



VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT'S NEW 2024 - POST & SAL CRIME/BOND POLICY

Per the National and Department Bylaws, Post & SAL officers and/or employees shall be covered by a crime / fiduciary policy that handles American Legion monies.

Over several years, the Department had offered a crime/bonding policy to Posts and SAL Squadron's for \$10 to cover their membership monies. However, this offering is no longer available for the upcoming year and following years. Since the Department is unable to make this offering, it will be mandatory that some type of insurance policy is obtained by the Posts (which will include the SAL).

WHAT WILL NEED TO BE DONE NOW

Starting this year, there are a few options that can be done to remain compliant. For Posts that do not remain compliant, this could have some adverse effects such as: 1) Posts could have their 2025 membership cards delayed from shipping, and 2) Posts which are not compliant with National and Department Bylaws could be suspended.

OPTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE

- 1) In many cases for Posts with lounges, they most likely already have a policy which covers them.
- 2) Posts can obtain their own crime policy for employees and members that handle money. This can be from a local or online insurance company. Send a copy to Department.
- 3) Department is also making available a policy provided by NFP, a National endorsed company through the CHUBB Insurance company. It has multiple levels of coverage and each post can choose how much or as little coverage they require for their needs.

2024 – 2025 FORM REQUIREMENTS

Like every year, Department requires these forms to be turned in to obtain the new year membership cards. Here is the list of required forms which are mailed to the Post Adjutant and are also available online. Send forms to: member@michiganlegion.org

- 1) Officer Certification Form
- 2) Post Audit Form
- 3) Insurance Declaration page – Crime/Insurance coverage for officers and/or employees

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