

Post Standing Rules

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AMERICAN LEGION

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POST STANDING RULES

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP DUES

SECTION 1: The amount of membership or initiation fees and the amount of such dues are as follows:

A. New Members	\$50.00
B. Membership Renewal	\$50.00
C. Membership Reinstatement	\$50.00

SECTION 2: “LIFE MEMBERSHIPS”

There are two types of membership available where dues may be paid for life. They are listed below with their respective requirements:

- A. **PAID UP FOR LIFE (P U F L):** This life membership is bought and paid for by the Post 4 member and requires the qualification indicated below:

Individual must have submitted a **PAID UP LIFE (PUFL)** membership application and pay the amount due as required by the National Constitution and By-Laws

- B. **EARNED LIFE:** Every three years, the Post membership is screened to determine eligibility for **EARNED LIFE** membership. Nominations will be presented in writing to Executive Board during the month of October every third year. This is forwarded to the screening committee for action.
This membership will be paid by Post 4 annually for individuals who qualify as indicated below:

- (1) Individual must be a Post 4 member in good standing for the previous (10) ten consecutive years prior to eligibility date.
- (2) Individual must have distinguished him or herself in the American Legion with other than normal duties and not have received any monies for performing these duties in the American Legion and this Post, the degree of such distinction will be determined by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board for approval and presented to the membership of this Post for approval.
- (3) A certificate or card may be issued for this accomplishment.

SECTION 3: The membership dues of all elected officers of this Post will be paid and forwarded to Department Headquarters prior to their installation.

ARTICLE II - ASSESSMENT

SECTION 1: This Post will pay to Department Headquarters, the National, Department, and District dues as needed.

ARTICLE III - CONVENTION DELEGATES

SECTION 1: The Post Commander, First Vice Commander and the Post Adjutant, as delegates to the Fall Conference, Winter Meeting or Department Convention; to be used only once, will be given from Post Membership Funds and/or Post Finances the amount of \$400.00, providing the requirements as set forth in the Post Constitution and Bylaws are met. Checks will be issued prior to the delegates going to the Fall Conference, Winter Meeting, or Department Convention. Delegate's requirements are to attend the opening of the DEC meeting and a meeting of their choice, and make a report to the Post membership. If in the event that one of the above cannot attend, an alternate can be appointed. The availability of finances will be determined by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICER REIMBURSEMENT

SECTION 1: The Post Commander will receive from the Post Funds, not to exceed \$100.00 per month for expenses.

SECTION 2: The Post Service Officer will be reimbursed from Post Funds up to \$50.00 incurred for performance of his duties.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS

SECTION 1: Any Post 4 member in good standing interested in becoming a Post officer and is unable to be present on the nomination/acceptance night must write a letter to the Post Commander requesting to be nominated for the office of his/her choice. No name shall be placed in nomination without the consent of the nominee. This prevents promiscuous nomination and withdrawals.

SECTION 2: In the event of a tie vote for any Post Office, resolutions shall be made by the toss of a coin by the Post Commander. The concerned legionnaires, whose surname is first alphabetically, shall make the call. This coin toss shall be done at the Post Membership meeting.

- A. The nominations and acceptance of officers will be held at the March general membership meeting.
- B. The elections of officers will be held during the regular monthly membership meeting held in April, at least 30 days prior to state convention.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

SECTION 1: The Post Executive Board will meet on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 P.M. or at the call of the Post Commander. A quorum of seven (7) officers must be present to conduct a meeting. Mandatory minutes shall be required at these meetings.

SECTION 2: The Post General Membership Meeting will be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. or at the call of the Post Commander. A quorum of three (3) officers and seven (7) members, for a total of ten (10), must be present to conduct a meeting. Mandatory minutes shall be required at these meetings.

SECTION 3: The Hall Committee and Post Lounge Committee will meet a minimum of once a month, also, at the call of the respective Manager, or the Post Commander. The Respective Manager will submit a monthly report, for review, at the next scheduled Post Executive Board Meeting.

SECTION 4: The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) will meet at the call of the S.A.L. Commander or the Post Commander.

ARTICLE VII - MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1: Any member making derogatory remarks against another member shall be brought before the Post Executive Board and may be subject to suspension.

