



50-60-70-75-80-85-90 Continuous Years Membership Certificates

The National Executive Committee has directed the issuance of certificates to members of The American Legion credited with 50 years of continuous membership. This has been further expanded to include members with 60, 70, 75, 80, 85 or 90 years of continuous membership. An eligible member receives only one of each of these special awards.

January 15 has been determined to be the cutoff for getting memberships transmitted, or submitting continuous years changes to National to ensure a certificate will be printed for members who have not previously received one of these awards.

The certificates are sent directly to the posts (instead of the department) for presentation to the members to be honored. It is suggested that a special ceremony be held on or near the founding birth date of The American Legion (March 15).

A Word document certificate template will be sent electronically to the departments to be used for members who may have been omitted by National...a limited supply of blank certificates will be mailed to the departments for this purpose.

National prints these certificates only once a year. Should a post ask, unless they need them for a special presentation, they should be encouraged to wait until the next scheduled printing, subject to the member's record being properly recorded. If inquiries are received, make sure National receives a notification to update the record of the member, otherwise a certificate won't be printed, even though the Legionnaire may be entitled to one.

Remember, **January 15** is the cutoff for getting changes/memberships to National so qualified members are not left out of the annual run.