

POST CONSTITUTION

Inglewood Post No. 82
Department of Tennessee
The American Legion

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 association in 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 consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

ARTICLE I Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Inglewood Post No. 82, Department of Tennessee, The American Legion.

ARTICLE II Objects

Section 1. The objects and purposes of this post shall be to promote the principles and policies as set forth in the foregoing preamble, and the national departmental constitutions of The American Legion.

ARTICLE III Nature

Section 1. This post is a civilian organization and membership therein does not affect or increase liability for military or police service.

Section 2. This organization 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 3. Rank does not exist in The American Legion; no member shall be addressed by his/her military or naval title in any meeting of this post.

ARTICLE IV Membership

Section 1. Eligibility to membership in this post shall be as prescribed by the national constitution of The American Legion.

Section 2. Application for membership shall be made in writing under such regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the Post Executive Committee.

Section 3. All applications for membership shall be acted upon at the next post meeting following the making of such application, and shall, at such meeting, be accepted, rejected, or referred for further investigation and consideration. If three or more members cast their vote against the acceptance of said application, then such application shall be recorded as rejected. A rejected appeal shall not be considered until after the expiration of six months from the date of such rejection.

Section 4. Any member of this post may be expelled for just cause by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee after charges are preferred under oath in writing, and a fair trial is conducted following the procedures outlined in the Department Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 5. A member who has been expelled or suspended from this post for cause may be reinstated to membership by a two-thirds vote of the membership present in post meeting; provided however, that he/she shall make payment of any arrears in dues which have been payable in the interval between expulsion and reinstatement.

Section 6. No person who has been expelled by a post shall be admitted to membership in another post, without the consent of the expelling post, except that where such consent has been requested and denied by such a post, he/she may appeal to the state Executive Committee for permission to apply for membership in another post and shall be ineligible for membership until such permission is granted.

ARTICLE V Officers

Section 1. The administrative affairs of this post of The American Legion shall, except as may be otherwise provided by Bylaws, be under the supervision of an Executive Committee which shall consist of three (3) elected members in addition to the elected officers of the post. The term of office of the members of the Executive Committee shall be for one year. This post, by its Bylaws, may provide for such other standing committees as the business of the organization may require.

Section 2. The elected officers of this post shall be a Commander, a First Vice-Commander, an Adjutant, and a Finance Officer, who shall be nominated at the March regular meeting preceding the April annual election or during the regular meeting of the April election prior to the casting of ballots. The appointed officers of this post shall be a Second Vice-Commander, Post Historian, Post Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, a Post Service Officer, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary by this organization.

Section 3. All officers and Executive Committee members shall be elected or appointed annually, and they shall hold office until their successors are duly installed or as otherwise provided. Any officer or Executive Committee members may be removed by the Executive Committee for inefficiency or excessive absence (i.e., three consecutive meetings), by a two-thirds vote, of said committee, being necessary to effect removal.

Section 4. Every member of this post in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in this post.

Section 5. The duties of officers and the Executive Committee members shall be those usually pertaining to such officers or committee members and as further provided in the post Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI Finance

Section 1. The revenue of this post shall be derived from membership or initiation fees, from annual membership dues, and from such other sources as may be approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The amount of such membership or initiation fees, and the amount of such annual post dues shall be fixed and determined by this post at any regular or called membership meeting, after receiving a recommendation from the Executive Committee.

Section 3. This post shall pay to the department headquarters the national and departmental annual membership dues for every member of the post.

ARTICLE VII Charter Members

Section 1. The first fifty (50) members of this post shall be known as charter members.

ARTICLE VIII American Legion Auxiliary

Section 1. This post recognizes an auxiliary organization to be known as the Auxiliary Unit of Inglewood Post No. 82, The American Legion.

Section 2. Membership in the Auxiliary shall be prescribed by the national constitution of The American Legion Auxiliary.

Section 3. No Auxiliary shall participate as an organization in the campaigning or election of any of the post officers or Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX Amendments

Section 1. This constitution is adopted subject to the provisions of the national constitution of The American Legion and the department constitution of the Department of Tennessee, The American Legion. Any amendment to said national constitution or department constitution which is in conflict with provisions hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of this constitution to the extent of such conflict.

As Amended by Vote on May 9th, 2024

Section 2. This constitution may be amended at any regular post meeting by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the members of said post attendance at such regular meeting, a quorum being present, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been reduced to writing and delivered to the Post Adjutant in sufficient time to allow notice to the general membership of the intent of the amendment and the date of the consideration thereof. Such amendments shall take effect upon adoption.

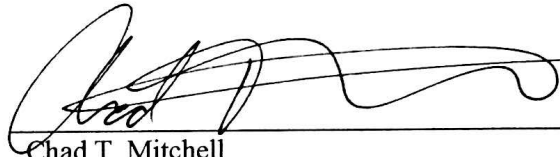
THIS DOCUMENT, HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF INGLEWOOD POST 82, THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE, WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE POST MEMBERSHIP, THE NINTH DAY OF MAY, IN THE YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOUR.



Shannon Rasmussen
Commander, Post 82

6.4.24

Date



Chad T. Mitchell
Adjutant, Post 82

2024 06 04

Date