

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the British United Services Club of Los Angeles has always been by invitation only and its bylaws and rules of etiquette, although modified from time to time to reflect changing times, have remained essentially the same since its founding. This has been one of the Club's strengths and a source of the loyalty of the members. The British United Services Club of Los Angeles realizes that its future lies in the admission of new, qualified members and we cordially welcome all qualified individuals who are properly introduced to the Club to seek an invitation to attend one of our meetings and, ultimately, membership.

Membership Requirements

Active Members. Active Membership is available to men and women who satisfy one of the following criteria:

1. Service in the Armed Forces of any past or present member nation of the Commonwealth, including wartime service in the Merchant Marine; or
2. Members of the Diplomatic or Consular services or Trade Commissioners of any past or present member nation of the Commonwealth; or
3. Recipients of a decoration by the British Crown; or
4. Men and women who are serving or who have served in the armed forces of any nation allied with the Commonwealth, who were also attached for duty for a significant period to any of the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth or whose military, naval or air unit served under direct command of an armed force of the Commonwealth; or
5. Direct lineal descendants of Active Members or former Active Members of The British United Services Club of Los Angeles; or
6. British subjects, former British subjects or citizens of a past or present member nation of the Commonwealth who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America; or
7. Persons who (i) have been Associate Members (as defined below) for a period of three years, (ii) have demonstrated their commitment to and support of the objectives of the Club, as outlined in the preamble, and (iii) have submitted an application for a change of status, together with written recommendations from three Active Members. Following the unanimous approval of the Executive Committee by secret ballot, the application for change of status to Active Member will be granted.

Associate Members. Associate Membership is available to:

1. British Subjects, former British Subjects, or citizens of a past or present member nation of the Commonwealth, or
2. Men or women who are members or former members of the Armed Forces of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard or who, by reason of their standing in the community, are considered desirable as members.

The Membership Process

Attend a Club Meeting

Membership is by invitation only. An invitation will be extended only after the prospective member is properly invited by a current member and introduced. We encourage prospective members to meet as many of the members of the Club as possible and Members should have ample opportunity to meet and become familiar with the prospective member.

If you are not acquainted with a member of the Club, please contact the [Honorary Secretary](#) to discuss an invitation to a meeting of the Club. Persons who are already acquainted with a member of the Club should seek an invitation to attend from that member.

Membership Application

A prospective member must be proposed by two members of the Club in good standing (one of whom may be an Associate Member), each of whom, together with the prospective member, must complete and sign the [Membership Application](#). [Membership Applications](#) are available by clicking the link above or by contacting the [Honorary Secretary](#) by email as follows: smayuga@verizon.net

An Applicant must append to his/her Membership Application acceptable evidence of eligibility for membership, as appropriate, such as a copy of commissioning orders, discharge orders, citations, awards and/or decorations.

Review

The Executive Committee reviews Membership Applications preliminarily for eligibility. If acceptable, the Executive Committee shall publish the name of the Applicant in the Club Bulletin and solicit comments. The Applicant shall then be considered for membership at an Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee shall vote on the Membership Application after considering the application and members' comments. A unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, voting by secret ballot, is required to be admitted to membership.