

**AMERICAN
LEGION
AUXILIARY**

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Department of New York, Inc.
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May 1, 2026

CONVENTION CALL

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY—ATTENTION

Pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York, Inc.:

I, Maureen F. Morgan, Department President, do hereby call the 105th Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York, Inc. to be held in Syracuse, New York on July 16th and July 17th, 2026 to convene at 9:00 a.m. Daylight Saving time on the 16th day of July for the following purposes.

1. To elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary to be held August 28th – September 3rd, 2026 in Louisville, KY.

The Department of New York is entitled to seven (7) delegates; and one (1) additional delegate for each one thousand two hundred (1200) members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by the National Treasurer, thirty days (30) prior to the meeting of said national convention, and to one (1) alternate for each delegate.

2. To elect Officers for the Department of New York for the ensuing year.
3. To elect in District Caucuses ten District Presidents to serve on the Department Executive Committee for the following year.
4. To amend the present Department Constitution and Bylaws if so desired, and to transact such other business as may come before this Convention.

Attest:
Barbara A. Corker
Department Secretary

Maureen F. Morgan
Department President



The following are announced candidates for Department Office for the Administrative Year 2026 - 2027.

Lora A. Rowe, Chenango County Department President

Yvonne M. Brunner, Nassau County Department 1st Vice President

Julianne C. Barton, Oneida County Department 2nd Vice President

Please note: Candidates for Department 3rd Vice President are listed alphabetically by County affiliation.

Eugenie Southcott, Wayne County Department 3rd Vice President

Patricia A. Galley, Wyoming County Department 3rd Vice President

Enclosed in this Convention Call are:

1. Endorsement letters for the Candidates for Department President, Department 1st Vice President, Department 2nd Vice President and Department 3rd Vice President(s).
2. Proposed amendments to the Department Constitution and Bylaws.
3. Delegate and Alternate Instructions, County Form (County Only).
4. Delegate and Alternate Instructions, Unit Form (Unit Only)

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CONVENTION DATES: July 16 & 17, 2026

HEADQUARTERS: Collegian Hotel & Suites
1060 East Genesee St.
Syracuse, NY 13210
888-250-2964

Overflow ALA Hotel: Parkview Hotel, 713 East Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13210 315-701-2600

SESSIONS: All sessions on Thursday and Friday, will be held in the **Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel on the 10th floor**. All sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

PLEASE NOTE: Dress code for Department Convention: Department Officers, District Presidents, District Vice Presidents and Past Department Presidents – White - all others are encouraged to wear **Red, White, and Blue**. It is requested that dresses or pants suits be worn at all sessions. No shorts or jeans please.

HOUSING: You will be responsible for making your own reservation directly with the hotel. The link is on the ALA Department website deptny.org. All rooms will be assigned according to availability.

CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION: 3:00pm-6:00pm Wednesday, July 15th and Thursday, July 16th 7:30am-8:30am only at the Collegian Hotel – Genesee Ballroom.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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| Pre-Convention DEC meeting | Wednesday July 15, 2026 | 9:00am | Collegian Hotel Genesee Ballroom |
| Executive Committee Luncheon | Wednesday July 15, 2026 | Noon | Collegian Hotel Genesee Ballroom |
| Constitution & Bylaws Resolutions | Wednesday July 15, 2026 | 3:30pm | Collegian Hotel Genesee Ballroom |
| Candidate's Meet and Greet | Wednesday July 15, 2026 | 7:00pm | Collegian Hotel Genesee Ballroom |
| Department Convention Sessions | Thursday & Friday July 16 & 17, 2026 | 9:00am | Marriott Hotel Ballroom 10 th floor |
| District Caucuses Rooms to be announced | Thursday July 16, 2026 | immediately following session | Marriott Hotel 10 th floor |
| Post-Executive DEC Meeting | Friday July 17, 2026 | immediately following installation | Collegian Hotel Genesee Ballroom |

EXHIBITS: All exhibits to be displayed must be brought to the Collegian Hotel on Wednesday, July, 15th from 3 – 5:30p.m. Be sure all items are marked with the member's name, Unit name and # and County submitting item/article. Please give all exhibits to Amy McEathron, Exhibits Chairman.

