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The American Legion Announces New Multiyear Membership Option

-Written by [The American Legion](#)

Legionnaires can now take advantage of a three-year membership starting with the 2025 membership year. Visit legion.org/renew for the multiyear membership of 2025, 2026 and 2027. Here is what you need to know about the three-year membership:

- Multiyear membership sign-up is only available on the national American Legion website (legion.org/renew). Current or potential members cannot renew or join for a three-year membership at the post level or through MyLegion.org.
- Payment for the three-year membership will be upfront.
- There is not a discounted rate with the three-year membership.
- Membership cards will still be sent annually by Legion posts.
- Those who sign up for a multiyear membership will not receive a renewal notice during the time they have signed up for the multiyear membership.

The multiyear membership will work just like PUFL. Whatever rate the member renews at is what the post/department/national will receive for the duration of that timeframe. Once the member renews after the three-year renewal is up, the renewal rate will adjust to the rate at that time.

A multiyear membership was approved by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion during the organization's Spring Meetings last May.

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UPCOMING ACTIVITY REMINDERS

Tuesday, Feb 13 – ALA Membership meeting @ 1:30pm, 5419 S. Alston Avenue
Tuesday, Feb 13 - TAL/SAL Membership meeting @ 7pm, 5419 S. Alston Avenue
Tuesday, Feb 27 - TAL/SAL Membership meeting @ 7pm, 5419 S. Alston Avenue
Tuesday, March 12 – Quarterly Post 416 Dinner @ 6pm, 5419 S. Alston Avenue
Tuesday, March 12 – TAL/SAL & ALA Membership meetings @ 7pm, 5419 S. Alston Avenue
Saturday, March 16 – Post 416 Spring Clean-up, 9am-noon, 5419 S. Alston Avenue
Tuesday, Mar 26 – TAL/SAL Membership meeting @ 7pm, 5419 S. Alston Avenue

TAL – The American Legion **ALA** – American Legion Auxiliary **SAL** – Sons of The American Legion

Date Set for Spring Cleanup



During our most recent membership meeting, a date was set for our annual Post 416 Spring Cleanup: Saturday, March 16 from 9am-noon. Word has already been sent to our partners with Cub Scout Pack 495, Immanuel Assembly of God, and even a team of volunteer students from Cary Academy.

Light breakfast snacks will be provided, and efforts will focus on our three focus areas of indoor cleaning, weed control, and trash pickup.

Please block your calendars accordingly. The more people who show up to help, the easier and quicker all tasks will be accomplished!



BBQ Chicken Dinner Returns in April

Post 416 has a long and storied history with our twice-annual BBQ chicken dinners, and now the tradition continues. The next dinner has been scheduled for Sunday, April 28 from noon to 2pm. Meals will be sold at \$12/dinner and feature a 1/2 pit-grilled chicken covered in an eastern-NC style barbecue sauce, cole slaw, baked beans and a dinner roll. Meals can be enjoyed either dine-in or carryout.



Advance tickets are required and sales will end Monday, April 22. Tickets will be distributed at regular membership meetings in the near future, can be procured from James Snyder at jamesmsnyder@bellsouth.net, or purchased online anytime on the post's website at <https://al416nc.wixsite.com/al416nc/>.

This is always a huge event for Post 416 and involves our entire Legion family and partners. Save the date on your calendar, and be sure to get your tickets now. Don't wait until the last minute to purchase yours. Online sales are available now. You don't want to miss this!

2024 SAL Membership Drive Update

- Written by Bill Granger, Post 416 Adjutant

One of Post 416 annual goals is to standup a Sons of The American Legion (SAL) squadron at Lowe's Grove. To charter a new squadron, the Department of North Carolina requires 10 eligible members (all male descendants adopted sons, and stepsons of veterans) as a minimum. There is no age requirement. We currently have 5 members signed up as charter members.

In January, we welcome Felix Stumpe (grandson of Leo Scrivner) to the ranks of the SAL at Lowe's Grove Post 416.

Annual dues are set very low at \$25 annually, and enrollment can be done easily on the Post website at

<https://al416nc.wixsite.com/al416nc> . Since many current members have sons or grandsons, would you consider sponsoring a SAL membership at Post 416 for them? You would be creating a legacy by having members of your family on a post chart document as one of the original 10 members at Post 416!

Sign up for the SAL today at

<https://al416nc.wixsite.com/al416nc> .



Peanut Price Increase Announced

After discussion during a recent membership meeting, it was unanimously agreed by those on hand it was time to announce a price increase to \$8/jar or \$90 for a case of 12 jars. This price will not take effect until July 1, 2024 to allow our vendors and partners time to adjust their pricing accordingly.

Inflationary costs, primarily from glass jars, has been driving down the post's profit margin to the point where this action was deemed necessary to sustain our community impact and existing programs. The model of offering a discount on case purchases was continued to encourage case sales from the post while attempting to shift jar sales to our partners at the two local Triangle ACE Hardware stores.

In addition, when we last raised prices there was concern we might experience a decrease in sales volume – when in reality sales continued to increase year over year. As such, those in attendance felt the market would readily absorb this increase and allow the post to climb closer to a reasonable margin of profit to sustain our community efforts financially into the future.

How to Get Out the Vote but Remain Non-Political

- Written by [The American Legion](#)



This year ushers in a presidential election. And while American Legion posts are encouraged to promote “Get Out the Vote” (GOTV) efforts, it is important to remember to remain nonpartisan in the process.

The American Legion is a nonpolitical, nonpartisan organization but advocates for all U.S. citizens to register and vote in all elections. The American

Legion does not show preference for or against any particular candidate or political party.

With that mind, here are some dos and don'ts for Legionnaires and posts to follow during the election cycle.

- Can I wear my American Legion cap to a political event? No. The American Legion cap is considered the official legion uniform (see p. 38 of 2024 Officer's Guide). If attending a political event, The American Legion cap, or any clothing with The American Legion emblem visible, must be removed so as not to imply any endorsement by The American Legion.
- Can we use our American Legion post for a political event? When using post facilities to host any candidates, the post must remove American Legion emblems and American Legion flags to avoid any impression of endorsements. Candidates for all parties must be presented equal opportunity to use the facilities on the same terms and conditions as other competing candidates.
- Can I get The American Legion at the local, state and national level to support a candidate running for Congress or any political office? No. In Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution of The American Legion, "The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment." Additionally, the National Charter, approved by Congress, stipulates The American Legion as an organization is nonpolitical. Therefore, The American Legion as an organization is never to help or endorse a candidate. However, you, as a private citizen and not speaking for the organization, can do whatever is legal and ethical to advance his/her candidacy.



LOWE'S GROVE, NC POST 416

POST CLEAN-UP DAY



INDOOR
CLEANING



WEED
CONTROL



TRASH
PICKUP



Saturday, March 16
9am - Noon

LOWE'S GROVE, NC POST 416

 AMERICAN
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BBQ Chicken Dinner

\$12/meal

(Cash, check, or credit card)

Dine-In or Carryout from Noon-2pm

**Advance Ticket Purchase Required
Before April 22**

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