



**THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
APPLICATION FOR PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE (PUFL) MEMBERSHIP  
(Please print clearly - see instructions on reverse)**



APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER ID # \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL PUFL FEE \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mo./Day/Year) (See chart on reverse)

**BRANCH OF SERVICE (check only one):**  US Army  US Navy  US Marines  US Air Force  US Coast Guard

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (required):** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's signature may be omitted only if PUFL is to be given as a gift. If card is to be mailed to another address, enter below.)

Full Payment Enclosed **OR**  Time Payment Enclosed – Requires initial minimum payment of **10% OF TOTAL** as down payment.  
(See instructions on reverse)

**PAYMENT IS MADE BY THE FOLLOWING METHOD (do not send cash):**

Check or Money Order (Made payable to The American Legion) Check or money order number \_\_\_\_\_

Charge to MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Credit Card Number) (Expiration Date)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of card holder required, if different from applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**IF GIFT, MAIL CARD TO:**  Check here if PUFL is being awarded by Post (Honorary Life)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mbr ID # (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE POST ADJUTANT OR FINANCE OFFICER**

- By signature below, I certify that the PUFL applicant named above is a member in good standing and holds a valid membership card. Annual dues were last paid for the \_\_\_\_\_ membership year and were paid to Post # \_\_\_\_\_ in the Department of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Check one:**  
 Member is applying at a PUFL fee based on our annual Post dues rate of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
 With Post approval, this member is applying at a PUFL fee based on the **reduced Post dues rate** of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- If applicable, this member is transferring from the above Post to (new) Post # \_\_\_\_\_ in the Department of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Post Adjutant or Finance Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dept/Post #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Processed By Post

POST FORWARDS APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. (RETAIN A COPY FOR POST RECORDS.)

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

Member National Per Capita \_\_\_\_\_  
 Post Dept Per Capita \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dept. Post Per Capita \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received at National: \_\_\_\_\_

FORM #32-001 (January 2007)

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**APPLICANT'S RECEIPT**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment Received

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Processed By Post

The member named above has applied for a Paid-Up-For-Life membership. The application has been certified by the Post and will be sent to the Department Headquarters with the payment noted above. After Department approval, it will be forwarded to National Headquarters for final processing. National will issue a permanent membership card in recognition of the member's status as a PUFL member of The American Legion.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Post Adjutant or Finance Officer

## HOW TO BE A PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBER

Any existing member of The American Legion, in good standing, can apply for PUFL membership, providing the member's Post is in a Department participating in the National Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) Membership Plan. (The Department of Kansas does not participate since it maintains its own plan.) To be in good standing, the member must have a valid membership card for the current year. After January 1, a member is delinquent if dues for the current year are not paid, and would need to pay current dues before being eligible to purchase a PUFL. Should a PUFL member hold membership in a Post whose charter has been canceled and the member is unable to effect a transfer, then the unused portion of the original fee will be refunded. The same rule will apply in the case of a member whose membership has been revoked by the Post. Except as stated, no refunds of PUFL membership fees will be made.

### COST OF A PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE MEMBERSHIP

A PUFL membership is based on two factors - the member's age at the time of purchase and the total dues of the Post at the same time. The total dues of the Post include the Department and National per capitae and the amount of the annual dues retained by the Post. **The dues amount used to compute the cost may NOT be less than the sum of the Department and National per capitae.** The chart below shows the cost of a PUFL membership for any age and for most Post dues. Pick out your age group (your age at last birthday) then find your Post dues in the left-hand column and go across to your age column to find your cost. **For example**, if your dues are \$25.00 and you are 65 years old, your cost is \$352.

