

U - TO ALL ELIGIBLE VETERANS

WHAT MEMBERSHIP MEANS:

The championship by the American Legion of those things that are right is only as strong and as effective as the sum total of its membership.

Every veteran's membership adds to the weight of The American Legion in its fight for the preservation of free American institutions and to the potency of its attacks on Communism and other un-American influences.

All the services of The American Legion for the good of America are made possible by its memberships. From these The American Legion derives its active workers and gains its financial strength because manpower and money are necessary to do the job for God and Country.

When you become a member of The American Legion, you become a part of a big cause—a genuine, all-American cause—for above all else, the good Legionnaire is a warrior for sound Americanism.

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICES:

REHABILITATION: A program to make disabled veterans fit again to earn their livelihoods has always been basic in the history of The American Legion. There is a Veterans Administration today because The American Legion convinced our government that such a one-stop agency was necessary to administer veterans' benefits. The national network of approximately 147 government hospitals and 16 domiciliary homes, providing medical and surgical care for veterans second to none in the world in quality, is the result of an unceasing fight carried on by The American Legion.

CHILD WELFARE: During the year ending May 1, 1951, The American Legion and its affiliated groups, the Auxiliary, the Forty and Eight and the Eight and Forty, provided emergency financial help for needy children amounting to \$7,338,376.25. Most of this money went for food, clothing and medical care for needy children.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY: The American Legion Auxiliary is the largest women's patriotic organization in America. It is composed of the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Legionnaires and those of deceased veterans and of women who themselves served in the armed forces during the World Wars.

DIVINE GUIDANCE: In this time of recurring crisis, The American Legion stresses the need for the inner strength of religious faith.

MEMORIAL POPPY DAY: Memorial poppies made by disabled veterans and sold everywhere in the United States on Memorial Day are one of the largest projects of the Legion.

VOLUNTEER HOSPITAL WORKERS: During 1950, The American Legion Auxiliary had 8,831 workers in hospitals who served an astonishing total of 582,593 hours.

BOY SCOUT SPONSORSHIP: The American Legion sponsors 3,966 troops in the United States. Only three other organizations exceed this record.

JUNIOR BASEBALL: More than 16,500 junior teams are sponsored annually by the American Legion for approximately 1,000,000 boys.

BOYS' STATES: In all 48 states, The American Legion sponsors this effective method of teaching teen-age boys the principles of good government. This leads, for some boys, to the BOYS' NATION where teen-agers meet and talk with top government officials in Washington, D.C.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK: The American Legion originated this week in 1921 in order to focus once a year public attention on the problems, needs and accomplishments of American schools.

Other programs sponsored by The American Legion include the All-American Conference, the fight against Communism, individual community service, school awards and contests, and disaster relief to name only a few.



ELIGIBILITY:

The American Legion is open to any man or woman who served the country as a member of the armed forces during time of war . . . April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918; Dec. 7, 1941 to Sept. 2, 1945; June 25, 1950 to date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the U.S. Government. Or any citizen of the United States, at the time of his entry, served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either World War.

It is an honor to belong to the American Legion, for it is a most exclusive organization. It is most exclusive because: No Child can be born into it . . . No Emperor, King or Potentate can command admission . . . No Act of Congress or Legislature can qualify one for membership . . . Neither wealth nor influence can buy in. In its ranks today may be found the leaders of all walks of American life. Its membership spans all strata of American society from the White House to the lone whistle stop.

The American Legion Asks Your Membership—NOW!

All persons named on this page are members of the American Legion. Any eligible veteran who desires information concerning membership in the American Legion may contact any of the sponsors who live in his community. The American Legion, Dept. of Oregon, wishes to thank the persons who made this page possible. We wish the names of all the members of the American Legion could have been listed. Your neighbor is probably a member.

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