

THE BURNS BULLETIN

Newsletter of Veterans of Foreign Wars Burns Post 388 and Auxiliary
(Fall 2015 edition)

Commander's Comments

Comrades,

My thanks go out to the Post members, House Committee members and Auxiliary members who have volunteered their time to help with weddings, luncheons and day to day operations of the VFW due to our shortage of staff. We are in the process of advertising and interviewing applicants for positions needed and hopefully, in the near future, we will have the needed positions filled.

October will be a busy month. We have the workers party on Thursday, October 22, 2015. Social hour from 5:00 to 6:00 pm and dinner served at 6:00 pm. Hope all you good people that volunteered your time this past year at events such as the fair, will join us on that evening. We then have the craft sale and rummage sale on Saturday, October 24, 2015. We will need Post and Auxiliary member volunteers for these events. On Sunday, October 25, 2015, we have the rummage sale and bingo bash. Again we ask for Post and Auxiliary member volunteers.

It's going to be busy these last few months of this year. Since the next newsletter won't be out until January 2016, I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous, Happy New Year.

Commander,
Jack Pettit

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hangarwausau@gmail.com

Post Bingo Update

After much discussion the Post will join the Auxiliary in having progressive bingo. We will begin this on Wednesday, October 7.

It will cost 3 dollars per sheet of three squares. The first week we will draw 48 numbers for a black out game, if no one gets bingo by the 48th number the pot [\$300] increases at the next scheduled game night, where we will draw 49 bingo numbers. Every scheduled post bingo night we increase the numbers drawn and the money in the pot until someone wins.



That first night we continue past the 48 until someone wins, at which time that winner gets the consolation prize of \$100. It is important to note that the winner of the progressive bingo must present two [2] forms of government approved id. If they do not have this id we will hold their winnings until they can produce the needed id.

We hope that this change to progressive bingo will draw in more players and increase our profits so that we can use those profits to help those in need. With an increase in players the need for volunteers to help at bingo will increase, so please think of volunteering on bingo nights.

Frank Biesel,
Post Bingo Chairman

Post and Auxiliary Rummage Sale

The Post and Auxiliary will be holding another rummage sale. The sale will be held on the weekend of October 24 and 25. This is also the weekend of the bake sale, craft show and the bingo bash. Mark your calendars and plan to support your Post and Auxiliary. These events need our support to be successful. Rummage sale items can be brought to the post the week before the sale. We will have a large selection of items. Tell your friends to come check it out.

Help will be needed to make this event a success. For more information, call Doreene Partridge at 602-524-6886, or Bernie Gauerke at 715-297-4790.

Welcome Aboard

Fredrick B. Roemke
USN Vietnam
Reinstate life member

Robert Meuret
USAF Vietnam
Transfer from 8733

James Pinsonneault
USMC Iraq
Continuous

Welcome to your Post, Comrades

Dues Reminder

Another reminder to all continuous or annual members, you need to renew your membership. The life membership option is open if you are interested. Post 388 still

offers the \$25.00 discount for those going "life". Contact your quartermaster for more information.

From your Quartermaster

At the end of the current membership year (2015-2016) I will be retiring as Quartermaster. This is my 16th year, and I'm just wearing out. With the spring elections a replacement will be needed. If anyone is interested, I'll be glad to work with you for the rest of this year. Perhaps someone can work as an assistant for the rest of this year or maybe two people can share the job next year. Give it some serious thought. Contact me if you or anyone you know is interested. There is an expense reimbursement that goes with the job.

Auxiliary News

Hello Sisters,

Well summer is coming to an end once again and it is looking to be busy this fall also. We have a lot coming up for the fall and many new changes coming to our Auxiliary.

As many of you know already we are no longer known as Ladies Auxiliary, as of August 21st we are now known as Auxiliary of Burns post 388. We now accept men into the auxiliary. So let's see who we can recruit into our auxiliary and help us grow.

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the fair and a special thanks to all the youth that helped out, they did an outstanding job. The youth are the auxiliary of the future.

We have a lot of things coming up this fall and one of the new things we started to help

the post out on Bingo night, we are filling in for the employees for a while to sell and serve food. We need a few volunteers to help out with this so please if you can help we need 3 people for about 2 hours each Wednesday for a while.



