

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON NO. 25 STANDING ORDER

SO-1 DUES AND MEMBERSHIP

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PURPOSE:

To specify the cost and processing of membership dues and provide guidance for the retainment of existing members and recruitment of new members.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Membership shall be in accordance with Squadron 25 By-Laws, Article I, Membership.
2. Membership dues shall be \$40 per year.
3. Junior Memberships, for those members under the age of 18, shall be one half (1/2) of the cost of regular membership.
4. Dual Memberships, those members who are Legionnaires and Squadron members, shall be one half (1/2) of the cost of regular membership.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS:

The Sons of the American Legion membership year runs for January 1st through December 31st. Memberships have an annual renewal date of January 1st.

1. Membership dues collection for the upcoming year will begin after membership cards are issued at the annual Sons of the American Legion convention – typically in early July of the prior membership year.
2. Squadron members who pay their annual dues before November 1st are eligible to attend the free Early Bird Meal.
3. If a Squadron member has not paid by January 1st, he will lose access to membership privileges. These privileges will not be reinstated until current year membership dues are paid.
4. If a Squadron member has lost his privileges due to non-payment of current year membership dues, he has two options for payment:

- a. Pay for the current year only and lose any accumulated consecutive years
- b. Pay for all years in which the Squadron member has not paid his dues and retains his consecutive years of membership.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

1. Individuals requesting a transfer to Squadron 25 must fill out the appropriate transfer form and send it to the Squadron Commander.
2. Squadron Commander contacts the Squadron Commander of the transfer candidate's Squadron to determine whether he is in good standing with his current post.
 - a. If the candidate is determined to be in good standing, the candidate must provide his Service Letter/DD-214 to be eligible for transfer to Squadron 25.
 - b. If the candidate's eligibility is verified and accepted, the Commander will present the candidate for consideration by the Executive Committee.
 - c. If the Executive Committee approves the transfer, the Commander will bring the candidate forward for general membership voting.
 - d. If the general membership approves the transfer, the Adjutant will process the transfer according to established procedures.
 - e. If the candidate is determined not to be in good standing, the Commander will present the disqualifying information to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will determine whether to accept or reject disqualifying information.
 - f. The Executive Committee's decision will be presented to general membership at the monthly meeting.

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING:

1. The Adjutant will document payments on the Sons of the American Legion website and issue membership cards.
2. The Finance Officer will deposit the membership funds in the Sons of The American Legion bank account and ensure that Detachment have properly debited their membership amount.

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Date

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