

Survivor Minnesota



**Department of Minnesota 2026-2027
Guide to Membership**

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I am looking forward to working with all the Membership Chairman in all 10 Districts. I hope we can have fun and make our goals together. I know it will take a lot of hard work, but I know we can make it happen!

With that being said..Get ready for Tribal councils, and see who can

OUTSMART, OUTMANEUVER, and OUTLIVE

the other Districts. **Let the Games begin!!!!**

Department Goal Awards

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • 25% by Sept 15, 2026 | |
| • 60% by Nov 11, 2026 | |
| • 85% by March 13, 2027 | Appreciation Rally |
| • 95% by May 28, 2027 | |
| • 100% by July 4, 2027 | End of Year |
| • 102% by July 28, 2027 | 30 Days Prior to National Convention |

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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Membership in The American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the:

(1) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion; and

(2) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who served in either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941 who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of their entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge;

(3) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941 who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and

(4) to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.*

* A woman who is eligible for American Legion membership is eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary regardless of whether or not she is a member of The American Legion. However, eligibility of her female relatives (sister, mother, direct descendants) and/or spouse depends upon her membership in The American Legion.

Eligibility Dates

April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, and any time after December 7, 1941, who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of their entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge.

Information on a veteran's service record can be obtained by contacting:

National Military Personnel Records Center

Telephone: 314-801-0800

www.nara.gov

Included in Your Membership Packet This Year

**Please check to make sure you have received all your materials.
Contact the Department Office if you are missing any items.**

2027 Membership Cards

2027 Membership Transmittal Forms

1. Please discard ALL your old forms.
2. Use only the 2027 forms to send in 2027 dues.
3. Past dues should be submitted in the same form as current dues.

**Membership Applications - Please only use the applications included in this packet.
They are the most recently revised forms.**

Member Data Forms

- 1) One copy sent to the Department will update both National and Department databases.
- 2) You have permission to make copies of this form.

Paid Up for Life (PUFL) Application Member Benefits

The American Legion Family – Membership Application (brochure)

"At A Glance" brochure - Includes application for membership.

Member Benefits

Supply Order Form

1. Use this form to order additional supplies.
2. Many of these forms are also available for download on Department or National websites.

Unit Membership Roster – from National printed as of 4/1/26

Processing 2027 Membership Dues

Use **the 2027** Transmittal Sheets Provided in your Membership Packet. The 2027 transmittal form is also available online at www.mnala.org You can save it, complete it, print it and mail.

National will send the 1st dues notice by mail around September 15, 2026.

If National has an email address for members, the 2nd dues notice will be sent by email.

Every member who has paid their 2026 membership dues by March 31, 2026, should receive a pre-printed 2027 membership card included in your membership packet.

If a member **does not** have a pre-printed card, use a blank card and hand write one out.

Department Dues - \$35.00 for Senior members and \$6.00 for Junior members.

Send completed transmittal sheet, along with your check payable to American Legion Auxiliary to the Department office: 20 W 12th St #314, St. Paul MN 55155.

If you are making payment for new members, please include a copy of their application. Please verify all steps from page 10 have been completed. The application must be signed and verified by an American Legion Post Officer.

If you are making payment for a member that is transferring their membership to your unit, please include a completed Member Data Form.

Please send your membership in on a regular basis. All members, whose dues have been paid by December 1, 2026, should not receive a second dues notice from National in February.

Online Dues

Unit Membership Chairman will be notified by the Department office via email or phone, the next business day after the transaction occurs.

Unit credit memos will be sent to the Unit Treasurer **THE DAY THEY ARE PROCESSED.** Again, email preferred, but Chairman without email will get a mailed statement. We are trying to keep costs at a minimum.

Do Not list the members who have paid online on your transmittals as they have already been documented - just use their credits.



Entered By: _____

2027 Membership Transmittal

Unit#:	Location:	District:	Date:
Person Completing Form:			
Phone:		Email:	

Please list all members in alphabetical order via last name

DO NOT list any PUFL members or on-line dues payments

	ID Number	Last Name	First Name	JR-\$6.00	SR-\$35.00	Back Dues	Back Dues Year
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Total # Members: _____

Total Amount of Dues Paid: _____

Minus Available Credit: _____

Total Check Amount: _____

Check# _____

Remit Dues to:

American Legion Auxiliary
20 W. 12th St., Room 314
St. Paul, MN 55155

The diagram shows a membership card for the American Legion Auxiliary. The card is titled "American Legion Auxiliary" and "MEMBERSHIP". It features a central circular seal with a star and the words "AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY". The card is divided into several sections with numbered callouts:

- 1: Points to the "DEPARTMENT" field.
- 2: Points to the "UNIT NUMBER" field.
- 3: Points to the "MEMBER NUMBER" field.
- 4: Points to the "MEMBER'S FULL NAME" field.
- 5: Points to the "MEMBER SINCE" field.
- 6: Points to the "LOCATION OF UNIT (CITY/STATE)" field.
- 7: Points to the "SIGNATURE OF THE MEMBER" field.
- 8: Points to the "SIGNATURE OF THE UNIT OFFICER" field.
- 9: Points to the "AUTHORIZED OFFICER" field.

