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A Post 184 Legacy Ends



On April 18, 2009 a remarkable era of service to American Legion Post 184 ended with the death, at age 80, of Josephine Vidiri Nunnenkamp. Jo, as we all called her, was deeply involved with our post Auxiliary for many years and brought it through some very tough times. Her husband Herbert (Herb) A. Nunnenkamp was equally dedicated to our post and served in many roles, including that of Post Commander, before his death on July 10, 2006 at the age of 77. The Nunnenkamp's were not only united in their unswerving support of all the programs Post 184 had in place in direct support of our veterans, but, more importantly, they were devoted to each other and their family. They were a "pair" and their enthusiasm and great humor were contagious. They are irreplaceable. Once more united, may they rest in peace.

The above photo of Herb and Jo was taken at the Post 184 Christmas Party, December 20, 2004

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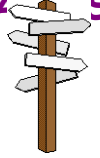
OFFICERS

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|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Commander | Dave Kirby |
| 1 st Vice Commander | Eric Claunch |
| 2 nd Vice Commander | Bob Thompson |
| Adjutant | -- vacant -- |
| Judge Advocate | Bob Mullenger |
| Finance | Dan Gillespie |
| Chaplain | Dmytro Andriuk |
| Service Officer | Dmytro Andriuk |
| Sergeant at Arms | -- vacant -- |
| Historian | Harlon Reece |
| National Security | -- vacant -- |
| Americanism | -- vacant -- |
| Public Relations | John McMonigle |

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEGIONNAIRES



January

1st Joseph F. Haney
 6th Frederick Kozlowski
 9th Robert Beall
 11th Daniel W. Gambel
 14th Harris G. Bruch
 15th Gregory Deutsch, Joseph J. Eash III
 16th George D. Summers
 18th Robert W. Pitulej
 22nd Richard S. Campbell
 24th James R. McLearn
 25th James B. Bartley
 29th Robert E. Pearson
 31st John R. Thomas, Harvey S. Warshaw

February

1st Gary F. Soldow
 2nd Christopher E. Neuzil, Morris D. McFarland
 6th Richard J. Holt, Jr.
 8th Burton E. Morrow
 10th Harry H. Osborne
 11th Richard A. Straser
 14th Mark A. Kohler
 15th Joseph N. Kamide, Paul F. Zadrozny
 16th Sandy D. Mangold
 17th David J. Tinkham
 18th William A. Greb, Shown O. Rolfe
 20th Alvin S. Bales, Jr., Gilbert H. Baron
 23rd Bobby J. Thacker
 24th George Barboza, Gerald E. Vandenberg
 26th Shirl F. McArthur
 28th Dennis J. Shea

March

1st R. F. Pavley, T. E. Shia, G. J. Maier
 4th R. L. Brewer, E. J. Steinmetz, T. Tempel
 5th Charles E. Farwell
 6th Walter A. Alexander, Jon M. Hurd
 7th Roger D. Hamerlinck
 10th Jon J. Canerday
 13th James T. MacKay
 15th Roger Blough
 21st Claire M. Pagliara-Miller
 25th Carl A. Provencher
 26th Charles L. Frame
 30th Ed J. Bush

SLATE OF OFFICERS ELECTION 2009 (May 20, 2009)

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Incumbent</u> | <u>Nominated</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Commander | Dave Kirby | Eric Claunch |
| 1 st V. Commander | Eric Claunch | Bob Thompson |
| 2 nd V. Commander | Bob Thompson | --- open --- |
| Adjutant | --- vacant --- | Dave Kirby |
| Judge Advocate | Bob Mullenger | Bob Mullenger |
| Finance | Dan Gillespie | Dan Gillespie |
| Chaplain | Dmytro Andriuk | Dmytro Andriuk |
| Service Officer | Dmytro Andriuk | Dmytro Andriuk |
| Sergeant at Arms | --- vacant --- | ---open --- |
| Historian | Harlon Reece | Harlon Reece |
| National Security | --- vacant --- | --- open --- |
| Americanism | --- vacant --- | --- open --- |
| Public Relations | John McMonigle | John McMonigle |

Write-in nominations are acceptable

NOTE: If your birth date is listed incorrectly, or not listed at all, please email the correct date to the post at WMKAL184@yahoo.com, or, send it by mail to American Legion Post 184, P.O. Box 5118, Herndon, VA 20172.

