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April 21, 2018

Fellow Legionnaires

Subject : Proposed Dues Increase

The Finance Commission has approved a resolution to increase the membership dues by \$5.00 and to increase the Posts 1000 and 999 dues from \$35.00 to \$40.00. This decision was not easy but the Department reserves are at the point that a dues increase is needed. The last Department dues increase was effective January 1, 2007. If the body approves the dues increases then they will take effect for the 2019-2020 membership year.

The Department has had losses in the last three years of (\$88,865), (\$31,585), and (\$34,476) and we anticipate another sizable loss this year. The Finance Commission has for the last several years focused on identifying waste and inefficiencies within the Department budget. We know it is not easy to have a dues increase and it can sometimes cause a decrease in membership, but we are at the point that we will have to have one.

In an effort to hold the amount of dues increase down, the Finance Commission is making a number of cuts in various expenses in the proposed Department Budget for 2018-2019. We are proposing to only pay mileage reimbursement for non employee travel one way, to cut the amount of reimbursement to District Commanders expenses from \$500 to \$250 per year, and to cut travel budgets by 10% to 20%. In addition we are making a number of cuts to various Committee and Commission budgets, as well as other cuts in the budget. We have also had a loss in several revenue sources for the upcoming year, that being the LIT Commissions decreased by \$19,000 this year, USAA Commissions stopped which is a loss in revenue of \$20,000, and Fundraisers from National Legion stopped this year which is a loss in revenue of \$15,403.

We hope to have your support in approving the proposed dues increases.

Terry Lanning  
Chairman Finance Commission



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April 4, 2018

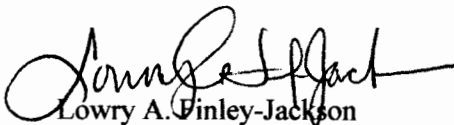
Subject: **Department Finance Officer**

The Position of Department Finance Officer for The American Legion Department of Missouri, Incorporated is open if you are interested in the position please submitted a resolution through the proper channel no later than June 12, 2018

Job Description of the American Legion Department of Missouri Finance Officer per The American Legion Department of Missouri, Incorporated Constitution and By-Laws:

“The Department Finance Officer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Department. The Department Finance Officer shall transfer all funds in the name of “The American Legion Department of Missouri, Incorporated” to such bank or banks as may be selected and then approved by the action of the Department Executive Committee. The Department Finance Officer shall pay out of the funds of the Department only upon vouchers duly drawn by the Department Adjutant and approved by the Department Adjutant or the Department Commander. The Department Finance Officer shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, and the records shall at all times be open to inspection by any Department Officer or member of the Department Executive Committee. Prior to assuming the duties of the office, the Department Finance Officer shall furnish, at the Department cost, a bond in such sum as may be fixed by the Department Executive Committee. The Department Finance Officer shall service on the Finance Committee as an ex-officio member without vote.”

This job requires the Department Finance Officer to have knowledge in bookkeeping or basic accounting. You should be able to read and understand financial statements and understand accounting debits and credits. You will be operating a computer to perform a number of tasks. The accounting books are on accounting software called “QuickBooks”. If you have not used QuickBooks then you will need to learn how to use it. You can do most of the Department Finance Officer job at your home. You will have a Department loaned laptop and printer. This position requires you to remotely log into the Department’s server to access the QuickBooks software. You will not need to go to The American Legion Department of Missouri headquarters that much. You will have a travel budget but no salary. The amount of time this job requires will vary throughout the year but it averages about 10 hours per week. You will be expected to attend the Department Conferences and Convention. The Department Finance Officer is elected for a two year term.

  
Lowry A. Finley-Jackson  
Department Adjutant



# **Reminder!**

## ***2018 Membership Recruiter Awards Due May 10, 2018***

**Category I** -- Legionnaire to recruit **3 New Members** will receive the Department Commander Membership Pin and entered in the \$50.00 drawing.

**Category II** -- Legionnaire to recruit **5 New Members** will receive a Certificate, Department Commander Membership Pin and entered in the \$100.00 drawing.

**Category III** -- Legionnaire to recruit **10 New Members** will receive a Plaque, Department Commander Membership Pin and entered in the \$150.00 drawing.

**Category IV** -- Legionnaire to recruit **25 New Members** will receive a Plaque, Department Commander Membership Pin and entered in the \$200.00 drawing.

