

Proposal # 1 Standing Rule Article XVIII Girls State Program		
Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
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Proposed by: Finance Committee

Rationale: To ensure all financial obligations are paid by the Units prior to participation in the Girls State Program.

Proposal # 2 Rule Standing Rule / General Information / Approved Finance Committee Rules

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Proposed by: Finance Committee

Rationale: Due to past years of the Department of Florida paying registration fees for delegates and alternates to National Convention, and they do not attend the Convention, the Department has continually incurred these losses.

Proposal # 3 Standing Rule - General Information / Department Scholarships		
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<p>Norma Kerkow Female Veterans Scholarships are awarded annually to Honorable Discharged Female Veterans residing in Florida.</p> <p>Four (4) year University grants are not to exceed \$2,000.00 per year and Junior College and Technical Vocational school grants are not to exceed \$1 ,000.00 per year. All awards are to be made to full-time or part-time students, (which is defined as 12 earned credit hours for full-time or 6 earned credit hours for part-time students in a semester). Scholarship awards shall be paid directly to the institution, payable in two equal payments, by the Department Treasurer, second payment contingent on meeting credit hour and GPA minimum requirements. Two scholarships to be awarded annually.</p> <p>All scholarships will be renewed annually in an undergraduate school provided the student needs further financial assistance and has maintained at least a 2.5 GPA. Renewal contracts to be sent by Department Headquarters to recipients and reviewed by the Department Secretary and Education Committee. Sponsoring Units will be notified of scholarship renewal approvals</p>	<p>Norma Kerkow <del>Female Veterans</del> Scholarships are awarded annually to <del>Honorable Discharged Female Veterans</del> <u>Department of Florida ALA Juniors and young Sons of The American Legion</u> residing in Florida. <u>Department of Florida ALA Junior members and young S.A.L. members are the future of our organization. To reward our Junior and young S.A.L. members, we are offering four (4) scholarships up to \$2,000.00 each. Four (4) scholarships will be awarded annually. These scholarships are a grant, not a loan.</u></p> <p><u>Scholarship Rules:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Candidates for this award shall have been members of the Department of Florida ALA Juniors or young S.A.L. for three (3) consecutive years. Applicant must continue their membership during their scholarship period.</u></li> <li><u>Previous ALA Department of Florida scholarship recipients are welcome to apply.</u></li> <li><u>Candidates must be 13-17 years of age.</u></li> <li><u>This scholarship is intended for Florida accredited traditional colleges, technical, vocational</u></li> </ol>	<p>Norma Kerkow Scholarships are awarded annually to Department of Florida ALA Juniors and young Sons of The American Legion residing in Florida.</p> <p>Department of Florida ALA Junior members and young S.A.L. members are the future of our organization. To reward our Junior and young S.A.L. members, we are offering four (4) scholarships up to \$2,000.00 each. Four (4) scholarships will be awarded annually. These scholarships are a grant, not a loan.</p> <p>Scholarship Rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Candidates for this award shall have been members of the Department of Florida ALA Juniors or young S.A.L. for three (3) consecutive years. Applicant must continue their membership during their scholarship period.</li> <li>Previous ALA Department of Florida scholarship recipients are welcome to apply.</li> <li>Candidates must be 13-17 years of age.</li> <li>This scholarship is intended for Florida accredited traditional colleges, technical,</li> </ol>

for students that they have previously sponsored. Cover page of application contains all rules. All scholarship applications are to be submitted to Department Headquarters either directly or via a sponsoring Unit. Applications can be obtained from the Department Headquarters. Deadline for receipt of completed applications by the Department Chairman for grants shall be March 1.

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5. [Scholarships must be used within eighteen \(18\) months of award date.](#)
6. [Applicants must present the completed application packet to the President of their American Legion Auxiliary Unit, on or before February 1st. Unit President must submit to Department Headquarters by March 1st.](#)
7. [Scholarships will be Awarded April 15th.](#)

[Judging shall be based on the following;](#)

- ✓ [Leadership, Character, American Legion Family participation 50%](#)
- ✓ [Completed application packet 25%](#)
- ✓ [Essay \(included in application packet\) 25%](#)

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Proposed by: Finance Committee

Rationale: Endowment requirement was for education. Unfortunately, since the inception of this scholarship (2019), we have not received any applicants for the current scholarship. Due to lack of participation, the Finance Committee is proposing new scholarship criteria to utilize this endowment to invest in our future generations.

