

**RESOLUTION**  
**The American Legion Department of Ohio**

RESOLUTION No.: 23-07

ORIGIN: Department Finance Committee

SUBJECT: Membership Dues Increase for 2024, 2026, and 2028

REFERRED TO: Department Executive Committee

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WHEREAS, The annual Department dues have remained constant at \$9.00 since January 1 2004, although our nation has experienced a cumulative inflation rate of 59% during that time, and inflation continues to erode the value of the dollar; and

WHEREAS, Membership has declined 41.2% since 2004 resulting in \$534,690 less dues revenue annually; and

WHEREAS, The department organization, by practicing prudent fiscal management, including increasing income from fundraising and, improving the efficiency of DMS, was able to absorb some rising costs through 2022, but will no longer be able to do so; and

WHEREAS, The Department organization has a current unencumbered cash reserve close to \$5 million which is estimated to provide for operations for two years with no ability to provide for contingencies; and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the Department Finance Committee of The American Legion Department of Ohio that a per capita dues increase is necessary in 2024 in order to ensure solvency for the department organization, and, in the absence of a per capita dues increase, the department organization will be forced to curtail drastically some of its traditional and long-standing programs; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED, By the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion Department of Ohio in regular meeting assembled in Delaware, Ohio, on April 1, 2023, That the Department Executive Committee hereby recommends to the 2023 Department Convention that the department dues for the calendar year 2024 be increases by roughly 33% to the amount of \$12, a roughly 16% dues increase for the calendar year 2026 to the amount of \$14, and a roughly 7% increase for the calendar year 2028 to the amount of \$15.**

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This is to certify that this resolution was adopted by our Department but with National action substituted for local resolving clause.

Adjutant

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Other authorized source:

(To be used when resolution is submitted from another authorized source or to comply with Resolution 21, May 4-5, 2016)

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