

Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership

Anyone who is currently an American Legion member or who is eligible for membership may become a PUFL member.

Lifetime membership can be paid either in one single lump sum or over 12 equal, monthly payments. Once a member fulfills the PUFL membership dues, he/she will be protected from any future dues increases at the post, department or national levels.

All PUFL applications must be submitted to National Headquarters by one of three methods:



1. Online applications: Once the quote is received, the member can apply online. Once confirmed and payment is made, the member clicks "Submit" to complete the application process. **Note:** For those without internet access, the post or department can perform the process. A link to the PUFL application page has been added to **myLegion.org** for posts and departments.
2. Printed applications: Once the quote is received, the member can print an application to complete and mail to National Headquarters. The application will be pre-filled with the member's name, address, birth date, ID number and total cost of PUFL membership. (Incorrect member information can be updated on the application.) Mail the application and payment to National Headquarters at the address provided on the form. **Note:** For those without internet access, the application should be printed by the post or department and forwarded to the member for completion. A link to the PUFL application page has been added to **myLegion.org** for posts and departments.
3. Call Customer Service: Members can call toll free **1-800-433-3318** and speak directly to a customer service representative. **Note:** This should not be considered the primary procedure, as members, posts and departments have this ability.

The rate chart listed below applies to post dues of \$48.00 or less. If a post's annual dues are \$48.01 or higher, the post adjutant should contact Customer Service for the correct fee.

Paid Up for Life Pricing – Effective June 2016 (For post dues of \$48.00 or less)

AGE	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90+
FEE	\$1,535	\$1,399	\$1,229	\$1,025	\$815	\$599	\$429	\$329

Effective June 1, 2016 all previous rate charts are superseded.

When paid in full, the member will receive a permanent plastic card identifying him/her as a lifetime member. The PUFL member will also continue to receive an annual American Legion membership card mailed directly on or about July 1st of each year.

If a member chooses the monthly payment option and cancels or defaults, the member will not be eligible to participate in the monthly payment plan in the future. However, the member may resubmit an application with full payment of the rate currently in effect at the time. **Any funds previously submitted on the cancelled account will not be credited to the new application.**

Once National Headquarters receives and processes an application, the member's post will be notified and allowed 30 days to challenge. Departments will be copied on the notification.

There will be no refund of dues already paid (time or full pay) if the member chooses to cancel his or her membership, discontinue participation in the monthly payment plan, or if National Headquarters must close an account due to delinquency.

All PUFL members can apply to transfer to a receiving post the same as any other member... Should a PUFL member hold membership in a post whose charter has been canceled, and is unable to transfer to another post, the member will be transferred to their own department headquarters post.

Payment of Annual Dues to Posts and Departments

In July of each year, National Headquarters renews all PUFL members for the new membership year. After this massive renewal takes place, checks are issued to the departments, and, depending on the department, a post for reimbursement of annual dues for all PUFL members. All checks are sent to the respective departments for appropriate distribution.

Although it's at the Department's discretion, it is suggested that posts be credited with their PUFL members when the reimbursement checks are received from National.

Per capita checks are accompanied by a detailed listing that include per capita reimbursement amount for each member. Departments will always receive the same portion of dues they received at the time of the application for the duration of the PUFL membership, assuming the member remains in that department. *(Note: In support of Resolution 6 approved May 2007 by the NEC at its annual spring meetings, departments will receive payment for their portion of the per capita in the amount that was in effect on May 9, 2007 for all PUFL memberships processed on May 9, 2007 and prior.)* If a PUFL member transfers into a new Post, whether in the same Department or a different one, the new Post (and Department, if applicable) will always receive the same portion of dues the member's previous Post (and Department) received.

Posts will always receive the same portion of dues that they received at the time of the application for the duration of the PUFL membership, assuming the member remains in that post. For example, Legionnaire Smith applies for a PUFL membership this year at Post X. The current dues are \$35, of which \$5 is kept by the post and \$30 is transmitted for the department and National portions. If Post X increases its Post per capita dues next year to \$10 (making total dues \$40), its

reimbursement payment for Legionnaire Smith will remain at \$5. But if Legionnaire Jones purchases a PUFL membership next year, Post X will always receive dues reimbursement in the amount of \$10 for his membership.

Contact Customer Service at **1-800-433-3318** with questions regarding cost, the process, or a particular member. For general questions about the Paid Up For Life program, contact the Internal Affairs Division at **(317) 630-1330**.