

Finance Committee
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URGENT BULLETIN

Dear Membership Chairmen and All Members,

As you probably have heard, **National American Legion Auxiliary** voted at the National Convention in August to increase Senior per capita dues by \$3.00 and Junior per capita to \$2.50, a 50-cent increase. Per the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of California's Constitution (amended June 2015), Article XV, Amendments; Section 4, Amended to Conform to National Convention reads, "This Constitution shall be automatically amended to conform to National Constitution." Notice of the increase in dues, which affects all members, was given at the January 2018 DEC.

What does this mean to each Unit? 1) It means that when Membership Chairmen pay the Unit's per capita to Department when submitting transmittals, they will be submitting \$20.00 (instead of \$17.00) per Senior member and submitting \$3.25 per Junior member (instead of \$2.00). 2) If your Unit has not already done so, your unit dues probably need to be increased to accommodate this increase. **This takes a vote to by your membership to implement an increase.** If your Unit does not do this, your Unit will lose \$3.00 per capita for each Senior member and 75 cents per capita for each Junior. This must be done prior to submitting the **Unit Data Form** to Department (*which is due April 30th*) for the correct amount of next year's dues to be accurate on the Dues Notices that are sent to members. Below is a comparison breakdown.

2018: \$17.00 per Senior member breaks down to \$9.00 to National, \$8.00 to Department. Junior dues are \$2.00 - \$1.25 to National, \$0.75 to Department.

2019: \$20.00 per Senior member breaks down to \$12.00 to National, \$8.00 (proposing \$10.00 below) to Department. Junior per capita \$2.50 to National, \$0.75 to Department.

There has been some discussion of raising Department per capita dues as well. Due to increased processing costs, increasing minimum wages, etc., another possible \$2.00 increase in Senior per capita will be brought up at Convention for approval.

Has your Unit made its annual donations to American Legion Auxiliary Department of California yet? If not, please take time now to do this. Forms are included in this mailing, and they can also be found on the website under "Forms." *These donations are not used for Department costs.* These are for our Programs – used for the various scholarships, the Auxiliary Emergency Fund which helps fellow Auxiliary members who need some temporary help, VA & R, Girls State, veterans, children, schools, etc.

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