Knowing Your National Bylaws: Members’ Rights and Post/Auxiliary Relations
Members’ Rights:

Part of your job is to defend them.
What are Members’ Rights?

1. Once a member is voted in, the only body that has the right to challenge his or her eligibility is his or her Auxiliary. [Sec. 108]
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2. **If** a member is found ineligible, the only person who can actually revoke his or her membership is the National President. [Sec. 108]
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3. No member shall be deprived of their rights and privileges, except nonpayment of dues, unless they shall have first been sentenced in accordance with Article XI of the National Bylaws. [Sec. 109]
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4. Members can appeal sentencing. [Sec. 110]
What are Members’ Rights?
1. Only an Auxiliary can challenge eligibility.
2. Only the National President can revoke membership.
3. No member can be deprived of rights without due process.
4. Members can appeal.
Members’ Rights:

Know Them
Protect Them
Fight for Them
Post and Auxiliary Relations:

Navigating this important relationship
What does the Bylaws say about an Auxiliary’s relationship with its Post?

1. Every Auxiliary is created by a Post.
2. Every Auxiliary is subject to the jurisdiction of the Post whose name and number it bears.
3. If a Post consolidates, an Auxiliary must consolidate.
4. A Post may vote to disband an Auxiliary, upon approval of the VFW Commander-in-Chief.
5. Once a year, the Auxiliary must give a report to its Post on the number of members and an itemized financial report.
Before you speak...

THINK

- Is it true?
- Is it helpful?
- Is it inspiring?
- Is it necessary?
- Is it kind?

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