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Welcome to the 56th Edition of The Leadership Ledger. It includes Post, Department and National reports, leadership training events, upcoming conferences/conventions as well as rules and regulations pertaining to local, state and national laws. The Ledger is available by visiting the Department's website at www.mainelegion.org under "News & Events" or on the home page. If you have any information to be published in The Leadership Ledger, please forward to Department HQ via email at: legionme@mainelegion.org.

COMMANDER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

To the American Legion Family,

I want to thank all of you for the great work that you have done this past year. You have made hundreds of buddy checks, made donations to our deployed servicemembers and to veterans across the state, raised money for those in need, recruited new members, and kept your posts and communities moving forward despite the continued challenges of the COVID virus.

As we all celebrate with our families, friends, and neighbors this year; please keep the families in Kentucky in your prayers. The American Legion National Emergency Fund is working diligently to distribute aid to those effected by the tornadoes. Please also remember our veterans and the brave men and women who are currently serving in our armed services around the world. We are thankful for their service and for the service and the sacrifices that they and their families make each day.

I wish you all a Blessed Christmas holiday with family and friends and may you have a Happy and Healthy New Year. May God Bless you all.

For God and Country, Commander Deb Couture

WINTER CONFERENCE

January 15, 2022

Jeff's Catering & Event Center
15 Littlefield Way, Brewer 04412

[Hotel Information & Registration](#)

[Conference Agenda](#)

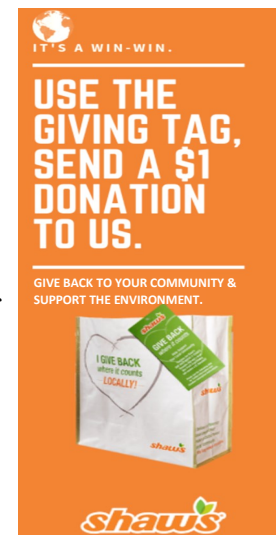
[Directions to Jeff's Catering & Event Center](#)

For More Information Visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/news-events/winter-conference.php>

*** *"Department of Maine is requesting that facemasks be worn upon entering Mid-Winter Conference unless you are vaccinated. Once seated you may remove your masks."*

SHAW'S STORES "GIVING TAG" PROGRAM

We're excited to share that all Shaw's stores are now offering the Giving Tag Program! Every time a shopper buys the \$2.50 reusable **GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS** Bag at any Shaw's store, they can direct a \$1 donation to The American Legion Department of Maine by using the attached Giving Tag. Visit your local Shaw's and pick one up today! If you're in the Waterville Area, shop the Shaw's at 251 Kennedy Memorial Drive.



The Department Headquarters Office and the Service Office will be closed ½ day Wednesday December 22, Thursday December 23, & Friday December 24 for the Christmas holiday, as well as Thursday & Friday, December 31 for the New Year holiday! Please plan accordingly. **Thank you!**





Congratulations! Wreath Day is almost here and you have done an amazing job this year helping to share the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach.

No matter the challenge, or volunteers have stepped up and found solutions, and together, we have overcome some incredible obstacles this year. YOU should be very proud of the work you've done and continue to do to ensure this mission continues. The team at WAA sure is!

After the success and great feedback HQ received from the last two year's matching campaign, we are again reaching out with our "Thank You," by helping you kick off a great start to 2022!

Starting on National Wreaths Across America Day, Saturday, Dec. 18, and running through Friday, Jan. 14, 2022 - all wreaths sponsored through a registered WAA Sponsorship Group will be matched by HQ for placement next December!

HQ will be sharing this news with a link to search Participating Sponsorship Groups across all our channels, including the December Mission Matters Newsletter, **Wreaths Across America Radio** and all our social media pages. We'll also post graphics, which you can download below, in the January Messaging Guide that you can use for your own social media channels. Remember to use your location's webpage, **www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MEWGAC**, in your social media posts to ensure that your location gets credit for sponsorships. The holidays are a great time to encourage people to give the gift of remembrance. A wreath sponsorship makes a wonderful, inexpensive, yet heartfelt gift!

