



The American Legion
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MEMBERSHIP DUES AND HOW IT AFFECTS YOU

My fellow Post 164 members,

American Legion members submit annual dues to their respective post. Many ask where do my dues go? A lot of members believe that their dues remain at their post. Unfortunately that is not the case. The post retains a portion of the submitted payment and the remainder is forwarded to The Department of Texas and the National organization.

Currently Post 164 collects \$40 annually from each member who is not a paid up for life member. The post retains \$9 and the remaining \$31 is forwarded to the Department of Texas. The Department then retains \$12.50 for Department's use and forwards \$18.50 to National for their portion.

At the Department of Texas Convention held in July 2022, the convention delegates voted to increase the Department of Texas per capita dues by \$4 beginning in the 2023-2024 membership year.

What does this Department action mean to Post 164? Beginning in the 2023-2024 membership year the Post will have to submit \$35 to Department for each membership renewal. This means that Department will then retain \$16.50 per member and forward the remaining \$18.50 to National.

As you can see, if the Post maintains its current annual fee of \$40 per member, the Post will now only be able to retain \$5 of the annual dues. This may cause us to reduce some of our ongoing Post programs.

To alleviate this reduction, it has been recommended that the Post increase its annual fee to \$45 per member who renews. This will allow the post to retain \$10 to be used for vital post programs.

This item will be discussed and voted upon at our October 18, 2022 general membership meeting. The wishes of our membership is important and we request your presence at this meeting to get your valuable input.

Peter Batura

Post 164 Commander