



Gold Star Mission

2026 Calendar



30-31 January	Squirrel Bowl (GSM table and 10 min brief) Carlinville, IL
1 February	Scholarship Window Closes
4-6 February	ILARNG Commander's Guidance Seminar (GSM table)
21 March	Ninth Annual Scholarship & Appreciation Banquet
5 April	Nationally Recognized as Gold Star Spouses Day
19-25 April	National Volunteer Week
24-25 April	National Guard Association of Illinois (NGAI) Conference (Bloomington)
23 May	Unhinged Motorcycle Club GSM Benefit Ride (Springfield)
25 May	Memorial Day
6-7 June	Hannibal Boat Ride with Survivors Outreach Services (SOS)
11-14 June	Illinois VFW Convention
19-21 June	Illinois AMVETS Convention
26-27 June	General Logan 200
4 July	America 250th – Independence Day
July 2026	Chicago Fireboat with Survivors Outreach Services (SOS)
9-12 July	Illinois Convention American Legion Convention
18-19 July	Gibson City Hometown Hero and Car Show
1 August	Nationally Recognized as Gold Star Children's Day
15 August	Illinois State Fair Parking Gate Fund Raiser (Springfield)
16 August	Illinois State Fair Veterans & Gold Star Family Day (Springfield)
30 August	Duquoin State Fair Veterans & Gold Star Family Day
22-26 September	10th Annual Gold Star 500 (Chester to Schaumburg - Route 66)
27 September	Nationally Recognized as Gold Star Mother's and Family Day
1 November	Scholarship Application Window Opens
11 November	Veterans Day
19 December	Wreaths Across America (Various)
18-21 December	Polish Remembrance Day (Poland)

TBD:

Casey – Big Things in Casey with Survivors Outreach Services (SOS)

Gold Star Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies (various dates & locations)

Bloomington – Americas Gold Star Families @ Central IL Regional Airport

Peoria – Americas Gold Star Families @ Peoria Riverfront Museum

Springfield – IDVA @ Abraham Lincoln Museum

Carrollton – Riney Tree @ Brew-N-Cue Bar