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Hello everyone.

Please remember that all Rewrites and Amendments should be sent to me and not the Department Office. I have received several emails and phone calls saying that my address is hard to find. I apologize for the confusion. My address is at the bottom of this bulletin.

As we all know National dues were increased at National Convention. Effective 2024 they will be \$28.00. Now would be the time for Units to determine if they will need to increase their dues. Hopefully everyone has the dues amount in their Standing Rules and won't have to amend their Bylaws.

National's Rationale for dues increase:

Statistics show membership has declined by 20,000 members each year whether there is an increase in dues or not. They have worked exhaustively to cut costs. Staff benefits have decreased while responsibilities have increased. To illustrate, The American Legion National Headquarters has one staff person for every 7,000 members. The American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters has one staff person for every 16,000 members. Expenses for the general management of the organization make up less than 20% of the total expenses. The American Legion national dues are \$18.50 and the Auxiliary's dues were just \$12.00. The cost to support members are greater than dues bring in and results in a deficit.

The most important thing that we can do is to find the good in others and tell each other how good we really are. TOGETHER WE CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING.

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