

Legislative Committee

ARTICLE II

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

Section 1. (A) ENUMERATION. There shall be the following standing Department Committees in The American Legion, Department of Wyoming: Americanism, Athletic, Boys' State; Jr. Shooting Sport, Oratorical Contest, Wyoming High School Rodeo, Children and Youth, E. A. Blackmore Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Economic and Employment, Hospital, Finance, Ways and Means, Legislative, Membership and Post Activities, Religious Emphasis, Public Relations, Newspaper, Sons of the American Legion, Convention, and Constitution and Bylaws.

(B) Additional Committees as may be deemed necessary may be established from time to time upon motion by the Department Convention or the Department Executive Committee.

Section 2 (A) MEMBERSHIP AND TENURE OF DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES. Each committee shall have a rotating membership consisting of three members each unless otherwise directed by the respective committee. The initial appointment will be three members for a term of one year, two years, and three years respectively. After such initial appointment, one member shall be appointed each year for a term of three years, provided, that those replacements necessitated by a person vacating his/her office shall serve the remaining unexpired term. The senior member of each of the above mentioned committees shall automatically serve as chairman of said committee, provided, that upon re-appointment, a member shall start over in the rotation schedule for committee chairmanship; and provided further, that when the office of chairman of the committee is vacated, it shall be filled by the next senior member of that committee and not by his replacement.

(B) For the purpose of defining the term of one year, two years or three years with respect to the tenure of the Committees in the Article, a year shall commence with the first day of September and end with the thirty-first of August, the succeeding year.

Legislative Committee Purpose: To promote the official legislative mandates of The American Legion; disseminate monthly legislative updates; establish, maintain and promote proactive grassroots lobbying activities; and establish and maintain liaison with elected officials and their staff. All activities must be in compliance with Section 2, Article II of the Constitution of The American Legion: —*The American Legion shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.* However, voter education is a critical element of the electoral process. This does not prohibit your Post from holding town hall meetings, —Meet the Candidate Nights, or allowing candidates to address Post meetings, District conferences, or state conventions. Candidates may be allowed to participate, as long as an invitation is extended to all candidates affording them an equal opportunity to participate. The American Legion cannot endorse or oppose any candidate, even if the candidate is a Legionnaire and Post member. A Post home should be free of any political materials that would appear to be an endorsement of a particular candidate. If the position of one candidate is posted, the position of all candidates must be posted. Every effort must be made to remain nonpartisan. Note: IF IN DOUBT, CONTACT THE NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE FOR CLARIFICATION, BEFORE PROCEEDING.

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Section 3. MANNER OF APPOINTMENT. Unless otherwise provided for in this constitution and by-laws, all Department Committee members shall be appointed by the Department Commander, with and by the consent and approval of the Department Executive Committee within thirty days following the adjournment of the Department Convention: provided that replacements appointed by the Department Commander, between meetings of the Department Executive Committee, need not have the consent and approval of said committee. The Department Commander may call for and receive recommendations, for appointments to Department Committees, from the Post Commanders, District Commanders and Department Officers. These recommendations must be received on the prescribed forms sent out by Department Headquarters for that purpose.

Section 4. (A) DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES. The duty of all Department Committees shall be determined at the time the committee or committees are established, provided, that the Department Executive Committee may from time to time assign duties and responsibilities to Department Committees.

Section 5. Each Department Committee Chairman shall submit at each annual Department Convention, a full report of the activities of his/her committee.