



# American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters

## VERY IMPORTANT MEMBER (VIM)

**Paid up for Life Membership**

(Please type or print – see instructions on reverse)

### SECTION 1 – To be completed by APPLICANT

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH:(*required*) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 (First) (Middle) (Last)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Address) **VIM MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (see rate chart on reverse side)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (City) (State) (Zip) DAYTIME TEL # \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*can only be omitted if VIM membership is a gift; if a gift, please refer section below

Date Application Submitted to Unit Secretary

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

|  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>*FOR GIFT<br/>Mail Card to:<br/>→</b> | Name: _____ Tel #: _____-_____-_____ |
|  | Address: _____                       |
|  | City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____  |

Indicate Payment Method:

- Check or Money Order - - Make payable to: *National Treasurer, American Legion Auxiliary*
- MasterCard Card # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- Visa Card # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Daytime Tel # \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 2 – To be completed by UNIT SECRETARY

With my signature below, **I certify** that applicant is a member in good standing, has a valid membership card (has paid dues) for the current year, that application is completed in full, that the VIM fee listed above is accurate, and that the application is ready for processing at National Headquarters. **Note:** After January 1, a member whose dues for the current year are not paid is considered delinquent and such member must pay her current dues to the Unit before she is eligible to purchase a VIM membership. (see information on back)

Membership ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Last year, this member paid dues to Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Unit Dues (Unit + Dept + Nat'l): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Is Unit waiving its portion of dues for this applicant? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

Signature of Unit Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Date application certified: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Send this form, along with payment to: →

*\*for explanation, see "COST" section on reverse side*

American Legion Auxiliary, Dept of Texas  
 ATTN: VIM  
 PO Box 140407  
 Austin TX 78714-0407

### SECTION 3 – To be completed by NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

NATIONAL per capita: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT per capita: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Balance for UNIT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date card sent \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Any member of the American Legion Auxiliary in good standing (having a valid membership card for the current year) may pay dues in advance for the remainder of her life. After January 1, a member whose dues are not paid for the current year is delinquent and such member must pay her current dues to the Unit before becoming eligible to purchase a VIM membership. If a member pays dues in advance and later decides she wants to purchase a VIM membership, that dues amount may be deducted from the total VIM membership cost until January 1 of the current membership year.

**COMPLETING THE APPLICATION:**

The APPLICANT completes and signs the top portion of the application form and submits to the Unit Secretary for certification. Payment or charge card information must be provided before the application can be processed. Make check or money order payable to: **National Treasurer, American Legion Auxiliary**. See the rate chart or calculation below for payment due.

The UNIT SECRETARY must: 1) certify that applicant has paid current year dues; 2) complete and sign the second section of the application; 3) send the fully completed application, along with payment, to the address listed on the reverse side.

**PROCESSING THE APPLICATION:**

After the application and payment are accepted and processed by National Headquarters, a plastic VIM membership card is sent to the member. The card is proof of her paid-up-for-life membership status.

Each year thereafter, National Headquarters will send the Unit, through its Department Headquarters, the Unit's share of the member's annual dues. The Unit will receive the same amount each year as long as the member lives and remains a member of that Unit. The member will continue to receive an annual membership card each year from the Unit.

**COST:**

The cost of a VIM membership is based upon two factors: 1) the member's age at the time the VIM membership is purchased and 2) the total dues of the Unit at the time the application is processed. The total dues of the Unit consist of the Department dues per capita, the National dues per capita and the amount of annual dues retained by the Unit. The dues amount used to compute the cost of a VIM membership may not be less than the sum of the Department dues per capita plus National dues per capita. (*Units may waive their portion of dues. By doing so, the Unit forfeits or "gives up" the annual payment of that member's dues from the VIM Trust.*) **Note:** see "ELIGIBILITY" section above about deducting dues in advance from the total VIM fee.

The rate chart or calculation below must be used to determine the exact cost of a VIM membership. At the top of the chart, select your age group (the age at your last birthday). In the left-hand column, find the amount of your annual Unit dues and trace across to your age column. This amount is the cost your VIM membership. **Example:** if you are 62 years old and your Unit dues are \$9.00, the cost of your VIM membership is \$178.00.

