15- End of War in Iraq 2011
- 15- Bill of Rights Day 1941
- 16- Battle of the Bulge 1944-January 25, 1945
- 20- Panama Campaign Began 1989
- 20- Space Force Birthday 2019
- 25- CHRISTMAS / HANUKKAH begins at sunset
- 26- KWANZAA begins

MONTHLY OBLIGATIONS / OBSERVANCES/ PROGRAM IDEAS

31-End of WWII 1946

31- Kosovo Campaign ends 2013

31- New Year's Eve

JANUARY FOCUS: Community Service; National Mentoring Month; National Blood Donor Month.

*Check for file date for your annual [e-postcard 99N](#) or consult your local accountant.

*January/February – Mid Winter Conference (date & location varies)

*Check with local schools for interest in District or Department Oratorical Contests.

1- BE THE ONE (Initiative to reduce veteran suicide)

1- New Year's Day

*- National Mentor Day "I am a Mentor Day" (Jan. 7 for 2025)

*- National Mentoring Week (varies each year)

*- Thank Your Mentor Day (Jan. 14 for 2025)

16- Desert Storm (Persian Gulf) began 1991

17- International Mentoring Day (Annually)

27- Vietnam War Cease Fire 1973

29- Kansas Birthday 1861

31- Panama Campaign ended 1990

FEBRUARY FOCUS: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation & Legislative

*Work on Unit [Program Reports/Narrative](#) (due March 1 to District Chair – District Chairs report by March 15 to District President or Secretary for Book of Reports & Copy Chair for Department Program.

*January/February – Mid Winter Conference (date & location varies)

*District Presidents – Send out Call to District Convention

*Wrap up &/or finalize year end History, Prayer Book, Poppy Displays &/or Scrapbooks. Consider submitting to District for judging at District Convention.

1- BE THE ONE (Initiative to reduce veteran suicide)

1- National Freedom Day

2- Groundhog Day

2- Army Nurse Corp Est. 1901

MONTHLY OBLIGATIONS / OBSERVANCES/ PROGRAM IDEAS

- 3- Four Chaplains Day 1988
- 4- U S O Birthday - Incorporated 1941
- *- National Salute to Veteran Patients Week (celebrated week of Valentine's Day)
- 13- Marine Corp Women's Reserve Est. 1943
- 19- Coast Guard Reserve Birthday 1790
- *- Presidents' Day (3rd Monday in February)
- 23- Iwo Jima American Flag Raising 1945
- 28- Persian Gulf Ceasefire retreat from Kuwait 1991

MARCH FOCUS: Junior Activities -Girls State; Boys State; Cadet Law

- *District Conventions Begin (dates & locations vary each year)
- *District Presidents/Secretaries - put together Convention Program, Book of Reports, Script, and prepare for convention (Registration book, name tags, Book of Reports, Credentials, Minutes, Finance Report, Budget, Gifts, Gavel, Flags)
- *Annual Washington DC Conference
- *Year End **Program Reports/Narrative** due to District Mar. 1/District to Dept. Mar. 15
- *Department American Legion Oratorical Contest

- 1- BE THE ONE (Initiative to reduce veteran suicide)
- 3- Navy Reserve Birthday 1915
- 3- Star Spangled Banner Day 1931 (written September 14, 1814)
- 4- Military command "March 4th" – Hug A G I Day 1996
- 5- Seabee Birthday 1942
- *Daylight Saving Time Begins – Spring Forward
- 13- K-9 Veterans Day 1942
- 15- American Legion Birthday 1919
- 19- Iraqi Freedom began (Iraq War) 2003
- 21- Rosie the Riveter Day 2017
- 24- Kosovo Campaign began 1999
- 25- National Medal of Honor Day 1863
- 29- National Vietnam War Veterans Day 2017 (traced back to 1974)
- 31- Somalia Campaign ends 1995

