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Memorial Day Observance 2010

MAY 31, 2010, 10:00 AM
CHESTNUT GROVE CEMETERY
HERNDON, VIRGINIA

PROGRAM

- Assembly of Legionnaires
- Posting of Colors (Herndon High School NJROTC Color Guard)
- Invocation (Post 184 Chaplain, Dmytro Andriuk)
- Opening Remarks (Post 184 Commander, Dave Kirby)
- Guest Speaker (CAPT Kevin R. Andersen, USN)**
- Laying of the Memorial Wreaths (CAPT Anderson and Post 184 Commander)
- Sounding of Taps (Legionnaire Eric Claunch)
- Benediction (Post 184 Chaplain)
- Retiring of Colors (Herndon High School NJROTC Color Guard)
- Herndon Woman's Club Presentation (Nancy Farr) – Veterans Honor Roll Plaque

American Legion
Post 184
Box 5118, Herndon, VA 20172

OFFICERS

Commander	Dave Kirby
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Thompson
2 nd Vice Commander	Eric Claunch
Adjutant	Dave Kirby
Judge Advocate	Bob Mullenger
Finance	Dan Gillespie
Chaplain	Dmytro Andriuk
Service Officer	Dmytro Andriuk
Sergeant at Arms	-- vacant --
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEGIONNAIRES

May 1st Martin L. Kennebeck

2nd Kevin C. Chiaravalle, John R. Kirk
3rd Claude Debruhl
4th David A. Kirby
6th Kenneth W. Brant, Robert A. Shawn
7th Kathleen M. Emery
11th Norman G. Eiben, Fredric A. Lombardo
12th Adrian Pelzer
14th Willam B. Tirrell
15th Roy F. Perkins
16th Stuart A. Crown
18th Randy Ashby, Ted Crites, Thomas Shia
20th Joseph R. Hyer, Lois R. Olson
22nd Norman D. Messman
25th John Sylvester
26th Edward Reiff
27th John A. Hvozdovic, William B. Spence
29th Edmund R. Neach
30th James H. Godsey
31st Danial D. Gillespie, Terrell F. Waters

June 1st Hugh A. Holler, Corbin L. Thompson

3rd Paul Vandenberg
6th Robert J. Riendeau
8th Richard L. Deason
10th Charles G. Flaig
11th Steven R. Jensen
16th Joseph L. Camarda, Lawrence C. Myers
17th Theodore Lecour
19th Patricia A. Janes
21st James J. Myers, Rex R. Roller
23rd Allen M. Kanak
24th Adolph M. Essigmann
25th Donald C. Haddock
26th Nancy Boston, Richard L. Harlow
28th Charles D. McGuire, Eugene F. Middleton
29th John W. Walsh

July 5th William A. Burk, William F. Welch,

David L. Wilson
6th Carolyn D. Henderson
9th Jay R. Shaffer
11th Daniel A. Dougherty, Leonard A. Lambert
13th Jerry B. Carpenter
15th William R. Davin, William D. Morris
16th Daniel W. Barclay
18th Robert M. Schlesinger
19th Stewart Dillon
20th Robert J. Longo
21st David V. Harbach
23rd Edwin P. Geesey
24th Ron Herron, Joseph E. Leinenbach,
Andrew Marmorstein, Robert Morrison
25th William G. Wright

August 1st Klaus W. Clippinger

2nd Harlon Reece
4th Gerald Washburn
6th Gilbert D. Giles, Gary L. House,
Howard B. Peck
7th Ray L. Carmichael
9th John H. Eaker
18th Olin A. Baughman, Angelo Wider
23rd Donald J. Calder, Charles K. Howell,
Lewis H. Potter, Terry C. Tarbell
24th Michael Davis, Raymond F. Sekosky
26th Kevin R. Darby
27th Richard G. Dubuque, Roy T. Howe
28th Frank E. Owens
29th Jacob R. Epprecht, Ronald L. Marshall
31st Herbert O. Brickson, Robert D. Martin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEGIONNAIRES

April (not included in last newsletter)

6th Elwood M. White
8th Michael M. Jacobs, Alberto B. Villareal
9th Jerome A. Geary, John S. Ward
10th James S. Loftus
13th Stanley A. Kachel, Robert W. Mullenger,
Geoffrey Schelhorn
14th Tomas Orea-Luna
15th Jerry L. Mullins
17th John O. Jacobus
18th Ryan Washington
19th Harold G. Oakes
20th Alice Baker, Frank K. Elkins,
William Sickenberger
21st Charles G. Gallick, Barbara J. Metz
23rd Michael C. Arent

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.*

MEMBERSHIP - MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

The annual American Legion membership drive for 2011 began in July and 56% of our post members have renewed to date – MANY THANKS!