COMMANDER'S CORNER



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Memorial Day weekend and the Herndon Festival are just around the corner. Our two largest fund raisers will take place during this time -- our Poppy Campaign on Memorial Day weekend starting Saturday morning, May 23 through Monday, May 25 and this year we will be selling our snow cones on Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31 at the Herndon Festival. In addition to all that, we will be flying our Avenue of Flags and will have our annual Memorial Day Observance at Chestnut Grove Cemetery on Monday morning at 10:00 AM, May 25. Our Memorial Day guest speaker this year will be Navy Captain Kevin Andersen, Commodore Airborne Command Control and Logistics Wing. This all takes lots of volunteers, so please help us this year with these events. Each and every year it seems to get more and more difficult to come up with the number of volunteers needed to fulfill our fund raising commitments. I ask those who have faithfully come out year after year to, once again, give us your time. For those who have not volunteered, **please help**. We will need volunteers for three hour shifts at the various grocery stores in Herndon and Reston for our poppy campaign over Memorial Day weekend. We need to provide fifty hours of marshal duty (3 or 4 hour shifts) to the town as payment for us to set up our snow cone trailer at the Herndon Festival. As a marshal you meet and greet and pass out the Festival guide to the attendees at the various entrances to the grounds and make sure they are abiding by the rules of entry. Walkie-talkies are provided as well as a festival T-shirt which you get to keep (the T-shirt not the walkie talkie). And, of course, we need to man our snow cone booth for two days (Saturday and Sunday) of the festival. Put a smile on a child's face (and parents too) and help with our snow cone sales. We also will be putting out our grave flags at Chestnut Grove cemetery and will need help with setting up the Avenue of Flags. We now have 43 Casket Flags of area veterans that make up the Avenue of Flags. Please see the volunteer schedules on page 4 and call the legion at 703-481-1200 and leave a voice mail or send an email: wmkal184W@aol.com to reserve the times that best fit your schedule. Please consider volunteering for two or three events. We will be calling you soon.

For God and Country

David Kirby

Post 184 Commander

HELP YOUR LEGION GROW!

When you're talking to folks out there see if any of them are Veterans. If so then tell them about the benefits of being a legionnaire, and, what we do for our fellow veterans who are resident in our VA hospitals. The American Legion needs new members in order to grow in strength and to continue to provide for our fellow veterans and their families. Give them this form and help them to complete it, then have them mail it in with a copy of their current orders or a copy of their DD214 to:

AL Post 184, PO box 5118, Herndon VA, 20172.

American Legion Post 184

Membership Application

(Name) _____

(Mailing Address) _____

(City/State/Zip) _____

(Phone #) _____

(Email address) _____

(Date of Birth) _____

(Date) _____

Dues \$26 year --- Currently Serving: 1st year FREE

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:

- Aug.2, 1990-cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Govt.
 Dec.20, 1989-Jan. 31, 1990
 Aug.24, 1982-July 31, 1984 U.S. Army
 Dec.22, 1961-May 7, 1975 U.S. Navy
 June 25, 1950-Jan.31, 1955 U.S. Air Force
 Dec.7, 1941-Dec.31, 1946 U.S. Marine Corps
 April 6, 1917-Nov.11, 1918 U.S. Coast Guard

