

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 11-F-15
SUBMITTED BY: Department Finance Committee
SUBJECT: Require Department Adjutant to Collect Appropriate National and Department Dues from Post

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WHEREAS, The Constitution of The American Legion, Article X, Section 3.1, "*The annual dues shall be collected by each Post and transmitted promptly through the Department to the National Treasurer. Departments are designated agents for collection for The American Legion with respect to such annual dues and upon the receipt thereof shall remit them promptly to The American Legion. In no event shall the period transpiring between the receipt of such annual dues by a Department, and the remittance thereof to The American Legion, exceed thirty (30) days.*"; and

WHEREAS, Department dues are separate from the National dues, but the per capita amount for the Department of Michigan will increase on January 20, 2016, from \$29.50 to \$34.50; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 6-17-C refers to Department annual dues separately from National dues; and

WHEREAS, National dues can only be raised at an Annual Convention that occurs after the Department's Annual Convention; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Michigan is an agent of The American Legion to collect the proper amount of dues from Posts and transmit those National dues to the National Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, It will cost the Department of Michigan an estimated \$30,000 - \$50,000 in general fund money if the Department does not collect the appropriate amount from Posts for its' renewing members; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 1 of the Bylaws of The American Legion states "*Membership in The American Legion is membership in the National Organization of The American Legion by affiliation with Posts*", thereby requiring members to pay the required National dues as they are at time of renewal; and

WHEREAS, For online renewals, if the per capita amount is not adjusted the Department of Michigan will be required to transmit the full portion of a Post's portion of the per capita on a monthly basis, even if the amount sent from the National Treasurer is not enough to cover it; and

WHEREAS, At this time, Department dues will remain at \$16.00 until the Department Annual Convention, where they may be increased by the delegates of The American Legion, Department of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Fall Meeting assembled in Lansing, Michigan, September 18-20, 2015, that the Department Executive Committee direct the Department Adjutant to begin collecting \$34.50 per capita beginning January 14, 2016; and, be it finally

RSEOLVED, That the Department Headquarters begin notifying every Post Commander and Post Adjutant of the change, by all means available.