

American Legion Auxiliary

Constitution

2023

**Of The
American Legion Auxiliary
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,

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

- 70th Convention in Torrington, 1991;
 71st Convention in Laramie, 1992;
 72nd Convention in Powell, June 1993; reprinted, March, 1994;
 73rd Convention in Worland, 1994;
 75th Convention in Cheyenne, 1995; completely reviewed and revised
 76th Convention in Gillette, 1996; amended
 77th Convention in Sheridan, 1997;
 78th Convention in Casper, 1998;
 79th Convention in Laramie, 1999; and completely revised and
 adopted
 80th Convention in Cheyenne, 2000; amended
 81st Convention in Sheridan 2001;
 82nd Convention in Torrington 2002;
 83rd Convention in Casper 2003;
 84th Convention in Gillette 2004;
 85th Convention in Alpine 2005;
 86th Convention in Cheyenne 2006,
 87th Convention Sheridan 2007,
 88th Convention Riverton 2008,
 89th Convention Wheatland 2009,
 90th Convention Rock Springs 2010,
 91st Convention Laramie 2011 Amended
 92nd Convention Sheridan 2012; reviewed and amended
 93rd Convention in Cheyenne 2013;
 94th Convention in Gillette 2014
 95th Convention in Rock Springs 2015 amended
 96th Convention in Buffalo 2016 reviewed and amended the
 Completely Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules and
 Job Description and Policies and procedures' by Committee
 97th Convention in Worland, 2017 amended
 98th Convention in Cheyenne 2018 amended
 99th Convention in Laramie 2019 amended
 100th Convention in Cheyenne 2021 amended
 102nd Convention in Lusk 2023 amended By-Laws & Standing Rules

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 all 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 the 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 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:

- 1.** Grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of the American Legion and
- 2.** 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 either of the following periods: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941 who being 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 period and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and
- 3.** 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 either of the following periods: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941 who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during either eligibility periods 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.

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/husband 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, an Executive Secretary-Treasurer, a National Executive Committeeperson and Six District Presidents, one from each geographical section, and all to be elected for one (1) year, except, the National Executive Committeeperson who shall be elected for two (2) years.

Section 2. There shall be a Chaplain, Historian, 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, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Chaplain, Historian, National Executive Committeeperson, 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. The Chaplain shall serve as a member of the Department Executive Committee without vote. The Historian shall serve as a member of the Department Executive Committee without vote.

ARTICLE VI

Department Convention

Section 1.

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.

1. 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.

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

Section 5.

1. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote.
2. 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.

1. A quorum shall exist at Department Convention when thirty percent (30%) of the Units are represented.

Section 7

1. 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 Executive 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.