Other text on the card includes "THE ABOVE MEMBER HAS PAID DUES IN THE UNIT INDICATED" and "NOT VALID WITHOUT MEMBER'S SIGNATURE".

Please follow the information below when completing the Member's card. Items 1 - 7 are fillable text fields that can be completed using the PDF template available from National Headquarters.

- 1) Member's Department (state abbreviation, i.e. Minnesota = MN)
 - 2) Unit Number (4-digit format, i.e. 0004)
 - 3) Member's ID number. (9-digit number that is assigned by National Headquarters)
 - 4) Member's Full Name.
 - 5) Join Year (the join year is the year in which a member is paid, regardless of what membership year she joins in.)
(ie.; if a member submits her application to a unit in July of 2019, but the unit doesn't submit it until Sept. for the 2020 membership year she still is listed as joining in 2019. Or if a member joins in Oct 2019, but pays for 2020, she will show as joining in 2019.)
 - 6) Location of Unit (City/State)
 - 7) Signature of the member.
 - 8) Signature of the Unit Officer.
- Present to Member promptly upon payment of dues or as soon as possible after they join.
 - Member is to present this card to a new unit if member is transferring so the same Membership ID number can be retained.

When a Junior member becomes a Senior member

If your Junior member is 18 years of age by December 31st of this calendar year, 2026, she **MUST** pay Senior dues for 2027.

The American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System (ALAMIS) will automatically change a Junior to a Senior on the members 18th birthday.

Deceased Members

If you receive a pre-printed membership card for a member who is deceased, complete a Member Data Form and send it to the Department Office.

Duplicate Member Record Cards

All members who pay on-line will receive their membership card from the National office.

If you receive more than one pre-printed membership card for a member, determine which card is the correct one. Mark an X across the card which will not be used, write the correct ID number on the incorrect card, and send the card to the Department Office. Give the correct card to the member.

Send in your duplicate record cards and indicate on cards that it is a duplicate.

If you receive a pre-printed membership card for a member who has not renewed her membership, DO NOT return it to the Department Office. ALL non-paying members will automatically be purged from the National files after a two-year period of inactivity.

Honorary Life Member (HLM) vs. Paid Up for Life Member (PUFL)

Do not confuse Honorary Life Membership with PUFL membership.

Honorary Life Member (HLM)

Unit pays member dues (add them to your first transmittal, along with payment.)

PUFL (Paid Up for Life)

Members who have prepaid their lifetime membership dues do not need to be added to your transmittals - you will receive credits for these members in October - count them in your membership totals though.

Payment of Back Dues

Back dues, for **year** 2023 and before are \$24.00 (National \$12, Department \$12) For years 2024 - 2026 dues are \$30 (National \$18, Department \$12) for a Senior member and \$6.00 for a Junior member. (Department and National dues)

Application Procedure

Every new member must complete an application form (with your help).

All applications must be printed in ink as they are permanent records and must be legible.

All members must show proof of eligibility.

The application must be signed by a Post Officer of the American Legion Post the member is joining.

If joining through a **deceased veteran**, *a Post Officer within your own Post signs the application*, certifying that, if living, the veteran would be eligible to be a member of The American Legion.

If a female veteran is joining the Auxiliary through her own service record, the application is signed by a Unit Officer (NOT a Post Officer).

When sending in a NEW member's dues, the ORIGINAL application form MUST ACCOMPANY the membership transmittal on which she is included. Retain a copy for your records.

Please verify the application to see that it is complete, and everything is filled out. **An incomplete application will be returned to the Membership Chairman.**

The only form of membership authorized in the American Legion Auxiliary is active membership - either Junior or Senior. There can be no granting of special or social membership for any purpose or reason whatsoever. (National Constitution)

You do not need to have an active or organized Junior group to sign up Junior members in your Unit. Junior membership is **required** to qualify for some scholarships and benefits.

Completing the Membership Application

Print in ink or type the applicant's full given name, i.e. Mary K. Smith rather than Mrs. John Smith. **DO NOT** use pencil, colored ink pens, gel pens, etc.

