

MEMBERSHIP - the Key to our Success!

Just a quick, short bulletin this month. I just want to emphasize a few items for the local Membership Chairmen based on some questions we have received the past couple of weeks.

- First, National has changed the requirements for Honorary members. It is NO LONGER a one-time fee. Each local must renew each honorary member on their roster every year by sending in \$10.00 for each. New Honorary members also pay \$10.00 when they are approved by the local. This MUST BE sent through the Department by December 31 each year and the Department will forward it to National. The Department needs to keep track of ALL members: annual, Life, honorary and annual members-at-large.
- Annual and Life members may choose to *transfer* to Member-at-Large (MAL). A transfer form MUST BE filled out indicating this change of status and sent into the Department Executive Secretary. Annual members who change their status to MAL no longer have membership privileges including being able to vote. They also must pay \$25 annually into the Department to retain the MAL status or they are dropped from the membership roll. Life members do not pay an annual fee and they also lose voting privileges. ALL those who are MAL's are considered 'guests' when they go into any AMVET Post or other veteran post and must follow the club rules regarding guests.

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