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## American Legion Membership Dues

The **Post Adjutant** is responsible for many tasks related to membership and membership dues. Taking the job of Post Adjutant as of July 1, made me very aware of the lack of information and understanding I had around these topics. I found myself asking many questions about membership and dues. I decided that it may be a topic of interest to the general membership.

The **American Legion** operates its **financial year** from **July 1 to June 30**. The **membership year** does not match the **financial year** - It runs from **January 1 to December 30**. The kickoff of collecting dues and issuing membership cards start July 1.

Each year, the American Legion National Headquarters mails to almost all Legionnaires one or more notices that their annual dues for the coming year are payable. This is made possible by printing on every renewal notice the amount of each post's dues and the address to which dues are to be mailed, which is the local post.

During each membership year, American Legion National Headquarters sends renewal notices in July, October, January, March and May. The accompanying list is the 2019 membership year renewal schedule for transmitting dues to arrive at National Headquarters by the established dates. Using the renewal schedule, National Headquarters extracts unpaid member records, then prints and mails the renewal notices.

### 2019 RENEWAL NOTICE SCHEDULE

CUTOFF DATES	RENEWAL DATES
MAY 17, 2018	JULY 3, 2018
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018	OCTOBER 10, 2018
OCTOBER 25, 2018	NOVEMBER 17, 2018
DECEMBER 18, 2018	JANUARY 5, 2019
FEBRUARY 18, 2019	FEBRUARY 28, 2019
APRIL 18, 2019	APRIL 27, 2019

## American Legion Dues and how they are Allocated

Each member in a post pays a specific amount set by the Post through the Executive Post

Committee and its membership. Petaluma Post 28 dues are set to \$45.00. A significant portion of dues each member pays, is an annual per capita tax of \$33.50 that goes to the national and department organization. This is how the dues are allocated in our Post:

- \$18.50 goes to The American Legion National Headquarter
- \$15.00 goes to Department of California
- \$11.50 goes to the Post to its general fund

Members can pay their dues in the following way:

1. Send a check to the Petaluma Post 28 for \$45.00 which covers dues for the American Legion National, California Department, and Post 28 for the 2018 -2019 year. I will personal take care of all the administrative work and send you your 2018-2019 membership card. Please put your membership number on the check if you know it. Mail it to American Legion Petaluma, PO Box 618, Petaluma, CA 94953
2. Go online to the American Legion national web site. You will pay \$45.00, which covers dues for the American Legion National, California Department, and Post 28 for the 2018 -2019 year. You can use this method without having to create a user account. Go to this link: [American Legion Pay Online](#)
3. Go online to the American Legion national web site and create an account in myLegion. Go to this link: [myLegion](#) Once the account is created, you can pay your dues through your myLegion account. I will send you your membership card and you can download it online.
4. If you received your American Legion membership dues letter. You can use it to pay your dues. You will mail it to our post and I will take care of renewing your membership and send you a membership card.

If you need help please feel free to ask me for help. I will be glad to help you and get an answer for you. I have a form below you can use for help or questions.

	<b>Membership Card</b> <b>2019</b> <b>The American Legion</b> <b>THE AMERICAN LEGION</b> VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA		
DEPT.	POST NO.	MEMBER ID NO.	CONT. YRS.
<hr/> <b>THE ABOVE MEMBER HAS PAID DUES IN THE POST INDICATED</b> <b>1919</b> <b>2019</b> <i>100 Years</i>			
<hr/> <b>NOT VALID UNLESS COUNTERSIGNED BY MEMBER</b>		 <b>AUTHORIZED POST OFFICER</b>	

## Ask the Post Adjutant

Name

Email Address

phone

Ask Your Question

Number

Send