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Hello to all of my Strategic Planners. I can't believe we are already in the month of May. This is also when your District End Of Year Reports are due. The deadline was May 1, 2025. So, if you haven't sent your report, check your email. I have sent an email to Districts that haven't submitted their reports.

This is a list of special days this month:

- National Military Spouses Day – May 9, 2025
- Armed Forces Day – May 17, 2025
- Month of the Military Caregiver – Entire Month
- National Military Appreciation Month
- Mother's Day – May 11, 2025
- Armed Forces Week May 12-17, 2025
- Children of Fallen Patriots Day – May 13, 2025
- National Poppy Day. May 23, 2025
- Memorial Day – May 26, 2025

What is Military Appreciation Month?

Military Appreciation Month plays a crucial role in fostering awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by the military community. It provides a platform for education and dialogue about the experiences of service members, veterans, and their families. Each year, the president makes a proclamation reminding Americans of the important role the U.S. Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country. May was chosen because it has many individual days marked to note our military's achievements, including Loyalty Day, established in 1921, Victory in Europe (VE) Day commemorating the end of WWII in Europe in 1945, and Children of Fallen Patriots Day.

Military Appreciation Day

Many locations also celebrate a specific Military Appreciation Day. Although not a nationally recognized holiday, areas use the day to hold parties and picnics in honor of their local active duty, Guard, Reserve, and military veteran communities. Local businesses may offer discounts, while local sports teams may give free entrance to military families and veterans.

A friendly reminder that anyone can submit the American Legion Auxiliary's Salute to Servicemembers Award? A simple narrative of no more than 1000 words, a picture of the servicemember (preferably official Department of Defense photo) and the endorsement from their command group are the only requirements. The deadline is June 1, 2025, but it is better to submit now. The nomination form is live now. Simply click <https://www.legion-aux.org/Salute-to-Servicewomen-Award> with the nomination form at <https://member.legion-aux.org/Salute-to-Servicemembers>.

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