

Resolution

2025 RESOLUTION No. 4 - AMENDED THEN POSTPONED

Sec. 210-Meetings , Regular and Special

WHEREAS, currently the National Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual Sec. 210 does not address the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of the Auxiliary Business Meeting; and,

WHEREAS, it has proven to be problematic in solving issues within the Auxiliaries.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Sec. 210 add the letter H. to be read as follows:

H. Divulging of VFW Auxiliary private business outside of the actual VFW Auxiliary Business Meeting, *to non-members*, shall not be allowed.

Submitted by National Resolutions Committee

Chairman: *Sandra Onstwedder Messenger* Date: April 16, 2025

Committee Member: *Lois Callahan* Date: April 16, 2025

Committee Member: *Betty Arnold* Date: April 16, 2025

Committee Member: *Ann Panteleakos* Date: April 16, 2025

Committee Member: *Cortina Barnes* Date: April 16, 2025

Resolution No. 1

VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA



ELIGIBILITY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, National Bylaws Section 102.D. provides that proof of eligibility is not required if the “eligibility is already a member of that Post;” and

WHEREAS, Section 102.D. is interpreted to mean that if the Veteran is deceased, then proof of eligibility is required; and

WHEREAS, it should not matter if the Veteran is or was a member of that VFW Post at the time of his/her death.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: Amend National Bylaws Section 102.D. by striking the language in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

Applicants whose eligibility is a member of that Post or whose eligibility was a member of that Post at the time of his/her death need not show proof of eligibility.

Submitted by the Department of West Virginia Resolutions Committee by request to the Department Convention on Friday, June 20, 2025.

Signed:


Resolutions Committee Chairman


Resolutions Committee Member


Resolutions Committee Member

Adopted at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Department of West Virginia Department Convention on June 20, 2025.

Signed:


Jamie Crum, Department President

Attest:


Vicki Stalnaker, Department Secretary

Resolution No. 2

Submitted by the Line Officers, Department of Illinois

Subject: Continuing Auxiliaries

Whereas, many VFW Posts are being disbanded due to any reason in accordance with the VFW bylaws;

Whereas, National VFW states that no Auxiliary can continue without a Post;

Whereas, many Auxiliaries want to continue on as an Auxiliary when their Post is disbanded:

Whereas, in order to keep our organization intact and assisting and caring for our Veterans for years to come;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Section 208B to be amended to read as follows: at National Convention in 2026, and forward, should a Post be disbanded for any reason, the Auxiliary will be allowed to transfer it's entire membership to a neighboring Post, voted on and approved by said Auxiliary. Suppose there is no Auxiliary at said neighboring Post. In that case they can ask said Bachelor Post to accept them, and with approval of said Bachelor Post start a new Auxiliary without the 15 new members to open said Auxiliary. If there is an Auxiliary at neighboring Post it would be with the approval of existing Auxiliary to accept membership of Auxiliary from disbanded Post. All members of Auxiliary would be transferred with just the majority vote of Auxiliary. All property and monies of said Auxiliary would be transferred to new Auxiliary. There would be no need to transfer members to at large. All would continue as members of the new Post and be transferred by vote.

X Cindy Lou Hatter

Department President

X William Adams

Department Sr. Vice President

X Rhonda Beckman

Department Secretary

X Daniel Lee

Department Jr. Vice President

X June GGG

Resolution No. 3

Submitted by Eighth District, Department of Illinois

Subject: Continuing Auxiliaries

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Whereas, National VFW states that no Auxiliary can continue without a Post;

Whereas, many Auxiliaries want to continue on as an Auxiliary when their Post is disbanded;

Whereas, in order to keep our organization intact and assisting and caring for our Veterans for years to come;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

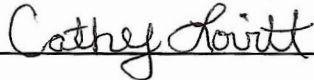
Section 208B to be amended to read as follows:

At the close of the National convention in 2026, and forward, should a Post be disbanded for any reason, the Auxiliary will be allowed to continue as a functioning Auxiliary as long as it is able to do so with at least ten members actively involved continuing to serve and care for


our Veterans and being financially viable.



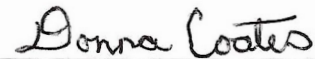
District 8 President



District 8 Jr. Vice President



District 8 Treasurer



District Sr. Vice President



District 8 Secretary

Resolution No. 4

Section 206 B.3. Resolution – 2-21-2026 #1 - Consolidation of Auxiliaries

WHEREAS, Section 206B.3., National Bylaws pertain to the Consolidation of Auxiliaries; and

WHEREAS, Section 206B.3, does not provide guidance for finalizing financial documents of the former Auxiliary;

WHEREAS,

- Proposed resolution was provided to the members of the Department of Oklahoma no less than 30 days prior to the vote
- 51% of all department auxiliaries were represented to vote
- Proposed resolution received a favorable majority vote to proceed in sending it to National for consideration by the delegates at the National Convention

THEREFORE, BE IT

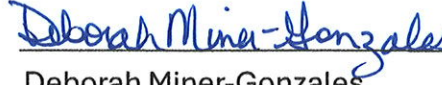
RESOLVED, that an addition be added to the Bylaws Section 206 B.3. to read as follows:

