

2026/2027 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM CALENDAR

Legislative Chairs should keep records of actions and acknowledge outstanding efforts of members. All materials will be made available online. Contact Committee Chair Yvette Moore for any assistance. PLEASE attend the District School of Instruction.

July 2026

- Attend Workshop Friday & Saturday **July 24-25, 2026**
- Invite all of your members to sign up to <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>
- It can be done on a smartphone, laptop, or tablet.
- Identify at least one Legislative Agenda to follow. Our main focus this year is: The Care of America's Veterans Act (TCAVA).
- This bill will have a tremendous impact on serving our veterans. It holds over 62 bipartisan bills, most of which have been stalled in congress for over 5 years or more.
- As all our Legion proposals are important it takes less than 5 min to sign in and submit a pre-written letter to your representatives. All proposals on grassroots could be acted on quicker than it takes you to drink a small, iced coffee.
- This is an election year, so it is imperative you know what issues your representative stands on.
All Election and Voting information are provided on a separate sheet. Please review.

August 2026

- Deadline to request that ballot be mailed: **August 6.**
- **August 7, 2026**, Deadline for filing claim bills
- Help members identify the candidates for State Governor, House Representative and State Senator.
- Primary Election is on **August 18, 2026**
- American Legion National Convention **August 28-Sept 3, 2026**
- Research the representative through this link, [Contact Your Elected Officials - Division of Elections - Florida Department of State](#) Start a file including contact information, web site, email, phone numbers, address of home office, birthday, reelection information, affiliations.
- Brief your members and have on hand fact sheets and information. Remember principles of lobbying. **LOOK FOR CANDIDATES VERBAGE CHANGE**
- Share the information with your members.
- Email or call legislative@alafil.org with the name.
- Download a copy of the Legislative Advocacy Guide and the Legislative agenda, from the Legion site.
- Invite a CANDIDATE to your August meeting.
- OR schedule an appointment at his/her local office.
- Follow up with Thank you card.
- Provide legislative information at one tabling event REMEMBER WE ARE NONPARTISAN.

September 2026

- Contact legislator and ask if they will.
 - co-sponsor the legislation.
 - support the legislation.
 - if they need more information on the legislation
- Help with any veteran related legislation/information.
- Gather testimony from members.

October 2026

- If your legislator is up for re-election offer assistance. *Ex 1 night of phone banking, placing signs, or distributing literature. You may do this as an individual but not as a representative of the AUX.*
- OR attend a Town Hall meeting or election related event.
- Contact local Registrar and volunteer to work polls on Election Day OR organize rides to the polls.
- Remember to vote in November.

November 2026

- **Attend Fall Conference November 20 – 22, 2026** | Caribe Royale Orlando
- Send out an email or telephone reminder to members to vote.
- VOTE
- Send a congratulations card to winning legislators EVEN if it is not one you supported. (newly elected officials are often eager to sponsor and support legislation)
- Contact selected legislators and ask again if further information is needed to support our legislation and remind them of our upcoming legislation.

December 2026

- Email Department committee chair legislative@alafl.org
 - Names of legislators that will co-sponsor and/or support legislation
 - Make sure you report on any legislators that do not support and why.
 - Any testimony and report forms annotate members that are able and willing to testify if needed.
- Send your legislator a greeting card.

January 2027

- Write one article for the local media endorsing our legislation.
- Look for Action Alerts from Legislative Chair. Action Alerts should be forwarded to all members and non-members that support veterans' rights.
- Conduct basic legislation training for membership.
- Ask your legislator for support in proposed legislation.
- Send legislators and provide membership with updated Fact Sheets with Bill numbers.

February 2027

- Ask members to contact legislators to remind them of their support and ask for their vote.
- Respond to all Action Alerts and forward to all contacts.
- Attend legislative function (details to follow)
- Attend committee hearing and/or report committee hearing information to members.
- **67th Annual Washington Conference starts February 27 – March 3, 2027, in Washington DC.**

March 2027

- **March 2 Florida Regular Session convenes at 12:00 pm**, it is also the deadline for filing bills for introduction.
- Contact legislator and thank them for their support.
- Respond to all Action Alerts and forward to all contacts.
- Keep membership informed as to the status of our bills.
- Inform local community of pending legislation and make available Fact Sheets.
- Work on Legislative Report

April 2027

- **Submit report, Unit reports sent to District Legislative Chair**
- **Final push for legislation**
- Article to local media on passage of legislation
- Inform membership and community on status.
- Thank legislator for their support.

2026 Election Information

Primary Election

Three Ways to Vote

- ***Early Voting:** All Florida counties must offer early voting options for eight days, up to 14 days depending on the election, before Election Day. The length is determined by your county.
- Check with your County Supervisor of Elections for your early voting schedule.
 - Find [early voting locations](#).
- **Vote By Mail:**
 - Deadline to request that the ballot be mailed: August 6, 2026, 5 p.m.
 - Deadline to begin mailing Vote by Mail Ballots: July 4 (UOCAVA) / July 16 (Domestic)
 - Please note that Vote-by-Mail Ballots **cannot be dropped off at election day precincts**.
- Election Day: August 18, 2026, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Deadline to Register to Vote: July 20, 2026

Florida is a closed primary state. That means only voters registered with a political party may vote in that party's Primary Election. You can change your party affiliation by submitting an updated Voter Registration Application at any time, but the change must be made 29 days before a Primary Election in order to be valid for that election. All registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote on issues and nonpartisan races during a Primary Election. Your party does not affect your ballot for any election other than a Primary Election.

General Election

Three Ways to Vote

- ***Early Voting:** Check with your County Supervisor of Elections Office for your early voting schedule.

Find [early voting locations](#).
- **Vote By Mail:**
 - Deadline to request that the ballot be mailed: October 22, 2026, 5 p.m.
 - Deadline to begin mailing Vote by Mail Ballots: September 19 (UOCAVA) / October 1 (Domestic)
 - Please note that Vote-by-Mail Ballots **cannot be dropped off at election day precincts**.
- Election Day: November 3, 2026, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Deadline to Register to Vote: October 5 (no deadline to change party affiliation)

2027 Election Information

First Election

Three Ways to Vote

- Early Voting: To be determined, per county.
 - Find early voting locations.
- Vote By Mail:
 - Deadline to request that the ballot be mailed: February 25, 2027, 5 p.m.
 - Deadline to begin mailing Vote by Mail Ballots: January 23, 2027 (UOCAVA) / January 28, 2027)
 - Please note that Vote-by-Mail Ballots **cannot be dropped off at election day precincts**.
- Election Day: March 9, 2027, 7a.m. to 7 p.m.

Deadline to Register to Vote: February 8, 2027 (no deadline to change party affiliation)

Active 2027 Local Candidates webpage

Look at your Counties' Supervisor of Elections.

General Election

Three Ways to Vote

- Early Voting: To be determined by specific county.
 - Find early voting locations.
- Vote By Mail:
 - Deadline to request that the ballot be mailed: May 6, 2027, 5 p.m.
 - Deadline to begin mailing Vote by Mail Ballots: April 3, 2027 (UOCAVA) / April 8, 2027 (Domestic)
 - Please note that Vote-by-Mail Ballots **cannot be dropped off at election day precincts**.
- Election Day: May 18, 2027, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Deadline to Register for Vote: April 19, 2027 (no deadline to change party affiliation)