The American Legion National HQ sends out renewal notices about every two months throughout the campaign year. By promptly renewing your membership you can avoid receipt of one or more of these additional requests from National HQ. It takes time to “hand process” each renewal through your post, the Department of Virginia and finally at National HQ so the longer you wait before sending in your renewal the greater the possibility of your receiving additional notices “before” your renewal gets posted at National. If your current membership card does not show the year 2011 on it you need to send in your renewal. If you have a 2011 membership card then you can throw out any extra renewal notices you receive from National. If you can't find your card and are unsure about whether your membership is current contact me and I'll check things out for you.

Remember --- promptly return your renewal form to minimize the chance of receiving additional reminders from National.

Bob Thompson
1st Vice Commander
Membership Chair
(703) 435-8377

Department of Virginia Electronic Newsletter (e-letter)

The information in this article is applicable to all our Post 184 family members: Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members. Just like our military counterparts have to adapt to changes in tactics, The American Legion needs to ensure we can effectively communicate with and serve our current members as well as our future generation. Toward that end, today over 74% of Americans use the Internet and e-mail as their primary source of communications. That number will continue to increase as the practice of handwritten letters and typewriters continues to fade. If we are to remain relevant as an organization, we, too, must make the move towards passing and sharing data and information via electronic communications methods. As one step in that process, the American Legion Department of Virginia created a monthly Department e-Newsletter. The monthly e-Newsletter provides up-to-date information on current and upcoming events, information on our programs and activities, and other miscellaneous topics of interest to our Legion family. The good news is that it is **free**, you don't have to do anything to receive it except click on the invitation confirmation e-mail you will receive from our publisher (**you must actively respond** to confirm your subscription or you will not receive the e-Newsletter) and **you will still receive the quarterly hard copy *Virginia Legionnaire*** that is currently mailed to your residence. This and/or similar announcements regarding this opportunity will be included in the next two issues of our Post 184 LEGION LETTER newsletter.

A Proofreader's Nightmare come true.....

“Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft”

“Kids Make Nutritious Snacks”

“Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half”

“Hospitals are Sued by Seven Foot Doctors”

****COMMANDER'S CORNER****



Considering the current economic situation and the limited hours the North Point Giant gave us, our Poppy Campaign over Memorial Day weekend and our Snow Cone fund raiser at the Herndon Festival were very successful.

In the past years we have done better; however, we filled our volunteer requirements for both fund raisers after some desperate phone calls at the eleventh hour. This resulted in raising our bank account to over \$10,000.00. This will allow us to donate our funds raised during our Poppy Campaign to the Veterans Hospital and other organizations that support hospitalized Veterans as well as allowing us to administratively continue with our other events throughout the year. Thanks to all who came out and volunteered.

Our Memorial Day Observance at Chestnut Grove Cemetery was a great success with a record crowd. US Navy Captain Kevin R. Andersen was our Guest Speaker and the Herndon Woman's Club presented a restored WWII Honor Role plaque to the Mayor of Herndon (see picture on page 5). The plaque has been on display in the original Herndon Town Hall for many years and is still somewhat of a mystery as to how it came about or what organization was responsible for its creation. The restored plaque will have a new home in the lobby of the Herndon Council Chambers. The Woman's Club also provided coffee and pastries at the cemetery administration building after the ceremony. We should invite them more often.



With the closing of the Herndon recycle center, we had to find a new home for our unserviceable Flag depository. The Herndon Moose Lodge graciously agreed to allow us to put it in the front of their Lodge at 779 Center Street. So Legionnaires, if you are asked by friends or neighbors what they should do with an unserviceable, worn, frayed, or faded American flag, point them to the Moose Lodge.

