

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.

Legionnaires can apply for membership online at **www.legion.org/pufl**. After providing a name and member ID number, the member will receive a price quote, then he/she can pay by credit card, or print out a personalized form and mail it in with a check, money order or credit card information. Those without a member ID number can contact Customer Service at **1-800-433-3318** for their personalized offer.



Lifetime membership can be paid either in one single lump sum or over 12 equal, monthly payments. If a member chooses the Time Pay Plan, payment must be made by credit card only. (Check for online promotions if paying in full.) 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: The member can obtain a rate quote online at **www.legion.org/pufl**. Once the quote is received, the member can opt to apply online and their personal information will appear for confirmation. Once confirmed and payment information is entered, the member clicks "Submit" to finish the application process. **Note:** If no 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. Printable applications: The member obtains a rate quote online at **www.legion.org/pufl**. Once the quote is received, the member can opt to 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 the total cost of PUFL membership. (Any updates to member's record can be noted on the application.) The member simply mails the application and payment to National Headquarters at the address 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 speak to a customer service specialist by calling **1-800-433-3318**. They can answer questions regarding the PUFL program as well as print and mail PUFL applications or take them over the phone. **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 (Majority of post dues are \$48 and below). If a post's annual dues are \$48.01 or higher, the rate chart does not apply. In that case, the online calculator, located at www.legion.org/pufl, will provide the correct amount to be charged.

Some posts purchase a Paid-Up-For-Life membership for their long-time members, and in calculating the cost to remit, the authorizing post officers may choose to leave out some or all of their share of the post dues which will reduce the amount to submit with the application. If this is an option being considered by the post, the post adjutant must 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 at any 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.

Should a PUFL member hold membership in a post whose charter has been canceled, and is unable to transfer to a local post, the member will be transferred to their respective department headquarters post. In the event that the member is expelled by action of his/her post or department headquarters, the unused portion of the PUFL fee, if any, maybe reviewed upon recommendation of the post and department with final decision by National Headquarters for any possible refund. A PUFL member may transfer to another participating post with the acceptance of the gaining post.

Payment of Annual Dues to Posts and Departments



In August 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.

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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**.