

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CONSTITUTION

## Department of Wyoming

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## AUTHORITY

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Department of Wyoming, American Legion Auxiliary, as set out herein, is in full force and represents action taken at Department Conventions, being the constitution adopted at the Caucus Meeting, held in Casper, February, 1922; and as amended at each Department Convention, completely revised and adopted,

- 1<sup>st</sup> Convention in Casper February 1922 Adopted
- 14<sup>th</sup> Convention in Riverton, August 1935; amended
- 15<sup>th</sup> Convention in Laramie, August, 22, 1936; amended
- 18<sup>th</sup> Convention in Thermopolis, August, 12 1939; amended
- 19<sup>th</sup> Convention in Rock Springs, August, 17 1940; amended
- 20<sup>th</sup> Convention in Sheridan, August16, 1941; amended
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Convention in Casper, August, 26, 1943; amended
- 27<sup>th</sup> Convention in Cody, August21, 1948; amended
- 30<sup>th</sup> Convention in Sheridan, July12, 1951; amended
- 35<sup>th</sup> Convention in Cody, June 21, 1956; completely revised and  
adopted
- 36<sup>th</sup> Convention in Cheyenne, June 27, 1957; completely revised and  
adopted
- 47<sup>th</sup> Convention in Cheyenne, June 1968; amended
- 49<sup>th</sup> Convention in Casper, 1970; amended
- 50<sup>th</sup> Convention in Lander, 1971; amended
- 51<sup>st</sup> Convention in Douglas, 1972;
- 52<sup>nd</sup> Convention in Laramie, 1973;
- 61<sup>st</sup> Convention in Laramie, 1982;
- 62<sup>nd</sup> Convention in Douglas, 1983;
- 63<sup>rd</sup> Convention in Cheyenne, 1984;
- 65<sup>th</sup> Convention in Lander, 1986;
- 66<sup>th</sup> Convention in Worland, 1987;
- 67<sup>th</sup> Convention in Casper, 1988;
- 68<sup>th</sup> Convention in Jackson, 1989;
- 69<sup>th</sup> Convention in Cheyenne, 1990; completely reviewed and revised  
1988, 1989 and 1990, amended
- 70<sup>th</sup> Convention in Torrington, 1991;
- 71<sup>st</sup> Convention in Laramie, 1992;
- 72<sup>nd</sup> Convention in Powell, June 1993; reprinted, March, 1994;

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- 73<sup>rd</sup> Convention in Worland, 1994;
- 75<sup>th</sup> Convention in Cheyenne, 1995; completely reviewed and revised
- 76<sup>th</sup> Convention in Gillette, 1996; amended
- 77<sup>th</sup> Convention in Sheridan, 1997;
- 78<sup>th</sup> Convention in Casper, 1998;
- 79<sup>th</sup> Convention in Laramie, 1999; and completely revised and adopted
- 80<sup>th</sup> Convention in Cheyenne, 2000; amended
- 81<sup>st</sup> Convention in Sheridan 2001;
- 82<sup>nd</sup> Convention in Torrington 2002;
- 83<sup>rd</sup> Convention in Casper 2003;
- 84<sup>th</sup> Convention in Gillette 2004;
- 85<sup>th</sup> Convention in Alpine 2005;
- 86<sup>th</sup> Convention in Cheyenne 2006,
- 87<sup>th</sup> Convention Sheridan 2007,
- 88<sup>th</sup> Convention Riverton 2008,
- 89<sup>th</sup> Convention Wheatland 2009,
- 90<sup>th</sup> Convention Rock Springs 2010,
- 91<sup>st</sup> Convention Laramie 2011. Amended
- 92<sup>nd</sup> Convention Sheridan 2012; reviewed and amended
- 93<sup>rd</sup> Convention in Cheyenne 2013;
- 94<sup>th</sup> Convention in Gillette 2014
- 95<sup>th</sup> Convention in Rock Springs 2015 amended
- 96<sup>th</sup> Convention in Buffalo 2016 reviewed and amended the Completely Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules and Job Description and Policies and procedures' by Committee

# **CONSTITUTION**

**Of the  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
Department of Wyoming**

## **PREAMBLE**

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations during the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion; to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name**

#### **Section 1.**

The name of this organization shall be American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wyoming.