APRIL FOCUS: Month of the Military Child / Military Saves / Children & Youth

*District Conventions Continue

*Submit [Direct Billing Unit Data Form](#) to Department HQ by May 1 (Officers, dues)

1- BE THE ONE (Initiative to reduce veteran suicide)

5- Gold Star Spouses 2010

6- Army Day / U S entered WWI 1917

9- National Former POW Recognition Day 1979

11- Desert Storm Ceasefire (Persian Gulf War) 1991

12- Civil War began 1861

14- Air Force Reserve Birthday 1948

15- Purple Up! For Military Children & their Families 2011

22- Earth Day 1970

23- Army Reserve Birthday 1908

25- Spanish-American War began 1898

*- American Legion Family Day (Last Saturday in April)

30- National Military Brats Day 2016

MAY FOCUS: National Military Appreciation Month / Military Caregiver Month / Poppy

*[Direct Billing Unit Data](#) due May 1 to Department HQ

*ASAP following Elections – Unit [Officers & Chairs Contact Information](#) sheet to District President & entered into ALAMIS (due June 1) Copy to Department HQ.

*Secure Bond for President & Treasurer from Department HQ

*(30 days prior to Dept. Convention) Submit [Delegates/Alternates to Convention](#) sheet- Due May 20.

*Per your Unit C&B – Plan an internal/external audit & file with Unit Permanent Records.

*Prepare a Budget

*Send Dues Notice/Survey or make personal calls to unpaid members, reporting current projects needing assistance, & benefits that will be lost soon.

*Department Convention in May/June (Set by The American Legion)

1- BE THE ONE (Initiative to reduce veteran suicide)

1- Silver Star Service Banner Day 1818 / 1942

1- Loyalty Day 1955

2- Women's Overseas Service League Est. 1921

MONTHLY OBLIGATIONS / OBSERVANCES/ PROGRAM IDEAS

7- Unconditional Surrender of all German forces signed 1945

*- National Day of Prayer (1st Thursday in May) 1952

8- Victory in Europe (V E Day) 1945

*- Military Spouses Appreciation Day (Friday before Mother's Day)

*- Armed Forces Week (begins 2nd Saturday in May & ends 3rd Sunday)

*- Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday in May)

13- Children of Fallen Patriots Day 2002

13- Navy Nurse Corp Est. 1908

15- Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Est. 1942

15- Peace Officers Memorial Day (AKA National Police Week) 1962

*- Run For The Wall (Middle of May-10 days-ends Friday of Memorial Day Weekend-CA to DC) 1989

21- American Red Cross Founded 1881

22- National Maritime Day 1933

*- National Poppy Day (Friday before Memorial Day) Official flower=Sept 27, 1920

*- MEMORIAL DAY (Last Monday in May) 1971

JUNE FOCUS: PTS(D) Awareness & Americanism

*Department Convention (May/June)

*Audit packet due to Department HQ by June 15

*Girls State (KU); Boys State (KSU); Cadet Law (KHP Training Center Salina)

*American Legion Leadership College – CCCC in Concordia

*Annual Kansas Legacy Run

1- BE THE ONE (Initiative to reduce veteran suicide)

6- Anniversary of D-Day 1944

*- National Flag Week (week which June 14 occurs) 1966

12- National Women Veterans Recognition Day 2018

12- Women's Armed Services Inauguration Act 1948

14- U S Flag Day 1966

14- U S Army Birthday 1775

*- Father's Day (3rd Sunday in June) 1910 / 1972

*- Veterans Golden Age Games 1985 (Date & location varies)

*- Kansas Legacy Run

22- Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress 1942

MONTHLY OBLIGATIONS / OBSERVANCES/ PROGRAM IDEAS

- 22- G I Bill signed into law 1944
- 23- Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday 1939
- 25- Korean War began 1950
- 27- PTS(D) Awareness Day 2010
- 30- Post 9/11 G I Bill signed into law 2008