

The Nickname: “Permanent Membership Plan” or “PMP”

The Official Name is: “S.A.L. Permanent Member Plan”

This Pamphlet is designed to give you an overview of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Arizona’s Permanent Membership Plan. This plan is similar in nature to the American Legion’s Paid Up For Life (PUFL) program, with a few differences. The PMP program is not run or administered by the Sons of The American Legion National Organization. It is run solely by the Detachment of Arizona. Also, the amount due is not determined by your age, but rather by a set calculation involving your Squadron dues. Please read through all of the information to understand how the program is administered and how it works.

SAL Permanent Member Plan Details

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Permanent Membership shall be issued by the Detachment of Arizona only and supervised by a Permanent Membership Committee. The Committee shall consist of at least (5) voting members. The Detachment Adjutant, Detachment Finance Officer and Detachment Membership Chairman are automatic appointments. Detachment Liaisons to the Sons of The American shall be ex-officio members of the committee without a vote. The Detachment Commander shall appoint the two remaining members of the Committee. The Committee shall elect amongst themselves a Committee Chairman.

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Permanent Membership shall only be sold through permanently chartered Squadrons of the Detachment of Arizona. No memberships will be sold directly to individuals. Each PMP application will have a separate check issued by the Squadron payable to “S.A.L. Permanent Member Plan.”

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To qualify for Permanent Membership, a member must be in good standing with his Squadron, paid current Detachment and National Dues and possess a Sons of The American Legion membership number at the time his enrollment is issued.

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Squadrons will remit to the Detachment the entire amount for permanent membership, payable to the “S.A.L. Permanent Member Plan,” according to the following formula:
 (Squadron dues x 18.5) + \$40.00 = Total Amount Due
 For calculation purposes, the amount of Squadron Dues shall be the amount a senior or highest annual dues paid to the Squadron, with no discount given for “junior” or “dual” members. A receipt for the application and payment shall be mailed to both the member and the Squadron.

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All Applications are to be made in triplicate. Upon completion and signing, the original is filed at Detachment Headquarters, the duplicate is returned to the Squadron and the triplicate is mailed to the enrolled Permanent Member.

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Detachment Headquarters will issue the regulation membership card at the beginning of each year, or on a date established by the Committee.

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Annual Squadron Dues exceeding the Detachment and National per Capita shall be credited to the Squadron at the beginning of the membership year or on a schedule that is reduced by 5% each year. Therefore, at the end of 20 years, the Squadron will no longer receive a credit of excess dues.

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Refunds are not made for any reason, even upon death of the member and even if the death occurs one day after the purchase of the “S.A.L. Permanent Member Plan.”

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Because the Permanent Membership Plan is a contract between the member and the Detachment of Arizona, it is not transferrable outside of the Detachment of Arizona and such transfer of membership outside of the Detachment of Arizona will render the Permanent Membership Plan null and void with zero residual value.

However, transfers within the Detachment of Arizona are permitted. Permanent Member transfer requests to another Squadron within Arizona shall be made in writing directly to the Detachment Adjutant (a letter, separate of the member data form normally used for transfers), to the Permanent Membership Committee.

Transfer of membership from your current Squadron to a new Squadron of record and PMP transfers are two separate processes that occur simultaneously; both must be completed to fully complete the transfer of:

- A Your membership of record with national, and
- B Payment of dues by Detachment via the Permanent Member Plan.

A signed Member Data Form by the member and the gaining Squadron shall serve as written notice when accompanied with a short & simple cover letter to the PMP Committee.

- All transfer requests shall include a nonrefundable fee of \$5.00 payable to the S.A.L. Permanent Member Plan.
- Upon approval of transfer, only the amount of the excess dues shall be paid to the gaining Squadron. The gaining Squadron will not be entitled to any reimbursement until the transferring member is reported on the National Membership Roster and the next membership year processing of cards is completed.
- A signed Member Data Form by the gaining Squadron will serve as acceptance of the Permanent Member. Gaining Squadrons will attach to the Member Data Form a letter of notice from the member authorizing the change of Squadron in the PMP records.

The Detachment Adjutant will attach a copy of the letter to the losing Squadron’s copy of the Member Data Form as official notice the transfer is in process for a Permanent Member Plan enrollee.

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A Squadron can vote to bestow an “Honorary” Permanent Membership by either following the same procedure as regular Permanent Member Plan (PMP Plan) or use the traditional method where the Squadron follows the National Legion procedures (must adhere to both Legion and SAL National and Department processes) where the Squadron chooses to pay the Detachment and National per capita amounts for the life of the member through a regular Squadron and subsequently a Post binding motion.

An “honorary” membership issued by a Squadron through the PMP plan is transferable to other accepting Squadrons. The Honoree is not obligated to repay any amounts to the losing Squadron for transfer.

PMP Sample Chart of Dues & Fees	Minimum as of May 2020		
Squadron Dues	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00
PMP Calculation Base (18.5)	370.00	462.50	555.00
Detachment Admin. Fee	+ 40.00	+ 40.00	+ 40.00
Total PMP	\$410.00	\$502.50	\$595.00

Areas in Yellow are often missed and PMP Application is rejected for failing to follow the specifics of the PMP plan. Please ask if you are not certain you are completing the form as required.