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

(Applicant
Signature) _____

Name of
Recruiter: _____

POST EVERLASTING

Melville Appell

June 18, 1917 – January 20, 2009

WWII – United States Army

**American Legion Post 184 – Honorary
Member**

| 2009 Poppy Campaign | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Day/Date | Time | South Lakes Safeway | Reston North Point Giant | Herndon Fox Mill Giant | Herndon Franklin Farm Giant |
| Saturday - 5/23 | 9am - Noon | | Dymtro Andriuk | | |
| | Noon - 3 pm | | Bob Thompson | | |
| | 3 pm - 6 pm | | Bob Mullenger | | Eric Claunch |
| Sunday - 5/24 | 9 am - Noon | | | | |
| | Noon - 3 pm | Dave Kirby | Bob Thompson | | |
| | 3 pm - 6 pm | | | | |
| Monday - 5/25 | 9 am - Noon | | | | |
| | Noon - 3:00 pm | | | | |
| | 3:00 pm - 6 pm | | | | |

| AMERICAN LEGION SNOW CONE VOLUNTEERS - 2009 | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Saturday, May 30 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm | 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm | 5:00:00 pm - 8:00 pm | 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM |
| 1 | Eric Claunch | Dmytro Andriuk | Bob Mullenger | |
| 2 | | | | |
| 3 | | | | |
| 4 | | | | |
| 5 | | | | |
| Sunday, May 31 | 11:00 am - 2:30 pm | 2:30:00 am - 6:00 pm | | |
| 1 | | | | |
| 2 | | | | |
| 3 | | | | |
| 4 | | | | |
| 5 | | | | |

| AMERICAN LEGION MARSHAL VOLUNTEERS - 2009 | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Thursday, May 29 | 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM | 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM | | |
| 1 | | Eric Claunch ?? | | |
| 2 | Bill Wright | | | |
| Friday, May 30 | 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM | 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM | | |
| 1 | | | | |
| 2 | | | | |
| Saturday, May 31 | 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM | 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM |
| 1 | | | | |
| Saturday, May 31 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM | 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM |
| 2 | | | | |

| CHESTNUT GROVE CEMETERY EVENTS/SCHEDULE - 2009 | |
|---|---|
| If you can help with the events below, just come by the cemetery during the dates and times shown. | |
| Friday, May 22 | 9:00 AM - put out the veteran grave flags at Chestnut Grove & Oak Grove Cemetery - put up poles for the Avenue of |
| Monday, May 25 | 7:00 AM - Raise Avenue of Flags |
| Monday, May 25 | 10:00 AM - Memorial Day Observance - All Legionnaires and Scouts are encouraged to attend |
| Monday, May 25 | 7:00 PM Retire Avenue of Flags - play taps - Fold and store flags and poles |
| Tuesday, May 26 | 9:00 AM - Collect grave flags at the cemetery weather permitting - Rain date Thursday May 28 |

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The American Legion Strongly Opposes Lifting of Ban on Photography of Flag-draped Caskets

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

WASHINGTON, DC - The American Legion opposes a proposed lifting of the long-standing ban on the photography of flag-draped caskets arriving home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Defense Secretary Robert Gates indicated recently that he is not opposed to a review of the 18-year old policy that generally restricts media coverage of the military caskets offloaded at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. Secretary Gates also says he is "pretty open to...whatever the results of this review may be."

The National Commander of The American Legion has reacted strongly. "From our point of view," said David K. Rehbein, "there is nothing to discuss. Photographing the caskets containing the remains of men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice on behalf of our country and its freedoms is little short of sacrilege. The practice would be intrusive and hurtful to the warriors' families. The return of fallen heroes is also a sacred moment for our armed forces, and should be respected.

"In our opinion, our fallen warriors deserve to be honored without compromise and not made the object of a media event or be made vulnerable to exploitation for propagandistic purposes," said Commander Rehbein. "Unless a warrior's family expressly wishes media coverage of the return of their son or daughter in this fashion, and respectful accommodations can be made, we can see no good reason to allow it."

Secretary Gates ordered a review of the controversial policy after President Barack Obama said during a February 9th news conference that the White House is "in the process of reviewing those policies."

Media coverage of military remains arriving at ports of entry was once permitted but was banned by Pentagon decree during the 1991 Gulf War. "That policy should be upheld," concluded Commander Rehbein.