Complete home address of applicant including city, state, zip code and telephone number. Designate if it is a work, home, or cell number. Complete email address if available.

Fill in the Unit number and city in which the Unit is located.

Mark an X in the box for Senior or Junior member. **The birth date is required for both Junior and Senior members.**

Application must be signed and dated by new member. If new member is a Junior, the application should be signed by person enrolling her.

Fill in the name of the veteran through whom the applicant is eligible to join.

Put an X for Veteran Served dates (era).

Put an X in the appropriate box to designate the applicant's relationship to the veteran. If eligibility is through her own military service, mark the "self" box.

If veteran is living, he/she must be a current member of The American Legion. Fill in the veteran's Legion ID number, Post name, Post number, city, and state of Post to which the veteran belongs.

Check the box which applies if the veteran is living or deceased

Whether living or deceased, mark an "X" in the box to indicate the period of military service for the veteran through whom applicant is eligible.

Application must be signed and dated by a **Post Officer (Commander, Adjutant, etc.)**; or if applicant is joining through her own military service, a Unit Officer may sign the application.

If the veteran is deceased, it is up to the Unit Membership Chairman and Post Adjutant/Officer who signs the application to have verified the DD214. We do NOT do that at the Department level. When we receive the application in the Department office, and it is signed by the applicant and Post Officer, the assumption is that the deceased person is a veteran. It is not up to the Department Office to make calls to the Unit to get a copy.

If by some chance a Unit sends a copy of the DD214 into the office with an application, it must be shredded immediately. Units should not keep copies of DD214, they should be returned to the applicant or shredded.

American Legion Auxiliary MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (Last)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

_____/_____/_____ ☐ Birth - 17 ☐ 18 and over

Date of Birth (Required) _____ Unit # _____ Location _____

Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, fill in below.)

Previous Unit City/State _____ ALA ID # (if known) _____

_____/_____/_____

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name) _____

If Living: _____

American Legion Member ID # _____ Post # _____ City _____ State _____

☐ Deceased—If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.
For Veteran's DD214 Discharge Papers: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

Veteran Served:

☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

☐ Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

☐ Global War on Terror ☐ Panama ☐ Vietnam ☐ WWII

☐ Gulf War ☐ Lebanon/Grenada ☐ Korea ☐ Other Conflicts

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

☐ Male Spouse ☐ Female Spouse ☐ Mother ☐ Grandmother ☐ Sister ☐ Self

☐ Daughter ☐ Granddaughter

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

_____/_____/_____

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ Date _____

HELP US GET YOU CONNECTED!

I am interested in learning more about:

- ☐ Volunteering for Veterans, Military, and Their Families
- ☐ Youth Activities, Including ALA Girls State, Junior Member Programs, and Scholarships
- ☐ Member Discounts and Services
- ☐ Other

Please contact the following individual about volunteering or joining the American Legion Auxiliary:

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Recruiter's Name _____ Unit/Post # _____ City _____ State _____

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance.
Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. **Membership pending approval of application.**

Reinstatement of Membership (Rejoin)

Our auxiliary year runs from Department Convention to Department Convention. Dues for 2027 are due and payable for the 2027 membership year following the 2026 Department Convention.

A member who does not pay their 2026 dues by January 31, 2027, is considered delinquent.

The 2026 membership card is no longer "current" as of January 31, 2027, and they shall be suspended from all membership privileges and benefits.

If that same person does not pay their dues by December 31st of the year of delinquency (2026) they are automatically dropped from the rolls.

When a member has been dropped from the rolls and no dues have been paid up to 3 year, they may reinstate their membership by either of the following methods:

1. A person may REJOIN the Auxiliary by completing a NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and paying dues for the current year only. The veteran they are rejoining through must be a member of The American Legion or be a deceased veteran.
2. If a member's original application is on file with the Unit or Department, they may be reinstated by paying "back dues" for the years of delinquency plus pay dues for the current year, if the Unit approves (Unit Constitution). They must be reinstated in this manner if the veteran they joined through is not a current member of The American Legion at the time of their request for reinstatement or they have lost their eligibility through divorce from the veteran.
3. After 3 years not paid the member has become a former member and must complete a membership application.