SECTION 2: Vehicles parked on Post property for an extended period of the time, much have the approval of the Post Executive Board. Post 4 does not assume any liability for said vehicles. A waiver releasing Post 4 of liability must be written, signed, and dated by the Vehicle Owner and the Post Commander. A time period for property use must also be established.

SECTION 4: Any Post member who lets his membership lapse or quits the American Legion, and joins another Veterans Organization, will not have the new membership card approved for service in the Post.

SECTION 5: Use of cannabis products and its by-products in the Post or on its property are strictly prohibited.

ARTICLE VIII - POST EVENTS

SECTION 1: All members of the American Legion Post 4 and the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 4 who have paid their current American Legion year dues are entitled to entry without charge to the "POST EARLY BIRD EVENT". All others will pay as determined by the Post Executive Board. Ordering, preparation, and serving for the "POST EARLY BIRD EVENT" shall be done on a voluntary basis. An event planning meeting will be scheduled and posted in the Voodoo news in the third quarter of the year.

ARTICLE IX - POST YOUTH ACTIVITIES

SECTION 1: The Post may sponsor and pay for as many as three (3) local High School students to attend the American Legion Boy's State Program; selected schools will be at the discretion of the Post Chairman with the approval of the Post Executive Board.

SECTION 2: The Post may sponsor and pay for one (1) local High School student to attend the American Legion Student Trooper Program; selected schools will be at the discretion of the Post Chairman with the approval of the Post Executive Board.

SECTION 3: A "YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY" will be on file in the Post Commanders office.

ARTICLE X - DISCIPLINARY ACTION

SECTION 1: Profane language, buying alcoholic drinks for minors, sleeping in Post Lounge, buying alcoholic drinks for suspended members, buying alcoholic drinks for those refused service for cause, taking drinks from premises, drunkenness, fighting, use of slugs, foreign coins, mishandling or abuse of coin-operated machines, and/or willful destruction of American Legion properties, results in:

- A. The individual will be asked to leave the premises.
- B. The incident will be properly documented. It will be reviewed by the Lounge Manager and/or Hall Manager and their respective Committee. They will make a recommendation for disciplinary action and forward same to the Post Executive Board for approval or other action.
- C. The incident will be properly documented. It will be reviewed by the Lounge Manager and/or Hall Manager and their respective Committee. They will make a recommendation for disciplinary action and forward same to the Post Executive Board for approval or other action.
- D. Any Post member who lets his membership lapse or quits the American Legion, and joins another Veterans Organization, will not have the new membership card approved for service in the Post.
- E. Any member of Post 4 may be suspended or expelled, for cause, from this Post upon recommendation for their action by the Executive Board. Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duties, dishonesty and conduct unbecoming a member of *The American Legion*. No Post shall suspend or expel any member in good standing, except upon charges duly brought in writing by the accuser with a full hearing and fair trial by the Post Executive Board.
- F. On the charge of "conduct unbecoming a member of *The American Legion*", the members of such Post shall be the sole judges.
- G. An appeal, for a Post decision, may be taken to the Department Executive Committee, by filing in writing reasons therefore with the Department Adjutant. This must be done within thirty (30) days following the final action by the Post.

- H. A member who has been expelled from Post 4 for any cause, may be reinstated to membership by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board and 2/3 vote of the Post Membership present at the meeting, provided that member make payment of any dues in arrears at the time between expulsion and reinstatement.

SUBSIDIARIES – SAL AND ALR

The requirements of the trademark emblem for, Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion Riders are set forth in the Post Constitution and Bylaws.

S.A.L. and A.L.R. must show financial reports quarterly.

All amendments to articles of incorporation or by-laws must be approved by the Post. (If the current text has not been approved by the Post, it too must be so approved).

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: These Standing rules will be revised, if it is necessary, and at such times as the Post deems necessary. Such revisions will be by the majority of those present and voting. The revisions of these Standing rules shall not be abused.

SECTION 2: The aforesaid Standing Rules of the Harry Ollrich American Legion Post 4 were reviewed, changed and accepted as written and recommended to the General membership of this Post.

SECTION 3: These Standing Rules of Harry Ollrich Post 4, American Legion, have been adopted the 24th Day of October, 2022 and will supersede all Post Standing Rules enacted prior to this date.