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*The mission of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin is to provide service to veterans, their families and their communities.*

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Good afternoon, Post Leadership.

One of National Commander Paul Dillard's priorities on membership is to engage our members. Whether they are current members, expired members, or potential members, we need to show them the value of being a member of The American Legion. One of the ways that Commander Dillard has discussed in engaging members is to contact those 2020 members and offer them the ability to continue their continuous years on their membership. This offer is only for those members who were last paid in 2020 and did not renew for 2021 – they can continue their continuous years if they pay for 2022. With COVID affecting many aspects of daily life over the last year and half, this is an easy way to talk with those 2020 members and show them some good will.

Rules:

1. Member who was last paid for 2020 (*only ones eligible for this offer*)
2. Had at least 5 years continuous years of membership at the time.
3. Must pay for 2022
4. If they would like to also have 2021 as well, they would have to pay for the 2021 year.

Here is how it would work:

- Joe Sailor had 20 continuous years in 2020 when he paid his 2020 dues.
- Joe Sailor did not pay his 2021 dues for (any) reason.
- Joe Sailor comes in and pays his 2022 dues.
- Normally this would result in Joe Sailor's continuous years resetting to 1.
- The new program would be that his continuous years are now 21.
- It's like 2021 never existed.
- The Post Adjutant sends in a Member Data Form (MDF) to the Department Membership Coordinator indicating the Corrected Continuous Years
- The Department Membership Coordinator will update the member's record.

Things to remember – when transmitting the dues, unless the member is paying for 2021 and 2022, do not select 2021 as part of the payment. If 2021 is selected, the payment will come out for that portion of the per capita and it will be deducted as part of the eCheck payment processing.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you,  
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