Exhibits will be displayed in the meeting room on Thursday and Friday. All exhibits must be picked up on Friday at the end of the session. If not picked up, they will be destroyed.

STATE DINNER: A Dinner honoring our Department President Maureen F. Morgan will be held Thursday, July 16th at The Syracuse Marriott Hotel, 100 East Onondaga St. Grand Ballroom (10th fl). Cash bar 6-7 pm – Dinner at 7:00 pm – The Cost is \$65.00. Checks must accompany all reservations. Please complete the reservation form attached and return it by June 25, 2026.

PLEASE NOTE: State Dinner tickets may be picked up only in the Registration area at the Collegian Hotel Registration in the Genesee Ballroom on Wednesday only.

2026 CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Chairman – Deborah Morris

Co-Chairman – Pat Murphy

Secretary/Treasurer- Debbie Douglass

Awards- Debbie Douglass

Badges/Sashes- Debbie Atkins

Candidates Reception- Pat Murphy

Chairman of Pages- Diane Butler

Credentials- Marie Mock & Pat Murphy

Dinner & Lunch Tickets- Amy McEathron & Debbie Swem

Distinguished Guests- Katie Coe

Exhibits Amy McEathron

Flowers- Pat Murphy

Halls & Seating Chair- Katie Coe & Debbie Swem

Information/Lost/Found- Debbie Morris & Penni Conley

Memorial Service- Amy McEathron

MC State Dinner- Debbie Morris

Packets- Debbie Morris & Penni Conley

Raffles- Diane Butler

Registration- Debbie Atkins

Sgt.-at-Arms- Penni Conley

State Dinner Chair- Julie Barton

President's Page - Jaedyn Vernacotola

Secretary's Page - MacKenzie McDaniels



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Chenango County American Legion Auxiliary proudly endorses Lora A. Rowe as a candidate for the office of President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York for the 2026-2027 term.

Lora has been a proud member of the Sherburne American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #876 in Chenango County for 37 years. Her eligibility is through her father, Anthony (Tony) Annesi, a WW II veteran. Both her father and mother, Ruth, were long-time legion family members.

Lora has served as an officer and a committee chairman on a variety of levels. Sherburne Unit #876 – President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Chaplain, and Parliamentarian; Chenango County – President, Secretary, and Sergeant-At-Arms; Sixth District – President, Vice President, Secretary, Sergeant-At-Arms (twice), Membership, and Jr. Activities; and Department of New York 3rd Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and 1st Vice President. Lora believes in the importance of committees and has had the pleasure of being the Chairman of many for both Sherburne Unit #876 and Chenango County. Lora has been Department of New York's Community Service Chairman, Children and Youth Chairman, Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman, and is currently Membership Chairman.

At the virtual 2022 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, Lora was a presenter on Duties of the Unit President. At the 2023 in-person Mid-Winter Leadership Conference, Lora presented on Be a Beacon: The Future is Bright, which detailed leadership opportunities within the American Legion Auxiliary. In 2025 she presented on Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation, and in 2026 she presented on Membership.

For both the 2020 and the 2022 Department Conventions, she was the Candidates Reception Chairman and was Co-Chairman for the State Dinner, with her being the Master of Ceremonies for the 2022 dinner.

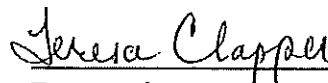
Lora serves on the New York State Governor-appointed Board of Visitors for the New York State Veterans Home in Oxford, NY and currently holds the office of Secretary.

After 40 years of employment at Preferred Mutual Insurance Company, Lora retired in April, 2024. She currently works part-time at Nelson and Flanagan's Law Firm.

Lora and her husband of 36 years, Thomas, who is a SAL member, reside in Norwich.



Sophie Liberatore
Chenango County President



Teresa Clapper
Chenango County Secretary



The Nassau County Committee, 10th District proudly endorses Yvonne M. Brunner for the Office of 1st Vice President, Department of New York, for the 2026-2027 year.

Yvonne's dedication to service and community is deeply rooted in her family's military history. She earned her eligibility for membership through her father, Jose Armando Serrano Quiles, who served in the Air Force during the Korean War, and her husband, Joseph A. Brunner Jr., who spent 22 years in the Navy/Naval Reserve as a Hospital Corpsman 1st Class, Fleet Marine Force/Expeditionary Warfare (FMF/EXW).