**Category V** -- Legionnaire to recruit **50 New Members** will receive a Plaque, Department Commander Membership Pin and entered in the \$250.00 drawing.

**Legion Post** -- The Post with the highest percentage of its 2018 membership goal will be awarded \$100.00. Membership must be received at Department Headquarters by July 1, 2018. (Postmarked not honored)

**Auxiliary Members** -- Any Auxiliary member to recruit **2 New Legion Members** for 2018 will receive the Department Commander Membership Pin and entered in a drawing for \$50.00. The Auxiliary member who recruits the most Legion Members will receive a certificate of recognition.

**Forms can be found on the Department website at  
[http://missourilegion.org/2018\\_recruiter\\_awards.pdf](http://missourilegion.org/2018_recruiter_awards.pdf)**

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**In appreciation of your continued support of The American Legion  
Boys State of Missouri, please join us at 6:45 p.m. on Monday,  
June 18, 2018 for**

**The American Legion Appreciation Night**

**The activities will begin with our flag ceremony at 6:45 p.m. in front  
of Hendricks Hall Then we will proceed directly to Hendricks Hall for  
the evening's special program.**

**Location: Hendricks Hall, University of Central Missouri –  
Warrensburg**

**To attend, you must RSVP. Please RSVP by emailing Jessie Abney at  
[Jessie.Abney@moboysstate.org](mailto:Jessie.Abney@moboysstate.org) by June 12<sup>th</sup>.**



**DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI  
AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  
CELEBRATION BANQUET**

Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center  
Springfield, MO 65803

6:00 p.m. Dignitaries Reception  
6:30 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Program

Join us in our 7th American Legion Family Celebration Banquet marking the 2017-2018  
Department Commander Cary Kellett and Department President Carolyn Sanford year of service to  
The Department of Missouri American Legion Family.

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Please RSVP by July 1, 2018 and remit your banquet reservation(s) of  
\$31.50 per person  
(Make Check payable to The American Legion Department of Missouri)  
Send to:

The American Legion Department of Missouri  
P. O. Box 179  
Jefferson City, Mo 65102  
If you have any questions please call: 573-893-2353

Person(s) attending:

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Total Included: \_\_\_\_\_

**!!!!Attention !!!!**

**Effective**

**1 August 2018 The**

**Department will no longer  
be sending out a Monthly  
Mailing.**

**Information will be placed  
on the Department  
website.**

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May 1, 2018

To: Legionnaires

From: The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.

Re: 2018 Cadet Patrol Academy

**It is that time of year again. The 49th Annual Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy will kick off Sunday, June 11th, 2018 and run through Saturday, June 16th, 2018.**

We at the Department would like to thank all of our posts that have helped make this experience possible. Without you the Cadet Patrol Academy wouldn't be what it is today. With your support the cadets are able to get the full experience of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy. Some of the things they take part in include; firearms, aircraft division, defensive tactics, crash investigation, water division and motor vehicle law.

We would like to invite you and your post members to attend the graduation that will be held at **the Missouri Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy, 1510 E. Elm St. in Jefferson City, MO Friday, June 16th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** After graduation, a lunch will be served in the cafeteria for \$6.00 per person. Please contact Melissa Mayer (1-800-846-9023) at the Department Headquarters with a head count if you would like to attend the luncheon.

Please see reverse side for a list of our 49th Cadet Patrol Academy class and their sponsoring post.