**VIM FEE RATE CHART***Effective 7/95 with 1996 dues*

| Rate of Annual Dues | AGE WHEN SINGLE PAYMENT MADE |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
|                     | 18 to 24                     | 25 to 29 | 30 to 39 | 40 to 49 | 50 to 59 | 60 to 69 | 70 to 79 | 80 & over |
| Up to \$6.50        | \$260.00                     | \$248.00 | \$233.00 | \$207.00 | \$175.00 | \$134.00 | \$89.00  | \$59.00   |
| 7.00                | 278.00                       | 265.00   | 249.00   | 221.00   | 186.00   | 142.00   | 95.00    | 62.00     |
| 8.00                | 312.00                       | 298.00   | 280.00   | 248.00   | 210.00   | 160.00   | 107.00   | 70.00     |
| 9.00                | 347.00                       | 331.00   | 311.00   | 276.00   | 233.00   | 178.00   | 119.00   | 78.00     |
| 10.00               | 382.00                       | 364.00   | 342.00   | 304.00   | 256.00   | 196.00   | 131.00   | 86.00     |
| 11.00               | 416.00                       | 397.00   | 373.00   | 331.00   | 280.00   | 214.00   | 142.00   | 92.00     |
| 12.00               | 451.00                       | 430.00   | 404.00   | 359.00   | 303.00   | 231.00   | 152.00   | 99.00     |
| 13.00               | 486.00                       | 463.00   | 435.00   | 386.00   | 326.00   | 249.00   | 162.00   | 105.00    |
| 14.00               | 521.00                       | 497.00   | 467.00   | 414.00   | 350.00   | 264.00   | 172.00   | 112.00    |
| 15.00               | 555.00                       | 530.00   | 498.00   | 442.00   | 373.00   | 280.00   | 182.00   | 118.00    |
| 16.00               | 590.00                       | 563.00   | 529.00   | 469.00   | 396.00   | 295.00   | 192.00   | 125.00    |
| 17.00               | 625.00                       | 596.00   | 560.00   | 497.00   | 419.00   | 311.00   | 202.00   | 132.00    |
| 18.00               | 659.00                       | 629.00   | 591.00   | 524.00   | 440.00   | 327.00   | 213.00   | 138.00    |
| 19.00               | 694.00                       | 662.00   | 622.00   | 552.00   | 460.00   | 343.00   | 222.00   | 145.00    |
| 20.00               | 729.00                       | 695.00   | 653.00   | 580.00   | 481.00   | 359.00   | 232.00   | 152.00    |
| 21.00               | 763.00                       | 728.00   | 684.00   | 607.00   | 581.00   | 392.00   | 262.00   | 172.00    |
| 22.00               | 798.00                       | 761.00   | 715.00   | 635.00   | 536.00   | 409.00   | 274.00   | 179.00    |
| 23.00               | 833.00                       | 794.00   | 746.00   | 662.00   | 559.00   | 427.00   | 286.00   | 187.00    |
| 24.00               | 868.00                       | 828.00   | 778.00   | 690.00   | 583.00   | 445.00   | 298.00   | 195.00    |
| \$25.00             | \$902.00                     | \$861.00 | \$809.00 | \$781.00 | \$606.00 | \$463.00 | \$309.00 | \$203.00  |

If your dues amount is not listed above, use this calculation:  $\frac{\text{Dues amount} + \$1.00}{\$10.00}$

$\times \$9.00$  VIM fee in your age group = VIM fee

**EX:** Age 52, Annual Dues of \$14.50:  $\$14.50 + \$1.00 = \$15.50$  divided by  $\$10.00 = \$1.55 \times \$233.00$  (fee for \$9.00 dues in 50-59 column) = \$361.15. The VIM fee for a 52-year-old member with Units dues of \$14.50 is \$361.00. (round to the nearest dollar)

**NOTE:** For **Junior members** (under age 18) add \$2.00 for each year of age preceding 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. For example, add \$14.00 for a Junior member who is currently 11 years old. If Unit dues are \$10.00, \$396.00 is the cost of the 11 yr old's VIM membership. ( $\$382.00 + \$14.00 = \$396.00$ )