**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

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)

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 the14th)

\*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

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

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

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

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