



JULY 2017

LIFE MEMBERS

A reminder of the memorandum that was sent to all Post Commanders and Post Adjutants of the manner in which a Kansas Life Membership (KLM) will be processed for the 2018 membership year and beyond. As of July 1, 2016 the Kansas Life Membership Plan was changed to require each Post to submit \$18.50 to the Department for each KLM. A second change was the termination of Life Member Credit Memo. A Post has the option to pay \$18.50 from its own funds or require the KLM to pay \$18.50. In either case the Post Adjutant will submit to the Department \$18.50 along with the 2018 Department and American Legion Record card for KLM members. If the Post elects not to pay for each KLM, the KLM has four options: (a) Pay the \$18.50; (b) Let membership lapse; (c) Terminate Life Membership and pay Post dues at current rates; (d) Become a National Paid Up for Life Member (PUFL).

This applies only to Kansas Life Members, all other members are transmitted at \$35.00 as usual. Those PUFL members in your post are handled as usual and you will receive their credit, etc. from National.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MEMBERSHIP CARDS Upon receiving your Post's 2018 membership cards and roster the first order of business should be a comparison with your 2017 roster to: (A) Remove the cards of any deceased members, mark them appropriately and then forward them to Department Headquarters. (B) Remove and correct any duplications (example: Adam Smith and Adam R. Smith.) (C) Delete the card of any member who transferred from your Post -- if you received notice of transfer on a Member Data Form. (D) If you do not have a pre-printed card for any new member of your Post from the 2018 membership campaign set aside a blank card for use when the member renews. Ditto for members who transferred into your Post who may not have a pre-printed card. If you need any member's ID number contact Department Headquarters. (E) Review who paid their 2017 dues late (March, April, May) to enter in the correct number of continuous years the member has belonged to The American Legion. Be certain to use a #2 lead pencil whenever making corrections on the member's card or submit the change on a Member Data Form.

THE SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS is to transmit Life Members to Department Headquarters as well as the dues of every Post Officer.

CAMPORAMA - MILFORD LAKE, SEPTEMBER 1 - 4, 2017. This is a great family event. Make plans now to attend.

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY HOMECOMING, JULY 22. Department Commander Terry Marr, President Melissa Burton and Commander Mike Saindon invite all Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members to attend the American Legion Family Homecoming in Wichita, Kansas on Saturday, July 22, 2017. See enclosed flyer. There will be a membership turn-in, but please do not hold membership. Post Adjutants should make a membership transmittal every two weeks, more often if necessary.

POST QUOTA WILL BE the 2016 or 2017 membership as of June 30, whichever is higher. Dues notices for 2018 membership will be mailed by National Headquarters to reach members appearing on your 2018 roster on or about July 1, 2017. Members are to send their dues directly to their local Post Adjutant or they may renew online with National Headquarters and your Post will receive a credit memo along with a list of those members who renewed online. Post Adjutants are to furnish members their card and LegionCare enrollment card immediately upon payment of dues (including those who renew online). Posts are to transmit record cards and \$35.00 per member at least every two weeks.

SAL SQUADRONS: The requirement to turn in all unused 2017 S.A.L. cards to Department Headquarters was rescinded at the Detachment and Department Conventions. All 2018 S.A.L. membership cards have been mailed to the Posts.

AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS: National Headquarters established the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund to help provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships to the children of military personnel killed while on active duty since the 9-11 attacks against our nation. National Headquarters relies upon donations from The American Legion Family, particularly the Legion Riders, for annual donations to the scholarship fund with the goal of building the fund to a level that interest earned will begin to finance future scholarships while still be able to award scholarships now. All Posts, Squadrons, Rider Chapters and Auxiliary Units are encouraged to conduct a special event to increase awareness of, and donations to, the Legacy Scholarship program. Naturally personal donations are always welcome. Dept. Headquarters asks that all donations be sent to Dept. Finance Officer Charlotte Grim, 1314 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66612 so that all contributions from Kansas can be recorded and proper recognition may be made in the Sunflower Legionnaire.

CLINGS: Department Headquarters has a supply of static clings that can be moved from vehicle to vehicle for \$5.00 each. Two sizes are available 2"x26" Kansas American Legion Riders (the "Riders" can be trimmed off for those who are not riders) and 2"x20" American Legion Riders. Minimum orders of 5 are available and sizes can be mixed.

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held at Concordia Golf and Wellness Course at Concordia, July 15-16, 2017. For further information contact State Golf Chairman Carroll Peppersack, 805 N. Kansas Ave., Frankfort, KS 66427, telephone 785-292-4665 or email leftlandersden@netzero.com.

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN RENO IS SHAPING UP: The Kansas Delegation is to be housed at Circus Circus. Housing request must be made through Headquarters for all Delegates, Alternates and Guests. Everyone wishing to arrange for housing should notify Department Headquarters immediately. Dates for the convention are August 18 - 24, 2017.

THERE IS STILL TIME... It is not too late to pay 2017 dues. Check your roster and be sure your members have one last opportunity to keep their continuous membership in The American Legion. Stress this and give them one more opportunity.