



Tellico Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 256 Constitution

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 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

The name of this organization shall be Tellico Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 256, Department of Tennessee.

Article II – Nature

Section 1. The American Legion Auxiliary is a civilian organization that supports the mission of the American Legion. Each member shall perform their full duty as a citizen, according to their conscience and understanding, and according to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Section 2. The American Legion Auxiliary shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles or for any promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

Article III – Object

Section 1. The object of the Tellico Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 256, Department of Tennessee shall be as stated in the Preamble of the Constitution.

Article IV – Eligibility

Section 1. Eligibility for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is determined by The American Legion. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the:

- a. grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion; and
- b. 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;
- c. 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
- d. to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

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

- a. Senior membership shall be composed of members over the age of 18 years, provided, however, that a wife under the age of 18 years, who is eligible under Section 1 of this article, shall be classed as a Senior member.
- b. Junior membership shall consist of that group under the age of 18 years, whose activities shall be supervised by the Senior membership. Upon reaching the age of 18 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.

Article V - Unit Officers

Section 1. The Unit shall elect annually a president, a vice president, secretary and treasurer who shall serve until their successors are duly elected or as otherwise provided. These officers will constitute the Executive Committee of the Unit.

Section 2. The terms of office for each officer shall be:

- a. ELECTED officers shall serve for one year. At the end of their term, officers may be re-elected for an additional year with term limits of 3 years.
- b. APPOINTED officers shall serve at the pleasure of the President. They may serve indefinite terms provided they are approved for candidacy by the Executive Committee

Article VI - Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular Unit meeting if the proposed amendments have been read at the previous meeting or distributed in advance.

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.