I want to thank 1st Vice Commander, Bob Thompson for running an excellent membership campaign for the 2010 membership year. Bob's diligence and perseverance in getting members to renew and going after new members resulted in Post 184 attaining 97.9% of our membership goal set by the Department. Considering only the Northern region had better results at 99% we outpaced both the Western (97.7%) and Eastern (96.1%). Regions The 17th District came in at 98.6%. Read Bob's membership article on page 3 and please pitch membership to all your Veteran friends, relatives, and acquaintances. We're looking for some young blood and prospective leaders.

For God and Country
David A. 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 \$30 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: _____

Upcoming Events – Department of Virginia
 2010 Fall Conference, Hampton: October 29-31 2011
 State Convention, Hampton: July 14-17

Memorial Day 2010 – A Pictorial Review



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The American Legion celebrates signing of veterans caregivers and families relief act

(May 6, 2010) – With an American Legion official standing behind him Wednesday afternoon, President Barack Obama signed into law the long-awaited Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act. As its name implies, the act calls for the government to provide health benefits, training, respite care and, in some cases, monetary stipends for individuals who provide at-home care for severely ill and disabled veterans.

“This is a big step in the right direction,” said The American Legion's National Commander Clarence E. Hill. “Finally, the sacrifices made by the families and caregivers of our wounded warriors are being recognized and, more importantly, their needs are beginning to be met.”

Many of The American Legion's top legislative priorities have been included in the congressionally popular Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act, including improvements for women's services at VA health-care facilities, better support for caregivers of disabled veterans, expanded mental-health services and more funding to help reduce homelessness among veterans.

As it stands, the benefits of the new act apply primarily, though not exclusively, to veterans and caregivers of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF) – the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. According to a House Veterans Affairs Committee press release, the act does require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) “...to provide hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for certain Vietnam-era veterans exposed to herbicide, and Gulf-War era veterans who have insufficient medical evidence to establish a service-connected disability” but contains little else specific to veterans of the pre-9/11 era other than to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to “...submit a one-time report on the feasibility and advisability of expanding the program to cover veterans who have a serious injury incurred or aggravated before September 11, 2001.”

“The American Legion has urged and will continue to press congressional leaders to expand this very important but incomplete legislation to benefit all seriously injured and ill veterans and their caregivers,” Hill said. “Our nation must not forget them.”

The estimated cost of implementing all current provisions of the act is \$1.7 billion over the next five years. Observers say future funding will be the biggest obstacle to expansion of its benefits.

With a current membership of 2.5-million wartime veterans, The American Legion is the nation's largest veterans service organization. It was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and youth programs.

Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation.

The American Legion Supports Reform for Arlington

(June 10, 2010) - The head of the nation's largest veterans organization praised Army Secretary John McHugh for “decisive action,” in the wake of an Inspector General's report which revealed mismanagement at Arlington National Cemetery.

“We are disturbed any time we hear that our nation's heroes are treated in an undignified manner,” National Commander Clarence E. Hill said. “The findings in the report are quite serious but Secretary McHugh is to be commended for taking decisive action to correct what he called 'dysfunctional management.' We are pleased that former Senators Bob Dole and Max Cleland will lead an independent panel to eliminate the deficiencies. Our heroes at Arlington gave their all. We must not fail them. The American Legion offers its assistance to correct the problems.”

A failure to automate records reportedly led to the misidentification of remains. More than 300,000 veterans have been interred at Arlington National Cemetery from the Civil War through the current Global War on Terrorism.

Documentary on The American Legion Now Available – Portion of proceeds will benefit Legion programs

(June 10, 2010) – A new documentary detailing the 91-year history of The American Legion has just been released and is currently available through the organization's Web site and Flag & Emblem Sales division.

“History of The American Legion: A National Legacy” was produced by Blackhorse Productions, a California-based company that specializes in military documentaries. Narrated by actor Neal

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Documentary on The American Legion Now Available – Portion of proceeds will benefit Legion programs (continued)

McDonough (Band of Brothers), the movie traces the World War I roots of The American Legion and follows its history from its founding through its support for the military during the Global War on Terrorism.