Yvonne has been an active participant at all levels of the organization, including Unit, County, District, Department, and National. At the National Level, she served as a Member of the National Constitution & Bylaws Committee and spent two years (2018-2020) as a member of the National Historian Committee.

She also served as the District Sgt-At-Arms, Secretary and Membership Officer and advanced to District President in 2021-2022.

For the Department of New York, Yvonne served as Department Historian, earning recognition at the National Convention in 2022. At the 2023 Convention in Westchester County, she chaired the State Dinner.

Yvonne had previously held the position of 3rd Vice President chairing Children & Youth during the 2024 - 2025 administrative year. She is currently serving as the 2nd Vice President holding the chairmanship of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation/Service to Veterans. She serves as a member of the Warriors Family Assistance program, manages reporting for the VA Medical Centers across the department, and acts as Chair for the Department President's project.

She demonstrates strong communication skills by keeping members informed via email and the Department's Facebook page. At the Midwinter Conference, she delivered an informative presentation on VA&R/VAVS, emphasizing the importance of membership knowledge and the impact of their initiatives on the veteran community.

Yvonne and her husband Joe, both members of the American Legion Family, actively participate in its various activities. They live on Long Island with their family, including two daughters and a grandson. Their involvement in the Legion is a meaningful part of their lives, highlighting their ongoing commitment to service and community.

Phoebe Ervin
Nassau County President

Laura Lahood
Nassau County Secretary



The members of American Legion Auxiliary, Oneida County Committee unanimously endorses Julianne C. Barton for the office of Dept. of N.Y. 2nd Vice President for the year 2026-2027. Julianne gains her eligibility through her loving grandfather, the late Paul W. Geers, retired US Air Force.

On the Unit level, Julie is a 38-year life member of Lee Unit 1794. She has held all unit offices and chaired all the unit committees. Julie was a proud member of the Lee Unit 1794 Color Guard and an American Legion Riders. She has received Dept. awards for the Best Unit Junior Programs in 2002 & 2023. Through the years Julie has attended all Mid-Winter Conferences, Dept. and National Conventions, National Mission Trainings, she is 2023 graduate of the American Legion College and a student of the online ALA Academy.


On the County level, Julie is a Past County President 2004, also is a past Vice President, and a past county treasurer, she is currently chairs Constitution & Bylaws and V. A & R. She has chaired all county committees, with recognition awards for Children & Youth, VA&R and Junior Activities just to name a few.

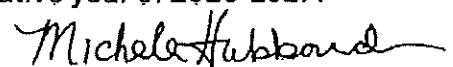
On a District level, Julie held the offices of 5th District Sgt at Arms, Junior Activities, 1st Vice President and is a Past 5th District President.

On the Department level, Julie has served on the Dept. Executive Committee and was the Dept. Junior Activities and Public Relations chairperson. She is presently the Children & Youth Chair. All the while encouraging and mentoring our grassroots members on the county and unit levels.

On a personal level Julie earned her associate degree, a degree in education, bachelor's degree SUNY Oneonta and a master's degree in from SUNY Cortland. Julie spent many years caring for homebound individuals, as well as the severely handicapped. She has cared for people who suffer from dementia and veterans who needed assistance so they may remain living in their homes. She is married to James, and they have 2 children, a son Nicholas and daughter Renee a first responder and a past Honorary Junior Dept. President. Julie also has two granddaughters both holding Junior Dept. offices. All proud members of our American Legion Family.

As members of the Oneida County American Legion Family, we take great pride in Julie's accomplishments and dedication, as we render Julie as a true asset to our American Legion Family. So, it is with great pride we endorse and ask you to please consider Julianne Barton for the office of Department 2nd Vice President for the administrative year of 2026-2027.


Kara Smith
Oneida County President


Michele Hubbard
Oneida County Secretary

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Wayne County Committee
Department of New York

The Marion Memorial Unit #1430 and Wayne County American Legion Auxiliary proudly endorse Eugenie (Gina) Southcott for the office of Department Third Vice President for the 2026-2027 administrative year.

Gina joined the Marion Memorial American Legion Auxiliary Unit #1430 in 1996, to honor the service of her father Russell M. Taber, a Vietnam Era veteran and her grandfather John Wissell, a World War II veteran, both of the United States Navy. She immediately took an active part in Unit and Post activities, serving on committees, as President, and as a Unit representative on the Wayne County Committee. Working with her Post, she has been instrumental in organizing the Marion American Legion Family Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies.

