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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Secretaries

FROM: ALA National Headquarters Events Team

DATE: UPDATED – July 8, 2026

SUBJECT: STATES DINNER

Experience the ALA States Dinner: Red, White, and Blue — Celebrating America's 250th Birthday

Join us for an upscale, star-spangled evening and celebrate in true patriotic style at the **2026 States Dinner: Red, White, and Blue — America's 250th Birthday Party!** This festive evening will blend classic Americana with high-energy fun, featuring great dining, lively conversation, and a packed dance floor. Enjoy timeless, danceable hits from the '50s through the '80s performed by Phil Dirt & the Dozers. Don your favorite red, white, and blue formal attire and get ready for a special night of music, memories, and all-American celebration!

EVENT OVERVIEW

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Time: 7 p.m. ET

Location: Kentucky International Convention Center, Ballroom A-E

Theme: Red, White, and Blue — America's 250th Birthday Party

Ticket Price:

- **Before July 31:** \$75
- **After July 31:** \$85

HOW TO ORDER TICKETS

Ticket ordering opens **June 1, 2026**. Departments will receive an email with access instructions to the **Convention Information and Ticket Portal**.

- **Authorized Orders:** Only department secretaries or executive directors may place orders.

Additional Tickets

To add tickets before July 31:

- Log back in to the Convention Portal using your **original confirmation number and email address**.
- Update your ticket quantity and proceed to payment.

To purchase tickets **after July 31**, email meetings@ALAforVeterans.org.

Tickets will only be available **if space allows**, and must be purchased with a credit card. Ticket sales will close on August 19.

Payment Methods

Accepted methods: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, Apple Pay, and Google Pay.

DINNER MENU

- Classic Caesar Salad
- Short Rib and Herb Grilled Chicken
- Confit Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Roasted Brussel Sprouts
- Blistered Peppers
- Chef's Choice Dessert

Special dietary needs can be accommodated **only** if indicated by July 31. List member names and specific requests during ticket submission. **The American Legion Auxiliary and the Kentucky International Convention Center will not be able to accommodate special requests on site.**

SEATING & TABLE ASSIGNMENTS

- Tables of 10, subject to change.
- Priority seating based on department membership percentage 30 days prior to convention.
- Orders placed after July 31 will be seated on a space-available basis.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

- Departments should NOT purchase tickets for national officers, Past National Presidents, national chairs, or their spouses/significant others. These individuals will receive direct invitations and are guests of the national president.
- National chairs and Past National Presidents must purchase tickets for spouses/significant others directly from ALA National Headquarters. They will be seated in distinguished guests area.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Ticket deadline:** Friday, July 31, 2026
- **Refund deadline:** Monday, August 3, 2026
- **No ticket sales after Wednesday, August 19, 2026**
- **Ticket pickup:** Starting Thursday, August 27, at ALA National Headquarters' office in the Kentucky International Convention Center

CC: Department Presidents (*for information only*)