Just like the match we did last December-January, the Finance team will need time to process all the orders and update everyone's wreath counts, including carry overs from this year and the matches. Finance will send out reports to all participants so you can see the breakdown once completed - likely by mid-February.

Thank you all for your amazing work this year. Together, we are honoring 2.4M veterans at 3,136 participating locations across the country.

This mission grows because of all of you bringing awareness to your communities. **THANK YOU!**

Remember. Honor. Teach.

Amber Caron
Director of Communications
Wreaths Across America



**AMERICAN
LEGION**

**PORTLAND SEA DOGS
AMERICAN LEGION DAY**

Saturday, May 21, 2022

Gates: 11:30 AM, First Pitch: 1:00 PM

**Join the Sea Dogs and
The American Legion
for a Ballgame on May 21st**

On Saturday, May 21st, The Portland Sea Dogs are teaming up with the American Legion for a fun afternoon at the ballpark when the Sea Dogs take on the Harrisburg Senators (AA Affiliate of the Washington Nationals). The game is at 1:00 PM and the gates open at 11:30 AM.

Purchase your game tickets by visiting **https://seadogs.formstack.com/forms/legion5_21** and you will receive a ticket at a special group price of \$11.00 (\$1.00 off the standard price). Additionally, \$2.00 per ticket will be donated to the American Legion. You will also be invited onto the field pregame for a group photo in front of the Maine Monster.*

*Everyone will meet in the left field grandstand before 12:15 PM and escorted onto the field shortly thereafter for the photo. We will have our Fan Photographer take the photo, which will be posted on our Facebook page in the May 21st Game Day Photo Album.

There is a \$2.00 processing fee per order.

For orders of 10 or more tickets, please call the ticket office at 207-879-9500 and ask for Alan.

If you have any questions, please email **Abarker@seadogs.com** for more information.

MILITARY TRIVIA

Q: What did **Admiral Yamamoto** of the Japanese Navy, who led the attack on Pearl Harbor say, just before he launched his attack aircraft on that fateful morning?



COMMANDER'S PROJECT 2021-2022



American Legion Department of Maine Foundation

The American Legion, Department of Maine Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization exclusively for charitable purposes. All donations to the foundation are tax deductible under the United States Tax Code and Internal Revenue Service.

The Mission of the Foundation is to provide financial assistance, promote Americanism, Youth Programs, National Security, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation that will enhance the lives of our veterans, their families, children and communities in the State of Maine today and for future generations.

My goal this year is to raise \$15,000 for the Endowment Fund to help fund American Legion Americanism Programs. Examples include Baseball, Dirigo (Boys) State, and the Oratorical Scholarship program.

America's future lies in our children.

American Legion Baseball, founded in 1925, has taught hundreds of thousands of young Americans the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship. The program is also a promoter of equality, making teammates out of young athletes regardless of their income levels or social standings.

At Dirigo (Boys) State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Students are elected to various offices. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, and recreational programs. The two representatives elected to represent Maine at Boys Nation in Washington, receive an education on the structure and function of federal government.

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

All these programs help to train and shape our youth into outstanding citizens. Many will become our future leaders and many may become leaders in the American Legion.

I am asking all of you: Legionnaires, Legion Posts, and Districts to please contribute to this endowment fund. It will help so many for many years to come.

Any amount will help, but some have asked for specific amounts.

This is my hope for suggested donations:

Posts with Canteens: \$250;

Posts without Canteens: \$100; Districts: \$200;

Individuals: Whatever you believe you can contribute.

To donate online, please [CLICK HERE](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/foundation/donate.php), or visit <http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/foundation/donate.php>; click on the "DONATE TODAY" button and choose **Fund 001 AL DOM Foundation – Endowment Fund** and choose Donate with a Debit or Credit Card.

Checks should be made payable to American Legion Department of Maine Foundation and mailed to: American Legion Department of Maine Foundation, 5 Verti Drive Winslow, Maine 04901-0727. Please make sure to provide your name and address so that we may send you a tax receipt.

