

## **FINANCE COMMISSION**

Gaither M. Keener Jr.  
North Carolina  
Chairman

Shawn T. Long, CPA  
Indiana  
National Treasurer

Brian Ruiz  
Indiana  
Corporate Controller

The primary obligation of the Finance Commission is to prepare a yearly budget for the National Executive Committee, handle funds under that budget, and exercise reasonable oversight to see that the various divisions and departments of the national organization operate within appropriations. The Finance Commission includes seven members, with the national adjutant as ex-officio secretary and the national commander and national treasurer as ex-officio members. Also attending these meetings are the executive directors of the Washington and Indianapolis offices, the Corporate Financial Controller, and liaison observers from the National Executive Committee.

The national organization had a net operating deficit of \$9,310,532 for 2022. We received \$18.50 dues per member, allocating \$15.50 to the General Fund and \$3 to *The American Legion Magazine*. Income of the national organization derives from annual membership dues, interest on investments, magazine advertisements, Emblem Sales, contributions and other approved activities.

A full financial statement is incorporated in the auditor's report, found in the 2022 Annual Report.