#### **Section 2.**

The Department of Wyoming shall be organized into Districts and Units.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Nature**

#### **Section 1.**

The American Legion Auxiliary is a civilian patriotic service organization of women that supports the mission of the American Legion

#### **Section 2.**

The American Legion Auxiliary shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Eligibility**

**Section 1.** Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of the American Legion and to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during any of the following periods: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955; February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975; August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984; December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990; August 2, 1990 to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States, all dates inclusive, or who being citizens 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 any of said periods and died in line of duty or after honorable discharge; and to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in the American Legion.

**Section 2.** There shall be two classes of membership, Senior and Junior.

- A. Senior membership shall be composed of members over the age of eighteen years; a wife who is under the age of eighteen years and eligible under Section 1 will be classified as a senior member.
- B. Junior membership shall consist of members under age eighteen and activities of junior members shall be supervised by the senior membership. Upon reaching the age of eighteen years, junior members shall automatically be admitted into senior membership with full privileges
- C. Dues of both classes of membership shall be paid annually or for life.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Department Officers**

**Section 1.** The Department Convention shall elect annually, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, a Chaplain, a Historian, a National Executive Committeewoman, an alternate National Executive Committeewoman, and Six District Presidents, one from each geographical section, and all to be elect for one (1) year, except, the National Executive Committeewoman and alternate National Executive Committeewoman will be elected for a two (2) year term.

**Section 3.** There shall be a Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian and Judge Advocate appointed annually by the Department President, subject to ratification by the Department Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE V

### Department Executive Committee

**Section 1.** Between Department Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in the Department Executive Committee which shall be composed of the Department President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Chaplain, Historian, National Executive Committeewoman, and six District Presidents. All Past Department Presidents of Wyoming in good standing shall be members for life of the Department Executive Committee, with vote.

## ARTICLE VI

### Department Convention

**Section 1.** The legislative body of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wyoming, shall be the Department Convention, to be held annually at the same time and in the same town as the Convention of the American Legion.

#### **Section 2.**

1. Representation at Department Convention shall be by Units.
2. Each Unit shall be entitled to one delegate, plus one delegate for each fifteen members of total membership or major fraction thereof, and delegates-at-large.
3. For each delegate space filled, an alternate delegate must be assigned including delegates-at-large
4. All current dues for delegates and alternates must have been paid to Department at least thirty days prior to the Call to Order of Department Convention.
5. Delegates and alternates shall be elected by majority vote of those present at a Unit meeting called for that purpose, to be held not later than fifteen days prior to Department Convention.
6. All Past Department Presidents and current Department Officers who are Unit members in good standing should be elected Unit delegates if they plan to attend Convention.
7. The Unit's delegation Chairman is the immediate Past Unit President or a representative from the unit.

**Section 3.** All Past Department Presidents of Wyoming in good standing in a Unit within the Department of Wyoming shall be entitled to their own additional votes to be exercised with or aside from their Units.

**Section 4.** All elected Department officers shall be entitled to their own additional votes to be exercised with or aside from their Units.

**Section 5.** Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote.

The vote of any delegate, including the delegate-at-large, absent and not represented by an alternate, shall be cast with the majority of the delegates present from the Unit. Proxy votes are not allowed.

**Section 6.** A quorum shall exist at Department Convention when forty percent (40%) of the Units are represented.

**Section 7** Additional information regarding National Convention delegates shall be as provided in

the Standing Rules.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Amendments**

#### **Section 1.**

This Constitution may be amended at any Department Convention by a vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation (approved, authorized voting strength), provided that the proposed amendments shall have been submitted through the Department Secretary-Treasurer to all Units and members of the Department Executive Committee by mailing at least thirty days prior to the convening of the next Department Convention.

This Constitution may also be amended by unanimous vote at Department Convention without notice, provided that all proposed amendments shall be read at a regular Convention session at least four hours prior to the vote.

#### **Section 2.**

This Constitution shall be automatically amended to conform to the National Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.