

TREASURERS NOTES

Well July is over and August is starting with the work of getting dues in and recruiting more members for this great organization. Please read my membership article for more information on the incentives from National. Thank you all for getting your bonds paid, we had all of them paid by July 31, 2026, so Terri will get her first 20 points for the circle of excellence. There are a few that didn't pay before the cutoff date so I will be contacting you for your \$30.00. Please think about getting your bonds in during the month of July next year. All you have to do is vote on it at your June and July meetings and it can get done. It is just as easy to get it early than to wait until later. I only have a few that I am going to contact, but please make sure that you send me the money for this.

I know that this is getting to be a broken record but if your application that you are getting ready to submit to me doesn't say January 2026 on the bottom right corner, I will not accept it. I will send it back to you to resubmit. National has told us that we can't take the older applications anymore so please, it will just make it later for your member to become a member if you send the old application to me. I will be good for both of us.

Also remember when you send me a life membership you need to send me the total amount that the member needs to pay and that is it. When you send me a new annual member you need to send me \$10.00 for National dues and \$8.00 for Department dues. National takes the \$10.00 for their dues in an ACH and leaves the rest in our account for our department. This information is under "Tips for Treasurers" in the roster or call or email me and ask. I have been getting some strange amounts of money these last few months so please check as I must write checks back to you with the extra money that you have sent.

A new thing has just started happening from National, they will no longer send out annual dues' cards for annual members. They have thousands of cards at National Headquarters that have never gotten to their rightful owners, and it is getting very expensive to send them out for them to come back. There is a way to download your card on to your phone or if you aren't really tech smart you can go into MALTA and print a card off the computer. But no more annual cards will be coming out anymore.

Please start thinking about paying your obligations if you haven't yet. Remember the \$2.00/member for hospital and your donation to Health and Happiness and any other programs that you would like to send to. National President Donna Mills has a great program that she and the CNC is supporting this year, and you will hear more about it from your Department Veteran & Family Support Chairman. Please send the money for

that program to the VFW Department of Oregon so that we can keep track of how much we give to the program. Will talk more now in my next article.