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APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

International FAX Number: 412-822-3736

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**PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION:** No benefits may be granted unless this form is completed fully as required by law (38 C.F.R. 3.807). Responses you submit are considered confidential (5 U.S.C. 552b). They may be disclosed outside VA only if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the VA system of records, 24VA136 “Patient Medical Record - VA”, published in the Federal Register. Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

**RESPONDENT BURDEN:** VA may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. If you have comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, call 1-877-222-8287 for mailing information on where to send your comments.

**ELIGIBILITY / ENTITLEMENT FOR AN ANNUAL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE:** A Veteran who wears or uses a prescribed prosthetic, orthopedic appliance, and/or skin medication for a service-connected disability may be eligible for an annual clothing allowance. To be entitled, the prosthetic, orthopedic appliance must cause wear / tear, skin medication must cause irreparable staining to your outergarments.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR MORE THAN ONE ANNUAL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE?** Effective December 16, 2011, Veterans who wear or use more than one qualifying prescribed prosthetic or orthopedic appliance and/or prescription medication for more than one service-connected disability or skin condition may be eligible for more than one clothing allowance. To be eligible for more than one clothing allowance, the qualifying appliances must wear or tear on more than one type of article of the Veteran's clothing and/or medications must irreparably damage more than one type of the Veteran's clothing or outergarment.

**WHAT TYPES OF CLOTHING ARE INCLUDED?** Clothing such as shirts, blouses, pants, skirts, shorts and similar garments permanently damaged by qualifying appliances and/or skin medications are considered in clothing allowance decisions. Shoes, hats, scarves, underwear, socks, and similar garments are not included.

**WHERE TO FILE A CLAIM?** If you have previously submitted a claim for disability compensation, send this application (VA Form 10-1059) to the Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service (1211) at your local VA Medical Center. If you have not made an application for disability compensation, complete VA Form 21-526 and send to the VBA regional office nearest your home.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This application should be submitted to the Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service at your nearest VA Medical Center on or before August 1st of the benefit year for which you are applying. For example: if you are applying for the 2014 benefit, this application should be received on or before August 1, 2014.

1. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME OF VETERAN

2. VETERAN’S SSN

3. MAILING ADDRESS OF VETERAN (Vo. and street or Rural Route, City or P.O., State and Zip Code) (if new address check box)

4. VETERAN’S DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (include area code)

4a. EVENING TELEPHONE NUMBER (include area code)

4b. VETERAN’S EMAIL ADDRESS

5. CALENDAR YEAR FOR APPLICATION

**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby apply for the annual clothing allowance benefit authorized under 38 USC §1162. In doing so I certify that because of my service-connected disability or disabilities, I regularly (1) wear or use the prosthetic or orthopedic appliance(s) listed in section 7 which tends to wear out or tear my clothing; and (2) use a skin medication(s) listed in section 7 which causes irreparable staining to my outergarments. Note: If I have multiple service-connected disabilities and/or skin medications as listed in section 7, the combination of these items causes me to replace my outergarments faster than if I used a single item.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** I acknowledge that by applying or receiving more than one clothing allowance benefit, an application for the annual clothing allowance benefit requires a yearly submission to the nearest Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Office on or before August 1st of the calendar year.

8. SIGNATURE OF VETERAN (Sign in ink)

DATE
| Example A | Prostheses | Missing Limb | 01/2005 | Tampa VA Medical Center | Left Arm | Yes | No |
| Example B | Steroid Cream | Skin Disorder | 09/2009 | Walter Reed Army MC 202-782-6366 | Chest and Back | Yes | No |

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**PENALTY:** The law provides severe penalties which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact, knowing it to be false, or for the fraudulent acceptance of any payment to which you are not entitled.

**FOR VA USE ONLY**

| 12. AMOUNT OF CLOTHING ALLOWANCES | # ELIGIBLE | # NOT ELIGIBLE | # UPPER Extremity (2 maximum) | # LOWER Extremity (2 maximum) |
| 13. EXAMINATION/EVALUATION DATE (if applicable) |

| 14. NOTES: |

| 15. GENERATED BY: | DATE |
| 16. AUTHORIZED BY: | DATE |
Who is eligible to join the Department of France Past Commanders Club?
past and present Department Commanders, Department Vice Commanders At Large, Department Vice Commanders, Post Commanders, SAL Detachment Commanders, SAL Squadron Commanders, Auxiliary Department Presidents, Auxiliary Unit Presidents... so if you were just voted into office you are eligible to join

Initial dues for the Past Commanders Club is only $25.00
Renewal dues for the Past Commanders Club is only $10.00

Our next meeting is planned in conjunction with the Department of France Second DEC 2018
6 Things to Know About the New Retiree Dental Plan

TRICARE's retiree dental program will shutter Dec. 31; users be shifted into the Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) marketplace. Read More

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A retired sergeant major credited with saving scores of troops during a Vietnam War's battle will receive the Medal of Honor.
Who is Responsible for Getting the Word Out?

You!

The Legion Must Not Die on Our Watch!