Transfer of Membership to Another Unit

Any member in good standing may transfer their membership to another Unit. If a member decides to transfer, the following procedures needs to be followed:

1. The member should contact the Unit to which they want to transfer.
2. No transfer shall be made unless the member requesting the transfer has a current membership card (a 2026 card or a 2027 card after January 31, 2027) showing they are a member in good standing at the time the transfer is requested.
3. The new Unit should complete the MEMBER DATA FORM, completing Sections 1 and 3, and section 2, if applicable.
4. The member signs the MEMBER DATA FORM.
5. If the member is accepted into the NEW Unit, the Membership Chairman) of the NEW Unit: Signs the MEMBER DATA FORM
6. Sends in the MEMBER DATA FORM to the Department Office.
7. Unit may wish to make a copy of the MEMBER DATA FORM for their records.

Membership dues for transfer members

If the member has paid their current dues to their FORMER Unit, the NEW Unit must NOT collect dues again from them.

Send in only the MEMBER DATA FORM to the Department Office showing the transfer.

If the member has NOT paid the current year's dues to their FORMER Unit, they must pay them to the NEW Unit at the time of their transfer.

The NEW Unit then makes out a new membership card for this transfer member, completing a Member Data Form with the person's name and address.

The member's ID number MUST appear on the portion of the card that is given to the member.

The dues are sent in as with any other member's dues on a membership transmittal; however, the MEMBER DATA FORM must accompany the transmittal with their dues payment.

A transfer member is credited to the Unit they paid their dues to for the current year.

If the NEW Unit is uncertain whether the transferring member has paid their current year's dues, please contact the Department Office for assistance.

Member Data Form

If you need to correct or change a member's name, address, telephone number, and/or continuous membership years you must complete a Member Data Form for the member. The same form is used for Senior and Junior members.

Section 1: MUST ALWAYS BE COMPLETED. An ID number is required for all changes. If reporting a deceased member, mark an "X" through the DECEASED box in this section.

Section 2: CORRECTIONS. Make changes to a person's name and address. It is important that both the OLD and NEW information is in order so their file can be updated. Optional information in this section is the telephone number. You do NOT need to complete this particular item when making a name/address change, unless the member wants that information reported.

Section 3: UNIT TRANSFERS. Use when a member transfers INTO your Unit. The form must be signed by both a Unit Officer and the transferring member.

Honorary Life Membership

An Honorary Life Membership is a life membership awarded to a Member of your Unit for continued outstanding service to the Unit.

Honorary Life Membership may be conferred only by a vote of the Unit.

Honorary Life Membership should be awarded only for continued and outstanding service to the Unit by the Unit Member.

The Unit that awards an Honorary Life Membership assumes the responsibility for payment of that Member's Department and National dues each year during the life of that Member.

This applies as long as that person is a Member of your Unit. NO Unit can bind another Unit to pay Honorary Life Membership dues for any Member.

Honorary Life Members are eligible to wear the Life Membership Pin and/or carry a Life Membership Card. These are available from National Emblem Sales.

Please complete a Member Data Form (Section 1) and check the box Honorary Life Member and sign the form. If you do not want your Honorary Life Member to receive a renewal notice, on the New Information side of Section 2 of the same Member Data Form write "Do Not Send Renewal Notice". Their records will then be coded, and they will not receive a dues notice. It is then up to the Unit to pay the dues of their Honorary Life Members every year without a dues notice being sent to them. Member Data Forms must be signed by a Unit Officer

PUFL Membership

Paid Up for Life purchased life membership plan

Any Member (Junior or Senior) may purchase their own paid-up-for-life membership plan called PUFL, provided their current year's dues are paid.

This does not require a vote by the Unit.

There is no obligation on the part of the Unit for a PUFL member's dues.

To apply for a PUFL membership, the following procedure is to be used:

The Member must complete the special PUFL application form, have it certified by your Unit Membership Chair and forward it and the payment of the PUFL membership dues to the Department Office.

Those not eligible to purchase a PUFL membership:

A NEW Member may not purchase a PUFL membership. They must first make application for membership in your Unit by completing the regular application form and pay Their current year's dues to the Unit. They may join PUFL the following year.

A REINSTATED member may not purchase a PUFL membership. They must first reinstate their membership by either method as described elsewhere in this book and pay the current year's dues to the Unit. They may apply for PUFL the following year.

PUFL members are NOT eligible to wear the Honorary Life Membership pin or carry an Honorary Life Membership card.

PUFL membership is an option for each Member and is the Member's decision to purchase it or not. The Unit may not require PUFL membership.

PUFL membership **SHOULD NOT** be added to your membership transmittal sheets. The Department office will notify each Unit about their PUFL Members once the annual dues have been received from our National organization. You can then add your PUFL Members to your total of paid members for 2026.

The Department office will send you a letter advising you that we have received the individual's PUFL membership from our National organization. We will also include a listing for PUFL members whose dues have been received. Please let us know if there are any PUFL members deceased or missing from this list. The letter can be used as a credit memo for the Unit's portion of the PUFL member's dues on a future transmittal.