She chaired the Wayne County Americanism and Membership Committees and rose to the office of County President for two terms. She continues to serve on committees on the County level and as an advisor to both current and future County officers.

In the Seventh District, she was Spring Conference Chair in 2009, Leadership Chair in 2023-2024 and guest speaker at the 2024 Palmyra Hometown Heroes event. Following two non-consecutive terms as District Vice President, Gina was elected Seventh District President for the 2024-2025 year. She now chairs the Seventh District Past District Presidents group.

At the Department level, Gina has served as a page at Department Conventions, as a counselor at ALA Empire Girls State three times, as Americanism Chair in 2024-2025, and as Americanism Chair at ALA EGS in 2025. She raised more than \$1,000 for the "Spirit of ALA Girls State" award, which is presented annually to a citizen of ALA Empire Girls State in memory of Wendy Privitera.

Gina retired from Garlock Sealing Technologies as the Safety Training Supervisor. She is active in her community, where she is a member of the Marion Historic Association and Museum, working to prepare for its 200th Anniversary in 2026. Gina and her husband Kevin have been married for 23 years. Kevin, a member of Marion Memorial Post #1430, is a Past Wayne County Commander and a member of the Marion Minutemen Color Guard, the Department of New York American Legion Color Guard.

With confidence in her leadership abilities, we are proud to endorse Eugenie (Gina) Southcott for the office of Department of New York Third Vice President for the 2026-2027 year.



Sharon Celantano
Wayne County President



Karin Pickard
Wayne County Secretary



Wyoming County Committee Department of New York

The Wyoming County Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary is proud to endorse Patricia "Pattie" A. Galley for the office of Department of New York Auxiliary 3rd Vice-President for the 2026-2027 administrative year.

A Foundation of Service and Leadership

Pattie has been a dedicated member of the American Legion Auxiliary Eagle Memorial Unit 1720 in Bliss, NY, for 30 years. Her eligibility stems from the service of her father, Carl F. George, a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Pattie's leadership journey began in 2000 when she was elected Unit President; a role she held with distinction for over two decades. Throughout her tenure, she has chaired nearly every major committee, including the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children and Youth, Community Service, Constitution and Bylaws, Empire Girls State, Historian, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, National Security, and Warrior Family Assistance.

Growth Through the Ranks

At the County level, Pattie served as Second Vice President (2004) and First Vice President (2006–2010) before spending 13 years as County President. Her expertise has guided the Historian, Past President Parley, Leadership, Membership, and Constitution and Bylaws committees.

Pattie's impact reached the District and Department levels as she served two consecutive terms as 8th District President (2023–2025). During this time, she represented the Department as Chaplain and Historian. Currently, she serves as the Department Education Committee Chairman. A lifelong learner, Pattie graduated from the American Legion College in 2024 and recently attended the ALA Mission Training in November 2025.

Heart for the Community

Beyond her official titles, Pattie is a fixture in her hometown. Whether she is helping with the Bliss Community Days Strawberry Social and Street Dance or working at the Eagle senior breakfast and bingo events, she leads with a smile. She is deeply committed to local veterans, visiting nursing homes several times a year with gifts from the "Sweat for Vets" and "Valentines for Veterans" programs.

One of her proudest achievements is coordinating the Hometown Heroes banner project, which was successfully awarded a grant from the ALA Foundation. She also believes in the "personal touch" of service, frequently assisting fellow Auxiliary members by driving them to their appointments.

Personal Life

A baker by trade, Pattie, worked in supermarkets and for Campus Auxiliary Service until a career-ending injury led to her retirement. This transition allowed her to pour even more of her heart into her family and community. She is the proud mother of two daughters, Kristin and Briana George, and the grandmother of Mikala and Mason—all of whom are active members of the American Legion Family.

When she isn't volunteering, Pattie finds joy in music, performing with a local Cantata group twice a year. Known for her kindness and positive outlook, she is passionate about mentoring others and believes that a happy, supportive environment is the key to a thriving organization.

Kathy Kowalski

Kathy Kowalski, President
Wyoming County Committee

Carole Jones

Carole Jones, Secretary
Wyoming County Committee

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC.

