

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE & SIX-MONTH TRANSITION PERIOD

To: AMVETS Department Leaders

Subject: Annual Membership Dues Increase and Six-Month Transition Period

Dear Department Leaders,

As previously communicated, the AMVETS annual membership dues increase from \$30 to \$35 is scheduled to take effect September 1, 2026.

After reviewing the implementation and recognizing that annual dues renewal reminders have already been mailed to members reflecting the current \$30 dues amount, we believe it is important to provide our existing annual members, Posts, and Departments with a reasonable transition period.

Therefore, we will implement a six-month transition period for existing annual members.

Effective September 1, 2026, the following will apply:

- **New Members/New Joins:** Effective September 1, 2026, the National annual membership dues increase of \$5 will apply to all new joins. Where the current annual membership dues are \$30, the new amount will be \$35. Where a Department or Post currently charges more than \$30, the \$5 increase will be added to its existing annual dues amount.
- **Existing Annual Members:** Existing annual members will continue to be permitted to renew at the current \$30 rate during the six-month transition period, honoring the amount communicated in the renewal notices already mailed.
- **Departments Currently Charging More Than \$30:** The National dues change is a \$5 increase to the current annual membership dues amount. Departments and Posts that currently charge annual dues greater than \$30 should add the \$5 National increase to their existing dues amount when the increase becomes applicable. For example, if the current annual dues are \$40, the new annual dues would be \$45. The same six-month transition provisions for existing annual members will apply as outlined in this notice.
- **Transition Period:** The six-month extension will run through February 28, 2027.
- **Full Implementation:** Effective March 1, 2027, the \$5 National dues increase will apply to all annual members, including renewals. Where the current annual dues are \$30, the new amount will be \$35. Departments or Posts that currently charge more than \$30 will add the \$5 increase to their existing annual dues amount.
- **Post and Department Bylaws:** This transition period will also provide Posts and Departments additional time to review and amend their bylaws, where necessary, to properly reflect the new dues structure.

We believe this approach is fair to our members and provides an orderly transition. Our members should be able to rely on the dues amount communicated in the renewal notices they have already received, while our Posts and Departments need adequate time to update their bylaws and communicate the change locally.

We ask Department leaders to begin communicating this information to their Posts immediately and encourage annual members to take advantage of the transition period to renew their membership.

Our goal is to make this change as smooth as possible while continuing to strengthen AMVETS and provide the resources necessary to support our mission and serve America's veterans.

Thank you for your leadership, cooperation, and continued commitment to AMVETS. If you have questions regarding implementation of the new dues structure, please contact the National Membership Department.

Respectfully,

Sandy Vorhies
AMVETS National Commander

Chris Studebaker
AMVETS National 1st Vice Commander

Fred Bates
AMVETS National Judge Advocate

AMVETS National Headquarters

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