“The American Legion has been the leading voice for veterans and the military since 1919,” National Commander Clarence E. Hill said. “While many people know that The American Legion played a pivotal role in the creation of the GI Bill, they don't necessarily know the fascinating history behind it. From the elevation of the VA to cabinet-status to the administration of some of the most successful youth programs in the country, The American Legion has too many noteworthy accomplishments for me to mention here. I am pleased that we now have a DVD that brings the illustrious history of The American Legion to life. This would make a great gift for any Legionnaire and a great educational tool for the general public.”

The National Executive Committee passed Resolution 6 during its October 2008 meetings, which authorized The American Legion to cooperate with Blackhorse Productions in the creation of the documentary. The project was completed at no cost to The American Legion, with a portion of the sales proceeds being allocated to The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, Child Welfare Foundation and National Emergency Fund.

“Preserving history and teaching viewers about the contributions and sacrifices made by our veterans is a passion for Blackhorse Productions,” said Jason Heit, Executive Producer and CEO. “We were extremely excited to not just tell the great story of The American Legion, but to include the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders.” The DVDs cost \$19.95 each and are available online at www.emblem.legion.org or by calling 1-888-453-4466. The stock number is 755.906.

RAPID Claims Act needs improvement to serve veterans better

(July 2, 2010) - During its review of pending House legislation yesterday at a congressional hearing, The American Legion recommended further improvements to the Rating and Processing Individuals Disability (RAPID) Claims Act.

The proposed legislation (H.R. 5549) would help to speed up procedures for considering the disability claims of veterans. In cases where veterans certify they have submitted “fully developed claims” (thoroughly documented to prove that disabilities are service-connected), VA can waive its own requirements for claim development.

While such a measure could speed up the granting of benefits to veterans, The American Legion voiced some concerns about the bill at a hearing before the House Subcommittee on Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs.

“The American Legion supports efforts to streamline the claims process, and to fast-track those claims where additional work is unnecessary,” said Barry Searle, director of the Legion's veterans affairs and rehabilitation division. “However, it is essential to ensure that veterans fully understand what is being asked of them when they submit to these [VA] waivers.”

Searle said that while such waivers could be beneficial in many cases, “unrepresented veterans may not fully understand what is required to grant their claim, and therefore may place themselves in jeopardy by not submitting crucial evidence.”

The American Legion believes the RAPID Claims Act needs a specific mechanism that would protect veterans in situations where they may incorrectly certify their claims as being “fully developed.” Searle told the subcommittee, chaired by Rep. John Hall, D-N.Y., that the legislation must allow veterans “to return to the traditional claims process at any point when it becomes clear that the claim is, in fact, not 'fully developed.’”

While the bill would continue the current process that allows veterans to file a “notice of disagreement” on a decision and enter the appeals process, The American Legion believes such notices would create unnecessary delays and defeat the bill's original intent.

Replying to a follow-up question from Rep. Hall about The American Legion's concerns over the pending legislation, Searle said that, unfortunately, many veterans see VA as an adversary instead of an advocate.

“VA needs an attitudinal change among some of its claims processors,” Searle said after the hearing. “They should go in with the attitude that a veteran's claim stands a good chance of being approved,

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[RAPID Claims Act needs improvement to serve veterans better \(continued\)](#)

rather than look for excuses to deny it.

At the hearing, The American Legion expressed its support for other pending House legislation:

H.R. 3407: Severely Injured Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2009 – Focuses on increased compensation for disabled veterans and recipients of the Purple Heart. Adds traumatic brain injury as a condition eligible for additional benefits. Increases special monthly compensation rate for severely injured veterans.

H.R. 5064: Fair Access to Veterans Benefits Act – Veterans' disability claims will not be barred by statutes of limitations if they did not or could not discover their injuries until after the expiration of a time limit. Under current law, veterans have 120 days to file a notice of appeal (if their claims have been finally denied by the Board of Veterans' Appeals) to the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC).

The American Legion passed a resolution at its 2008 National Convention, supporting legislation that would extend the 120-day appeal deadline to one year.

If enacted into law, H.R. 5064 will be especially helpful to veterans whose service-connected disabilities may hinder them from filing more timely appeals.