October is going to be a very busy month, with Bingo Bash coming on the 25th and on the 24th we again are having a craft show and a treasure sale downstairs. If you have anything to donate please let me know and you can either bring it down to the post or we can arrange to pick it up.

And as the post now shares the profits for us this a great way to get funds into our auxiliary to help support our donations. Also we will have our bake sale so we will need all those good goodies all the ladies make.

I would love to hear some ideas to support our Ways and Means and raise more money for the auxiliary. Also for all you bingo players the Post bingo is now going progressive and we want to say welcome aboard and good luck with your bingo.

As fall sets in we want to remember the ones who are ailing with our prayers and an encouraging word, a phone call, card or maybe a home cooked meal.

Thank You All,

Doreene Partridge
President,
Burns Post Auxiliary 388

Aux. Treasurers Comments

Your membership dues are due or your cancer grant insurance is due no later than December 10, 2015. Please refer to the colored sheet that you received in the mail from the Auxiliary as to the amount owed for membership dues. If questions, call Margarete Dahlke at 715-845-5763. Checks can be made out to VFW Auxiliary Burns Post 388 and mailed to Margarete with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: 3401 Bob-O-Link Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401.

Please refer to the President's Comments in this newsletter regarding changes to the Auxiliary.

Auxiliary Treasurer,
Margarete Dahlke

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 12 starting at 2:00 pm in the lower banquet hall. Bring your children (or grandchildren, etc.) and have a really great time participating in our Children's Christmas Party!! Lots of decorations, games, "munchies" and gifts to be given out. Don't miss a chance to take a picture with Santa Claus!!

We welcome anyone that would like to help us with seeing that these children have an enjoyable time while experiencing the

comradeship that our VFW has to offer. Contact Dee Dennis, 715-298-0251.



Packer Parties at the Hangar

Cheer on the Green and Gold with all of your friends at the VFW. Enjoy the games on our big screens. Drink specials, halftime buffet, raffles and drawings for nice prizes throughout the game. Proceeds from the raffles go towards improving the club. What could be better than watching the Pack and supporting your Post at the same time? We open 1 hour before kickoff.

Lounge Happenings

- Steak Night - 1st Tuesday of every month. Swing band after dinner.
- Bingo - Every Wednesday at 7pm. Kitchen opens at 4pm.
- Fish Fry Friday
- Karaoke Friday Nights



2015 Bingo Bash

This year's bingo bash will be on Sunday, October 25.

- Doors open at 12pm
- Bingo starts at 2pm
- Door prizes
- Refreshments

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT CHILDRENS
MIRACLE NETWORK

Fall Bake Sale/Craft Sale

The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Craft Show/Bake **Sale** at the VFW Hangar Lounge on Saturday, October 24. Please come on down and support this event. Please bring something for the Bake Sale and/or sign-up to volunteer to help us. Proceeds from the Craft Show will go to the Lounge to replace broken dishes, etc. Proceeds from the Bake Sale will go to the Auxiliary. To reserve a spot to sell your crafts or for more information, contact: Doreene Partridge at 602-524-6886.

Christmas Potluck

Tuesday, December 8, 2014 starting at 6 P.M. Come on down to the annual VFW & Auxiliary Christmas Potluck/Party. Purchase your raffle tickets from Lou Ann Wood or any of the Ladies Auxiliary members for your chance to win a prize. Proceeds from the raffle are used to support Auxiliary programs. Participate in the potluck by bringing a dish of your liking. A short business meeting will be held after the potluck and bingo will be enjoyed by all.

Veterans Day 2015

Please join us at the VFW on Wednesday, November 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. for the Veterans Day Ceremony.

The ceremony will start at 10:30 a.m. with local Veterans organizations participating. There will be a small luncheon to follow.

Youth Essay Contests

School is back in session and once again the Post and Auxiliary will be sponsoring the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Contests. This year's Voice of Democracy theme is "My vision for America" and this year's Patriots Pen theme is "What freedom means to me". For more information about VOD please contact Mary Jo Literski at 715-573-1262. For more information about Patriots Pen please contact Audrey Tessmer at 715-848-1502.

