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BULLETIN FROM THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT

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TO: ALL STATE COMMANDERS, POSTS WITHOUT A STATE DEPARTMENT,
PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS, NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE

SUBJECT: 2016 DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CARDS & DUES REQUIREMENTS

ARTICLE IX, Sec. 1, Par. 5, FINANCES, Page 15

The National Membership Director shall release the Membership Cards to a State Department when at least fifty percent (50%) of the previous year's dues is paid.

ARTICLE II, Sec. 3, Page 22, Lines 15, 16 & 17, National Membership Director

He or she shall not release any Membership Cards to a State Department, unless at least fifty per cent (50%) of the previous year's dues shall have been paid on or before September 1st of the Fiscal year.

The National Department Standing Rules of the P.L.A.V. Amendments to including 9-08-2012 Annual PLAV, USA Membership Cards, Page 5

1. *"The National Membership Director shall release annual PLAV Membership Cards to a State Department when at least fifty per cent (50%) of the previous year's dues is paid. (Approved Nat'l Convention 09-08-2012)*

To help simplify the "official" wording above, a State Department, or Post without a State Department, will not be issued their Membership Cards for the upcoming year **until at least 50% of dues for the previous years' membership have been submitted to the National Membership Director by September 1, 2015.**

For example, your Department had 300 members for 2015. A *minimum* of 150 Member Dues *must* be submitted to the National Membership Director by September 1, 2015 in order for your Department to receive your 2016 Membership Cards in bulk, all at 1 time.

This is to not only ensure we receive dues or renewals in a timely manner, but *also* to assist with defraying the cost of **shipping / mailing** these cards to the individual State Departments and Posts without a State Department. One shipment to a Department, vs. multiple mailings, saves time *AND* money to the PLAV. **This was voted and approved at the 2012 National Convention, and remains in force.**

Also, when you mail your 50% payment, please also include **any undistributed 2015 Membership Cards**, where either the member did not pay their 2015 dues, or has moved and no longer active. These names will be removed from the National Database so that they will no longer receive mailings from the National Department, which will **SAVE** postage for the National Department.

We do not need to continue printing Membership Cards for members who are either no longer active, do not attend Post functions, or have moved and left no forwarding address at their Post.

Thank you for your attention to this memo, and please get your 50% dues payment into the National Membership Director no later than September 1, 2015 for the 2016 Fiscal Membership year!

ALL Departments are expected to comply with this ruling that was passed at the 2012 National Convention, and remains in effect!

Thank you for your service and attention to this Bulletin.

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