

TREASURER'S NOTES

AUGUST 2023

Another National Convention has been completed and changes were made in the By-Laws, and we will be discussing them at the Academies this month. Please try to get to one of these Academies, there will be a lot of latest information that you need to know for the coming year. Two especially important Resolutions were voted on for the coming years in the organization. The first one is that the National organization will now receive \$10.00 instead of \$5.00 for each annual member starting Jan. 01. 2024 from the Department. Also starting Jan.01,2024 National will receive \$15.00 instead of \$10.00 for each at large annual member. So, more money will be going to National from our dues.

During the convention there was a training class, and it was informative. They are developing bookkeeping software for all district and auxiliary treasurers. In fact, some treasurers are experimenting with it, and they say that it works great. There will be less paperwork that they will have to fill out and it looks exciting. I will have more information for you later this.

I hope that you have sent out your dues notices by now. It really helps to get the dues in faster if you get the notices out early in July. Please encourage your members to think about becoming a Life member because there may be a chance that the Life memberships will go up in price after next years convention. They have not raised the price of life membership for many years and so I think that it will happen soon. I have already had quite a few members that have converted to life this year. So please discuss this with your members. Also, if you have some older members that may be having trouble paying dues, consider through your auxiliary to pay their dues.

Our Department President Debbie has a project that she is working on with the Post and she would like for the auxiliary to make donations to the program. It is Run2 Remember and we have helped with it for the last few years. We would love to make a substantial contribution to the program and show that the VFWA wants to help our veterans. We would like to know how much money that the auxiliary has contributed

to the program so please send your donations to me and earmark for Run2 Remember and then I will send it in to the appropriate people. Please discuss this project at your next meeting if you can.

Our National President Carla has a special project also that she would like our help with. They are going to build a convenience store at the National Home that will have supplies and grocery items so that the families will not have to drive all the way into town to buy basic staples for their home. It will be an immense help to the families of the National Home. This is another program that we would like to keep track of how much money that our department is donating so please send this money to me and earmarked National Presidents Special Project and I will mail it in to National.

I want to thank you all for getting in your bonds as fast as you did, we have them all paid, and we got the maximum number of points for the Circle of Excellence for getting them in before July 31, 2023. Thank you thank you. Now I know that we can do this so let us continue to get them in by the end of July. You can pay them as soon as MALTA comes back up after the first part of July so, please try to make it one of you first things to do next year.