

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of California

Emergency Bulletin

\$4.00 National Increase In Per Capita

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary

At the National Convention held August 28 – 31, 2011 in Minneapolis, Minnesota it was voted by the delegation to increase the per capita being sent to National from \$5.00 per member to \$9.00 per member. This is an increase of \$4.00 per member effective with the 2013-membership year. You will be sending \$16.00 to Department instead of the \$12.00 that you have been sending. The Junior Auxiliary per capital of \$2.00 will not change.

We will be addressing this change to our Department Constitution and By-laws at the Department Convention in Redding in June 2012. It was questioned if National could make this mandatory change without our membership voting on a change to our Constitution and By-laws. In checking with our Department Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit the answer is yes. There is a clause in our Constitution and By-Laws that says that we must comply with mandates from National.

That being said, the Units in the Department of California will need to make a decision to either raise their dues or find a way to accommodate this increase as it will be your Units coffers that will be less \$4.00 per member. This might be a good time to see if some of your members might like to become PUFLs (Paid Up For Life) members, before the increase takes effect. If you choose to raise your dues you will need to change your By-laws by March 28, 2012. This is the date that you will send to Department the form-letting Department know to whom to mail you Membership cards and what you're Unit dues will be for the 2013 membership year.

If you have any questions regarding how to do this please contact either:

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I am also available if you have questions.

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