The American Legion Strongly Opposed to President's Plan to Charge Wounded Heroes for Treatment

Monday, March 16, 2009

The leader of the nation's largest veterans organization says he is "deeply disappointed and concerned" after a meeting with President Obama today to discuss a proposal to force private insurance companies to pay for the treatment of military veterans who have suffered service-connected disabilities and injuries. The Obama administration recently revealed a plan to require private insurance carriers to reimburse the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in such cases.

"It became apparent during our discussion today that the President intends to move forward with this unreasonable plan," said Commander David K. Rehbein of The American Legion. "He says he is looking to generate \$540-million by this method, but refused to hear arguments about the moral and government-avowed obligations that would be compromised by it."

The Commander, clearly angered as he emerged from the session said, "This reimbursement plan would be inconsistent with the mandate '... to care for him who shall have borne the battle...' given that the United States government sent members of the armed forces into harm's way, and not private insurance companies. I say again that The American Legion does not and will not support any plan that seeks to bill a veteran for treatment of a service connected disability at the very agency that was created to treat the unique need of America's veterans!"

Commander Rehbein was among a group of senior officials from veterans service organizations joining the President, White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emmanuel, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki and Steven Kosiak, the overseer of defense spending at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The group's early afternoon conversation at The White House was precipitated by a letter of protest presented to the President earlier this month. The letter, co-signed by Commander Rehbein and the heads of ten colleague organizations, read, in part, " There is simply no logical explanation for billing a veteran's personal insurance for care that the VA has a responsibility to provide. While we understand the fiscal difficulties this country faces right now,

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placing the burden of those fiscal problems on the men and women who have already sacrificed a great deal for this country is unconscionable."

Commander Rehbein reiterated points made last week in testimony to both House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees. It was stated then that The American Legion believes that the reimbursement plan would be inconsistent with the mandate that VA treat service-connected injuries and disabilities given that the United States government sends members of the armed forces into harm's way, and not private insurance companies. The proposed requirement for these companies to reimburse the VA would not only be unfair, says the Legion, but would have an adverse impact on service-connected disabled veterans and their families. The Legion argues that, depending on the severity of the medical conditions involved, maximum insurance coverage limits could be reached through treatment of the veteran's condition alone. That would leave the rest of the family without health care benefits. The Legion also points out that many health insurance companies require deductibles to be paid before any benefits are covered. Additionally, the Legion is concerned that private insurance premiums would be elevated to cover service-connected disabled veterans and their families, especially if the veterans are self-employed or employed in small businesses unable to negotiate more favorable across-the-board insurance policy pricing. The American Legion also believes that some employers, especially small businesses, would be reluctant to hire veterans with service-connected disabilities due to the negative impact their employment might have on obtaining and financing company health care benefits.

"I got the distinct impression that the only hope of this plan not being enacted," said Commander Rehbein, "is for an alternative plan to be developed that would generate the desired \$540-million in revenue. The American Legion has long advocated for Medicare reimbursement to VA for the treatment of veterans. This, we believe, would more easily meet the President's financial goal. We will present that idea in an anticipated conference call with White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emmanuel in the near future.

"I only hope the administration will really listen to us then. This matter has far more serious ramifications than the President is imagining," concluded the Commander.

American Legion extends Operation Comfort Warriors

Friday, February 6, 2009

INDIANAPOLIS - The nation's largest veterans organization will continue its fundraising to purchase comfort items for hospitalized troops recovering in U.S. military hospitals around the world after doubling its \$50,000 goal for the holiday season.

"The American Legion family and its friends have raised more than \$115,000 that we have used to purchase sweatsuits, DVDs, puzzles, portable electronics and other gifts for the wounded heroes recovering at Walter Reed, Bethesda and numerous other military hospitals," said American Legion National Commander David K. Rehbein. "We delivered many of the items before Christmas. But even though the holiday season has long passed, the war continues. The military does a good job of taking care of its own at these facilities, but we want to do more. The need continues so therefore Operation Comfort Warriors will continue."

