

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM 2010-2011

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. They can also enjoy other benefits, such as, a 10% discount on all purchases from the VFW Supply Store. 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, 2010. The Post in each division with the largest increase in life membership from July 1, 2010 thru March 31, 2011 will be presented a framed citation at the State Convention in June of 2011.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM DIVISIONS:

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

The Life Membership Chairman of the District with the largest gain in Life Members between July 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011 will receive a framed citation at the State Convention in June 2011.

## 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 or 23 month period. **		
AGE	ONE-TIME PAYMENT	AGE	11 Month Option	23 Month Option
30 & Younger	\$425	30 & Younger	\$40.39	\$20.23
31-40	\$410	31-40	\$39.02	\$19.58
41-50	\$375	41-50	\$35.84	\$18.05
51-60	\$335	51-60	\$32.20	\$16.32
61-70	\$290	61-70	\$28.11	\$14.36
71-80	\$225	71-80	\$22.20	\$11.53
81 and Over	\$170	81 and Over	\$17.20	\$9.14

\*\*Installment plan members will be billed on a monthly basis. Each will receive a "Provisional Life" membership card at the time of their enrollment. A permanent VFW Life Member card will be mailed when payments are complete. The chart above (right) shows monthly payment rates for the two installment plan options by age.

Life membership fees may be paid in full, or over time, using the Life Membership Installment Plan. The installment plan requires just \$35.00 down, and convenient monthly payment spread over 12 or 24 months. See current membership application or Quartermaster Guide for details.

A Legacy Life Membership program is available for all life members. This is a great way for current life members to leave a lasting legacy to our great organization. The new Legacy Life membership program not only offers expanded and exclusive benefits to you, it also helps to ensure that the good work of the VFW will continue for generations to come.

Legacy Life members can select from three categories of membership: Gold, silver or bronze. Each of them offers its own package of exclusive benefits. Once activated, your Legacy Life membership will provide additional income to your Post and Department both during and beyond your lifetime.

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