PUFL Unit dues remain constant, i.e., the same as when the member purchased her PUFL membership: Example: If a member purchases their PUFL membership when your Unit had \$15.00 dues, your Unit will receive \$3.00 back each year, no matter how much your Unit dues may be raised.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

American Legion Auxiliary

PAID UP FOR LIFE

MEMBERSHIP

Please type or print - see instructions on reverse)

SECTION 1 - To be completed by APPLICANT

FULL NAME: _____ (First) (Middle) (Last)	DATE OF BIRTH: (required) ____ / ____ / ____		
_____ (Address)	PUFL MEMBERSHIP FEE:\$ _____ (see rate chart on reverse side)		
_____ (City) (State) (Zip)	DAYTIME TEL# (____) ____ - ____		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: * _____ <i>*can <u>only</u> be omitted if membership is a gift; if a gift, please refer to section below</i>	EMAIL _____		
Date Application Submitted to Unit Secretary ____/____/____	<table><tr><td>FOR GIFT Mail Card to: _____</td><td>Name: _____ Tel#: (____) ____ - ____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____</td></tr></table>	FOR GIFT Mail Card to: _____	Name: _____ Tel#: (____) ____ - ____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
FOR GIFT Mail Card to: _____	Name: _____ Tel#: (____) ____ - ____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____		

Indicate Payment Method:

- ☐ Check or Money Order - - Make payable to: **American Legion Auxiliary**
- ☐ MasterCard Card # _____ Expiration date: ____ / ____ CVV: _____
- ☐ Visa Card# _____ Expiration date: ____ / ____ CVV: _____

Daytime Tel # _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

SECTION 2 - To be completed by UNIT SECRETARY

With my signature below, I certify that applicant is a member in good standing, has a valid membership card (has paid dues) for the current year, that application is completed in full, that the PUFL fee listed above is accurate, and that the application is ready for processing at National Headquarters. *Note: After January 1, a member's current year's dues must be paid before they can apply for a PUFL membership and cannot be deducted from the total PUFL fee (see information on back)*

Applicants Membership ID #:

Last membership year paid:

Unit#: _____ Department/State: _____ Annual Unit Dues (Unit+ Dept+ Nat): \$ _____

***Is Unit waiving its portion of dues for this applicant? Yes No**

(By doing so, the Unit forfeits or "gives up" the waiver/ payment of that member's dues for the remainder of their membership.)

Signature of Unit Secretary: _____ Date application certified: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Daytime Tel#: (____) ____ - ____

**for explanation, see "COST" section on reverse side*

Send this form, along with payment to:

American Legion Auxiliary, National Headquarters
ATTN: Membership Division - PUFL
3450 Founders Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268

** The PUFL fee for applications processed after June 30
must be based on the total Unit dues for the following
membership year.*

Note: PUFL Fees are non-refundable

SECTION 3-To be completed by NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

NATIONAL per capita: \$ _____ DEPARTMENT per capita: \$ _____ Balance for UNIT: \$ _____

Date card sent ____ / ____ / ____

ELIGIBILITY: Any member of the American Legion Auxiliary in good standing (having a valid membership card for the current year) may pay dues in advance for the remainder of member's life. After January 1, a member's dues must be paid for the current year before becoming eligible to purchase a PUFL membership. If a member pays their dues in advance and decides before the start of the membership year that they want to purchase a PUFL membership, that dues amount may be deducted from the total PUFL membership cost until January 1 of the current membership year. After January 1 the full PUFL fee must be paid.

COMPLETING APPLICATION: The APPLICANT completes and signs the top portion of the application form and submits to the Unit Secretary for certification that member is in good standing and has paid dues for current year. Payment or charge card information must be provided before the application can be processed. Make check or money order payable to American Legion Auxiliary. See the rate chart below for payment due. The UNIT SECRETARY must: 1) Verify that applicant has paid the current year dues; 2) complete and sign the second section of the application.

PROCESSING APPLICATION: After the application and payment are accepted and processed by National Headquarters, a permanent PUFL Membership card is sent to the member. The card is proof of the member's paid-up-for-life membership status. Each year thereafter, National Headquarters will send the Unit, through its Department Headquarters, the Unit's share of the member's annual dues, unless the unit has agreed to waive their portion. The Unit and Department will receive the same amount each year as long as the member lives and remains a member of that Unit.