Donors can make online contributions by visiting www.legion.org/ocw or by sending a check to Operation Comfort Warriors, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Administrative and promotional costs for Operation Comfort Warriors are paid by The American Legion, allowing 100 percent of the donations to be spent directly on the troops.

With a current membership of 2.6 million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and mentoring youth. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation.

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The American Legion champions re-introduction of Vets Health Care Reform Bill

Thursday, February 12, 2009

WASHINGTON, DC -- The Chairmen of both the Senate and House Veterans' Affairs Committees have today re-introduced bills designed to streamline the funding of Department of Veterans Affairs health care programs and initiatives.

At an afternoon press conference, Senator Daniel Kahikina Akaka (D - HI) and Congressman Bob Filner (D - CA) announced the advancement of identical bills entitled the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009.

Among the provisions of the bill is long sought-after advance appropriations for military veterans' health care administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The advance appropriations mechanism allows Congress to vote on funding levels a year in advance of the current budget cycle.

"Advance-appropriations of VA health care funds will have a couple of great benefits for our constituency," says David K. Rehbein, National Commander of The American Legion. "Knowing what money will be coming to them well ahead of time will facilitate the VA's acquisition of the personnel, equipment and facilities needed to provide the best care possible. It will also facilitate better Congressional oversight of the funds' disposition," he continued, "thus helping assure that the monies will be spent as they should be."

Similar legislation was introduced by Senator Akaka and Congressman Filner this past September, but it was too late in the legislative season to gain favor. Considering that now-President Barack Obama was a co-sponsor of the original Senate bill, it is hoped that the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009 will be adopted in a timely fashion.

For years, veterans service organizations had argued in favor of mandatory veterans health care funding, as it is for Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare. "While this newly introduced legislation might not have the ultimate benefits of automatic funding, it is a very fine proposal nonetheless and, on behalf of our nation's veterans and veterans-to-be, we applaud Chairman Akaka, Chairman Filner and their many co-sponsors for it," concluded Commander Rehbein.

The Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009 has been a bi-partisan product. Though it has been introduced by Democrats -- Senator Akaka and Congressman Filner -- chief co-sponsors include Republican Senator Olympia Snowe of Maine as well as Senators Mark Begich (D-AK), Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Russell Feingold (D-WI), Tim Johnson (D-SD), Mary Landrieu (D-LA), Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), John D. Rockefeller (D-WV), Bernard Sanders (I-VT), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), John Thune (R-SD) and David Vitter (R-LA). On the House side co-sponsors include Republican Congressmen Walter Jones of North Carolina as well as Representatives Phil Hare (D-IL) and Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin (D-SD).

American Legion Applauds VA Settlement of Identity Theft Claims

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

WASHINGTON, DC - The American Legion is pleased to learn that veterans exposed to possible identity theft in 2006 are now the subjects of a \$20-million court settlement from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Legion was an early and strong advocate for veterans in the incident that prompted the VA's action.

"Though three years down the road, it is encouraging to note that the VA is doing the right thing," said David K. Rehbein, National Commander of The American Legion.

In 2006, a VA data analyst admitted to taking home - without permission - a laptop computer and external

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data drive containing the names, birth dates and Social Security numbers of up to 26.5-million veterans and active duty members of the armed forces. The laptop and drive were then lost in a burglary of the analyst's home on May 3rd of that year. The VA employee reported the loss promptly and the computer and drive were subsequently recovered intact, but veterans were not notified of the incident until nearly three weeks after the fact.

Upon learning of the privacy breach, The American Legion set up a phone bank to answer queries from veterans who feared identity theft and urged members of Congress to seek redress for the wrongdoing.

Lawyers for the Department of Veterans Affairs and plaintiffs have now reached a settlement agreement. Under its terms, veterans who demonstrate that they have been harmed by the data theft will be entitled to payments ranging from \$75 to \$1,500 each from a \$20-million U.S. Treasury Department fund. After all settlement payments are made, any surplus funds will be donated to veterans' charities.

