

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF

American Legion Auxiliary

Lake Helen - Cassadaga Unit 127

109 Cassadaga Rd Lake Helen, FL 32744

February 21st, 2022

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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 the incidents of our associations in all wars; to inculcate a sense the sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes in the masses; to make right the masters of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to prosperity 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.

CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be The American Legion Auxiliary, Lake Helen-Cassadaga Unit 127, Department of Florida.

Article II - Nature

Section 1: The American Legion Auxiliary, Lake Helen-Cassadaga Unit 127, Department of Florida is a civilian patriotic service organization of men and women that supports the mission of the American Legion.

Section2: The American Legion Auxiliary, Lake Helen-Cassadaga Unit 127, Department of Florida, shall be nonpolitical and shall not be used for dissemination of partisan principals nor for any promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

Article III - Objective

Section 1: The objective of the American Legion Auxiliary, Lake Helen- Cassadaga Unit 127 Department of Florida shall be as stated in the Preamble of the Constitution.

Article IV – Eligibility

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- a) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses and direct adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion; and
- b) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses and direct adopted female descendants of all men and women who served in either of the following periods: April 6th, 1917 to November 11th, 1918; and any time after December 7th, 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 government's associated with the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge;
- c) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses and direct 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 6th, 1917 to November 11th 1918; and any time after December 7th, 1941: who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during their eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge;
- d) to those of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

Section 2: There shall be two classes of memberships Senior and Junior.

- a) Senior membership shall be composed of members over the age of eighteen (18); provided, however, that a spouse under the age of eighteen (18) who is eligible under section one (1) of this article shall be classed as a Senior member.
- b) Junior membership shall consist of that age group under the age of eighteen (18) whose activity shall be supervised by the Senior membership. Upon reaching the age of eighteen (18), Junior membership shall automatically be admitted into the Senior membership with full privileges.
- c) Dues of both classes shall be paid annually or for life.

Article V - Unit Officers

Section 1: The Unit shall elect annually a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, Chaplin, Historian, and Sergeant at Arms who shall serve until their successors are duly installed or as otherwise provided. *Secretary can be elected or appointed.

Article VI - Executive Committee

Section 1: There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the officers and three (3) additional members at large elected by the Unit the term of office for members of the Executive Committee shall be for one (1) year.

Article VII – Fiscal Year

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

Article VIII - Amendments

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the regular Unit meeting provided that the proposed amendments shall have been read at the previous meeting.

Section 2: This Constitution shall be automatically amended to conform to the National and Department Constitution Bylaws and Standing Rules of the American Legion Auxiliary.

BYLAWS

Article I - Executive Committee

Section 1: 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 at the next meeting for approval.

Section 2: 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 so elected shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member they succeeded.

Section 3: One-third (1/3) of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4: A special meeting may be called by order of the President or on written or electronic request of at least three members of the Executive Committee. Uniform notice of such special meeting shall be given to all members of the Executive Committee; and except an extreme urgency shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance. At special meetings, only business specified shall be transacted.

Article II - Elections

Section 1: Election shall be held annually.

Section 2: Election shall be done by ballot if there is only one (1) person nominated for an office the ballot may be dispensed with and that nominee declared a winner.

Article III - Committees

See Standing Rules

Article IV - Dues

Section 1: Dues shall be paid annually or for life.

Section 2: A member failing to pay annual dues including the Unit, State and National Assessments by January 31st shall be classed as delinquent and shall be suspended from all membership privileges. Payment of back dues after suspension shall reinstate such member to active membership any member delinquent to December 31st of the year delinquency shall automatically be dropped from the rolls and may be reinstated only by paying all back dues or by reestablishing eligibility and making application as a new member.

Article V - Quorums

See Standing Rules

Article VI - Discipline

Section 1: For any violation of the Unit, Department or National Constitutions, or for conduct improper and prejudicial to the welfare of the American Legion Auxiliary or of the American Legion, any member may be expelled from the membership or any officer may be removed from office by two thirds (2/3) vote at a Unit meeting duly called for the purpose; that purpose said expulsion or removal to be binding only in the event that said member or officer shall have been at least a fifteen (15) day notice in writing by the Unit Secretary of the charges and the hearing thereon neither party may have the right to appeal the department Executive Committee, and their action thereon shall be final. The expenses of said appeal shall be borne by the appellant.

Section 2: No member or group of members shall subject this Unit to a liability without authorization of the Unit.

Article VII - Parliamentary Authority

Section 1: The Unit organization shall be governed by *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* on all points not covered in the National and or Department Constitution and Bylaws.

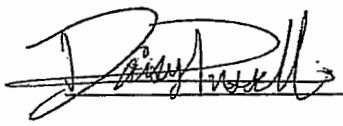
Article VIII - Amendments

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended by two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a regular meeting provided the proposed amendment shall have been read at a previous Unit meeting.

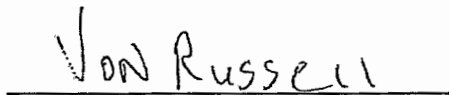
Section 2: Amendments not having been read may be adopted by the anonymous vote of the members present.

Section 3: This Constitution and Bylaws shall be automatically amended to conform to the National and Department Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules of the American Legion Auxiliary.

These Constitution Bylaws and Standing Rules were read and approved at the regular scheduled meeting held on February 21st, 2022.



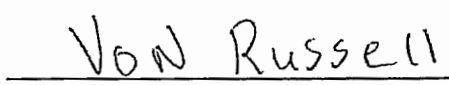
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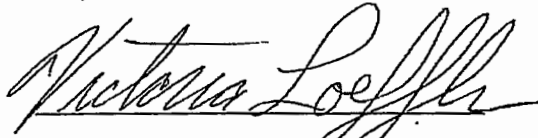
Von Russell, Unit Vice President



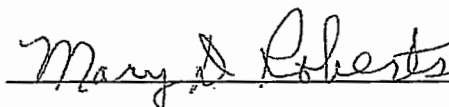
Kelly Frasca, Unit Second Vice President



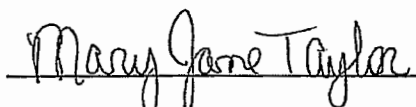
Von Russell, Unit Secretary



Victoria Loeffler, Unit Treasurer



Mary Roberts, Unit Chaplain



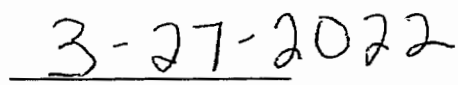
Mary-Jane Taylor, Unit Historian



Kelly Frasca, Unit Sergeant-at-Arms



Kelly Frasca, Unit Constitution and Bylaws Chairman



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APPROVED:

Department Constitution and Bylaws Chairman

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