



LEGION FAMILY

The American Legion Family provides opportunities to support Veterans no matter the military affiliation. Serve together as a family:

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary supports The American Legion by encouraging youth participation, pride in patriotism, and service to the community. Eligibility for membership in the Auxiliary is open to female veterans, male and female spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires through community service and a focus on youth programs and participation. SAL members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

These chapters, known for their charitable work, support the American Legion mission with fundraisers, funeral escorts, honor guards and more. Membership in the American Legion Riders is open to members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion who are licensed motorcycle riders.



The American Legion Membership Application

LEGION ACT

(Name)		(Date of Birth)	
(Mailing Address)		(Phone Number)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(Post #)
(E-mail)		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female (Gender) (Dues)	

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below

<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	



30-009 Signature of applicant	Date	Name of recruiter
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CONTINUE THE MISSION WITH THE SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION



With 241 posts located in towns and cities across South Dakota, there is a home for you in the South Dakota American Legion.

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OUR MISSION VISION AND VALUES

THE AMERICAN LEGION MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

THE AMERICAN LEGION VISION STATEMENT

"The American Legion: Veterans Strengthening America"



18,000 SOUTH DAKOTA
VETERANS
STRONG

THE VALUES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

A VETERAN IS A VETERAN - The American Legion embraces all current and former members of the military and endeavors to help them transition into their communities.

SELFLESS SERVICE - The American Legion celebrates all who contribute to something larger than themselves and inspires others to serve and strengthen America.

AMERICAN VALUES AND PATRIOTISM - The American Legion advocates for upholding and defending the United States Constitution, equal justice and opportunity for everyone and discrimination against no one, youth education, responsible citizenship and honoring military service by observing and participating in memorial events.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - The American Legion meets the unique needs of local communities.

ADVANCING THE VISION - The American Legion educates, mentors and leads new generations of Americans.

HONOR THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US - The American Legion pays perpetual respect for all past military sacrifices to ensure they are never forgotten by new generations.

THE 5-YEAR IMPACT OF THE FOUR PILLARS



VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

- 4,124 hours logged in VA hospitals by volunteer Legionnaires
- Veterans Rehabilitation Court expanded to three locations: Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Watertown
- Highly Rural Transportation Program expanded VA appointment service to 18 counties in Central SD
- 5,832 Funeral Honors performed



CHILDREN & YOUTH

- \$103,443 in Temporary Financial Assistance awarded from Department and National levels
- 24,447 children and youth participated in activities across South Dakota
- 1,725 military and veteran families received assistance or goods
- Over 6,500 volunteer hours tallied in Children & Youth programs



AMERICANISM

- Posts sponsored an average of 80 Baseball teams across 4 divisions
- 508 Oratorical Contest Participants, with National placings two years
- 1,486 Boys State youth sponsored
- Flag Education provided in over 200 Schools
- State and local scholarships totaled over \$180,000



NATIONAL SECURITY

- Blood Donor Program saw 3,873 Legionnaires donate 4,997 pints of blood
- \$10,757 in disbursements from the National Emergency Fund
- 3,428 volunteer hours hosting "Support Our Troops" Events
- \$59,906 in household goods were dispersed across the state