



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Detachment of Louisiana  
Louisiana S.A.L. Life Membership



- 1) This plan shall become available commencing with the 2011-2012 membership year, beginning July 1, 2011, after recommendation of the committee, approval of Detachment Executive Committee, recommendation of the Department Finance Committee, the Department Americanism Committee, and the approval of the Department Executive Committee. The Louisiana S.A.L. Life Membership Committee and the Detachment DEC shall be authorized to change the Louisiana S.A.L. Life Membership program subject to the approval of The American Legion Americanism Committee and Department Executive Committee.
- 2) The Department Adjutant (Finance Officer) will be responsible for the handling of all funds. Currently, these funds are in a special account designated by Department. The funds associated with the Life Membership program are to be invested as per instructions from the Life Membership Chairman by The American Legion, Department of Louisiana.
- 3) Members wishing to join the Louisiana S.A.L. Life Membership must complete the application to the Squadron Membership Chairman. The entire amount of the Louisiana S.A.L. Life Membership plus the current year's dues must be mailed to Chairman of the Life Membership Program. A copy will be made and the originals will be forwarded to the American Legion Department. **A copy of the Veteran's discharge papers must be included.**
- 4) It will be the responsibility of the member to make sure that their Squadron Adjutant has a current address available. They will hold any cards returned to the Squadron until the member has a valid address. The Louisiana S.A.L. Membership cards will be hand delivered at Convention or mailed by the Life Membership Chairman.
- 5) Squadron, Detachment, and National dues will be absorbed by the fund. Only the excess in dues from National and State will be mailed to the Squadron until the member exhausted the Squadron portion. The Louisiana S.A.L. Life Membership committee will be allowed to recommend changes to the rate schedule to accommodate any increase at the National and State Level. The Detachment Executive Committee and The American Legion Americanism Committee and the Department Executive Committee must approve those changes.
- 6) Each year, funds will be drawn from the special account to pay the current dues for those members that are presently a Louisiana S.A.L. Life Member. These funds will be paid from the special account in order to pay National, State, and Squadron portions.
- 7) When the membership cards are received, the Life Membership Chairman will pull from each Squadron those that have the Life Membership. All others will be delivered or mailed to the Squadrons. Once a year, the Life Membership Chairman will complete all disbursement documents and vouchers from the information that has been verified with the original application. The Chairman will deliver all disbursement documents and vouchers to Department. This procedure will increase the processing of the Life Membership. The first transmittal for each year will be those members enrolled in the Life Membership Program.
- 8) Department will issued checks based upon the vouchers to National, Detachment and Squadrons. One check will be issued for the National dues and the membership cards will be attached and mailed. A journal entry will be made by Detachment for dues to move from the Life Membership Account into the Operating Fund. Department will mail all checks to the Squadrons that have Life Members.
- 9) A Louisiana S.A.L. Life Membership may transfer to another Squadron in Louisiana with the approval of their Squadron and the acceptance of the Squadron they wish to transfer to. There will be no refunds for members that transfer out of state; their funds will be on hold until they return to the state. There will also be no refunds to any heir of a deceased member. Membership in the Louisiana S.A.L. Life Membership program is non-transferable. There will no financing available at the Detachment level.
- 10) The Louisiana S.A.L. Life Membership rate table is attached. The fee charged for participation in the Louisiana S.A.L. Life Membership will be based on age and dues. Should National and State dues equal to or exceed the current dues rate, those members already enrolled will be grandfathered into the program. Those joining after will use the newer rate schedule.
- 11) Once the life membership amount is depleted, the fund will continue to pay the members National and Detachment dues, but the Squadron will no longer receive any additional benefits from the fund. This will become effective July 1, 2011.