



THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

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TEN-YEAR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name: _____ DATE: _____
Last First MI

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Post: _____ Are you currently a 2020 member: _____

If no, have you previously been a member? _____ Membership ID#: _____

Branch: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Type of Discharge: _____

If other than honorable, explain: _____

The 10 Year Membership dues are discounted to \$35 per year for a period of ten years amounting to a \$350 one-time payment. Participation is purely voluntary. This membership program provides an affordable alternative to Paid-Up-For-Life rates determined by the National Headquarters of the American Legion. DATES OF MEMBERSHIP ARE FROM MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2020 THROUGH YEAR 2029.

I understand that I am purchasing a non-refundable, discounted, ten-year membership to The American Legion, Department of Indiana. I certify that my answers are true & complete to the best of knowledge. I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in my release from the organization.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

***Must include a copy of the DD-214 or equivalent honorable discharge information (black out the Social Security or Service Membership Numbers)**

The America Legion, Department of Indiana is the largest veteran service organization in the state and nation, whose members are U.S. military wartime veterans and spent at least one day on active duty service on Title 10 (federal orders) during the following periods:

***April 6, 1917 to Nov 11, 1918 (WW I) and Dec 7, 1941 to present**

The proof of eligibility must be provided to The American Legion, Department of Indiana in the form of a DD 214 or similar military paperwork. The separation paperwork must show they served in one of the eligibility periods listed above and must be honorably discharged or separated with a general under honorable conditions.

Reserve Component, National Guard & Reserves service does qualify for membership. To qualify for membership, Reserve Component service members must have been activated in support of a federal overseas deployment, contingency operation or Title 10 (Federal) orders for at least one day of active duty during the periods listed above. This can be stateside or overseas, as long as, the orders are federal active duty.

State active duty, annual training or Title 32 (State orders) active duty orders do not apply toward membership eligibility.

If you do not have your DD 214 or any other form of discharge paperwork, fill out the Standard Form 180 and request your records from the National Archives online.

POLICY

- 1. Participation is purely voluntary.**
- 2. Participating Posts sign disclosure, agree to honor discounted payments.**
- 3. Payment is held in a restricted-reserve, interest-bearing account managed by the Department's professional investment advisors.**
- 4. Periodic annual withdrawals from the interest-bearing account are made and deposited to the post membership accounts of all participating posts on behalf of the Posts participating members.**
- 5. Periodic withdrawal be calculated to include an additional \$5.00 payment to be retained by the participating Post.**
- 6. Participating Posts issue & submit the three-part membership card in accordance with current practice, using the transferred interest income credited to their accounts for payment to the Department & National per capita.**
- 7. Posts receive a written report of the members' whose Department & National per capita have been paid & advised to issue the three-part card according to current practices.**
- 8. The discount program is fully self-funded.**
- 9. Department Finance Committee agrees to absorb future dues increases imposed by the Department of National Organization in order to assure continued payment of the Department & National per capita.**
- 10. The amount of the 10 Year Membership will equal 10 times the sum of Department & National Headquarters per capita dues in concurrence with future anticipated dues increases.**
- 11. The 10 Year Membership Program will reflect Department & National per capita increases beginning the effective membership year for NEW participating members; members already participating will not feel effects of dues increases for the duration of their 10-year membership.**
- 12. Current members will not be excluded and can opt-in mid-year for a total of nine years at \$35 per year to total \$315.**
- 13. Membership dues remain in the Department Investment account if a member becomes deceased during their 10-year membership.**
- 14. Members forfeit their 10-year membership & dues when transferring out of their Post to a Post that does not support the 10-year membership plan.**
- 15. Members forfeit their 10-year membership and dues when transferring to another Department.**
- 16. An exit strategy is built in to be evaluated after 3 years of implementation; participating members & Posts 10-year membership durations will be honored through the completion regardless of termination of the program**
- 17. The 10-year membership plan will be tracked by the Department Finance Director, Department Membership Coordinator & the Department Membership Chairman whom will report the program's status quarterly to the Department Executive Committee (DEC).**