

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Sons of The American Legion (SAL) is a program of The American Legion established at the national convention in 1932 in Portland, Ore. Since then, the SAL has assisted The American Legion with its programs and activities. In 2024, the SAL attained an all-time high membership of 397,243 members. The largest detachment (state level) has more than 61,000 members. There are trophies and awards given to detachments and squadrons for the largest membership, and the largest increase in membership.

The SAL is more than just membership. SAL members have worked together with The American Legion to promote children and youth programs, including the American Legion Child Well-being Foundation (CWF). The SAL has raised \$10 million for the CWF.

SAL members have donated over 455,000 volunteer hours in veterans hospitals and raised over \$1.6 million 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.

The SAL continues to provide services to those in need in the local communities, through programs that include fundraising events.

The American Legion, SAL and the American Legion Auxiliary form the Legion Family.

The SAL is assisting with the Citizens Flag Alliance in their efforts to secure a constitutional amendment to protect the flag of the United States from desecration.

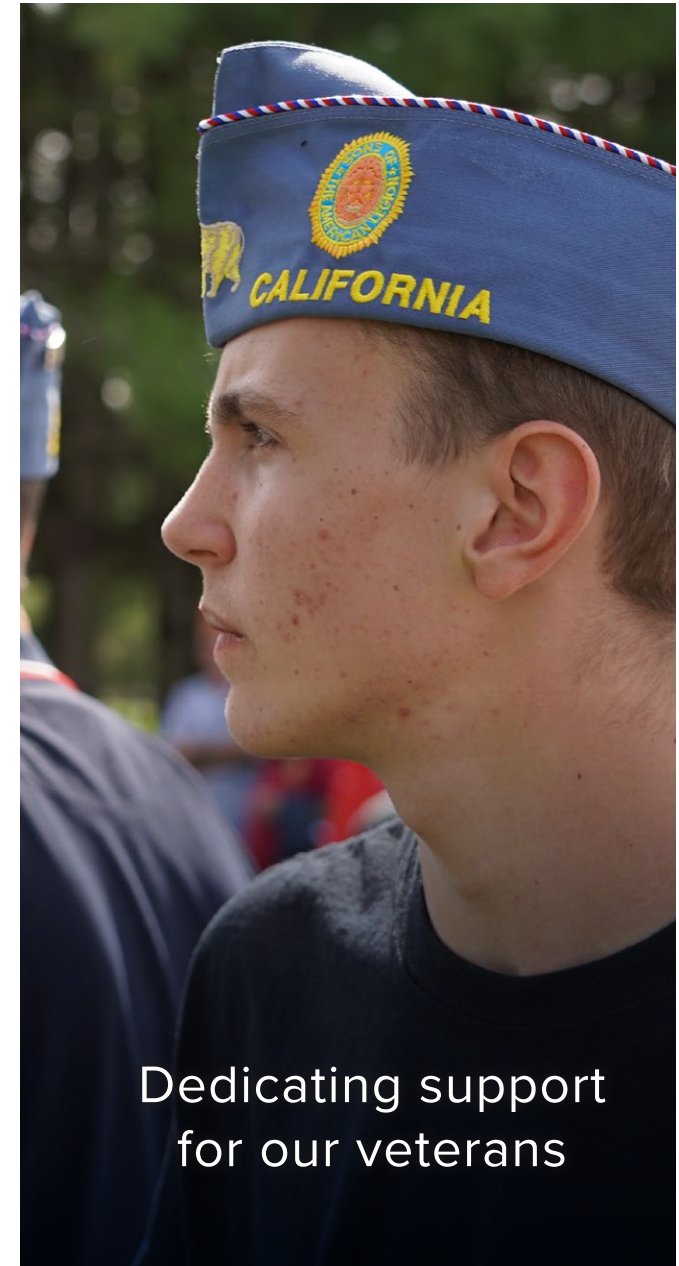


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Dedicating support
for our veterans

Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth Date _____ Date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____

(First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

Address _____

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Dept. of _____

OR (b) Above 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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RECEIPT



Date _____

Received of _____

\$ _____ in payment of dues for 20 _____ in

Squadron _____, Detachment of _____

By _____

Squadron Officer

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during the period of April 6, 1917, through Nov. 11, 1918, or any time from Dec. 7, 1941, to date, who served honorably, as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion (SAL).

THE EMBLEM

The design of our emblem was taken from the emblem of our parent organization, but is oval in shape so as to be easily distinguished.



The star in the center represents our country, and the five points of the star represent the five-point program of the SAL.

The sun in the background represents the SAL and the rays represent the loyalty of its membership.

The blue of the emblem, like the blue of our flag, stands for justice.

The two stars in the blue border stand for freedom and democracy.

The wreath below the star is in memory of our comrades, and those of our forefathers who willingly gave their lives for their country.

The 10 points of the emblem represent the 10 ideals of every American Legion son.

TEN IDEALS

The Ten Ideals Program is a study program recommended for school-age children which includes subjects in:

PATRIOTISM	FAITH
HEALTH	HELPFULNESS
KNOWLEDGE	COURTESY
TRAINING	REVERENCE
HONOR	COMRADESHIP

FIVE-POINT PROGRAM OF SERVICE

This is the study program for those members who have completed the Ten Ideals. This is recommended for younger members but is not limited to just them. This program includes:

PATRIOTISM: Love of the flag; love of country.

CITIZENSHIP: Individual obligation of citizenship.

DISCIPLINE: Respect for and obedience to rules.

LEADERSHIP: Participation in group activities.

LEGIONISM: Knowledge of The American Legion.



The Five-Star Award, which can be presented to SAL members who show perfection in the Five Point Program of Service, is a gold plated medal bearing the SAL emblem and the symbolism of the five points.



UNIFORM

The basic uniform of the SAL is the squadron blue cap. Dress attire is determined by the activity and by the SAL leadership conducting the event or function. Optional attire such as casual, business casual, coat and tie is determined by the squadron, district and detachment.

Uniform caps are available through Emblem Sales of The American Legion. Also available are jackets, shirts and other items for purchase. For a catalog write to: Emblem Sales, P.O. Box 1050, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Or visit emblem.legion.org.

SAL Uniform Cap

All caps have red, white and blue piping. Caps include state and squadron number. All additional lettering is \$1 per character. District and detachment orders must be routed through American Legion department headquarters for approval. Special state insignia is available at extra charge.

Squadron (French Blue)

(See National Emblem Sales catalog)



Cap: Standard SAL in the following colors:

Squadron: French blue with red, white and blue piping.

District: French blue base, white top, piping same as squadron cap.

Detachment: French blue base, gold top, piping same as squadron cap.

National: Solid gold, piping same as squadron cap.