

GARNER, GRANT MEMORIAL
UNIT 101
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
UNIT CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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 IN ALL WARS; TO INCUCLATE 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 coNTRiBUrE 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 Garner Grant Memorial Unit 101, inc. American Legion Auxiliary, and Department of Florida.

ARTICLE II 'NATURE

Section 1: The American Legion Auxiliary Garner Grant Memorial Unit 101, Inc. is a civilian patriotic service organization of

Section 2: The American Legion Auxiliary Garner Grant Memorial Unit 101, Inc., shall be absolutely nonpolitical 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.

ARTICLE III ' OBJECT

American Legion Auxiliary, Garner-Grant Memorial Unit 101, Inc., Department of Florida, shall be as stated in the Preamble Of the Constitution and Standing Rules

ARTICLE IV – ELIGIBILITY

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.

Section 2.

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

(a) Senior membership shall be composed of members aged eighteen (18) and older; provided, however, a member eligible under Section 1 of this article and who is under the age of eighteen (18) years and married shall be classified as a Senior member.

(b) Junior membership shall be composed of members 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

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 associated with the United States during either 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.

ARTICLE V – UNIT OFFICERS

Section 1: The Unit shall elect annually a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms who shall serve until their successors are duly installed or as otherwise provided. (Or a combination of some of these officers)

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall consist of all officers and three (3) additional Members at Large by the Unit. The term of office for members

ARTICLE VII – FISCAL YEAR

Section 1: The fiscal year shall be the same as that of the Department.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

- Section 1: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a regular Unit meeting, provided the proposed amendments shall have been read at the previous meeting.
- Section 2: Amendments not having been read at the previous meeting may be adopted by the unanimous vote of the members present.
- Section 3: This Constitution shall be automatically amended to conform to the National and Department Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules of the American Legion Auxiliary.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1: There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the officers, three additional members, at large, one of which will be the immediate Past President, elected by the Unit. It shall meet once a month prior to the Unit's membership meeting. A special meeting may be called by order of the President or by a written request of at least three members of the Executive Committee. Notice of such special meeting shall be given to all members of the Executive Committee, and, except in extreme emergency, shall be given 48 hours in advance. At special meetings only business specified shall be transacted.
- Section 2: Between meetings the government and management of this Unit shall be entrusted to the Executive Committee and all proceedings of said Committee shall be presented to the Unit on the next meeting for approval.
- Section 3: A vacancy existing in the Executive Committee from any cause other than the expiration of a term shall be filled by a majority vote of the entire Committee. A person elected shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member whom she succeeds.
- Section 4: All Past Presidents, in good standing, shall be members of the Unit Executive Committee with voice but no vote.
- Section 5: The term of office of the Executive Committee shall commence immediately following the adjournment of the Department Convention and shall end at the commencement of the next Department Convention.

ARTICLE X – ELECTION

- Section 1: Election shall be by ballot and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. When there is but one candidate for an office, the ballot may be dispensed with and the nominee declared elected.

Section 2: Delegates and Alternates to a Department Convention shall be elected at a Unit meeting duly called for that purpose not less than two (2) weeks prior to the Convention. Alternates shall have priority in the order of their election.

Section 3: All officers and Executive Committee Members shall be elected annually at a meeting duly called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XI – TRANSFERS

Section 1: Transfer from one Unit to another in the Department of Florida and other Departments shall be upon application of the member, voted upon and acceptance by the Unit in conformity with National and Department Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII – DISCIPLINE

Section 1: For any violation of the Unit, State, or National Constitution, or conduct improper and prejudicial to the welfare of the American Legion Auxiliary or of the American Legion, any member by, be expelled from the membership or any office by a two-thirds vote at a Unit meeting called for that purpose, said expulsion or removal to be binding only in the event said member or officers shall have been given at least fifteen (15) days' notice, in writing by the Unit Secretary of the charges and the hearing thereon. Either party, have the right of appeal, to the Department Executive Committee, and their action thereon shall be final. The expense of said appeal shall be done by the appellant.

Section 2: Neither this Unit in the Department or any member thereof shall circulate any other Unit or member thereof without the consent of the Department Executive Committee.

Section 3: Liabilities; No member or group of members shall subject this Unit to liability without authorization of the Unit.

ARTICLE XIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1: The Unit organization shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, on all points not covered by this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV ' AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular Unit meeting, provided the proposed amendments shall have been read at a previous Unit meeting.

Section 2: Amendments not having previously read may be adopted by the unanimous vote of the members present.

Section 3 This Constitution shall be automatically amended to conform to the National and Department Constitution and Bylaws and standing rules of order of the American Legion Auxiliary.