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June/July 2026 Calendar of Events

JUNE 2026

Tuesday	2nd	6:00p-7:30p
Monday	8th	3:00p-5:30p
		5:30p-6:30p
		6:30p-7:30p
Tuesday	9th	4:00p-8:00p
Wednesday	10th	6:00p-7:00p
Sunday	14th	1:30p
Wednesday	17th	6:00p-7:00p
		7:00p-8:00p

1st Legionnaire Exec Board Meeting
 Legionnaire Elections
 2nd Legionnaire Exec Board Meeting
 Legionnaire General Meeting
 Post 2 Fundraiser @ Lansky's. 10% of sales. Leave your receipt!
 Auxiliary Meeting
 Legion Flag Retirement Party
 Son's Meeting
 Rider's Meeting

June Military Observances

June 6 –	WWII D-Day Anniversary	June 12 –	Women Service Recognition Day
June 14 –	Flag Day and Army Birthday	June 23 –	Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
June 27 –	National PTSD Awareness Day		

JULY 2026

Friday	3rd	3:00p-11:00p
Tuesday	7th	6:00p-7:30p
Monday	13th	5:30p-6:30p
		6:30p-7:30p
Tuesday	14th	4:00p-8:00p
Wednesday	15th	6:00p-7:00p
		7:00p-8:00p

Council Bluffs 250th Celebration 100 Block
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July Military Observances

July 4 –	Independence Day	July 27 –	Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
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*Additional VSO meetings: VVA 3rd Thu @ 6:30, DAV 4th Tue @ 6:30 and VFW last Wed @ 6:30

Message from the Commander

Hello Legion Family!

Again, we have been busy at the Post preparing for upcoming events. Thank you to the Honor Guard for sponsoring the Memorial Day events, especially the Bayliss Park ceremony. Thanks to all who participated in the CB Celebrates parade. We made a great showing! June 1, we will no longer have the 4th Street Bar and Grill leasing from us. The Executive Board is working on the future events for our facility. We will update you all as soon as possible. June 8 we will hold elections. The following are positions up for election and those running: Commander, Patty Holeyton. 1st Vice Commander, Rex Croson. Joh Coover, Finance Officer. Brad Powel, Member at Large. The new officers will be installed July 13th. July 3rd, the Legion Family is partnering with several city business leaders to provide a family event on the 100 Block to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. We will be managing the Kid Zone with fun and games, face painters and the Fire Department will have a splash pad. There will be a drone show at the end of the evening. Please put this great event on your calendar.

Message from Vice Commander/Memberships

The Post has been very busy making changes in the Posts operations. Doing a lot of hard work to give us a new beginning as a community veterans hall. The amount of time and dedication going into this effort is amazing. Thank you all who have given your time and efforts. We have just begun to make a difference in our post, but we need all of the Legion Family to help. Be The One To make a difference. We all can make us better and stronger as a family.

A special thanks to the Honor Guard members who participated in this year's C.B. Parade. Jon, Mike, Guy, David, Rex, and Chuck. I really believe we did the Legion proud. And also thank you to the honor guard van, Auxiliary and the Riders for showing their Legion Pride.

If you have not paid your membership dues, please do so now to keep current. And remember we are all recruiters for the American Legion Family. Ask a friend, neighbor or even the guy you see on the street, it's all of our jobs to help with membership.

1st Vice Commander Rex Croson This we will defend.

Adjutant

Thank you Legionnaires that paid their 2026 dues! We missed our goal, but never less; we had a successful year. Over the past 2 weeks, several members have paid their 2026 dues, so it is not too late to do so. On July 1st, we all will get a renewal reminder for 2027. The fee for 2027 will continue to be \$70. The American Legion continues to offer us a 3-year lock in rate of \$70. When you send in your payment, you can send in \$140 or \$210. If National, Iowa or Post 2 raises their fees, you will not be charged more. If you are interested in being a PUFL (Paid Up For Life), please let me know and I will find out your fee. The fee is based on your age. Thank you for your service and thank you for supporting Post 2!

Scott A Kvammen - Adjutant Post 2 kvammen@aol.com sakvammen@gmail.com

Program Committee Update

No update.

American Legion Auxiliary

Happy summer, Legion Family!

The Auxiliary is excited to share, starting in June we will be volunteering once a month at the MICAH House. It's a great feeling to support our community! Also, the Auxiliary, along with big help from our Commander Patty Holeyton, are kicking off,

"Cans for a Great Cause." Anyone who would like to provide cans for our cause, call Beth 402-253-7684. Your support is greatly appreciated! Auxiliary nominations were made in during the May, 2026 meeting; Beth Holeton President, Patty Raymer First Vice, Janice Watts 2nd Vice and Chaplin, Cheryl Winchester Treasurer, Maren Palmer Secretary, Regina Chambers Historian, Donna Knop Correspondence, and Georgia Catron Sgt. At Arms. Many thanks to all for your continued support towards the Auxiliary! June 10th is our next Auxiliary meeting at 6:00 PM at the Post. July, there is no Auxiliary meeting, and we will resume August 12th, 6:00 PM at the Post. It would be great to see more attendance, and we welcome your support and expertise. One last friendly reminder,

memberships for 2026 are past due; fiscal year July 2025 to June 2026. Our fiscal year for 2027 starts July 2026, so be watching your mail for membership renewal notice. Any questions or know of anyone who would like to become a member, call Beth 402-253-7684. We appreciate all your support. Enjoy your summer!

Beth Holeton – Auxiliary President

Sons of the American Legion (SAL)

This past month, long time Commander Tim Spiker and Treasurer Jeff have stepped down.

At last month's meeting as a group, we elected a new group of officers. As Sq. Commander Rex Croson, Vice Sq Commander Mike Seiler, Finance Officer Jon Coover, Sq. Adjutant Scott Kvammen, Sgt.at Arms John Patten.

We are going to become more active as a group to support the Legion Family. And I would like to invite those of you who have become inactive to come to our next month's meeting. We are still meeting at 6 pm on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month. Please come and join us.

Membership dues are due this month please send them in; they are \$30.00 for the year.

Be The One to make a change in the Legion. Join us today!

Sq.2 Commander Rex Croson

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American Legion Post #2 Riders

The Riders Flags for Vets had their first events of the year in April. We proudly have given 42 flags to some proud veterans. Thank you to the Auxiliary for their help in the Riders program.

The 5th Annual Golf Tournament Friday June 26th at 11:00am. Call Phill @ 402-709-2296.

Annual membership dues are \$15.00 please keep current.

Avenue of Flags is a new project that was started by the Riders to raise funds to support the projects we have. If you like to support this program, please call Larry Culver @ 712-267-0459 to get a flag in your yard or other information.

The slate of officers is set for next month's vote in June. The slate for Road Captain Eric Kjos, Sgt at Arms Ted Dewitt, Chaplin James Foyld, Treasurer Scott Kvammen, Asst. Director Rex

Croson, Director Larry Culver Phill Sollars. If anyone else would like to run please contact us before the election in June.

Submitted by Acting Secretary, Rex Croson

TAPS

We have done 25 funerals so far in 2026. We did not do any funerals for members in April and May.

If you want to join the Honor Guard, contact Brad Powell at 402-319-3999 or bradhawk91@gmail.com.

Brad Powell

Captain