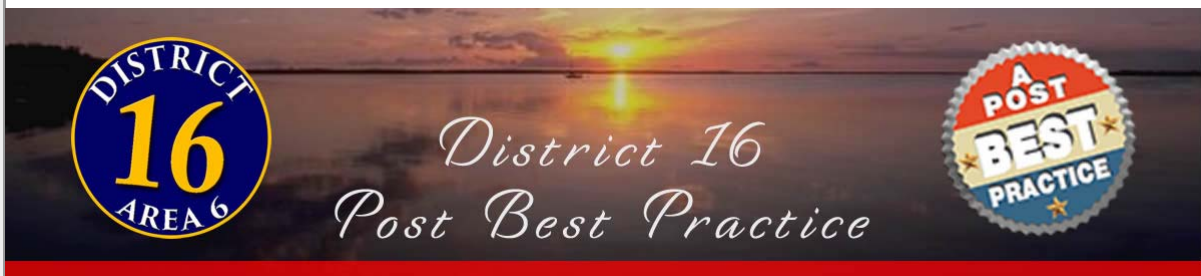


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When members use the online renewal feature of The American Legion national web site, members can set their account for automatic annual renewal using their credit/debit card.

Automatic Online Payment

Many consider the Automatic Online Payment of Annual Membership Dues to be a “Best Practice” in the dues payment process, however the option is not widely known by most members of The American Legion. With your help we hope to make many more members aware of the

renewal method. This is simply an online payment that is automatically processed each year, early in the month of July after the new Legion year begins, using the members debit/credit card. It eliminates the need to send dues renewal notices to members and eliminates the need for members to remember to pay their annual dues, the payment takes place automatically. The automatic payment option is selected when a member pays their dues online.




This is such a good idea, we encourage our local posts to make all their members aware of the benefits of Automatic Online Payment of Annual Membership Dues. This would be a good topic for post newsletters, web sites and other communications with your post members. We have developed a simple flier to help you get the word out to your members that can be printed out and put on your post bulletin board. This may help to remind members of this important method of paying their annual membership dues. [Flier](#)

Automatic Online Payment Annual Dues

Member Benefits

- **Dues are paid automatically every year!**
- **No More Duplicate Dues Notices or Payments:** Online dues payments are recorded immediately. No more notices from the national office asking members to pay their dues.
- **No More Waiting for Dues to be Processed:** Members no longer need to wait for their local post to process their dues payment and issue a current membership card. When a member pays their dues online the National office posts a report of their payment in MyLegion.org to notify local posts. This report authorizes a post to issue a membership card for the current year.

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- **No Transmittal Needed:** When members pay their annual membership dues online the post does not need to submit the member's name on a transmittal form.
 - **No membership dues checks to deposit.**
 - **No checks need to be written:** to the Department for per capita tax
 - **Membership Retention:** When post members select Automatic Online Payment of their annual dues membership retention improves.

When members renew their annual membership dues online, it takes about 30-60 days for the national office to send the local post their portion of the member's dues. The posts receive their funds from national in the same time frame as they would from members who pay their dues by check to the post in September. Most believe this is acceptable, in light of all the benefits Online Membership Renewal provides both the member and the post.

Automatic Online Payment of Annual Membership Dues is a District 16 Post Best Practice.

When members use the online renewal feature on The American Legion national web site, members can set their account for automatic renewal using their credit/debit card.

To Automatically renew your Annual Membership Dues online visit the calegion.org web site and select "Renew".

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