More information can also be found here

<http://www.vfw.org/Youth/>

Remember Pearl Harbor

Navy Club of the United States, Central Wisconsin Chapter Ship #64 will be hosting its annual Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony at the VFW on Sunday, December 6, 2015. There will be a guest speaker, D.C. Everest Sr. High choir and a rifle salute by Burns Post 388 Honor Guard.

New Era for the Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW is now chartered as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Effective August 21, 2015 this change extends Auxiliary eligibility to the spouse, fathers, grandfathers, sons, grandsons and brothers of Veterans eligible for the VFW. With women now comprising nearly 20% of our nation's military, this change solidifies the VFW's commitment to membership equality for all military and Veteran families.

Events Calendar Fall 2015

October

4 District 7 meeting – Plover
4 Packer Party 3pm
6 Steak Night
7 Post Bingo 7pm
12 Packer Party 12pm
13 Post & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm
14 Aux Bingo 7pm
16-18 Big 10 conference – Bettendorf Iowa
18 Packer Party 3pm

21 Post Bingo 7pm

22 Workers Party

24 Craft Show & Rummage Sale

25 Bingo Bash & Rummage Sale

28 Aux Bingo 7pm

30 Adult Halloween Party in the Lounge

November

1 Packer Party 7:30pm

3 Steak Night

4 Post Bingo 7pm

5 Magic Show 6pm

8 Packer Party 12pm

10 Post & Auxiliary meetings 7:30pm

11 Veterans Day (Ceremony at the VFW)

11 Aux Bingo 7pm

14 Council of Administration – Plover

15 Packer Party 12pm

18 Post Bingo 7pm

22 Packer Party 12pm

25 Aux Bingo 7pm

December

1 Steak Night

2 Post Bingo 7pm

3 Packer Party 7pm

4 Christmas Parade

6 Pearl Harbor Remembrance 12pm

8 Post & Auxiliary meetings (Christmas Potluck)

9 Aux Bingo 7pm

12 Children's Christmas Party 2pm

12 Past Commanders Dinner

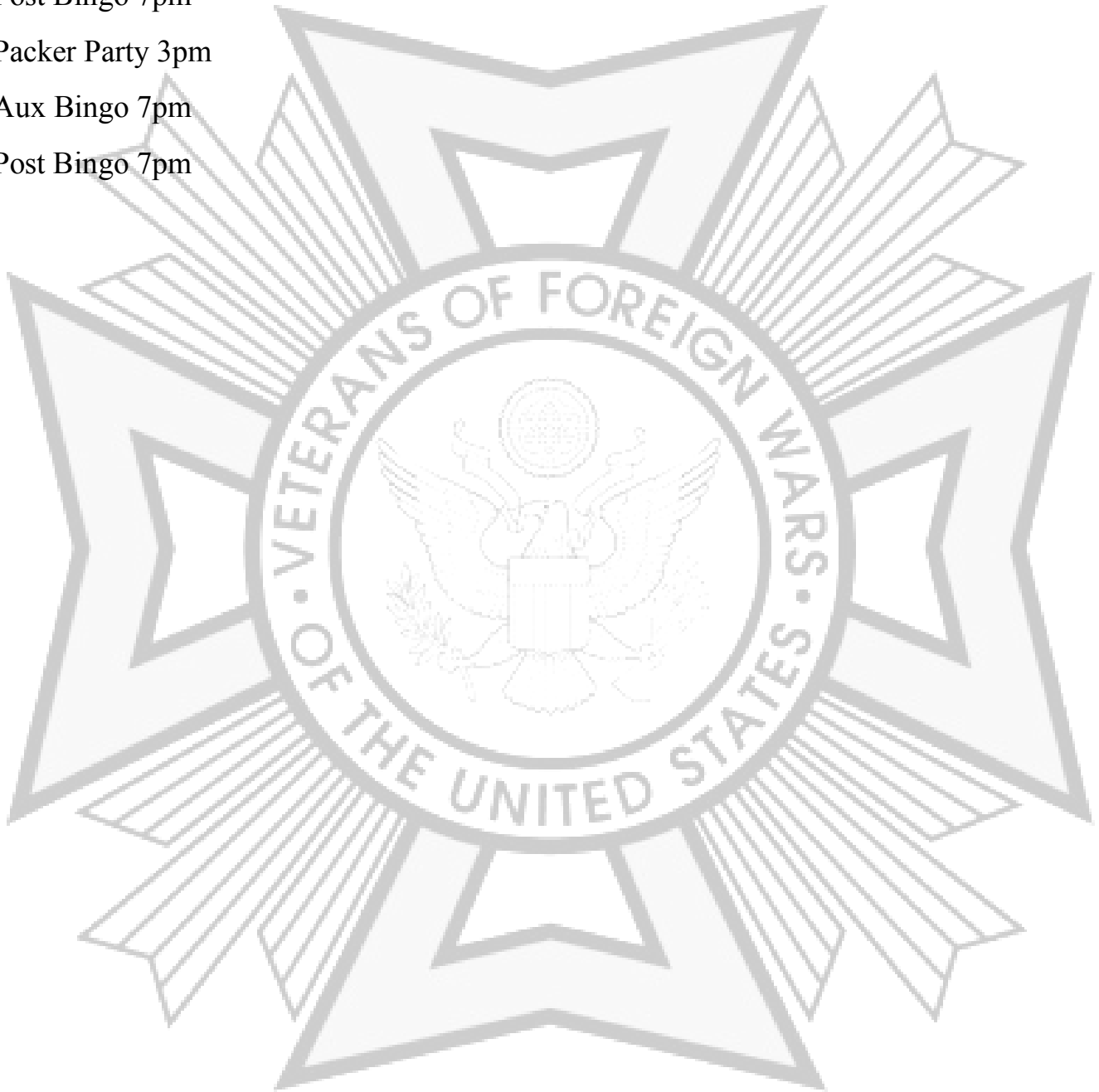
13 Packer Party 3pm

16 Post Bingo 7pm

20 Packer Party 3pm

23 Aux Bingo 7pm

30 Post Bingo 7pm



VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CLEAR FORM

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

First Middle Initial Last

ADDRESS _____

Street City State Zip

DATES OF SERVICE _____ to _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ PHONE _____

MM / YY MM / YY DD / MM / YYYY

☐ MALE
