

FINANCE

It is important for all of us to realize that our financial well-being is based upon our membership numbers. We do not have a product that we are selling to bring in income, but rather we are dependent on our members renewing and bringing in new members to meet our obligations.

This year, our Department budget is based upon only those things that we are required to pay – ie wages, utilities, taxes, those things outlined in the standing rules that we contribute to etc. We have several programs that we just could not budget for, and those that we budgeted for at the bare minimum.

This is where you come in.

We know what our mission is – we are here to help our veterans and their families. How often do we get all excited about a program, or an event and realize that they need help to continue. Well, many of our programs need your help.

I am asking each of you to find a program close to your heart, whether it be Gift Shop, Santa's Castle, Americanism or Girls State and start raising money to help them continue. We as a Department do not have the funds to subsidize these programs and they ALL need help.

It would also help if our membership increased – the more members the more funds available for our programs. If you can't donate or start a fund raiser – bring in a new member. It all starts with YOU. We are in this together. We are here for our Veterans and their families. Let's do what we can to make their lives better.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the American Legion Auxiliary and their programs. If you have any questions or concerns you can reach me at terter59@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing what this year brings for our Veterans. I know with your help that we can continue and even exceed our donations this year.

Yours in Service

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