



Ladies Auxiliary VFW - Department of Arizona

General Orders No. 3

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**These General Orders are to be read at the first meeting following receipt
before being filed for reference.**

1. Article 1 Membership Sec. 110 – Members in Good Standing Page 13

The calendar year of the Ladies Auxiliary is from January 1 to December 31.

A member who has paid her dues to December 31 is in good standing. She ceases to be in good standing on January 1 immediately following the year for which her dues have been paid. She shall not again be in good standing until her dues have been paid for the current year.

Ladies Auxiliary Treasurers are reminded that as of January 1, 2012 National Dues will increase to \$5.00. Therefore the amount of dues to be forwarded to the Department Treasurer for annual members increases from \$7.00 to \$8.50. Dues received after January 1 that do not include the additional \$1.50 will not be processed until the additional dues are received.

Ladies Auxiliaries are encouraged to review their current annual dues and consider whether they want to absorb the increased dues amount or increase their annual dues by motion and approval of the Ladies Auxiliary members.

2. Article II Auxiliaries Sec. 202 – Jurisdiction by Posts Page 21

No Ladies Auxiliary shall be formed until approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Post present at a stated meeting, due notice of the proposed formation having been given to the entire membership of the Post, in writing, at least one week prior to such meeting. Each Ladies Auxiliary shall be assigned the name and number of the Post with which it is affiliated and subject to the jurisdiction of the Post whose name and number it bears. The Ladies Auxiliary shall be permitted to function in accordance with the National Ritual, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the Ladies Auxiliary and lawful orders issued by Department and National Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary.

3. Article II Auxiliaries Sec. 208 – Disbandment Sec. 208A – By Post Page 25

A Post may, by vote of eighty per cent (80%) of its members present at a meeting following a printed or written notice, mailed or delivered to each member in good standing at least ten (10) days before said meeting, vote to disband its Ladies Auxiliary; such notice to show contemplated action and the reason therefore. Following such action by a Post, the action shall be certified to and forwarded through channels to the National Commander-in-Chief, who shall thereupon direct cancellation of the Charter of the Ladies Auxiliary only after an investigation by him that it is in the best interest of the organization to do so.

In case of cancellation of a Charter, the Ladies Auxiliary shall be given the opportunity to hold a meeting to finalize the business of the Ladies Auxiliary. The property of the Ladies Auxiliary including books of record, papers and all money belonging to it shall be immediately turned over to the Department President for disposition as directed by the Department Council of Administration. A new Ladies Auxiliary to that Post cannot be organized for a period of one (1) year.

4. Article II Auxiliaries Sec. 212 – Quorum Page 28

Five (5) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary. The five (5) members necessary to form a quorum shall be members in good standing of the Ladies Auxiliary holding the meeting.

5. Article V Districts Sec. 505 – Standing Rules Page 40

Districts may establish Standing Rules to provide for specified operations, activities, events, expenses and disbursements allowable between meetings provided such rules do not conflict with the National or Department Bylaws.

Custom has the status of a standing rule; and standing rules may be amended, modified, or rescinded at any meeting. If prior notice is given, the vote is by majority vote of the Delegates present. If previous notice is not given, the vote is by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Delegates present. Standing Rules become effective immediately.

6. **Program Promotion**

Cancer Aid and Research

Program Book

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We need to ensure that work continues to support research that is relevant and necessary for the cancer community. We do not want to stop or slow the progress that has been made recently. Our donations help make this research possible, to bring a future or hope where the word “cancer” no longer exists. This is why we are requesting every member to *Step-Up* the donations given.

Platinum Award: Each Department donating \$7 per member

Gold Award: Each Department donating \$6 per member

Silver Award: Each Department donating \$5 per member

Arizona is stepping up to the plate with a goal of \$8 per member! Who among us has not been touched by cancer? Consider making a special donation to CAR in memory of a loved one or in celebration of someone who has beat cancer.

Last year we were honored to present a check for over \$8,200 to a research facility in Arizona working on finding a cure. The more donations we send in, the more comes back to Arizona research facilities.

7. **State Scholarship and Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship**

Both of these scholarship programs benefit youth from Arizona. Donations for these scholarship programs stay in Arizona and are used to help young people from our own communities. If your Ladies Auxiliary does not have students participating in the Patriotic Art competition, consider donating the funds that you would have used as Ladies Auxiliary awards to the Department Patriotic Art Scholarship program. Donations for State Scholarship and Patriotic Art can be taken from the Relief Fund.

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