

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE NATIONAL BYLAWS OF THE
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY**

Whereas, to become a member, an applicant must submit an application for membership and their veteran's proof of eligibility to be investigated by the Investigating Committee. The application is then presented to the membership to be voted on, based on proof of eligibility and the Investigating Committee's recommendation; and

Whereas, once an applicant becomes an Auxiliary member, and as long as their dues are paid timely, they are considered "a member in good standing" and they don't have to provide proof of eligibility again even if they choose later to become a life member, as proof of eligibility is not required to convert from a continuous annual to a life membership; and

Whereas, Auxiliary members have been encouraged for years to purchase life memberships in order to avoid the need to produce eligibility documentation again or risk their annual membership lapsing; and

Whereas, if an Auxiliary is cancelled, members are automatically transferred to member-at-large (no eligibility proof required); and

Whereas, current requirements create a possible hardship in reacquiring a copy of eligibility proof due to a divorce, their veteran is now deceased, or a number of other reasons; and

Whereas, with the new M.A.L.T.A. system, all membership cards, both annual and life, are generated by the VFW Auxiliary so a current membership card should be proof enough of eligible membership; and

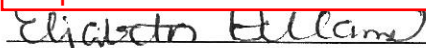
Whereas, requiring a current member, annual or life, to prove eligibility simply because they desire to transfer to a different Auxiliary, threatens membership involvement and discourages members from staying actively involved in the work of protecting veteran rights and taking care of veterans and their families.

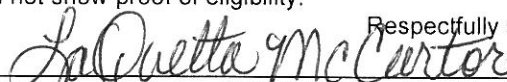
Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Section 102 (page 12) of the VFW Auxiliary National Bylaws is amended and expanded as follows (changes are in **bold italic font**):

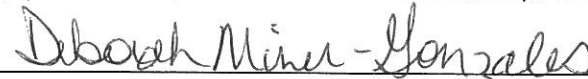
Sec. 102— Application— New Members

- Every application for membership shall be submitted using the procedures outlined by Auxiliary National Headquarters.
- Application ***New Members Only*** must be accompanied by:
 - Proof of VFW membership of person in whose right the application is made
 - Proof of eligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States based on honorable service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard performed by Officers or enlisted personnel who have served in any foreign war, insurrection, or expedition, which service is recognized by the award of a campaign or service medal of the United States, or who served in Korea as outlined in the VFW eligibility guide, or who earned Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay, or that they died in such service
 - Admission fee
 - Required membership dues
 - All money shall be placed in the hands of the Auxiliary treasurer
- ***Applicants who wish to transfer between Auxiliaries need not show proof of eligibility but instead must provide their current membership card as this proves eligibility has been established and approved with their current Auxiliary or as a Members at Large***
- ***Required membership dues, if not already paid***
- Applicants whose eligibility is already a member of that Post need not show proof of eligibility.

Motion made for the third major bullet to be included in Section 106 of the Bylaws. Motion passed. Third major bullet, "Applicants who wish to transfer...as a Members at Large" was adopted and is to be inserted in Section 106 between 106 & 106A. Two other changes proposed were NOT adopted.

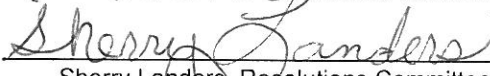

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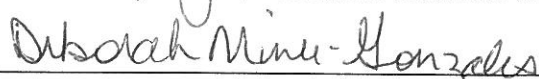
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