



# September Newsletter

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## August Meeting Notes

The regular meeting of American Legion Post 725 was called to order at 1900 hours on August 25, 2009, in VFW Post 2924 by Commander Jim James.

**Roll Call of Officers:** The roll was called and a quorum was present.

**Reading of Minutes:** The minutes for the July 2009 meeting were accepted as read.

### Committee Reports:

**Finance Report:** Finance Officer Gordon Lee's report was accepted as read.

**Membership Chairman:** Adjutant Stephen Bibler reported our Post has 39 renewed members and one pending. Our Post's goal for 2010 is seventy-five members renewed.

**Post Activities:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander De Hay reported that we have a request for the Honor Guard to participate in the Hesperia Veteran's Day ceremonies. Hesperia Days are scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have a booth setup. The Post Flag order arrived.

**Sick Call, Relief, and Employment:** Marcelo Berumen's status is unknown. Ramon Cervantes is doing well.

### Unfinished Business:

**Hesperia Farmer's Market:** The Post has booth space setup for August 26<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup>, and October 28<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed on all three dates. Check in is between 12:30 – 2:30 pm.

### New Business:

**Newsletter Costs:** Adjutant Stephen Bibler reported on the monthly costs of producing and mailing the newsletter. It is costing between \$60.00 and \$75.00 per month. To reduce costs, we need to publish the newsletter using the internet and email. The August newsletter will be mailed to notify the members of this change.

### Correspondence:

Adjutant Stephen Bibler reported on Paid Up For Life changes being made at National and Departmental Headquarters.

The PUFL costs will increase on October 1, 2009.

Comrade Hicks reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church at the former George AFB is sponsoring donations for troops. The address is 17746 George Blvd, Victorville, CA 92394, and the person to contact is Deborah Saunders at (760) 240-9505.

Commander Jim James read notices about a Thunder Run for KIAs and a Flag order for veterans.

**Business for the Good of the American Legion:** Commander Jim James reported that the VA Hospital at Loma Linda has yarn that was donated for making blankets. Anyone wishing to craft blankets for the vets can contact the Commander.

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The meeting was closed at 1945 hours by Commander James.

Minutes submitted by Stephen Bibler, Adjutant

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## Newsletter Costs

As with everything else, the cost of printing and mailing our Post newsletter is raising. Postage is now \$0.44 per member and printing has risen as well. The Post spends about \$60.00 each month on postal and printing.

This newsletter will be the last one mailed to members.

Members that have access to a computer are requested to provide their email address to the Post or use the Post's website to read the newsletter.

Members who wish to re-

ceived a mailed copy, please contact the Adjutant. See the Back Page for contact info.

The Post email address is CA0725@verizon.net

The Post website is <http://mysite.verizon.net/>



## PUFL (Or Paid Up For Life)

National Headquarters is raising the rates for Paid Up for Life starting on October 1st. The Post is currently allowing members to become PUFLs at the reduced dues rate of \$22.00. This can save you hundreds of dollars.

Here is how it works: If the Department of California receives your PUFL application before October 1st, you have 12 payments to make according to your age and Post dues. See the chart on page 4 for the amounts. If you have already renewed for 2010, you can deduct \$35.00 from the total owed.

The Post must receive your application before September 20th. The Post Adjutant must process the form and send it to the Department of California.

## Coming Events

### SEPTEMBER

September 18 - 20th - Hesperia Days, Contact 2nd Vice Commander Dennis De Hay for further info.

September 22nd - American Legion Post 725 Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, VFW Post 2924.

September 27th - American Legion 25th District Business Meeting, 10:00 am, Post 751, 30916 Newberry Road, Newberry Springs. Contact Adjutant Stephen Bibler for more info.

### OCTOBER

October 10th - American Legion 25th District Chili Cook-off, 9:00 am, Post 421, Highland.

October 27th - American Legion Post 725 Business Meet-

ing, 7:00 pm, VFW Post 2924.

### NOVEMBER

November 8th - American Legion 25th District Business Meeting, 10:00 am, Post 299, Chino. Contact Adjutant Stephen Bibler for more information.

November 14th - American Legion 5th Area Meeting, 10:00 am, Post 555, Midway City. See 25th District Website for more info

[http://calegiondistrict25.org/5th\\_Area\\_Meetings.html](http://calegiondistrict25.org/5th_Area_Meetings.html)

November 24th - American Legion Post 725 Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, VFW Post 2924.



**THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
APPLICATION FOR PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE (PUFL) MEMBERSHIP  
(Please print clearly - see instructions on reverse)**



APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER ID # \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL PUFL FEE \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mo./Day/Year) (See chart on reverse)

BRANCH OF SERVICE (check only one):  US Army  US Navy  US Marines  US Air Force  US Coast Guard

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (required): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's signature may be omitted only if PUFL is to be given as a gift. If card is to be mailed to another address, enter below.)

Full Payment Enclosed **OR**  Time Payment Enclosed - Requires initial minimum payment of **10% OF TOTAL** as down payment.  
(See instructions on reverse)

**PAYMENT IS MADE BY THE FOLLOWING METHOD (do not send cash):**

Check or Money Order (Made payable to The American Legion) Check or money order number \_\_\_\_\_

Charge to MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Credit Card Number) (Expiration Date)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of card holder required, if different from applicant \_\_\_\_\_

IF GIFT, MAIL CARD TO:  Check here if PUFL is being awarded by Post (Honorary Life)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mbr ID # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE POST ADJUTANT OR FINANCE OFFICER**

1. By signature below, I certify that the PUFL applicant named above is a member in good standing and holds a valid membership card. Annual dues were last paid for the \_\_\_\_\_ membership year and were paid to Post # \_\_\_\_\_ in the Department of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Check one:

- Member is applying at a PUFL fee based on our annual Post dues rate of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 With Post approval, this member is applying at a PUFL fee based on the reduced Post dues rate of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

3. If applicable, this member is transferring from the above Post to (new) Post # \_\_\_\_\_ in the Department of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Post Adjutant or Finance Officer Dept/Post # Date Processed By Post

**FORWARD APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. (RETAIN A COPY FOR POST RECORDS.)**

Application approved by Department Headquarters. \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED DEPARTMENT OFFICER DATE

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

Member National Per Capita \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received at National: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Post Dept Per Capita \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dept Post Per Capita \_\_\_\_\_



FORM #32-001 (January 2007)

^ DETACH HERE ^ **APPLICANT'S RECEIPT** ^ DETACH HERE ^

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant \$ Payment Received Date Processed By Post

The member named above has applied for a Paid-Up-For-Life membership. The application has been certified by the Post and will be sent to the Department Headquarters with the payment noted above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Post Adjutant or Finance Officer

