

By Law 13

RSL Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

1. The Meritorious Service Medal is the highest award that may be made by the League to a member as an honour over and above Life Membership.
2. Such an award shall only be made to a member who:
 - a. is a Life Member;
 - b. has had 30 years continuous membership; and
 - c. In the opinion of the National Executive, has given 25 years outstanding service.
3. The procedure to be followed by State Branch and Sub Branches in making nominations for awards of a Meritorious Service Medal shall be determined from time to time by the National Executive.
4. The maximum number of such awards that may be made in any financial year shall be determined from time to time by the National Congress.
5. In addition to the number determined from time to time pursuant to paragraph four, the National President may recommend to the National Executive in any financial year that not more than one particular Life Member be awarded the said medal.
6. The award comprises:
 - a. A medal which is worn on the right breast whenever service medals, decorations and awards are worn in the usual place on the left breast, or when the recipient is on official RSL duties or at official RSL functions;
 - b. A lapel badge in the form of a Life Member's badge surrounded by a laurel wreath which is worn by recipients in place of their previously awarded Life Member's lapel badge; and
 - c. A certificate.

Certificate of Merit and Gold Badge

7. The highest award that may be made by the League to a person who is not a member of any class of membership is a Certificate of Merit and Gold Badge.
8. Such an award shall not be made to a person who is eligible to apply to become a member of any class membership of the League save and except that this clause shall not apply to a person who is a member of a Women's Auxiliary.

9. Such an award shall only be made to a person if, in the opinion of a National Congress or the National Executive, such person has rendered outstanding service to the League, ex-service personnel or their dependants.
10. The procedure to be followed by State Branch and Sub-branches in making a nomination for an award of Certificate of Merit and Gold Badge shall be determined from time to time by the National Executive.
11. The maximum number of such awards that may be made in any financial year shall be determined from time to time by the National Congress.

Life Members

(National Rule 13 refers)

1. Other than in exceptional circumstances, a State Branch shall not propose a Service Member over whom it has jurisdiction, for election by the National Executive to the class of Life Member unless that Service Member shall have been a Service Member for at least 15 continuous years and shall have rendered not less than 10 years' outstanding service to the League.
2. In any one financial year, proposals by a State Branch pursuant to this By Law shall not exceed one (1) for every 750 or part thereof of the Service Members within the jurisdiction of that State Branch.
3. If a Service Member proposed for Life Membership pursuant to National Rule 13.2 is also a member of a Sub Branch, that Sub Branch shall pay to the State Branch having jurisdiction over it, such fees as that Branch determines from time to time.
4. For the purposes of this By Law, service as a member of a Women's Auxiliary may be taken into account.
5. If a Life Member is also a member of a Sub Branch and transfers his membership of that Sub Branch to another Sub Branch which is subject to the jurisdiction of a State Branch not identical to that having jurisdiction over the first mentioned Sub Branch the State Branch having jurisdiction over the first mentioned Sub Branch, shall pay to the State Branch having jurisdiction over the Sub Branch to which he has transferred that portion of the Life Membership fee that remains for that Life Member in its Life Membership Fund. The State Branch to which the payment is made shall pay to the Sub Branch to which the Life Member has transferred an amount equal to the applicable annual rebate of the subscription of that State Branch. Such latter payment shall be made out of the funds received by the State Branch pursuant to this paragraph and not otherwise.
6. If a Life Member is also a member of a Sub Branch and transfers his membership to another Sub Branch, the latter Sub Branch shall extend to that Life Member the same rights, privileges and honours applicable to a member elected to Life Membership upon the nomination of the latter Sub Branch.

Certificate of Appreciation

12. The National Executive may award a Certificate of Appreciation to any group, person or corporation considered to be worthy of special recognition for services rendered to the League. The certificate may be awarded to a member or a non-member.

Certificate of Outstanding Service

13. The National Executive may award a Certificate of Outstanding Service to any corporation, company, association, society or other body that has given outstanding service to the League for a period of not less than 25 years.

Long Service Award

14. A Service Member or Life Member who has given not less than 50 years continuous service as a member of the League may be granted a Long Service Award by the National Executive.

15. A State Branch may propose to the National Executive that it grant a Long Service Award to a Service or Life Member over whom it has jurisdiction and who has given not less than 50 years continuous service as a member of the League.

16. The number of Special Service Awards that may be granted by the National Executive in any one calendar year shall not be limited.

17. For the purposes of this By Law, service as a member of a Women's Auxiliary may be taken into account.