

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF
ARIZONA CONVENTION JUNE 26-29, 2025
RESOLUTION**

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SUBJECT: Document Housekeeping

DATE: June 13, 2025

Resolution No. 15
(Assigned by Resolutions Committee)

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One "hard" copy, signed by at least two (2) qualified delegates, and an unsigned "soft or electronic" copy of all resolutions are to be forwarded to the Department Secretary before Convention if possible. Resolutions originating at Convention need to be written as a "hard" copy with two delegate signatures, and a "soft or electronic" copy forwarded to the Department Secretary as soon as possible so that discussion and vote may take place. (2013) Resolutions presented by the vote of a unit need to be signed by at least two (2) qualified delegates from the Unit and forwarded to the Department Secretary thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention for registration and classification and issuing to respective committees. A resolution which has not been presented through the proper channels will not be considered.

Constitution Article VIII “Convention” Sec. 6

“All *Arizona* Past Department Presidents in good standing in their local Units shall be life delegates to the *Arizona* Department Convention with vote.”

ADDED FOR CLARIFICATION. WILL APPLY TO ALL GOVERNING DOCUMENTS.

Department Bylaws-Article I of Department Section

Sec. 2 The annual National dues, as determined by the National Convention each year, shall be collected by the Units and paid through Department Headquarters to the National Treasurer whenever the same becomes due and payable. *Dues may also be paid by the individual online.*

WILL UPDATE THIS AND ALL OTHER REFERENCES TO FORWARDING OF DUES PAYMENTS TO NATIONAL TREASURER TO INCLUDE ONLINE PAYMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

Department Bylaws-Article V of District Section

Sec. 5 The District Secretary-Treasurer (*or separate District Secretary and District Treasurer in accordance with the District's Bylaws*) shall be appointed by the District President, subject to the approval of the District Executive Committee.

WILL UPDATE THIS AND ALL OTHER REFERENCES TO A DISTRICT SECRETARY-TREASURER IN THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS TO REFLECT POSSIBLE SEPARATE OFFICERS.

Department Bylaws-Article IX of District Section

Sec. 5 District funds shall be administered as directed by an official District meeting or ~~by the District Executive Committee~~ *in accordance with an approved District Budget.*

WORDING UPDATED FOR CLARIFICATION.

Department Bylaws-Article I, Sec. 3 of Unit Section

A member failing to pay such annual dues by January thirty-first of the current membership year shall be delinquent and suspended from membership privileges.

A member deemed delinquent for failing to pay dues by December 31 of the current membership year shall be classified as expired. Such expired member may rejoin as an active member under the member's original join date without interruption of continuous years of membership, and membership privileges reinstated, by payment of all past dues.

A member deemed expired for failing to pay dues by December 31 of the current membership year may rejoin, with a new join date, at any time in the future by re-establishing eligibility and making application as a new member. Membership cards will reflect the most recent join date.

Member applications and member reinstatements may also require Unit action if a Unit's governing documents so state.

WORDING WILL BE UPDATED TO REFLECT NATIONAL STANDING RULES. ALL REFERENCES TO THIS TOPIC IN ARIZONA GOVERNING DOCUMENTS WILL BE UPDATED.

Department Policies and Procedures Manual pages 17-18

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

The purpose of the national Auxiliary Emergency Fund Committee is to raise funds for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF), to promote knowledge about the program, and to send information to members about the application process. The Auxiliary Emergency Fund was created to help members who have suffered a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis when no other source of aid is readily available.

Key Program Statements:

- The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) is a national grant assistance program that provides hardship and disaster emergency assistance to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary up to \$3,000 as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis.*
- DISASTER GRANT APPLICATION: Disaster funds may be awarded for damage to the interior/exterior of the vital livable portion of the member's primary structure, contents and/or for essential emergency expenses after the disaster based on proper documentation provided.*
- AEF HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION: Hardship funds may only be awarded for over/past due primary shelter expenses, basic household utilities and/or loss of income based on proper documentation provided.*
- Members of the American Legion Auxiliary whose dues are current and who have maintained annual membership for three consecutive years (the current year in which the application is submitted and immediate past two years) and have not been awarded an AEF grant (disaster or hardship) in the previous twelve months are eligible to apply for a grant.*
- Applications for disaster assistance must be received within three months of a disaster event. One grant (disaster or hardship) per grantee will be awarded within a 12-month period.*

The applications can be found on the ALA website at www.ALAforVeterans.org/AEF. The applications on the National Organization's website are the only applications accepted for processing. Applications formerly available through ALA departments and units are no longer applicable.

Does an ALA unit have to approve the AEF application prior to submission?
In the past, this was the procedure, but it is no longer required. All eligible ALA members can complete the applicable AEF application from www.ALAforVeterans.org/AEF provide the required documentation, and submit it directly to www.ALAforVeterans.org/AEF.

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