B. 3. The property of each of the Auxiliaries shall become the property of the Auxiliary as consolidated. **A final audit and bank statement reflecting a zero balance of a closed account of the former Auxiliary, will be submitted to the Department President or their representative within thirty (30) calendar days of consolidation.**


_____, Chairman
Sandra Bassett


_____, President
Iva Spurlock


_____, Member
Monica Hogue


_____, Secretary
Deborah Miner-Gonzales


_____, Member
Georg Jean Zimmerman



Resolution No. 5

Section 207 D Resolution – 2-21-2026 #2 – Surrender or Forfeiture of Charter

WHEREAS, Section 207 D, National Bylaws pertains to the Surrender or Forfeiture of Auxiliaries Charter; and

WHEREAS, Section 207 D does not provide guidance for finalizing financial documents of the Auxiliary;

WHEREAS,


- Proposed resolution was provided to the members of the Department of Oklahoma no less than 30 days prior to the vote
- 51% of all department auxiliaries were represented to vote
- Proposed resolution received a favorable majority vote to proceed in sending it to National for consideration by the delegates at the National Convention

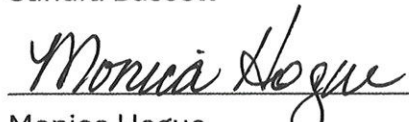
THEREFORE, BE IT

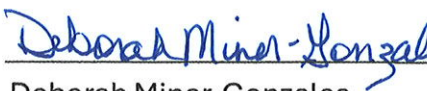
RESOLVED, that an addition be added to the Bylaws Section 207 D to read as follows:

D. In case of surrender or forfeiture of a Charter, the Auxiliary may vote to dispense money as long as a quorum is present. Money may not be dispensed to individual Auxiliary members, however life memberships may be purchased. The other property of the Auxiliary, including books of record, original applications, papers and all remaining money belonging to it, **along with a final audit and bank statement reflecting a zero balance of a closed account**, shall be turned over within thirty (30) calendar days to the Department President...


Sandra Bassett, Chairman


Iva Spurlock, President


Monica Hogue, Member


Deborah Miner-Gonzales, Secretary


Georg Jean Zimmerman, Member



Resolution No. 6

Section 208 – Resolution – 2-21-2026 #3 - Disbandment / Section 208A – By Post

WHEREAS, Section 208 B.1.b., National Bylaws pertains to the Disbandment of an Auxiliary by the Post; and

WHEREAS, Section 208 B.1.b., does not provide guidance for finalizing financial documents of the Auxiliary;

WHEREAS,

- Proposed resolution was provided to the members of the Department of Oklahoma no less than 30 days prior to the vote
- 51% of all department auxiliaries were represented to vote
- Proposed resolution received a favorable majority vote to proceed in sending it to National for consideration by the delegates at the National Convention

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that an addition be added to the Bylaws Section 208A By Post B.1.b., to read as follows:

B. 1. b. The property of the Auxiliary including books of record, papers and all money, not voted by quorum to disburse, shall be turned over to the Department President or their representative. **A final audit and bank statement reflecting a zero balance of a closed account, shall be submitted to the Department President or their representative within thirty (30) calendar days.**


Sandra Bassett, Chairman


Iva Spurlock, President


Monica Hogue, Member


Deborah Miner-Gonzales, Secretary


Georg Jean Zimmerman, Member



Resolution No. 7

Section 209 – Resolution 2-21-2026 #5 - Suspension or Cancellation by Commander-in-Chief and the National President

WHEREAS, Section 209 B.3.b., National Bylaws pertains to the Suspension or Cancellation of an Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Section 209 B.3.b., does not provide guidance for notifying Suspension committee members of canceled Auxiliary meetings;


WHEREAS,

- Proposed resolution was provided to the members of the Department of Oklahoma no less than 30 days prior to the vote
- 51% of all department auxiliaries were represented to vote
- Proposed resolution received a favorable majority vote to proceed in sending it to National for consideration by the delegates at the National Convention

THEREFORE, BE IT

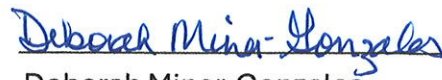
RESOLVED, that an addition of item *iii* be added to the Bylaws Section 209 B.3.b., to read as follows:

B.3.b.iii In the event an Auxiliary under Suspension cancels a regular meeting with less than four (4) hours advance notice, unless in case of a weather related emergency, the Auxiliary President, Auxiliary Secretary or Auxiliary Treasurer must notify the committee members. Failure to do so will result in the Auxiliary being responsible for reimbursing the Department for the committee member's expended travel.


