

POST 176  
LEGION HONORS  
STANDING RULES

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*Section 1. **Legionnaire of the Year:*** Any member, in good standing, may be nominated for *Legionnaire of the Year*, however, the selection of one individual for the annual award rests with the Commander.

a. When choosing nominees, consideration should be given to the individual's performance over and above his/her normal duties as a member; e.g., what has this individual accomplished for Post 176? Why is his/her performance so outstanding? How did his/her performance aid Post 176?

b. The *Legionnaire of the Year* award may be given to an individual only one time.

c. Nominations must be received by the Commander or his designee by the May General Membership Meeting.

d. Recognition and issuance of a *Legionnaire of the Year* pin will be presented at the annual Department Convention.

*Section 2. **Life Membership:*** There shall be three (3) classes of *Life Membership* in Post 176.

a. **Paid Up for Life (PUFL).** Any member in good standing may apply for a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership and submit the amount of advance dues required. Members in this category may wear the PUFL emblem on the right side of their Legion cap.

b. **Post Life Members (PLM).** Members who shall have acquired a minimum of fifty (50) years continuous service in The American Legion and a minimum of five (5) years continuous service in Post 176, shall automatically become a PLM and no dues shall be required of him.

c. **Honorary Life Member (HLM).** The greatest honor that can be bestowed on a Legionnaire is to be selected as an HLM. This is the only category of life members authorized to wear the insignia designating the wearer as a "Life Member".

(1) There is created a standing committee composed of all elected Honorary Life Members of Post 176. This committee shall be known as the "Honorary Life Membership Committee" and shall be composed of members approved by the membership to be an Honorary Life Member. The Commander shall appoint a chairman of the committee from among the members of the committee. The chairman will schedule the annual meeting to be held not later than the third Tuesday of April to consider all newly submitted nominations.

(2) Not later than the April Membership Meeting any member of Post 176 may submit to the committee chairman, in writing, the name or names of prospective Honorary Life Members along with a narrative as to why the individual should be given this high honor. The Life Membership Committee will, by majority vote of members present, at the annual meeting, consider such nominees and make recommendations to the membership for or against granting honorary life memberships. Selection criteria will include, but not be limited to:

(a) Length of membership in the American Legion and the post.

(b) National, Department, District and Post offices held, and years held.

(c) Honors and recognition the member has brought to the post and to The American Legion.

(d) Special contributions the nominee may have made to the post, The American Legion or community.

(e) Community activities, including positions of authority on charitable organizations.

(3) Election to Life Membership will be by majority vote of the general membership present at the June membership meeting. Nothing shall preclude the nomination for Honorary Life Membership from the floor at the June membership meeting of any post member in good standing, whom the committee has declined to recommend; provided, however, that no name shall be presented from the floor that has not first been presented to the committee.

(4) Upon confirmation by the members at the membership meeting, the Honoree(s) will be awarded the title of "Honorary Life Member". The Post Membership Chairman will obtain a Brass Life Member Card from the American Legion Emblem Sales for the Honoree(s). The Post will obligate itself to fund the HLM's annual dues, however, this obligation is not to be construed as a right of the HLM, or obligation of the Post, to a Paid-Up-For- Life membership. This obligation, on behalf of the Post, to fund the member's annual dues, pertains only so long as the member remains a member of this Post. If the HLM transfers from the Post and subsequently returns to the Post, his/her status as an HLM will be determined by the members of the Life Membership Committee.

(5) The Post Commander, Adjutant or Finance Officer will process a "Report of Honorary Life Membership Award" to the American Legion National Headquarters.

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