Sincerely,

Robert Jordan  
Cadet Patrol Chairman

| Dist. | First     | Last         | City                     | Post Sponsor                      | Post City                |
|-------|-----------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1     | Seth      | Golings      | Durham, MO 63438         | Lewis County Memorial Post 578    | Ewing, MO 63440          |
| 1     | Jeffrey   | Wilt         | Shelbina, MO 63468       | Teacher Post 376                  | Shelbina, MO 63468       |
| 1     | David     | Helm         | Hannibal, MO 63401       | Emmette J Shields Post 55         | Hannibal, MO 63401       |
| 1     | Toby      | Moss         | LaGrange, MO 63448       | Otto Bruner Post 170              | Canton, MO 63435         |
| 1     | Kyle      | Muehring     | New London, MO 63459     | Emmette J. Shields Post 55        | Hannibal, MO 63401       |
| 2     | Grahm     | Johnson      | Marcelline, MO 64658     | Green Hill Post 57                | Bucklin, MO 64631        |
| 3     | Koltyn    | Smith        | Bethany, MO 64424        | Wilson-Axline Post 216            | Bethany, MO 64424        |
| 3     | Kevin     | Nevins       | Kansas City, MO 64151    | Jarchow Schroeder Post 61         | Kansas City, MO 64119    |
| 4     | Nathaniel | Stump        | Parkville, MO 64151      | Leon A. Robbins Memorial Post 318 | Parkville, MO 64152      |
| 5     | Daxton    | Gautreaux    | Greenwood, MO 64034      | Robert L Clore Post 189           | Lee's Summit, MO 64063   |
| 5     | Clayton   | Gurley       | Blue Springs, MO 64014   | Stanley-Pack Post 499             | Blue Springs, MO 64014   |
| 5     | Alyssa    | Kohne        | Oak Grove, MO 64075      | Oak Grove Post 379                | Oak Grove, MO 64075      |
| 5     | Michael   | Miller, Jr.  | Buckner, MO 64016        | Trey J Ford Post 21               | Independence, MO 64055   |
| 5     | Kyle      | Andres       | Lee's Summit, MO 64081   | Robert L Clore Post 189           | Lee's Summit, MO 64063   |
| 5     | Rephael   | Pearson Jr.  | Grandview, MO 64030      | Hickman Mills Memorial Post 598   | Kansas City, MO 64138    |
| 7     | Alex      | Edwards      | Malta Bend, MO 65339     | Tieman-Blackburn Post 478         | Blackburn, MO 65321      |
| 7     | Jacob     | Dillon       | Waverly, MO 64096        | Wreconla-Smith Post 223           | Higginsville, MO 64037   |
| 7     | Aurora    | Logan        | Corder, MO 64021         | Wreconla-Smith Post 223           | Higginsville, MO 64037   |
| 8     | Conner    | Dusheke      | Holts Summit, MO 65043   | Roscoe-Enloe Post 5               | Jefferson City, MO 65101 |
| 8     | Austin    | Kinney       | Jefferson City, MO 65109 | Roscoe-Enloe Post 5               | Jefferson City, MO 65101 |
| 8     | Chesney   | Watts        | California, MO 65018     | Roscoe-Enloe Post 5               | Jefferson City, MO 65101 |
| 9     | Amber     | Ortmeyer     | St. Clair, MO 63077      | St Clair Memorial                 | St Clair, MO 63077       |
| 9     | Morgon    | Foree        | Hermann, MO 65061        | New Haven Post 366                | New Haven, MO 63068      |
| 9     | Grace     | Merritt      | Lake St Louis, MO 63367  | Wentzville Post 323               | Wentzville, MO 63385     |
| 10    | Alexander | David        | Fenton, MO 63026         | Fenton Memorial Post 400          | Fenton, MO 63026         |
| 13    | Gabriel   | L'Heureux    | Piedmont, MO 63957       | Arnold Hodge Post 281             | Piedmont, MO 63957       |
| 15    | Patrick   | Haase        | Joplin, MO 64801         | Robert S Thurman Post 13          | Joplin, MO 64801         |
| 15    | Colten    | O'Hara       | Pierce City, MO 65723    | Hobbs-Anderson Post 91            | Monett, MO 65078         |
| 15    | Austin    | Musche       | Carthage, MO 64836       | Edwin W Wiggins Post 9            | Carthage, MO 64836       |
| 15    | Gannon    | Tiller       | Carthage, MO 64836       | Edwin W. Wiggins Post 9           | Carthage, MO 64836       |
| 15    | Peyton    | Srlinger     | Cassville, MO 65625      | Irwin-Easley Post 118             | Cassville, MO 65625      |
| 15    | Massey    | Atkeson      | Mt. Vernon, MO 65712     | Fred A Boswell Post 137           | Mt. Vernon, MO 65712     |
| 16    | Sheri     | Jones        | Hartville, MO 65667      | Elmer o. Sellers Post 45          | Hartville, MO 65667      |
| 16    | Aidan     | Joram        | Dixon, MO 65459          | Liesmann-Roberts Post 298         | Dixon, MO 65459          |
| 17    | Cooper    | Payne        | Humansville, MO 65674    | Humansville Post 276              | Humansville, MO 65674    |
| 17    | Grayson   | Rogers       | Bolivar, MO 65613        | Howard S. Keeling Post 138        | Bolivar, MO 65667        |
| 17    | James     | Williams III | Bolivar, MO 65613        | Howard S. Keeling Post 138        | Bolivar, MO 65613        |