Sandra Bassett, Chairman


Iva Spurlock, President


Monica Hogue, Member


Deborah Miner-Gonzales, Secretary


Georg Jean Zimmerman, Member



Resolution No. 8

Section 209 – Resolution 2-21-2026 #4 Suspension or Cancellation by Commander-in-Chief and the National President

WHEREAS, Section 209 B.3.d., National Bylaws pertains to the Suspension or Cancellation of an Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Section 209 B.3.d., does not provide guidance for finalizing financial documents of the Auxiliary;

WHEREAS,


- Proposed resolution was provided to the members of the Department of Oklahoma no less than 30 days prior to the vote
- 51% of all department auxiliaries were represented to vote
- Proposed resolution received a favorable majority vote to proceed in sending it to National for consideration by the delegates at the National Convention

THEREFORE, BE IT

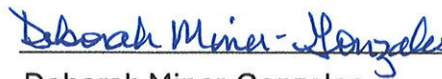
RESOLVED, that an addition be added to the Bylaws Section 209 B.3.d., to read as follows:

3.d. If the Auxiliary Charter is finally revoked, the committee shall be utilized to finalize the business and affairs of the Auxiliary. **This shall include a final audit and bank statement reflecting a zero balance of a closed account being, submitted to the Department President or their representative within thirty (30) calendar days.**


Sandra Bassett, Chairman


Iva Spurlock, President


Monica Hogue, Member


Deborah Miner-Gonzales, Secretary


Georg Jean Zimmerman, Member



Resolution No. 9

Booklet of Instructions – Section H2) – Resolution 2-21-2026 #7 - Election Procedure, Two (2) or More Candidates

WHEREAS, Section H2) of the National Bylaws pertains to the Election Procedure of two (2) or More Candidates; and

WHEREAS, Section H2) does not allow for the election to cease if a majority is reached by one (1) candidate;

WHEREAS,

- Proposed resolution was provided to the members of the Department of Oklahoma no less than 30 days prior to the vote
- 51% of all department auxiliaries were represented to vote
- Proposed resolution received a favorable majority vote to proceed in sending it to National for consideration by the delegates at the National Convention


THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that an addition be added to the Booklet of Instructions H2) to read as follows:

H2) When more than two (2) candidates are running and one (1) reaches majority, the election will cease and judge will announce the winner. Should there be three (3) or more candidates and one (1) drops out before the election is concluded, the voting ceases....

Judge: (During the voting procedure where there are only two candidates for whom ballots are being cast, if one (1) of the candidates withdraws or one (1) of the candidates reaches a majority vote, before the roll call vote is completed, the election will cease and the Judge will announce that the remaining the winning candidate and has been elected by a majority vote.


Sandra Bassett, Chairman


Iva Spurlock, President


Monica Hogue, Member


Deborah Miner-Gonzales, Secretary


Georg Jean Zimmerman, Member



Resolution No. 10

Sec. 201B – Formation of Auxiliaries, Charter Application

WHEREAS, Sec. 201, B. , Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual 2026, currently states Charter application of not less than fifteen (15) persons eligible to membership—(new or rejoined members)

WHEREAS, Sec. 201 C. currently states that transfers cannot be included on the charter application but may become Charter members following institution of the Auxiliary.

WHEREAS, it is increasingly difficult to find 15 new or rejoined members,

AND, WHEREAS, there are members-at-large who want to be active in a local Auxiliary,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, Sec. 201 B. and 201 C. be changed to read as follows:

Sec. 201 B. Charter application of not less than fifteen (15) persons eligible to membership. Of which, not less than twelve are new or rejoined members, and not more than three (3) are members-at-large transfers.

Sec. 201 C. No more than three (3) members-at-large transfers may be counted towards the initial fifteen (15) on the Charter application. Other transfers may become Charter members within thirty (30) days following institution of the Auxiliary.

Submitted by National Resolutions Committee

Chairman: Diana Stout Date: April 22, 2026

Committee Member: Sandra Onstwedder Messenger Date: April 22, 2026

Committee Member: Carla Martinez Date: April 22, 2026

Committee Member: Karlene Beams Date: April 22, 2026

Committee Member: Ann Panteleakos Date: April 22, 2026

Committee Member: Cortina Barnes Date: April 22, 2026

Resolution No. 11

Sec. 208B – Auxiliary to a Disbanded Post

WHEREAS, Sec. 208B, A., Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual 2026, currently states the Auxiliary shall be canceled by the National President and shall be allowed sixty (60) calendar days to finalize its business.

WHEREAS, Auxiliaries in good standing may want to continue as an Auxiliary,

AND, WHEREAS, there can be no Auxiliaries without being associated with a VFW Post.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, Sec. 208B include the addition of letter B. to read as follows:

Sec. 208B. B. A Bachelor VFW Post may adopt an Auxiliary to a disbanded or cancelled VFW Post.

- 1. The Bachelor VFW Post shall be within 100 miles of the disbanded or cancelled VFW Post.**
- 2. The Bachelor VFW Post must have a 2/3 vote to adopt the Auxiliary to the disbanded or cancelled Post.**
- 3. The Auxiliary shall vote to be adopted by the bachelor VFW Post.**
- 4. If the votes passes, the Auxiliary shall take the name, number, and location of the Bachelor VFW Post.**
- 5. The Department President shall recommend the proposal for the Bachelor VFW Post to adopt the Auxiliary to the National President providing copies of the minutes showing the votes.**
- 6. Upon approval by the National President, a VFW Auxiliary Special Order will be issued giving the Auxiliary ninety (90) days to be fully organized.**

Submitted by National Resolutions Committee

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