**Paid-Up-For-Life**  
Rate Schedule - effective January 1, 2004

DUES	AGE GROUP													
	24 & Under	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85 & Over
\$14	\$488	\$464	\$438	\$410	\$378	\$345	\$309	\$272	\$234	\$197	\$163	\$130	\$101	\$82
\$15	\$523	\$497	\$469	\$439	\$405	\$369	\$331	\$291	\$251	\$211	\$174	\$139	\$108	\$88
\$16	\$557	\$530	\$500	\$468	\$432	\$394	\$353	\$310	\$267	\$225	\$186	\$148	\$116	\$94
\$17	\$592	\$563	\$532	\$497	\$459	\$419	\$375	\$330	\$284	\$239	\$197	\$158	\$123	\$100
\$18	\$627	\$597	\$563	\$527	\$486	\$443	\$397	\$349	\$301	\$253	\$209	\$167	\$130	\$106
\$19	\$662	\$630	\$594	\$556	\$513	\$468	\$419	\$369	\$317	\$268	\$221	\$176	\$137	\$112
\$20	\$697	\$663	\$626	\$585	\$540	\$492	\$441	\$388	\$334	\$282	\$232	\$186	\$145	\$118
\$21	\$732	\$696	\$657	\$614	\$567	\$517	\$463	\$407	\$351	\$296	\$244	\$195	\$152	\$123
\$22	\$766	\$729	\$688	\$644	\$594	\$542	\$485	\$427	\$367	\$310	\$255	\$204	\$159	\$129
\$23	\$801	\$762	\$719	\$673	\$621	\$566	\$507	\$446	\$384	\$324	\$267	\$213	\$166	\$135
\$24	\$836	\$795	\$751	\$702	\$648	\$591	\$529	\$466	\$401	\$338	\$279	\$223	\$174	\$141
\$25	\$871	\$829	\$782	\$731	\$676	\$616	\$552	\$485	\$418	\$352	\$290	\$232	\$181	\$147
\$26	\$906	\$862	\$813	\$761	\$703	\$640	\$574	\$504	\$434	\$366	\$302	\$241	\$188	\$153
\$27	\$941	\$895	\$845	\$790	\$730	\$665	\$596	\$524	\$451	\$380	\$313	\$251	\$195	\$159
\$28	\$976	\$928	\$876	\$819	\$757	\$689	\$618	\$543	\$468	\$394	\$325	\$260	\$202	\$165
\$29	\$1,010	\$961	\$907	\$848	\$784	\$714	\$640	\$563	\$484	\$408	\$337	\$269	\$210	\$171
\$30	\$1,045	\$994	\$938	\$878	\$811	\$739	\$662	\$582	\$501	\$422	\$348	\$278	\$217	\$176
\$31	\$1,080	\$1,027	\$970	\$907	\$838	\$763	\$684	\$601	\$518	\$436	\$360	\$288	\$224	\$182
\$32	\$1,115	\$1,060	\$1,001	\$936	\$865	\$788	\$706	\$621	\$534	\$451	\$372	\$297	\$231	\$188
\$33	\$1,150	\$1,094	\$1,032	\$965	\$892	\$812	\$728	\$640	\$551	\$465	\$383	\$306	\$239	\$194
\$34	\$1,185	\$1,127	\$1,064	\$995	\$919	\$837	\$750	\$660	\$568	\$479	\$395	\$316	\$246	\$200
\$35	\$1,219	\$1,160	\$1,095	\$1,024	\$946	\$862	\$772	\$679	\$585	\$493	\$406	\$325	\$253	\$206
\$36	\$1,254	\$1,193	\$1,126	\$1,053	\$973	\$886	\$794	\$698	\$601	\$507	\$418	\$334	\$260	\$212
\$37	\$1,289	\$1,226	\$1,157	\$1,082	\$1,000	\$911	\$816	\$718	\$618	\$521	\$430	\$343	\$268	\$218
\$38	\$1,324	\$1,259	\$1,189	\$1,112	\$1,027	\$936	\$838	\$737	\$635	\$535	\$441	\$353	\$275	\$223
\$39	\$1,359	\$1,292	\$1,220	\$1,141	\$1,054	\$960	\$860	\$757	\$651	\$549	\$453	\$362	\$282	\$229
\$40	\$1,394	\$1,326	\$1,251	\$1,170	\$1,081	\$985	\$882	\$776	\$668	\$563	\$464	\$371	\$289	\$235
Other *	\$34.84	\$33.14	\$31.28	\$29.25	\$27.02	\$24.62	\$22.06	\$19.40	\$16.70	\$14.08	\$11.61	\$9.28	\$7.23	\$5.88

\* If the annual Post dues are an amount not shown in the above table, compute the cost by multiplying the actual dues by the amount shown on the "Other" line, according to age.



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Veterans Still Serving



We're on the web at  
[www.mysite.verizon.net/ca0725/index.htm](http://www.mysite.verizon.net/ca0725/index.htm)

American Legion Post 725 was chartered in 1977 and it has been serving the Hesperia area and the High Desert ever since.

The Post meets regularly and supports Veteran Rehabilitation Programs at Loma Linda VA Hospital and at the Victorville VA Clinic. We also are called upon to help families of deployed veterans when they need something done. We help veterans no matter if they are members or not.

If you wish to publish an article in the newsletter, send it to the Post via email or snail mail. The addresses are listed on the left. Anything of interest to our members would be appreciated.

## Back Page Notes

Some changes are being made to help our Post keep money available for donations for VA, Veteran's, and other programs. This will affect how the news of our Post is distributed.

Some members will receive this via email. Others will read the newsletter on the internet. Some won't be able to read it either way.

Most of the money spent by the Post is for printing and mailing our Newsletter. This takes away from veteran programs that we would like to sponsor or help.

I would welcome suggestions on how we can provide information to our members at a reasonable cost. Send me a letter with your ideas to the Post's mailing ad-

dress above.

Hesperia Days is the 18th, 19th, and 20th of September. We will be setting up a booth for this event. Contact Dennis De Hay at (760) 666-9233 for more information.

If you have news of interest to American Legion members, Sons of the American Legion members, or Boy Scouts members, please send it in. Our publication deadline is the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Thanks.

Steve Bibler

Adjutant



I got to get a new computer. This keyboard is hurt9ing my fingers!