

AMVETS

*Leadership, Advocacy and Service For
America's Veterans since 1944*

Eligibility & Dues

Being a Member

The cornerstone of AMVETS membership is the local post. Varying in size from 10 members to more than 2,000 in some cases, each AMVETS post conducts programs and activities related to the state and national organization's goals and objectives.

Membership, though, is not limited to joining the AMVETS post in your hometown. In fact, there may not be a post there or you may not live close to one. In such cases, an individual may elect to become a member-at-large.

Being a Member-at-Large

If you didn't join a post, you have the member status of a Member-at-Large. A member-at-large does not belong to a post, yet the member is counted as a member to the state they have chosen upon application.

A member-at-large has all of the benefits of a post member except a member-at-large has NO voting authority at the post, Department, or National level. As a member-at-large, you can request a transfer. Download transfer form [Here](#).

We also offer two membership categories—[annual and life](#)—each with its own dues structure.

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To be eligible for membership in AMVETS, you must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, anytime after Sept. 15, 1940. Additionally, unless still serving, your discharge must have been under honorable conditions. If you served as an American citizen in the armed forces of an allied nation, under honorable conditions, between Sept. 15, 1940 and May 8, 1975, you are also eligible, as are wartime members of the Merchant Marine. Proof of eligibility can take the form of a DD-214, an honorable discharge certificate or other appropriate document.

As a rule of thumb, annual dues are \$30, but this amount may vary from state to state or post to post. Life member dues are a minimum of \$500 as of 1/1/2011. These dues fund, in part, the programs, services and representation AMVETS provides.

PLEASE NOTE: When joining online, please note the membership verbiage in the [Membership Manual](#). If you join anytime before June 1st of the current year, your membership is good for the current year only. If you join on or after June your membership is good for the next year.



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LIFE MEMBERSHIP TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Complete this Life Membership Transmittal Form and send two copies to your state Department. Save one copy for your Post's records.
2. Submit a check or money order for dues and identify the purpose, i.e., National or Department portion of Life Membership dues. Life Membership dues are \$200. National receives 50%, the Department retains 25% and the Post retains 25%. Posts in Non-Department states submit this form along with 75% to AMVETS National Headquarters.
3. Indicate special mailing instructions in the "Send Card To:" section.

Department/State _____ Date _____
Post Number _____ City _____
Post Name _____

Membership Status: New Member _____
(check one) Current Member Number _____
Date Joined _____

Member Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____
Phone _____

Sex: Male__ Female__ Date of Birth _____
Branch of Service _____ Character of Discharged _____
Year Entered _____ Year Discharged _____
Name of Spouse _____
Sponsor _____
Send Card To: _____