Thank you all. For God and Country.

Commander Deb Couture

DONATIONS

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MAINE FOUNDATION

Amedeo's Giving Tuesday

Jeff Bussell	\$20
Michelle Strom McRae	\$50
David Tanguay	\$50
Lew Moynihan Jr.	\$65
V. James Troiola	\$75
Thomas Tesoro (New York)	\$100
Peter Johnson	\$500

Danielle Berube Begert Birthday Fundraiser

Kenneth B. Goodwin DBA Ken-KAS	\$50
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ATTENTION ALL POSTS: ORATORICAL CONTEST!!!

All Posts that have an Oratorical contest winner going to a District competition, please email them to Dale Midgley at midgleyd@earthlink.net and rachael@mainelegion.org so we know how many candidates prior to the District Competition. See **page 5** for more Oratorical information.

*Merry Christmas to soldiers everywhere
who can't be with their families!*





**New Step-By-Step Instructions
& Other Resources to Help with Your
MyLegion.org Account/Registration
Useful Step-By-Step Instructions/Information
on Membership Processing, Group
Permissions & More!**

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**For a Complete Overview of MyLegion.org  
see below links**

**[A Complete Overview of MyLegion.org \(PDF format \)](#)**

**[A Complete Overview of MyLegion.org  
- Powerpoint \(PPTX Format\)](#)**

Note: The last Tuesday of each month American Legion National Headquarters staff will present 60 to 90-minute sessions on topics aimed at post commanders and adjutants. Each session will be recorded and made available for later viewing. Please visit [Training Tuesdays](#) for the next scheduled training session.

## **MEMBERSHIP IMPACT REPORTS**

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The following monthly reports located on: <https://www.legion.org/membership/impact> provide a summary of membership, participation and volunteerism making an impact in the lives of veterans, families and communities. American Legion Posts can share the many ways Legionnaires are making a difference in their communities by [submitting consolidated post reports online](#). To visit the impact American Legion posts made throughout the year, visit: <https://www.legion.org/bythenumbers> or <https://www.legion.org/membership/impact>.

## **AMERICAN LEGION HISTORY!**



**Become a Sponsor  
Today in Support  
of Maine Veterans**

***Deadline for  
Submission is  
May 6, 2022***

Become a sponsor of  
our Maine American  
Legion Convention

Yearbook today by purchasing ad space or as an "individual donor" and help support Veterans in the State of Maine. As a contributor, your name (individual or business) will be listed in our 2022 Maine American Legion Yearbook and made available in print and online in digital format by visiting [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org).

Show your support to our Veterans in the State of Maine! Become a sponsor today and make your name part of The American Legion history!

Donations may be made by visiting [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) or by check payable to The American Legion, Department of Maine, earmarked "Yearbook Program". Mail to:

The American Legion, Department of Maine  
5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME. 04901-0727.

For more information, please call:  
**207-873-3229 Ext. 2.**

## **WOMEN VETERANS EVENT GUIDELINES**

If you're thinking about putting together a Women Veterans Event sponsored by the American Legion, Department of Maine, please click on the above link to help you. For more information, please contact Department HQ at 207-873-3229.

Guidelines are also available to download by visiting: [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) under Forms/Applications.

## **PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

**First Wednesday of each month, the  
next meeting will be: January 5, 2022  
Time: 6:00pm**

**Location: 861 Brighton Ave. Portland, Maine  
Second floor, upstairs over Rob's Barber Shop  
Contact: Bob Beane, Post 148, 207-749-1857.**





## The American Legion, Department of Maine High School Oratorical Scholarship Program

Thomas College  
180 West River Rd.  
Waterville, Maine 04901

**February 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

(Snow date: February 19, 2022)

For More Information [Click Here](#) or go to  
[www.mainelegion.org/pages/programs/oratorical.php](http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/programs/oratorical.php)

**Department of Maine HS Oratorical  
Scholarship Application**

**Department of Maine Oratorical Brochure**

**2022 Oratorical Rules Brochure**

**Oratorical Promotional Brochure - National**

## **GET YOUR POST INSURANCE FROM THE EXPERTS**



**Lockton Affinity** is the world's largest insurer of fraternal and civic organizations. This expertise will benefit your Post, members and guests through our:

### **Custom product offering:**

We offer customized coverage options to meet your organization's specific requirements and needs.