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[SONY MASTERWORKS SIGNS 4TROOPS](#)

Sony MASTERWORKS announces the signing of **4TROOPS**. Their debut self-titled CD will be available on May 11th with a portion of the proceeds from the sales to benefit veteran-related organizations. Sony chose to release the album during **Armed Forces Week** (May 8 – May 15) which honors Americans serving in all five services – Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

4TROOPS are United States combat veterans – three young men and one woman who served on the front lines in Iraq and Afghanistan. While overseas, music played a crucial and very personal role in all their lives. They would sing at everything from large military events to more intimate settings where they would jam in their bunk after a long day in the field and try to recall a slice of home. They also used their voices at somber occasions like memorial services, where they would sing to remember those that had been lost. 4TROOPS now come together for a singular purpose: to sing on behalf of all troops, to honor their sacrifices and to create awareness for their needs.

BOYS AND GIRLS STATE

American Legion Post 184 has sponsored four area high school students as delegates to Virginia's 2010 Boys State and Girls State. The delegates are as follows:

Virginia Boys State at Liberty University
Sam G. Eaddy – Herndon High School
Ian C. Martin – Herndon High School

Virginia Girls State at Longwood University
Jasmine Samantar – Herndon High School
Michaela Graves – South Lakes High School

WHO SAID SENIOR'S AREN'T FUNNY.....

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect". Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet, I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times."

Two old gents from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age, how do you feel?" Slim says, "I feel like a newborn baby." "Really, like a newborn baby?" his friend says. Slim says "Yep, no hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."



**THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
APPLICATION FOR PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE (PUFL) MEMBERSHIP
(Please print clearly and review instructions carefully.)**



APPLICANT'S NAME _____ MEMBER ID # _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NO. (_____) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ TOTAL PUFL FEE \$ _____
(Mo./Day/Year) (Multiply monthly payment by 36.)

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 Agreement Completed – Requires one month's deposit. See Agreement instructions.

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.

Charge full PUFL fee Charge deposit only Charge deposit and all monthly payments

(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

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

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

Application approved by Department Headquarters. _____

Signature of Authorized Department Officer

Date

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: _____

MAKE COPY OF APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL'S RECORD

**Paid-Up-For-Life
Time Payment Plan
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

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. The applicant must be a **member in good standing**, meaning the member must have a valid membership card for the current Legion year.
3. A copy of the member's separation form (i.e. DD214) or current active duty military ID must be attached to the completed application; if neither is available, a copy of the member's current driver's license may be accepted. The PUFL application will not be accepted without the appropriate documentation or attesting to by the Department Headquarters.
4. When the application is submitted to the Post for certification, the first month's payment must be included as the deposit. **Please do not send cash.** Payment of the deposit can be made by check, money order or credit card (MasterCard/Visa/Discover/American Express).
5. Dues paid in advance (prior to January 1 each year) cannot be considered as part of the initial deposit.
6. After receipt and approval of the application, National Headquarters will process the deposit and the remaining balance will be divided into 35 equal monthly payments. National will mail the applicant a supply of payment coupons to be used for submitting monthly payments to National Headquarters until the entire PUFL fee is paid-in-full. *DO NOT submit monthly payments to the post or department; mail directly to National Headquarters. National is not responsible for mis-directed or lost payments.*
7. The total PUFL membership fee must be paid within 35 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.
8. The member can pay more than the minimum each month; however, payment is expected each consecutive 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.
9. 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."
10. No refund of payment(s) will be made if the member chooses to discontinue participation in the Time Payment Plan or if National must close the account (delinquent payments, returned checks, etc). The member 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.)
11. Should a PUFL Member hold membership in a post whose charter has been cancelled 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 will apply in the case of a member whose membership has been permanently revoked by the post. **Except as stated, no refund of PUFL Membership fees paid to National will be made during or after participation in the Time Payment Plan.**

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

I understand that my participation in the Time Payment Plan, for the purchase of a Paid-Up-For-Life Membership in The American Legion, will be subject to the stipulations noted above. My signature below indicates acceptance of the Agreement as stated.

Signature of Member (Applicant)

Member ID #

Date

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

August 18th

September 15th

October 20th

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



SHOW YOUR COLORS

Display your Flag !!

Labor Day
September 6th

Patriot Day
September 11th

Columbus Day
October 11th