Resolution #2018-

**Subject**: Dues Increase

**Source**: National Membership Program Committee

**WHEREAS,** The National Membership Program Committee was established at the National Convention in Reno in 2016 with the express purpose of establishing a new National Membership Program; and

**WHEREAS,** in discussion the Committee feels that the Sons of AMVETS would best be served by having a web-based membership program, where we can have a single database; and

**WHEREAS,** the progress of the Committee is such that we would like to be able to roll out a new program no later than the 2020 membership year; and

**WHEREAS,** for this to happen, the funding would need to be in place already; therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the National Department shall increase their dues from $11.00 to $13.00 per year. The revenue from this dues increase shall be used to pay for the establishment of a new, web-based, membership program during the 2018-2019 fiscal year, subject to periodic review from the National Executive Committee, and in future years to partially pay for ongoing maintenance for said program; and therefore be it further

**RESOLVED,** Effective September 1st, 2020 that the verbiage in quotation marks shall replace By-Laws, Article III, Section 1(e): “**The amount of $1.10 per member** shall be budgeted for the purpose of NEC per diems and lodging (or transportation not to exceed equivalent amount of lodging or voucher limits), for scheduled meetings, and shall be accounted for in the annual approved budget, based on total memberships as of July 31, of each fiscal year, and shall be allocated as stated in the National Department Standing Rules of Operation, not to exceed the annual budget allocation.”; and therefore be it further

**RESOLVED,** Effective September 1st, 2020 that the verbiage in quotation marks shall be entered into By-Laws, Article III, Section 1(f): “**The amount of $.50** (fifty cents) per member shall be budgeted for the purpose of PNC per diems and lodging (or transportation not to exceed equivalent amount of lodging or voucher limits) budgeted equally for the Spring NEC meeting and National Convention. The preceding items shall be accounted for in the annual approved budget, based on total memberships as of July 31, of each fiscal year, and shall be allocated as stated in the National Department Standing Rules of Operation, not to exceed the annual budget allocation.”; and therefore be it further

**RESOLVED,** Effective September 1st, 2020 that the verbiage in quotation marks shall be entered into By-Laws, Article III, Section 1(g): “**The amount of $.20** (twenty cents) per member shall be budgeted for the purpose of the Sweats for Vets Program, **the amount of $.20** (twenty cents) per member shall be budgeted for the Undergarments for Vets program, **and the amount $.50 (fifty cents) per member** shall be budgeted for the Veteran’s Lodging program for Veterans Day and the Spring NEC meeting. The preceding items shall be accounted for in the annual approved budget, based on total memberships as of July 31, of each fiscal year, and shall be allocated as stated in the National Department Standing Rules of Operation, not to exceed the annual budget allocation.”

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: ADOPT  AMEND  REJECT  NONE 

FINANCE COMMITTEE: ADOPT  AMEND  REJECT  NONE 

**FLOOR ACTION**: ADOPTED  ADOPTED (as amended)  REJECTED  TABLED 