### **Risk management tools**

We provide risk management articles, alcohol server training, and safety tips your Post can implement to help reduce claims.

### **Flexible payment options**

You can select the payment option that works best for you and your Post.

### **Exceptional service**

We have an exclusive service team to support you whether you have a simple question or need a full policy review.

After decades of working with Posts like yours, we have seen the difference veterans and fraternal organizations make in a community. We truly appreciate your service and have been honored to serve your insurance needs in the past.

We would love to service your insurance again. Call us at **(800) 669-9944** to see how we can make our coverage work for your Post.



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

## **News Release**

Office of Public Affairs  
Media Relations  
Washington, DC 20420  
(202) 461-7600  
www.va.gov

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

November 18, 2021

### **Togus VA Regional Office back to 100% capacity** *VA benefits counseling available across Maine*

**Augusta, Maine** — The Department of Veterans Affairs Togus Regional Office is encouraging the public to take advantage of all opportunities to speak with a Veterans Benefits Administration representative either over the phone, by video or in person.

COVID-19 guidelines are being followed to include wearing masks, sanitizing surfaces and the use of plexi-glass shields. You may reach a local representative at 207-621-6938 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm to discuss benefits such as compensation for service-connected disabilities, pension, aid and attendance and Veteran Readiness and Employment. If the representative is not able to resolve the question or concern over the phone, the representative will offer the following two options:

- **Telebenefit Appointment by Video:** This service reduces your travel costs and time. Video meetings are accessible on any device with a webcam and microphone. There is no need to download specialized software or obtain unique usernames and passwords (Apple iPhone users will need to download the free VA Video Connect application from the App Store). Access to a scheduled session is obtained through a unique link sent directly to you and is valid for that session only.

**In-Person Appointment:** A representative will meet you at a designated checkpoint to escort you into the building located at:

Togus Regional Office  
Public Contact Center  
1 VA Center  
Augusta, Maine 04330

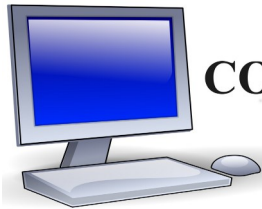
For more information about VA benefits and eligibility or **how to file a claim**, Veterans and Survivors can visit **VA.gov** or call toll-free at 800-827-1000.

John Brinzow, Program Specialist, 207-626-4788  
X5179, **VBATOGROEngage@va.gov**

## **DISTRICT MEETINGS**

### **Be Connected – Be Heard – Be Informed**

***Note: If you haven't submitted your district meetings for 21-22, please do so as soon as possible!***



## COMPUTER 101

**Computer 101** is a resource which aims to help those who wish to learn basic skills with the powerful technology of today's world. Increased proficiency with computers and the Internet has positive outcome across all fronts, both personally and professionally.

*It's the holidays – let's have some fun!  
Here are some computer riddles  
to make you laugh—or groan!*

- Q: What does a baby computer call his father?  
A: Data
- Q: What do you call a computer superhero?  
A: Screen Saver
- Q: Why did the computer cross the road?  
A: To get a byte to eat
- Q: Who chases computer criminals?  
A: hacker-tracker
- Q: What do you get if you cross a computer with an elephant?  
A: Lots of Memory
- Q: What do you get when you cross a dog and a computer?  
A: A machine that has a bark worse than its byte
- Q: Why was the computer so angry?  
A: Because it had a chip on its shoulder
- Q: Why did the computer get glasses?  
A: To improve its websight
- Q: Why did the computer sneeze?  
A: It had a virus
- Q: Where do computers go to dance?  
A: The disk-o
- Q: What happened when the computer geeks met?  
A: It was love at first site
- Q: Why did the cat sit on the computer?  
A: To keep an eye on the mouse
- Q: What's a computer geek's favorite snack?  
A: Microchips
- Q: What did the dentist say to the computer?  
A: This won't hurt a byte
- Q: Why was there a bug in the computer?  
A: Because it was looking for a byte to eat
- Q: Why did the computer squeak?  
A: Because someone stepped on its mouse
- Q: How are elephants and computers similar?  
A: They both have large memories