We Owe Growth to Our Predecessors, Current Veterans, and Those to Come

How to Recruit & Retain Members

1. Educate yourself as to the Legion’s Missions. Know the purpose of The Americans Legion Four Pillars.
2. Educate yourself on the past and present services to our Veteran’s, our Children, our Community, and Nation.
3. Form a Membership Recruitment Team.
4. Ask Wartime Vets to Join Your Post.

Welcome the New Member

1. Find out His/her area of interest and expertise.
2. Assign new members to a committee.
3. Continue to mentor and teach new members about Legion.
4. Elect new member to Post Office.

How to Keep Existing Members

1. Create a District/Post Membership Team.
2. Train existing members, and new Officers on membership recruiting and retention.
3. Improve Post Appearance.
4. Recruit from Available Pools of Veterans.
6. Keep your Post and Membership in the good eye of the General Public, dress the part at Post Meetings and in Public.
7. Importance’s of Welcoming & Mentoring New Members.

How to Retain Existing Members

1. Ongoing Mentoring...Good officers just don’t fall from the sky armed with the knowledge necessary to do the job. Like new members, officers who have never been mentored remain as wet behind their ears as they were when they first joined the Legion. If they were never mentored or asked to be on a committee, then the office will either go vacant or be held by someone not fit for the job. In either case, the Post will gradually wither away like an unattended garden.
2. Active & Rewarding Committee Assignments.
3. Importance of an Interesting Annual Calendar of Events.
4. Advanced planning to encourage attendance at Post meetings and Post functions.

Doug Haggan
FODPAL Secretary / Past National Vice Commander / Past Department of France Commander
“Still Serving America’s Veterans...Around the World”
Detachment officers for the 2019MY

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The Detachment of France Second DEC will convene on Saturday, 20 October 2018!

Hosted by Omar Bradley Squadron GR42

Location and times to be Announced.

Do you want to see what the other Departments / Posts are doing?
Do you want to let other Post know what you are doing?
Do you want to keep up to date on what is happening?
Do you need to get in touch with other Post Members?
Do you want to learn some of the Department´s history?

The answer is the Department of France website…

http://www.amerlegiondeptfrance.org/index.php?id=1

If you have any comments, suggestions or need to update information on the website contact the Site Administrator Doug Haggan…dhaggan@sbcglobal.net
Hi All Legion Riders,

I guess that I will start with what I did in June. As I stated in my newsletter article last month; my wife and I attended the Rainbow Run in Heilbronn. There were approximately 700 bikes in the run and the ride lasted about 1 hour ending up in the park in Heilbronn. The Legion Riders donated 350€ to this event. Most of this donation came from the Legion Riders Chapter GR79. We had a lot of fun and spent some time together. I want to thank Legion Riders Chapter GR79 for inviting us to this event.

Next, I would like to ask that the Directors from each Legion Riders Chapter contact me through E-mail as I would like to put a roster together so that all of the chapters in the Department have E-mail contact with the Department Legion Riders. At a minimum, I would like to have the E-mail address for all of the chapter directors in the Department. This way the chapters can get the word out to the other Legion Riders Chapters within the Department as to upcoming events in their areas. This would give others the ability to participate in those events. I thank you all in advance for helping me get this contact information together.

Thank You All

Lee Preston / Department of France / Legion Riders Director / E-mail: lpreston1957@gmail.com / Phone: +49 176-70599666
Member Discounts

Discount programs are offered exclusively to members of The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion.

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Alamo
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Mutual of Omaha
USAA

Medical
Amplifon Hearing Health Care
CVS Caremark
LifeStation

Moving & Relocation
Allied
North American Van Lines

Post Discounts
Office Depot/Office Max

Retail
Office Depot/Office Max

Travel & Lodging
GOV Vacation Rewards
Motel 6
Veterans Holidays
Wyndham Hotel Group
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Site of the 100th American Legion National Convention
August 24rd to August 30th 2018

If you are planning on attending the 100th National Convention in Minneapolis, MN (and I hope to see some new faces in Minneapolis) please e-mail me at dhaggan@sbcglobal.net with the following information, THE DATE YOU WILL ARRIVE AND DEPART, THE PERSON YOU ARE SHARING A ROOM WITH IF ANY, AND ANY SPECIAL ROOM REQUIREMENTS.

Updates will be e-mailed out, posted on the Department Website, and posted on the Department Facebook page in the coming weeks.

Hope to see you in Minneapolis
COME ONE COME ALL TO THE FODPAL
ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION BREAKFAST / INSTALLATION

PLACE: Hilton Minneapolis
      The Gallery
      Lobby Level

DATE: August 27, 2018

TIME: 0700hrs SHARP

COST: $35.00 per Person

Tickets will be issued at the Convention Site starting on Saturday August 25th. Pre-Reservations will be of great help to us, so I can get a good idea of the number of people that will be attending.

This is the biggest event of the year for FODPAL it has become “The Showcase” of the National Convention. So pass the word to all of your Members that are going to attend the National Convention. Adjutants, don’t forget to bring some items from your Department for the RAFFLE that is held after the breakfast.

RESERVATION REQUEST

Enclosed is a check in the amount of $________ for________ reservation tickets

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO FODPAL
AND MAIL TO:

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