

- **DATE:** March 26, 2024
- TO: Department Treasurers Department Secretaries
- FROM: VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
- SUBJECT: Official Memorandum of Annual Dues Increase

Per the vote at the 2023 National Convention Delegates, starting July 1, 2024, the National Headquarters portion of annual dues will be increasing by \$5.00 for the 2025 dues year. For annual members associated with a local Auxiliary, the National portion of dues will be \$10.00 and for annual members that are Department at Large, the National portion of dues will be \$15.00

Due to this change it is **imperative** that each Auxiliary and Department review the annual dues amount that will be collected from continuous annual members for the 2025 dues year by June 30, 2024, in MALTA to determine if it should be updated. If an Auxiliary is not charging enough to cover the increase of the National portion of annual dues for \$10 and Department portion of annual dues of \$?, it could result in the organization not receiving any membership dues when members pay their dues. Please note that National and Department portions will be paid first from annual dues and then the remainder will be the Auxiliary portion. Please see example below:

EXAMPLE: Currently Auxiliary XXXX charges a continuous annual member \$20 per year for dues. Of this \$20, the Auxiliary keeps \$10, the Department's portion is \$5, and the National portion is \$5. If an Auxiliary does not update their dues amount collected in MALTA by June 30, 2024, then on July 1, 2024, MALTA will still charge their annual members \$20 for dues. Of this \$20, \$5 will go to the Department, \$10 will go to National and thus the Auxiliary will only receive \$5 instead of the \$10 it previously received.

To update the dues amount charged in MALTA, there are two options:

- 1. The Secretary may update this amount when filing the Installation Report for the 2024-2025 year.
- 2. The Auxiliary Treasurer may update the dues amount in MALTA by clicking the Edit Dues Amount in MALTA under their Treasurer Duties tab and then clicking the blue button labeled Change Dues. Please note that the Treasurer has the ability to schedule the dues increase for the future and does not have to wait until June 30th to input this information.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your Department Treasurer and/or Department Secretary.