Proposal # 4 Constitution Article VIII Department Executive Committee Sec. 1

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<p>There shall be a Department Executive Committee comprised of the Department Officers, (as set forth in the Constitution, Article VII, Officers, Sec 1), and Past Department Presidents.</p>	<p>There shall be a Department Executive Committee comprised of the Department Officers, (as set forth in the Constitution, Article VII, Officers, Sec 1), and <b><u>all Florida Past Department Presidents who are in good standing in their local Units.</u></b></p>	<p>There shall be a Department Executive Committee comprised of the Department Officers, (as set forth in the Constitution, Article VII, Officers, Sec 1), and all Florida Past Department Presidents who are in good standing in their local Units.</p>

Proposed by: Finance Committee

Rationale: For clarification on initial intent.

Proposal # 5 Standing Rule XVIII Programs

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<p>Poppy Orders: \$75.00 per 1,000 (minimum order 250). Units must send their Poppy orders to Department ninety (90) days prior to Poppy Days. Orders received after the deadline will be rejected. November orders will receive first priority.</p> <p>All Poppies for the Department of Florida must be ordered through Department Headquarters. Units may not resell Poppies to any organization outside of The American Legion Auxiliary.</p> <p>All Poppy orders will be subject to a process and shipping fee as shown on the most recent Poppy Order Form, available from Headquarters. Poppy Distribution in the Department of Florida shall be limited to three (3) times during the Auxiliary year. The National Poppy Day, Memorial Day and Veteran's Day distribution is deemed to be the normal Poppy Distribution time; however, if another distribution date (whether temporary or permanent) is desired, permission must be granted by the Department President. Once a permanent distribution date is approved by the Department President, it stands as being approved until such time as another new distribution date is requested.</p>	<p>Poppy Orders: \$75.00 per 1,000 (minimum order 250). Units must send their Poppy orders to Department ninety (90) days prior to Poppy Days. <del>Orders received after the deadline will be rejected. All orders will be filled based on availability. November orders will receive first priority.</del></p> <p>All Poppies for the Department of Florida must be ordered through Department Headquarters. Units may not resell Poppies to any organization outside of The American Legion Auxiliary.</p> <p>All Poppy orders will be subject to a process and shipping fee as shown on the most recent Poppy Order Form, available from Headquarters. <del>Poppy Distribution in the Department of Florida shall be limited to three (3) times during the Auxiliary year. The National Poppy Day, Memorial Day and Veteran's Day distribution is deemed to be the normal Poppy Distribution time; however, if another distribution date (whether temporary or permanent) is desired, permission must be granted by the Department President Headquarters. Once a permanent distribution date is approved by the Department President, Headquarters, it stands as being approved until such time as another new distribution date is requested.</del></p>	<p>Poppy Orders: \$75.00 per 1,000 (minimum order 250). Units must send their Poppy orders to Department ninety (90) days prior to Poppy Days. All orders will be filled based on availability.</p> <p>All Poppies for the Department of Florida must be ordered through Department Headquarters. Units may not resell Poppies to any organization outside of The American Legion Auxiliary.</p> <p>All Poppy orders will be subject to a process and shipping fee as shown on the most recent Poppy Order Form, available from Headquarters.</p> <p>American Legion Posts with no affiliated Auxiliary Unit may order Poppies from the American Legion Auxiliary, Department Headquarters, at a cost of \$200.00 per thousand.</p> <p>Poppy Proceeds: Twenty-five (25) percent of the net proceeds of the Units' Poppy distributions are to be sent to Department Headquarters on the Poppy Proceeds Form within thirty (30) days of distribution. Poppy Seals may be purchased from American Legion Emblem Sales for \$6.00 per thousand.</p> <p>Use of Funds derived from Poppy Days: Be it resolved, that funds derived from the distribution of the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy shall be used for the following purposes:</p>



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Proposed by: Finance Committee

Rationale: Set forth by ALA National, to provide Units the opportunity to set their own scheduled dates and times to distribute poppies and promote the better of our veterans throughout the entire year.