



# American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oklahoma

## *Resolution*

Date: 15 April, 2021

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Submitted by: The 2021 Governing Documents Committee for the Department of Oklahoma  
American Legion Auxiliary

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*Whereas* in the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual American Legion Auxiliary National Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 24-29, 2019, changes were made to the National Governing Documents in which these changes were made:

1. The fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) clause in the Preamble was revised to read, “To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;”
2. Eligibility was changed to read as follows:

“Section 1. Eligibility for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is determined by The American Legion. The eligibility requirements from The American Legion governing documents shall be provided as a footnote to this Constitution for information purposes and shall be updated as appropriate.<sup>1</sup>

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

- (a) Senior membership shall be composed of members age eighteen (18) and older; provided, however, a member eligible under Section 1 of this Article and who is under the age of eighteen (18) and married shall be classified as a Senior member.
- (b) Junior membership shall consist of that group 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 into Senior membership with full privileges.
- (c) Dues of both classes shall be paid annually or for life.

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<sup>1</sup>Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the:

1. Grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female 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 associate with the United States during their 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 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.

*Whereas* all levels of the American Legion Auxiliary are legally required to be compliant with the National Governing Documents; then

*Be It Therefore Resolved That* the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oklahoma shall revise its governing documents to become compliant with the newly revised National Governing Documents so that:

1. The fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) clause of The Preamble shall read, "To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;"
2. Constitution Article II §1 shall be changed to read: "The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oklahoma is a civilian patriotic service organization that supports the mission of The American Legion."
3. Adopt (mirror) the Eligibility for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary as set forth in the Constitution Article III; and
4. All gender references throughout the Department Governing Documents shall be either removed or replaced with gender neutral terms.

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Signed by Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved ☐ Rejected ☐ Revised ☐

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