☐ FEMALE

MILITARY SERVICE ☐ ACTIVE DUTY ☐ VETERAN ☐ NAT. GUARD/RESERVE BRANCH OF SERVICE ☐ ARMY ☐ NAVY ☐ AIR FORCE ☐ MARINES ☐ COAST GUARD

QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE:

☐ WW II ☐ VIETNAM SERVICE ☐ AFGHANISTAN (2001 - present) ☐ HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY
☐ OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE ☐ DESERT SHIELD/STORM ☐ IRAQ (2003 -2011)
☐ KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954) ☐ BOSNIA/KOSOVO ☐ SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA
☐ KOREA DUTY (1955 - present) ☐ GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY ☐ EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS

Location _____

Dates _____

Payment Authorization - You may pay by check or credit card. For payments by check, you will receive a yearly statement by mail. For credit card payments, please complete the following:

☐ ANNUAL MEMBER

☐ I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ on a yearly basis to pay my Annual membership dues.

☐ I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

☐ LIFE MEMBER

☐ I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

☐ LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN

☐ I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ to be paid in 11 monthly installment payments after my initial payment of \$45.00.

☐ I authorize the VFW to automatically charge the \$45.00 initial payment and I understand that I will be billed for the remaining 11 monthly installment payments.

Credit Card # _____
(Mastercard, Visa, Discover or Amex only)

EXP. DATE _____ AMOUNT \$ _____ Signature: _____

☐ NEW Post # _____ ☐ FORMER MEMBER # _____
☐ TRANSFER from Post # _____ State _____ to Post # _____
RECRUITER _____ ID# _____
(Please print)
QUARTERMASTER (Signature) _____

Life Member Options

AGE as of DECEMBER 31 st	One-Time Payment	\$45 + 11 Payments of
18-30 Years Old	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40 Years Old	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50 Years Old	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60 Years Old	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70 Years Old	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80 Years Old	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 Years & Over	\$170.00	\$15.45

Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debit entries or affect a charge by any other commercially accepted practice to your account set forth above for the payment of dues reflected on this application. You understand such charges may be made within 2-3 business days of payment due date. For installment payments, charges will be made on or around the 1st or the 15th day of the month. This authorization will remain in full force until VFW has received notification from you of its termination or upon completion of the installment payments. Annual dues are subject to change. By completing this authorization, you acknowledge that you will only receive notice when the payment would differ by more than \$10.00 from the most recent payment. Call VFW Customer Service at 1-800-963-3180 or write to VFW at VFW P.O. Box 119028, Kansas City, MO. 64171 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or to report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, closed accounts or unauthorized transactions. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time ten business days prior to the scheduled payment date. If you are unaware of the charge date for your account, please contact VFW. If a payment is returned by your financial institution (e.g., due to insufficient funds, incorrect account information, closed account, etc.) the VFW will contact you at the address we have on file for you, explaining why the payment could not be processed, and providing alternate payment options. The privilege of making payments under this agreement may be revoked by VFW if any item is not paid upon presentation. You may have additional rights and responsibilities under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

Life Membership Installment Plan Terms and Conditions: The VFW Life Membership installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a Life Membership by making an initial payment of \$45.00 and (11) monthly payments. The member will be issued an Annual membership card at the time of enrollment. The member may elect to receive a monthly statement by mail or may set up a payment profile to make the monthly payment automatically using a credit/debit card or bank account. A payoff amount will be printed on each monthly invoice, allowing the member the option to pay in full. A permanent Life Membership card will be issued upon the completion of payments. The Life Membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the year in which the application is submitted.

Delinquencies will be handled as follows: Up to 30 days - continue to bill, 31 to 120 days - delinquency can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward, More than 120 days - member is dropped from the Installment Plan, all monthly payments made to date, are applied to future years annual dues.

VFW PLEDGE I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that:

I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto. I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy. I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order. Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had remained a member of same. All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true comrade -- and a citizen of our great republic.

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

The review committee has performed its duties and recommends ☐ approval, ☐ rejection.

Applicants Signature & Date _____

\$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

Committee Member _____

Committee Member _____

Committee Member _____

Auxiliary No. _____ City _____ State _____ Member ID (If already a member) _____

☐ Annual Membership ☐ Life ☐ Rejoined Previous Member No. _____, Previous Auxiliary _____

☐ Member-at-Large ☐ Life Member-at-Large in Department of _____ or in ☐ National

These fields required. Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
Address _____ Male _____ or Female _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone (____) _____-_____ E-mail _____

☐ **POST AFFILIATED: (*Must be a member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)**

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Membership ID _____

☐ **NON AFFILIATED: (*Veteran is not a member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)**

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Post _____ (If applicable)

☐ **LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER**, Previous Auxiliary _____ (Note: Eligibility proof and investigating committee not needed.)

Accepting Treasurer's Signature _____ Date _____

☐ **ANNUAL TRANSFER**, Previous Auxiliary _____ Paying _____ or Nonpaying _____? (check one)

☐ **ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE**, Previous Auxiliary _____ (Fill out Life Membership information below.)

Name of campaign ribbons or medals: _____

Foreign Service ____/____/____ to ____/____/____ Location: _____

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States or a U.S. National, and am at least 16 years of age. I further state that I believe in God. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further state that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Investigating Committee: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. ☐ Rejected ☐ Election Date _____ Obligated Date _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ☐ Check here if this is a gift. Card will be mailed to the Auxiliary Treasurer

Payment: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Visa

☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover

Life Membership Fee \$ _____

Name on credit card _____

Billing address for card _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

C. C. # _____

CVV Code _____ Exp. ____/____

Signature _____ Date _____

☐ ACH (Bank withdrawal)

Name of Bank _____

Bank Routing No. _____

Account No. _____

Attach voided check HERE. (Required)



LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$220
21-25	\$210
26-30	\$200
31-35	\$190
36-40	\$185
41-45	\$175
46-50	\$170
51-55	\$160
56-60	\$150
61-65	\$140
66-70	\$130
71-75	\$115
76-80	\$95
81-85	\$75
86-90	\$60
91 and over	\$50

OBLIGATION

In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. Signature _____ (Must be signed by all members.)