



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Sons of The American Legion (SAL) is a program of The American Legion established in 1933 in Portland, Oregon. Since then, the Sons of The American Legion has assisted The American Legion with their programs and activities. Sons of The American Legion in 2011 attained an all time high membership of over 348,361 members nationally. The largest Detachment (State level) has over 56,000 members. There are trophies and awards given to Detachments and Squadrons for the largest membership, and the largest increase in membership.

Sons of The American Legion is more than just membership. Sons of The American Legion, on all levels, have worked together with The American Legion to promote Children and Youth programs, including the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in which the Sons of The American Legion has raised over \$392,000 in 2011. Since 1988, the Sons of The American Legion has raised over \$5,000,000 for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Sons of The American Legion members have donated over 327,000 volunteer hours in the Veterans Hospitals throughout the country and raised over \$1,694,000 that has gone directly to the VA hospitals and VA homes for a variety of items including TVs, radios, medical equipment, and clothes for the patients.

Sons of The American Legion continues to provide services to those in need in the local communities, through programs that include fundraising events.

The America Legion, Sons of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary form the "Legion Family." A family with a total membership of nearly 3.6 million members.

Sons of The American Legion is assisting The American Legion and the Citizens Flag Alliance in their efforts to secure a constitutional amendment to protect the flag of the United States from desecration.

If you are interested in receiving additional information about Sons of The American Legion programs, please write to the address on the back panel.

For information on
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
please contact:

or
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206
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Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Date _____

Name _____ Birth Date _____

(First) (Initial) (Last) Recruited by _____ (Initial) (Last)

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Is a member in good standing of Post No _____, Dept. of _____

OR (b) Is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ _____ as annual membership dues.

Signed _____ (By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by _____ (Post Adjutant)

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WHY I BELONG



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TO

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OUR COUNTRY

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.
- To honor my forefather's service to our country.
- To perpetuate (encourage) the true spirit and positive view toward Americanism.
- To help our children of (and into) tomorrow.
- To assist teaching all Americans of all ages what it took to make our country great.
- To keep freedom alive.
- To reinstate our loyalty and patriotism and beliefs in America.
- To help our country prepare for the future through the ideals established by our forefathers.
- To provide a vehicle for the Legion Family and the community to work together; to provide various services to the community, state and nation.
- To protect our nation's flag and to educate youth on flag etiquette.

OUR FAMILY

- To support The American Legion and its programs.
- To respect our parent Organization.
- To give back, for what The American Legion has done for my family and me.
- To make our support of The American Legion Family as strong as possible.
- To help teach our youth the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.
- Both a father and son can belong to the organization with a shared interest.
- To learn how to conduct a meeting using Roberts Rules of Order.
- To be a part of The Legion Family, and to help preserve it.
- To help the Sons of The American Legion become a better organization for all those who belong and for all who are helped through the Sons of The American Legion programs.
- To help prepare our youth in their ability to succeed.

OUR VETERANS

- To help care for all veterans who served our nation by assisting the VA&R and the VAVS programs.
- To impact my community in a positive way, by helping and assisting veterans, and supporting various American Legion programs.
- To provide assistance to all Veterans, especially those in need of care.
- To help assure that our veterans, POWs, and MIAs from ALL wars will never be forgotten.
- To show pride for those who served this country to keep us free.
- For God and country, and to support our veterans and their families.
- To show the pride we take knowing our contributions to The American Legion and their charitable programs are making a difference for the youth of America.
- To help those in need.



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