

RESOLUTION CBL 10-01a (amended)

SUBJECT: Increase in Life Membership Dues

SOURCE: Long Range Planning Committee, CBL Committee

WHEREAS, the dues paid for AMVETS life membership are not adequate to support the cost to service those members in a professional, regular and meaningful way and are only available to support life membership costs at a rate of \$25 for first year after which all remaining life dues received must be transferred to the Life Fund; and

WHEREAS, the current dues structure does not communicate the value and prestige associated with life membership status in an organization of the caliber of AMVETS and therefore may communicate a less than favorable perception of the benefit of member and organizational brand; and

WHEREAS, the Posts and Departments should have the ability to determine the amount of Life Membership dues that are charged at their respective levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Article VII, Section 6, AMVETS National Bylaws should be changed to read:

(a)

~~**(1) The minimum life membership dues, effective January 1, 2010, shall be not less than 7 times the National Headquarters share of an annual membership, nonrefundable and payable to the post, which shall be forwarded to National Headquarters. As of January 1, 2011, this amount will be increased to 9 times the National Headquarters share of an annual membership. On January 1, 2012 this amount will increase to 12 times the National Headquarters share of an annual membership. Dues above the minimum set forth herein shall be fixed by the post and/or department. Where no department exists, \$25.00 shall be added to the amount forwarded to National Headquarters. This \$25.00 shall be delivered into the unorganized department fund for development of future departments**~~

AMEND TO READ

(a)

(1) Life membership dues, effective January 1, 2010, shall be not less than \$180, nonrefundable and payable to the post, of which 50 percent shall be forwarded to National Headquarters and 25 percent to the state department. As of January 1, 2011 this amount will increase to \$200. On January 1, 2012 this amount will increase to \$250. Dues above the minimum set forth herein shall be fixed by the post and/or department. Where no department exists, 75 percent shall be forwarded to National Headquarters. Of the 75 percent sent to National Headquarters, the department's 25 percent share shall be delivered into the unorganized department fund for development of future departments. Monies sent to the national department shall be held in a life membership designated fund to be invested only in securities protected by the full faith and credit of the

United States, and only the income derived from said fund shall be transferred to the general fund for budget use. Notwithstanding the above, the National Finance Committee, with the approval of the National Executive Committee, shall have the power to invest up to 30 percent of the life membership designated fund in high-grade equities.

(2) Monies sent to the national department shall be held in a life membership designated fund to be invested only in securities protected by the full faith and credit of the United States, and only the income derived from said fund shall be transferred to the general fund for budget use. Notwithstanding the above, the National Finance Committee, with the approval of the National Executive Committee, shall have the power to invest up to 30 percent of the life membership designated fund in high-grade equities.

(b) All investments of the life membership designated fund established in Section 6(a) shall be managed, supervised and directed by the National Finance Committee, which is designated as the board of trustees of this life membership designated fund.

(c) Monies in excess of \$5 million in the Life Membership Designated Fund shall be available for marketing and development under the supervision of the National Finance Committee with the approval of the National Executive Committee.

(d) Of the Life Membership Dues received by the National Headquarters, one-third shall be placed in the General Operating Fund for use by National Headquarters. The remaining monies shall be placed in the Life Membership Designated Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Article VII, Section 9, AMVETS National Bylaws should be changed to read:

For each life member who joins through either direct mailing or piggyback as a member-at-large in a recognized department, National Headquarters will retain its share of the life membership, and the remaining department share will be forwarded to the department.