For more information [CLICK HERE](http://www.legion.org/benefits) or go to:  
[www.legion.org/benefits](http://www.legion.org/benefits)



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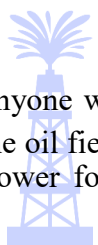
**No Cost LegionCare - lit (thelit.com)**  
[CLICK HERE](http://thelit.com)



**IRVING**  
**Irving Oil**  
**Savings**

## MILITARY TRIVIA:

**A:** He is remembered as stating: “Anyone who has seen the auto factories in Detroit & the oil fields in Texas, knows that Japan lacks the power for a naval war race with America.”





## EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VEFAP)

Do you know of a veteran in your community in need of assistance? Someone who during these challenging times just needs a little help to keep them going? Maybe a veteran that is homeless? Or worst of all, a homeless veteran with children? If so, we want to remind you that The American Legion, Department of Maine can assist you to help these veterans during their difficult and troubling times.

Call us at 207-873-3229 Ext. 3 or visit our website:

<http://www.mainelegion.org/pages/resources/va-resources.php>

We will contact you as soon as possible and we hope to enable you to help veterans in need.



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<http://emblem.legion.org>

## MILITARY TRADITIONS

### Wetting Down the Captain

In the U.S. Navy, when an officer attains the prestigious rank of captain—reached by fewer than 3% of officers—they are tossed into the water in full uniform, making the new captain ‘salty.’ In one instance, an exception was made: When [Capt. Julie Green](#) was promoted in February 2014, inclement weather prevented the ocean toss. Seawater was poured over her shoulder boards to honor the tradition.

### Canadian Christmas Dinner

In an effort to boost morale and honor the lower ranks, [Canadian forces enjoy a holiday feast](#) in which roles are reversed: Senior officers organize the event and serve the food to the lower ranks. Sometimes they even switch uniforms, and the youngest soldier in the unit takes command for a day.

~ Stacker.com

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](http://www.legion.org/pufl).

**PAID  
=UP FOR=  
LIFE**

Visit [www.mainelegion.org](http://www.mainelegion.org) Forms/Applications for more information.

### Paid Up for Life Pricing

(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 |

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.

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. See next page for application.



**VETERANS  
STRONGER  
TOGETHER**

IN WOUNDED TIMES NO VETERAN FIGHTS ALONE

For more information [CLICK HERE](#) or visit:  
<https://www.legion.org/benefits>



THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
APPLICATION FOR PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE MEMBERSHIP  
(Please print clearly)



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

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

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

TELEPHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL PUFL FEE \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mo./Day/Year)

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

WAR ERA: ☐ WWII December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946 ☐ Grenada/Lebanon August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984  
☐ Korea June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955 ☐ Panama December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990  
☐ Vietnam February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975 ☐ War on Terrorism August 2, 1990 - Open  
☐ Merchant Marines December 7, 1941 – December 3, 1946 Only

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST FURTHER DOCUMENTATION FROM MEMBER TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY AND INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION.**

☐ **Full Payment Enclosed** (Deduct \$100.00 from fee noted above.)

☐ **Time Payment Plan** – Requires payment by credit card. Card will be billed monthly, in 12 equal payments. Member's permanent PUFL card will be issued when paid-in-full. (Must review and sign **Time Payment Agreement**. Not eligible for discount rates.)

