

## **Eligibility**

If you meet the eligibility requirements for membership in the Sons of The American Legion, we'd love to have you join our ranks! Contact The American Legion Post nearest you to see if a Squadron of the Sons has been organized at that Post. If not, an officer of that Post should be able to tell you where to find the nearest S.A.L. Squadron. You can also contact The S.A.L. National Headquarters via email ([sal@legion.org](mailto:sal@legion.org)) to find the location of a Sons Squadron near you.

You should be able to get an official S.A.L. Membership Application from just about any American Legion Post in the country.

Thanks for stopping by today! We're confident you will enjoy becoming a member of The American Legion Family, this nation's largest organization dedicated to supporting veterans of the armed services of the United States of America!

Not everyone is eligible to become a member of the Sons of The American Legion. There are specific membership requirements.

To be eligible, you must be a male descendant (includes stepsons and adopted sons) of a member of The American Legion.

You would also be eligible to join the Sons of The American Legion if you are the male descendant (stepsons and adopted sons included) of a veteran who died in service during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, or the Persian Gulf War (see specific time periods for service during these conflicts below).

You would also be eligible to join the Sons of The American Legion if you are the male descendant (stepsons and adopted sons included) of a veteran who died subsequent to his or her honorable discharge from service in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, or the Persian Gulf War (the same eligibility periods apply as above).

If you need help obtaining the records to prove your eligibility visit The National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records @ <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel>. It is the repository of millions of military personnel, health, and medical records of discharged and deceased veterans of all services during the 20th century. Information from the records is made available upon written request (with signature and date) to the extent allowed by law.

Contact the Sons of The American Legion Squadron nearest you to obtain the necessary membership application form. Membership forms for the Sons of The American Legion should be available at any American Legion Post. Contact the Post nearest you and ask if a Squadron of the Sons exists in your area. If there is no Squadron in your area, contact The S.A.L. National Headquarters via email ([sal@legion.org](mailto:sal@legion.org)) and ask about membership in the Sons of The American Legion. It's also possible to organize a new S.A.L. Squadron.

## **Active Duty Service Eligibility Dates**

For Membership in The American Legion (note: potential S.A.L. members should use these dates to determine if their parents or grandparents are/were eligible for membership in The American Legion)

World War I  
April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918

World War II  
December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946

Korean War

June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955

Vietnam Era

February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975

Lebanon/Grenada

August 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984

Panama

December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990

Persian Gulf

August 2, 1990 - (this eligibility period remains open)