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SERVICE STAR LEGION, INC.

Invites You to
MEMBERSHIP

In the First National Organization of Women or men
of the World War.

1917

Feeling that you are deeply interested in the objects of our Organization, I shall be very glad, if you will fill in and return to me, the enclosed application.

Sincerely,

To Mrs. Sadie G. Gordon

Mrs. J. C. Mellichamp
Member

Help boost membership—Have one who is eligible fill this out
and turn in to your chapter at once.

OBJECTS: To promote and guard the welfare of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and women enlisted, who were and are engaged in the World War I and II, and to lend aid to their families.

To preserve the memory of our men and women who sacrificed their lives for the liberty of the world.

To foster a spirit of Sisterhood and democracy among women.

To co-operate in civic and patriotic work.

To protect and preserve American ideals and traditions.

MEMBERSHIP: The membership of SERVICE STAR LEGION, INC., shall consist of mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, aunts, and cousins of soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses, and women enlisted in military, naval, and air service of United States of America and her Allies in the prosecution of the World War I and II.

SERVICE STAR LEGION, INC.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Atlanta & Fulton Co

Chapter 1



Date

Sept 27, 1945

Name

City

Street County State

Name of Relative who served in World War

Relationship Branch of Service

Places of Service

Date of Enlistment Date of Discharge

Wounded Place

Date of Death Place

Remarks

Endorsed by *Mrs. Minnie W. Vanderover* (member)

(member)

Mr. J. B. Krellschmidt
President of Chapter

SERVICE STAR LEGION, Inc.

The First National Patriotic Organization of Women of the World War.

Organized when the stirring days of 1917 and 1918 called to serve every man, woman and child.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Conservation days, sacrifice days, drives for liberty loans, knitting, sewing, Red Cross work and war camp community service found the women enlisted, while in their windows hung the Service Flag, symbolizing their sacrifice and their faith.

1. Service to God, Country and Humanity.
2. To promote Peace and Brotherhood among men and nations.
3. To guard the welfare of soldiers, sailors and marines who were engaged in the World War, and to lend aid and comfort to their families.
4. To preserve and cherish the memory of the men and women who sacrificed their lives for the liberty of the world.
5. To foster a spirit of sisterhood and democracy among women.
6. To cooperate in all civic and patriotic work.
7. To protect and preserve American ideals and traditions.

OUR METHODS

The Service Star Legion was incorporated under the laws of Maryland in 1920, and operates through State Divisions and local chapters.

Service Star Legion is directed through the five points of the star, namely; Sisterhood, Education, Relief, Remembrance and Vigilance.

Service Star Legion promotes Peace through Education and Vigilance, record history through Remembrances, maintains equality through Sisterhood and establishes sympathy and understanding through Relief.

Service Star Legion is not auxiliary to any other body and is not dependent upon any other organization to define its policy. We lend a helping hand to all veteran organizations.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Service Star Legion has an Educational Loan Fund for the members of the families of World War Veterans.

Service Star Legion has the only woman member of the Battle Monuments Commission appointed by the President of the United States.

Service Star Legion publishes a "Service Star" bulletin.

Service Star Legion belongs to the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the National Council of Women, Patriotic Women's Conference for National Defense and the Women's Joint Congressional Committee.

Service Star Legion conceived and carried out the first gardening project for shell-shocked boys.

Service Star Legion planted the first Memorial grove of trees in 1919, in Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, Md., and continues to plan and place dignified and appropriate Memorials.

Service Star Legion was the first World War organization to conduct a public sale of poppies (May, 1919) and adopted the idea of making it a permanent symbol of the sacrifice on Flanders Field using it as a means of raising funds for relief work.

Service Star Legion was the first World War Organization to officially adopt the poppy as its national memorial flower.

OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Robert Carlton Morris, Toledo, Ohio—1918-1919.

Mrs. M. A. Toy, Orlando, Florida—1920.

Mrs. Max Mayer, Des Moines, Iowa—1921-23.

Mrs. Henry F. Baker, Baltimore, Md.—1923-1925.

Mrs. W. E. G. Saunders, Emmetsburg, Iowa—1925-28.

Mrs. Wm. Irving, Boston, Mass.—1928-30.

*Mrs. F. W. Withoft, Fort Valley, Ga.—1930-32.

Mrs. J. G. Falck, Ogden, Utah—1932-34.

Mrs. W. L. Olds, Madison, Wis.—1934-36.

Mrs. J. C. Mellichamp, Atlanta, Ga.—1936-38.

Mrs. Rhoda Woodruff, Oskaloosa, Iowa—1938-40.

Mrs. J. F. Matthews, Weirton, West Virginia—1940-43.

* Deceased