**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, PROVIDE GIVER INFORMATION BELOW:**

☐ Check here if PUFL is being awarded by Post (Honorary Life)

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

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail PUFL card to: ☐ GIVER ☐ PUFL GIFT RECIPIENT

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (required):** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's signature may be omitted only if PUFL is to be given as a gift.)

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

**Check/M.O. from:**

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

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

**MAIL COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION, PUFL SPECIALIST, PO BOX 1954, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206. ALLOW UP TO 6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY OF PERMANENT PUFL MEMBERSHIP CARD.**



## Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) Agreement

1. The applicant must be in **good standing**.
2. National Headquarters reserves the right to require further information or confirmation of the member's eligibility, which may include a request for the member to provide a copy of his/her DD214 (or similar) or other documentation of age, military service or membership eligibility. The member's Paid-Up-For-Life application will be held pending verification.
3. The member's Post will be notified of the new PUFL membership and will be permitted up to 30 days to challenge the application for acceptance.
4. If payment is being made using a credit card, the full payment will be charged immediately. Payment can be made by MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express.
5. The permanent (plastic) PUFL card will be issued within 4-6 weeks of receipt and approval of the application.
6. No refund of payment(s) will be made if the member chooses to discontinue his/her PUFL membership at any time, once the application is approved and processed; the only exceptions are explained in Item 7. This also pertains to members participating in the Time Payment Plan whose account was closed due to delinquency. These members will not be eligible to participate in the Time Payment Plan in the future but may re-submit an application with full payment at any time. (Any funds previously submitted on the cancelled account will not be credited to the new application.)
7. Should a PUFL member hold membership in a Post whose charter has been canceled and no other Post is available to accept a transfer, then the unused portion of the original fee, if any, will be refunded. The same rule will apply in the event that the member is expelled from membership by action of his Post or Department Headquarters. **Except as stated, no refund of any portion of PUFL membership fees paid to National will be made at any time.**
8. Once the application is processed by National Headquarters, the member will no longer receive renewal notices and his/her subscription to *The American Legion Magazine* will never expire. The member will be automatically renewed each year and his/her annual membership card will be mailed around July 1st to the member's address on record at National Headquarters.

## Additional Terms for Time Payment Plan Participants ONLY

1. Current members of The American Legion may use the Time Payment Plan to purchase a Paid-Up-For Life (PUFL) membership through National Headquarters. No Interest or service charge is added.
2. After receipt and approval of the application at National Headquarters, the remaining balance will be divided into 11 equal monthly payments.
  - National Headquarters will bill the credit card account provided by the member each month in the amount of 1/12 of the total Paid-Up-For-Life fee.
  - It is the responsibility of the member to contact the PUFL Specialist at 800-433-3318 to report a new credit card expiration date prior to the expiration of the card information originally provided.
  - If the member wants to change the credit card account used at any time after the application is submitted to National Headquarters, the member must contact the PUFL Specialist at 800-433-3318 to provide the replacement credit card information.
3. The total PUFL membership fee must be paid within 12 months after the application is processed at National and consecutive monthly payments are to be maintained. Delinquent accounts may be closed with or without notice to the member. A delinquency will occur if the member's credit card payment is declined for any reason. Any payments already made will be forfeited; no refunds will be issued if a Time Payment account is closed for any reason.
4. The member can elect to pay more than the minimum each month; much the same as a credit card account, paying in advance, or more than the minimum, simply means the account is paid off earlier. To increase the monthly payment amount billed to the member's credit card, the member must contact the PUFL Specialist at 800-433-3318.
5. The permanent (plastic) PUFL membership card will be issued only after the total PUFL fee is paid-in-full. If annual cards are issued before the fee is paid-in-full, the member will receive an annual card with the notation of "TIME PAY."

*Please sign below and make sure that the PUFL application is completed to avoid delay in processing.*

I acknowledge and understand the terms of The American Legion Paid-Up-For-Life membership program. My signature below indicates acceptance of the Agreement as stated above.

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*Signature of Member (Applicant)*

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*Member ID#*

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*Date*