

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
1601 7TH STREET, SANGER, CA 93657
2025 Department Convention – June 26-29, 2025
Visalia, CA 93291

Department Resolution No. 2025 - 017

Subject: REVISE THE “PAID UP FOR LIFE” FEES TO BE COMPETITIVE WITH VFW AND DAV

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, According to the ACS-54 report dated July 2023 titled Aging Veterans: America’s Veteran Population in Later Life, “About One-Half of Veterans Are 65 Years and Over, and Of the 16.5 million living veterans in the United States, 8.1 million (49 percent) are 65 years and over (Table 1). Of all veterans, 1 in 4 is 70 to 79 years old, making this the single largest age group of veterans, while 3 in 4 are at least 50 years old;” and

WHEREAS, The American Legion (TAL) National Membership Record 2025 shows an alarming declining trend in national membership, from 3,115,340 in 1992 to 1,762,136 in 2020 to 1,487,214 in 2024; and

WHEREAS, one of the most common reasons that TAL members do NOT convert to Paid Up For Life (PUFL) is the very high cost, for example, for TAL 60-69 year-olds, the PUFL costs \$815 which is very high compared to the VFW’s 61-70 rate of \$290 and DAV’s any-age rate of \$325 (DAV life is free for 80+ year-olds); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of California at the Department Convention in Visalia, California, on June 26-29, 2025 that the The American Legion must revise their PUFL rates to be competitive with the VFW and DAV, the other BIG-3 veterans service organizations.

This is to certify by the signatures below that the above Resolution was passed as described:

Paul del Rosario / Raymond Hart

April 17, 2025

Adjutant, Post / Commander, Post

Date

Adjutant, District

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Department Commander

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Department Adjutant

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