DUES	AGE GROUP													
	24 & Under	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85 & Over
\$20	\$697	\$663	\$626	\$585	\$540	\$492	\$441	\$388	\$334	\$282	\$232	\$186	\$145	\$118
\$21	\$732	\$696	\$657	\$614	\$567	\$517	\$463	\$407	\$351	\$296	\$244	\$195	\$152	\$123
\$22	\$766	\$729	\$688	\$644	\$594	\$542	\$485	\$427	\$367	\$310	\$255	\$204	\$159	\$129
\$23	\$801	\$762	\$719	\$673	\$621	\$566	\$507	\$446	\$384	\$324	\$267	\$213	\$166	\$135
\$24	\$836	\$795	\$751	\$702	\$648	\$591	\$529	\$466	\$401	\$338	\$279	\$223	\$174	\$141
\$25	\$871	\$829	\$782	\$731	\$676	\$616	\$552	\$485	\$418	\$352	\$290	\$232	\$181	\$147
\$26	\$906	\$862	\$813	\$761	\$703	\$640	\$574	\$504	\$434	\$366	\$302	\$241	\$188	\$153
\$27	\$941	\$895	\$845	\$790	\$730	\$665	\$596	\$524	\$451	\$380	\$313	\$251	\$195	\$159
\$28	\$976	\$928	\$876	\$819	\$757	\$689	\$618	\$543	\$468	\$394	\$325	\$260	\$202	\$165
\$29	\$1,010	\$961	\$907	\$848	\$784	\$714	\$640	\$563	\$484	\$408	\$337	\$269	\$210	\$171
\$30	\$1,045	\$994	\$938	\$878	\$811	\$739	\$662	\$582	\$501	\$422	\$348	\$278	\$217	\$176
\$31	\$1,080	\$1,027	\$970	\$907	\$838	\$763	\$684	\$601	\$518	\$436	\$360	\$288	\$224	\$182
\$32	\$1,115	\$1,060	\$1,001	\$936	\$865	\$788	\$706	\$621	\$534	\$451	\$372	\$297	\$231	\$188
\$33	\$1,150	\$1,094	\$1,032	\$965	\$892	\$812	\$728	\$640	\$551	\$465	\$383	\$306	\$239	\$194
\$34	\$1,185	\$1,127	\$1,064	\$995	\$919	\$837	\$750	\$660	\$568	\$479	\$395	\$316	\$246	\$200
\$35	\$1,219	\$1,160	\$1,095	\$1,024	\$946	\$862	\$772	\$679	\$585	\$493	\$406	\$325	\$253	\$206
\$36	\$1,254	\$1,193	\$1,126	\$1,053	\$973	\$886	\$794	\$698	\$601	\$507	\$418	\$334	\$260	\$212
\$37	\$1,289	\$1,226	\$1,157	\$1,082	\$1,000	\$911	\$816	\$718	\$618	\$521	\$430	\$343	\$268	\$218
\$38	\$1,324	\$1,259	\$1,189	\$1,112	\$1,027	\$936	\$838	\$737	\$635	\$535	\$441	\$353	\$275	\$223
\$39	\$1,359	\$1,292	\$1,220	\$1,141	\$1,054	\$960	\$860	\$757	\$651	\$549	\$453	\$362	\$282	\$229
\$40	\$1,394	\$1,326	\$1,251	\$1,170	\$1,081	\$985	\$882	\$776	\$668	\$563	\$464	\$371	\$289	\$235
Other *	\$34.84	\$33.14	\$31.28	\$29.25	\$27.02	\$24.62	\$22.06	\$19.40	\$16.70	\$14.08	\$11.61	\$9.28	\$7.23	\$5.88

\*If the Post dues are not shown on the chart, compute the cost by multiplying the actual dues by the amount in the "Other" line, using the one at the bottom of your age column. **For example**, age 62 and annual dues of \$27.50 (multiply \$27.50 x \$16.70 = \$459 [rounded to the nearest dollar]). If you use this method to compute the cost, double-check your multiplication to verify the fee...this will avoid unnecessary correspondence and delay.

**NOTE:** If the member has paid dues in advance to the Post, the dues amount may be deducted from the total fee, provided the PUFL application is received at National prior to January 1st, the commencement of the new membership year. It is the responsibility of the Post to ensure the dues are deducted prior to submitting the application and PUFL fee. This deduction should be noted in the top margin of the front of the PUFL application.

### THE APPLICATION FORM

The applicant fills out the top portion of the form, signs it, and turns it over to the Post Adjutant. Unless the membership is to be charged to MasterCard, VISA, Discover or American Express, payment by personal check or money order must accompany the application. If desired, arrangements may be made to pay the fee on time payment - enclose at least 10% of the total PUFL fee with the application. Coupons and envelopes will be sent to the member so monthly payments can be submitted until the balance is paid-in-full (must be paid within 12 months of the application date).

The Post Adjutant or Finance Officer must certify 1) the member is in good standing, 2) enter the last year for which dues are paid, 3) the Member ID #, and 4) the dues amount used to calculate the lifetime fee. After signing, the Post Adjutant or Finance Officer gives the receipt to the applicant. The Post is encouraged to make a copy of the application for its records. **The Post Membership Roster, and any other personnel records should be marked to indicate the member has paid dues for life as of the date on which the application is signed, or has started a Time Payment plan.**