"We fought hard on behalf of our vets and troops whose privacy could have been seriously comprised," concluded Commander Rehbein, "and we are very pleased with this outcome."

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Postal Rate Increase – USA Today

These days, the check isn't in the mail. It's increasingly on the Internet and that's bad news for the U.S. Postal Service. Electronic communication and a withering economy have pushed the Postal Service into its worst financial crisis since Benjamin Franklin founded the institution in 1775. The Postal Service has lost \$7.9 billion in the past two years, and has borrowed money to pay its bills. Mail volume fell 4.5% last year and the Postal Service expects a bigger drop this year. The agency has asked Congress for permission to consider reducing delivery from six days a week to five.

Congress regulates the Postal Service heavily. By law, the agency must deliver mail six days a week across the USA at the same price, even to distant parts of Alaska. It can't close post offices for economic reasons. Stamp prices can rise only at the inflation rate, except in emergencies.

With 650,000 workers, the Postal Service is the USA's third-largest employer, after Wal-Mart and DoD. It has the nation's biggest vehicle fleet. Union contracts make layoffs rare. Raises are automatic. Labor costs have been reduced through early retirement packages and cutting back hours. The Service has trimmed its workforce by 120,000 since 2002. It wants to cut 100 million work hours this year. The average unionized postal worker made \$66,929 in wages and benefits in 2008. In February, the Service requested an increase in the price of a first-class stamp to \$0.44. The change will take effect on May 11.

The Postal Service's financial crisis could lead to a variety of dramatic changes; thousands of post office closings, cutbacks or elimination of Saturday deliveries, significantly higher stamp prices or direct federal bailout.

(source: "Post 180 Times," April-May 2009, Dyer-Gunnell Post 180, page 7)

Now that's funny A guy is driving around the back woods of Georgia and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: "Talking Dog for Sale." He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the back yard and sees a nice looking Beagle sitting there. "You talk?" he asks. "Yep," the beagle replies. After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says "So, what's your story?" The Beagle looks up and says, "Well, I discovered I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA and they had me sworn into the toughest branch of the armed services...the US Army Special Forces. You know the reputation of them Green Berets. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running, but the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger. So, I decided to settle down. I retired from the Army (8 dog years is 56 army years) and signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired." The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog. "Ten dollars," the guy says. "Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?" "Because he's such a liar, He never did any of that crap. He was in the Navy."



**THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
APPLICATION FOR PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE (PUFL) MEMBERSHIP
(Please type or print)**



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 one only): US Army US Navy US Marines US Air Force US Coast Guard

Full Payment Enclosed **OR** Time Payment Enclosed – Requires minimum payment of **10% OF TOTAL** as down payment.

PAYMENT IS MADE BY THE FOLLOWING METHOD:

Check or Money Order (Made payable to The American Legion) **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

Please provide check or money order number _____

Charge to MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express

(Credit Card Number)

(Expiration Date)

Date _____ Signature of Applicant _____

Applicant's signature may be omitted if PUFL is to be given as a gift. If card is to be mailed to another address, enter below.

IF GIFT, MAIL CARD TO:

Name _____ Mbr ID # (If applicable): _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

1. *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 _____.

2. **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 \$ _____.

3. *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: _____

PFLN

FORM #32-090 (October 2003)

^ DETACH HERE ^

APPLICANT'S RECEIPT:

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 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 your status as a PUFL member of The American Legion.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Signature of Post Adjutant or Finance Officer

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



American Legion
Post 184
Box 5118, Herndon, VA 20172

NEXT 3 MEETINGS

Mark Your Calendar

3rd **WEDNESDAY**, 7:30–8:30 PM

May 20th

June 17th

July 15th

Meetings held on the **1st Floor** of the
Herndon Moose Lodge
714 Center Street
Herndon, VA *page 10*



SHOW YOUR COLORS

Display your Flag !!

Armed Force Day

May 16th

Memorial Day

May 25th

Flag Day

June 14th