

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN UNIFORM UNIT

CONSTITUTION

Amended June, 2026

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be American Legion Auxiliary, Unit of Post No. ____, The American Legion, Department of Michigan.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

SECTION 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to assist The American Legion in the accomplishment of its objects and purposes and to fulfill the purposes of the American Legion Auxiliary.

SECTION 2. The American Legion Auxiliary is a civilian organization. Each member shall perform their full duty as a citizen according to their own conscience and understanding and according to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

SECTION 3. The American Legion Auxiliary shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

SECTION 4. This Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary shall not be a member of, or affiliated with, any organization, committee, association, council or group, whereby the American Legion Auxiliary might be committed to a policy contrary to that adopted by The American Legion.

ARTICLE III - ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1. Eligibility for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is determined by The American Legion. The eligibility requirements in The American Legion's governing documents shall be provided as a footnote to this Constitution for informational purposes and shall be updated as appropriate.

SECTION 2. There shall be two classes of membership: senior and junior.

- **(a)** Senior membership shall be comprised of members age eighteen (18) or older; provided, however, a member eligible under Section 1 of this article and who is under the age of eighteen (18) years and married shall be classified as a Senior member.
- **(b)** Junior membership shall be comprised of members under the age of eighteen (18)

years, whose activities shall be supervised by the Senior membership. Upon reaching the age of eighteen years, Junior members shall automatically be admitted to Senior membership with full privileges.

- **(c)** Dues shall be paid annually or for life.

SECTION 3. Due to the ruling of the American Legion National Judge Advocate, American Legion Auxiliary Units must not retain originals, copies, or electronic records of a veteran's DD214 or other military documentation used to verify eligibility for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary.

If a Unit has archived military records, *"these records should be securely destroyed to reduce exposure and mitigate potential legal liability"*.

Eligibility Footnote

Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the:

1. Grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses and direct and adopted descendants of members of The American Legion; and
2. Grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who served in either of the following periods: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941, who being a citizen of the United States at the time of their entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge;
3. Grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses and direct and adopted female descendants of all of the men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during either of the following periods: April 6, 2017 to November 11, 2018; and any time after December 7, 1941 who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during either eligibility period and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and
4. To those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

ARTICLE IV - UNIT OFFICERS

SECTION 1. A currently chartered Unit with ten (10) Senior members or more shall elect a President, Vice President(s), Chaplain, Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms who shall be elected not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Department Convention and who shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. The Unit may elect or appoint the Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer); said decision to be governed by a Standing Rule within the Unit. The Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer shall be a member of the Executive Committee with a vote.

SECTION 2. A currently chartered Unit with between five (5) Senior members and nine (9) Senior members shall have a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-

Treasurer) and Chaplain who are elected not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of Department Convention and who shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. The Unit may elect or appoint the Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer); said decision to be governed by a Standing Rule within the Unit. The Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer) shall be a member of the Executive Committee with a vote.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and three (3) additional members to be elected at the annual meeting. This committee shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are chosen.

SECTION 2. In a Unit with between five (5) and nine (9) Senior members, the Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and one (1) additional member to be elected at the annual meeting. The committee shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are chosen.

SECTION 3. The Retiring President shall be a member of the Executive Committee with a vote.

ARTICLE VI - AUTHORITY

This Unit organization shall be governed by the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" in all questions not governed by the articles of the National Constitution, the Department Constitution, and the Unit Constitution.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at a Department Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of delegates present and voting, provided the proposed amendment be written in resolution form and has been read in the Convention at a previous meeting before action is taken, or has been distributed to all Units by mailing and/or emailing at least forty-five (45) days before the annual Department Convention. Triplicate copies of proposed resolutions pertaining to the Constitution shall be in Department Headquarters not later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the Department Convention for circulation to the Units.

NOTES

(This section reserved for future annotations, updates, or cross-references)