

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

## 2011-2012

Your first District and Post meetings in July are extremely important in preparing your team for the upcoming year. You or your membership chairman **MUST** state the importance of a life membership program and encourage annual, reinstated, and new members to seek a life membership. Once paid in full, members do not pay any more dues for the rest of their lives, regardless of Post, Department or National dues increases. In addition, each Post and Department receives a yearly payment from the National VFW for each living life member. If current year annual dues are recorded at National from July 1st - December 31st and the annual member purchases a life membership in that same period - the annual dues will be refunded.

For this program, Posts will be divided into six (6) divisions according to the Post membership as of July 1, 2011. The Post in each division with the largest increase in life membership from July 1, 2011 thru March 31, 2012 will be presented a framed citation at the State Convention in June of 2012.

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM DIVISIONS:

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| DIVISION I - MEMBERSHIP - 10 - 50     | DIVISION IV - MEMBERSHIP - 201 - 400  |
| DIVISION II- MEMBERSHIP - 51 - 100    | DIVISION V - MEMBERSHIP - 401 - 600   |
| DIVISION III - MEMBERSHIP - 101 - 200 | DIVISION VI - MEMBERSHIP - 601 - OVER |

The Life Membership Chairman of the District with the largest gain in Life Members between July 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012 will receive a framed citation at the State Convention in June 2012.

### CURRENT LIFE MEMBERSHIP COSTS & PLAN OPTIONS

| Pay all at once. The chart below lists costs by age. |                  | Pay through an affordable installment plan. Member pays \$35 to enroll and then select whether they would like to spread their payments out over an 11 month period. ** |                 |
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| AGE  | ONE-TIME PAYMENT | AGE   | 11 Month Option |
| 30 & Younger   | \$425            | 30 & Younger  | \$38.64         |
| 31-40  | \$410            | 31-40   | \$37.27         |
| 41-50  | \$375            | 41-50   | \$34.09         |
| 51-60  | \$335            | 51-60   | \$30.45         |
| 61-70  | \$290            | 61-70   | \$26.36         |
| 71-80  | \$225            | 71-80   | \$20.45         |
| 81 and Over  | \$170            | 81 and Over   | \$15.45         |

**\*\*Payment Plan Terms & Conditions** The VFW Life Membership installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a Life Membership by making either installments after an initial payment of \$35. The member will be issued a “Provisional Life” membership card and can elect, upon receipt of first monthly invoice, to pay via check, credit card or ACH Debit. The applicable Life Membership fee is to be determined from the schedule using the applicant’s age on Dec. 31 of the installment plan year in which the application is submitted, regardless of actual date of birth. A permanent Life Membership card will be issued upon completion of this agreement.

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