

RESOLUTION No.: 26-02

ORIGIN: Finance Commission
SUBJECT: American Legion Department of Ohio inc. Per Capita Increase
REFEERED TO: Department Executive Committee on April 11, 2026

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Ohio Constitution Article XI, Section 2 currently reads “The amount of annual Department dues beginning January 1, 2004 shall be nine dollars (\$9.00) per member, of which each year at least one dollar and twenty cents (\$1.20) shall be allocated to publish and distribute to the entire membership a Department newspaper; at least fifteen cents (\$0.15) shall be allocated for Department Convention operations; and at least thirty cents (\$0.30) shall be allocated to aid Delegates to the National Convention (*Amended 104th Department Convention 2023*)

Posts shall transmit all dues monies mentioned herein to Department Headquarters and it shall establish accounts and disburse these funds according to regulations as may be promulgated by the Department Executive Committee.”; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Ohio inc. membership has decreased by 73,662 members since 2004, resulting in lost revenue of \$662,958; and

WHEREAS, Inflation and costs have risen approximately 71.58% since 2004. This inflation rate has resulted in the American Legion Department of Ohio inc. operating in a deficit since 2017; and

WHEREAS, Due to the decreased membership revenue and increased costs, approximately \$300-500k has been taken out of unrestricted funds annually since 2021 to cover operating expenses and maintain a balanced budget. and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Ohio’s current annual revenue is approximately **\$1,620,000**, while projected annual operating expenditures total approximately **\$2,022,100**, reflecting a structural operating deficit, and such expenditures represent fixed and recurring costs necessary to maintain the Department’s organizational capacity, service delivery obligations, and long-term operational sustainability; and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the Department Finance Commission of The American Legion Department of Ohio inc. that a per capita dues increase is necessary for 2027 to ensure solvency for the Department organization, the absence of a per capita dues increase will require the Department to significantly reduce services and financial support at all levels, limiting our ability to effectively advocate for and serve veterans, their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, The mandatory minimum of one dollar and twenty cents \$1.20 Ohio Legion News is removed as it is no longer needed due to the efficient move to a solely online delivery; and

WHEREAS, By the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion Department of Ohio inc., assembled in Delaware, Ohio, on April 11, 2026, approved this resolution to be forwarded to the 2026 Department Convention: now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The American Legion Department of Ohio inc. in Convention assembled in Toledo, Ohio July 11th, 2026, amend Article XI, Section 2 of The Department of Ohio Constitution to read:

“Article XI, Section 2 The amount of annual Department Per Capita dues beginning July 13th, 2026 shall be fourteen dollars (\$14.00) per member, of which each year at least fifteen cents (\$0.15) shall be allocated for Department Convention operations; and at least thirty cents (\$0.30) shall be allocated to aid Delegates to the National Convention (Amended 107th Department Convention 2026).

Posts shall transmit all dues monies mentioned herein to Department Headquarters and it shall establish accounts and disburse these funds according to regulations as may be promulgated by the Department Executive Committee.”

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

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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