COST: The cost of a PUFL membership is based upon two factors -- the member's age at the time of application/purchase and the total dues of the Unit at the time the application is processed.* The total dues of the Unit consist of the Department per capita, the National per capita and the amount of annual dues retained by the Unit. The dues amount used to compute the cost of a PUFL membership may not be less than the sum of the Department per capita plus National per capita. *(Units may waive their portion of dues. By doing so, the Unit forfeits or "gives up" the annual payment of that member's dues from the Paid Up For Life Trust.)* NOTE: see "ELIGIBILITY" section (above) about deducting dues paid in advance from the total PUFL fee.

*** The PUFL fee for applications processed after June 30 must be based on the total Unit dues for the following membership year.**

The rate chart must be used to determine the exact cost of a Paid Up For Life membership. At the top of the chart, select your age group -- the age at your last birthday. In the left-hand column, find the amount of your annual Unit dues (round to the nearest dollar amount) and trace across to your age column. This amount is the cost of your PUFL Membership.

Example: if you are 62 years old and your Unit dues are \$25.00, the cost of your PUFL membership is \$525.00.

If your dues amount is higher than \$60.00, you can find a continuation of the PUFL rate chart in the Member Resources section of the national website at www.ALAforVeterans.org

PUFL FEE RATE CHART

Effective September 1, 2014

Rate or Sr. Annual Dues	Age When Single Payment Made									
	Birth toll	12 to 17	18 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 69	70 to 79	80 & Over
\$18.00	801	751	721	681	649	575	487	386	283	184
\$19.00	842	790	758	716	682	605	512	406	297	194
\$20.00	883	828	795	751	715	634	537	426	312	203
\$21.00	924	867	832	785	748	663	562	446	326	212
\$22.00	966	905	869	820	782	693	587	465	341	222
\$23.00	1,007	944	906	855	815	722	612	485	355	231
\$24.00	1,048	982	943	890	848	752	637	505	370	241
\$25.00	1,089	1,021	979	925	881	781	662	525	384	250
\$26.00	1,130	1,059	1,016	960	915	811	687	545	399	260
\$27.00	1,171	1,098	1,053	995	948	840	712	565	413	269
\$28.00	1,212	1,136	1,090	1,030	981	870	737	584	428	279
\$29.00	1,253	1,175	1,127	1,065	1,014	899	762	604	442	288
\$30.00	1,294	1,213	1,164	1,100	1,048	929	787	624	457	297
\$31.00	1,335	1,252	1,201	1,135	1,081	958	812	644	471	307
\$32.00	1,376	1,290	1,238	1,169	1,114	988	837	664	486	316
\$33.00	1,418	1,329	1,275	1,204	1,148	1,017	862	683	500	326
\$34.00	1,459	1,367	1,312	1,239	1,181	1,047	887	703	515	335
\$35.00	1,500	1,406	1,349	1,274	1,214	1,076	912	723	529	345
\$36.00	1,541	1,444	1,386	1,309	1,247	1,106	937	743	544	354
\$37.00	1,582	1,483	1,423	1,344	1,281	1,135	962	763	558	364
\$38.00	1,623	1,521	1,460	1,379	1,314	1,165	987	782	573	373
\$39.00	1,664	1,560	1,497	1,414	1,347	1,194	1,012	802	587	382
\$40.00	1,705	1,598	1,534	1,449	1,380	1,224	1,037	822	602	392
\$41.00	1,746	1,637	1,571	1,484	1,414	1,253	1,062	842	616	401
\$42.00	1,787	1,675	1,608	1,518	1,447	1,283	1,087	862	630	411
\$43.00	1,828	1,714	1,645	1,553	1,480	1,312	1,112	881	645	420
\$44.00	1,869	1,752	1,682	1,588	1,513	1,342	1,137	901	659	430
\$45.00	1,911	1,791	1,719	1,623	1,547	1,371	1,162	921	674	439
\$46.00	1,952	1,829	1,756	1,658	1,580	1,401	1,187	941	688	449
\$47.00	1,993	1,868	1,793	1,693	1,613	1,430	1,212	961	703	458
\$48.00	2,034	1,906	1,830	1,728	1,646	1,460	1,237	980	717	467
\$49.00	2,075	1,945	1,867	1,763	1,680	1,489	1,262	1,000	732	477
\$50.00	2,116	1,983	1,904	1,798	1,713	1,519	1,287	1,020	746	486
\$51.00	2,157	2,022	1,940	1,833	1,746	1,548	1,312	1,040	761	496
\$52.00	2,198	2,060	1,977	1,868	1,779	1,578	1,337	1,060	775	505
\$53.00	2,239	2,099	2,014	1,902	1,813	1,607	1,362	1,079	790	515
\$54.00	2,280	2,137	2,051	1,937	1,846	1,637	1,386	1,099	804	524
\$55.00	2,321	2,176	2,088	1,972	1,879	1,666	1,411	1,119	819	534
\$56.00	2,363	2,214	2,125	2,007	1,913	1,696	1,436	1,139	833	543
\$57.00	2,404	2,253	2,162	2,042	1,946	1,725	1,461	1,159	848	552
\$58.00	2,445	2,291	2,199	2,077	1,979	1,755	1,486	1,179	862	562
\$59.00	2,486	2,330	2,236	2,112	2,012	1,784	1,511	1,198	877	571
\$60.00	2,527	2,369	2,273	2,147	2,046	1,814	1,536	1,218	891	581

NOTE: For members under age 18, PUFL rates are based on your Unit's annual **senior** dues amount.

Questions and Answers on Eligibility and Acceptability:

Citizenship of Applicant

Q. Must an applicant be a citizen of the United State to be eligible for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary?

A. No. United States citizenship is not a prerequisite in the establishment of eligibility for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary.

Still in Service

Q. Can an applicant join under the eligibility of a relative who has remained in the service?

A. Service members serving honorably during any of the eligibility periods may remain in the service and be members of The American Legion. Therefore, a direct descendent or spouse can join under such a relative provided he/she is a member of The American Legion.

Q. Can an applicant join under the eligibility of a spouse who served on active duty with the National Guard during the Persian Gulf War?

A. Yes. If the spouse is living, then he/she must be a member of The American Legion. A copy of the military ID in addition to a copy of the Federal Orders or other appropriate documentation may prove eligibility. A woman can also become a member through her own eligibility if she served with the National Guard on active duty in the Persian Gulf War, Iraq, or Afghanistan.

Divorcees

Q. Is a spouse eligible through the war service after a divorce?

A. A divorced spouse does not occupy the status of wife/husband and therefore, has no eligibility. But the fact that a member of the Auxiliary has become divorced from the spouse through whom they gained eligibility does not force them to surrender the Auxiliary membership, even though they may marry someone else. However, if the Auxiliary member becomes delinquent, they may reinstate their membership only by payment of back dues for all years of delinquency.

Nieces, Granddaughters and Great-Granddaughters

Q. Are nieces, granddaughters and great-granddaughters eligible?

A. By constitutional action of The American Legion in 1970, granddaughters were made eligible for membership. **Nieces are not eligible. Great-granddaughters are no longer eligible due to the IRS rules for 501(c)19 organizations recognizing two degrees of separation as a direct descendent.** The American Legion and Auxiliary are the only service organizations that were formed and regulated by Congress.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Incorrect Join Dates

Q. Why are there incorrect join dates on some of our members' cards?

A. Prior to May 2010, The American Legion managed Auxiliary membership date. While we were able to upload data provided by The Legion into the Auxiliary's database, we have found many inaccuracies and inconsistencies. For example, anyone who joined the Auxiliary prior to 1992 was given a 1992 join date.

Requirement for Holding Office

Q. Can a Unit require meeting attendance or membership for a specific length of time before a member is eligible to run for office?

A. **No.** The Counsel General has stated there cannot be any condition precedent attached to the right to aspire to and hold office. Once a member has been accepted for membership, that individual becomes a member in good standing with all the rights and privileges concomitant with that membership, not the least of which is the right to aspire to and hold office.

Requirements for Voting

Q. Can a Unit require that a member attend a certain number of meetings in order to vote?

A. **No.** The Counsel General has ruled that the right to vote and the right to hold office are clear privileges of membership. Hence, the attempt to place restrictions on such privileges of membership by the Unit is contrary to the provisions of the National Constitution and are thus null and void.

Delegation Representation

Q. Do Junior members count when determining delegation representation for convention?

A. In determining delegation representation, Senior and Junior memberships are treated without distinction. All are counted in Department membership. Junior members are members of your Auxiliary Unit. They **are not** a separate organization, but they are not allowed to vote until they are 18 years old and a Senior member.

Holding Membership Dues

Q. What can be done about a Unit officer who holds back collected membership dues?

A. Article IX, Section 1 of the National Bylaws states, "...The annual dues shall be collected by each Unit and transmitted through the Department to the National Treasurer." Article IX, Section 3 of the National Bylaws states, "...Each Department shall remit the National per capita dues promptly to the National Treasurer at least once each month. "Thus, since the Unit transmits through the Department, reading these two sections together, makes it clear that the **Unit must forward dues at least once per month.** An attempt to hold dues money raises serious legal questions of the rights of members who do not receive their membership benefits. Likewise, if the money is lost, serious legal issues arise involving care and custody of the funds and issues of bonding of individuals who hold the funds. An individual who withholds money that should be forwarded most likely is in violation of the terms of the bond.

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Resources available on National website

How to Create a New Member Packet

How to Get Members to Renew

How to Login into Member Portal

American Legion Family Membership Brochure

ALA at a Glance Brochure

Printable Material for Recruitment

American Legion Auxiliary Magazine

Free subscription to *American Legion Auxiliary* - A publication for members to keep you up to date on current Auxiliary issues. Junior members **DO NOT** receive the *American Legion Auxiliary* magazine. New senior members will automatically be added to the *American Legion Auxiliary* magazine mailing list when you send in their 2026 membership dues.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have maintained membership for at least the immediate past two years and who have paid their dues for the current year (three consecutive years of membership) are eligible to apply for temporary financial assistance for:

1. A time of financial crisis to pay for food, shelter, and utilities
2. For food and shelter to victims of weather-related emergencies and disasters
3. For educational training for members who, because of changes in their life such as death of a spouse, divorce, separation, or other circumstance have become the main source of support for their family.

Applications forms are available from the Department Office or online at www.mnala.org.

****All applications are confidential and processed through the National Office****

2027 Department of Minnesota Membership Awards

Department Trophies for Districts

Adam Victory Plaque

Goes to the first District to reach Goal in the 2026-2027 membership year.

Jergens Plaque

Goes to the first District to reach All Time High in the 2026-2027 membership year.

Scallen Carlson Plaque

Goes to the District with the highest percentage of goal by the 2026 Fall Conference. The cut-off date of Fall Conference applies.

Carlson Hollenbeck Plaque

Goes to the District with the highest percentage of membership by July 2027, the exact date in July based on the membership bulletin.

Department Unit Awards

Department Presidents Citation

To all Units reaching their 100% membership goal by January 31, 2027

Unit Membership Chairmen

The Unit chairman with the most new unit members signed up will receive a State Park Pass selected by the Department Membership Chairman.

District Membership Chairmen

To the District Chairman with the most new members signed up District wide will receive National Park Pass!

Recruiting Our Future Stars Award

Any unit who recruits 3 Junior members will be entered into a drawing for \$25.00 to be used to promote Junior Programs.

Outstanding Individual Recruiter

To the Minnesota member who recruits the most new members will receive a one year of paid membership dues.

2027 Department Goal Awards

50%	October 23, 2026	Fall Conference – St Cloud
75%	December 5, 2026	Pearl Harbor Rally
85%	March 13, 2027	Appreciation Rally
95%	May 28, 2027	National Poppy Day

Rally Dates and locations are subject to change

Lottery drawing at the end of membership turn-in for \$75.00 for all units that have reached goal designated for each rally. (One Winner per rally)

Additional Dates & Awards per the National Membership Team

85%	March 15, 2027	The American Legion Birthday
95%	May 28, 2027	National Poppy Day
100%	July 2, 2027	Independence Day
102%	July 30, 2027	30 Days Prior to National Convention

Unit Awards from National

Units reaching 100% by January 31, 2027, will receive a gift from the National Membership Chairman, 2 per unit for the unit president and unit membership chairman.

New Chartered Units between 9/1/2027 thru 7/31/2028 will receive a Unit Guidebook & ALA National Constitution & Bylaws from Emblem Sales.

Member Awards from National

Recruit/Rejoin 10 -Any combination of Jr & Sr members by 6/4/2027 - will receive a special gift selected by the National Membership Chairman (1 entry per recruiter/member)

Family3 – Members who recruit 3 New Legion Members, 3 New Auxiliary members & 3 New SAL members – will receive a special gift selected by the National President

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2027 MEMBERSHIP SUPPLIES ORDER FORM

Please use this order form to request membership material for the current year. All membership materials listed below are at NO COST to the Units. Please use the space before each item for the amount you are requesting. **DO NOT** mark the space with an "X". All forms are also on our web page – www.mnala.org – under Forms.

Please give us your complete address. If you have both a street address and a box number, include both of them. If we need to ship to your UPS instead of mailing it, we must have your street address as UPS will not deliver to a box number.

_____ 2027 Transmittal Forms (White)	_____ Member Benefits
_____ Blank Membership Cards	_____ ALA Emergency Fund
_____ Blank Membership Application	_____ ALA Foundation
_____ At A Glance (Brochure/Application)	_____ PUFL Applications
_____ Your American Legion Family (3 Applications)	_____ Dues Statements
_____ Member Data Forms	_____ Other:

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