Proposed Amendment to Department Constitution, Article X Unit Organization

| Current Wording | Proposed Amendment | If Adopted, Will Read |
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| <p>SECTION 1. The local body shall be termed the Unit which shall have a minimum of ten (10) Senior members.</p> <p>SECTION 2. The Officers of a Unit shall be a President, no more than three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These Officers with not less than (3) additional elected members shall comprise the Unit Executive Committee. These Officers shall be elected at a regular or special meeting at least 30 days prior to County elections.</p> <p>SECTION 3. The Department Executive Committee may revoke, cancel, or suspend Unit Charters.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Units shall be given the name and number of The American Legion Post to which they are attached.</p> | <p>Amend by adding new Section 5:</p> <p>SECTION 5. The Department shall have a Department Headquarters Unit, known as Department Headquarters Unit 1. Department Headquarters Unit 1 will not have officers, meetings, governing documents, representation on any County Committee, nor representation at Department Conventions.</p> | <p>SECTION 1. The local body shall be termed the Unit which shall have a minimum of ten (10) Senior members.</p> <p>SECTION 2. The Officers of a Unit shall be a President, no more than three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These Officers with not less than (3) additional elected members shall comprise the Unit Executive Committee. These Officers shall be elected at a regular or special meeting at least 30 days prior to County elections.</p> <p>SECTION 3. The Department Executive Committee may revoke, cancel, or suspend Unit Charters.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Units shall be given the name and number of The American Legion Post to which they are attached.</p> <p>SECTION 5. The Department shall have a Department Headquarters Unit, known as Department Headquarters Unit 1. Department Headquarters Unit 1 will not have officers, meetings, governing documents, representation on any County Committee, nor representation at Department Conventions.</p> |

Proposed by: Department Executive Committee

Rationale: To document the existence of Department Headquarters Unit #1

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Proposed Amendment to Department Constitution, Article IV Eligibility

| Current Wording | Proposed Amendment | If Adopted, Will Read |
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| <p>SECTION 1. Eligibility for membership in The American Legion Auxiliary is determined by The American Legion. The eligibility requirements from The American Legion governing documents shall be provided as a footnote to this Constitution for information purposes and shall be updated as appropriate.</p> <p>SECTION 2. There shall be two classes of membership, Senior and Junior. a) Senior membership shall be composed of members over the age of eighteen years; provided, however, that a spouse under the age of eighteen years, who is eligible under Section 1 of this Article shall be classed as a Senior member. b) Junior membership shall consist of that group under the age of eighteen years, whose activities shall be supervised by the Senior membership. Upon reaching age of eighteen years, Junior members shall automatically be admitted to Senior membership with full privileges. c) Dues of both classes shall be paid annually or for life.</p> <p>SECTION 3. No person may be a member at any one time of more than one Unit.</p> <p>SECTION 4. No person who is a member of an organization which has for its aim the overthrow of the U.S. Government by force or violence, or who subscribes to the principles</p> | <p>Amend by Modifying Section 5 and adding new Section 6.</p> <p>SECTION 5. No person who has been expelled by a Unit, other than the Department Headquarters Unit 1, shall be admitted to membership in another Unit without the consent of the expelling Unit. Where such consent has been asked for and denied by the expelling Unit, the person may then appeal to the Department Executive Committee for permission to apply for membership. Said person shall not become a member until such permission is granted by the Department Executive Committee.</p> <p>SECTION 6. No person who has been expelled by Department Headquarters Unit 1 shall be admitted to membership in another Unit without the consent of the Department Executive Committee. Where such consent has been asked for and denied by the Department Executive Committee, the person may then appeal to the Department Convention body for permission to apply for membership. Said person shall not become a member until such permission is granted by the Department Convention body.</p> | <p>SECTION 1. Eligibility for membership in The American Legion Auxiliary is determined by The American Legion. The eligibility requirements from The American Legion governing documents shall be provided as a footnote to this Constitution for information purposes and shall be updated as appropriate.</p> <p>SECTION 2. There shall be two classes of membership, Senior and Junior. a) Senior membership shall be composed of members over the age of eighteen years; provided, however, that a spouse under the age of eighteen years, who is eligible under Section 1 of this Article shall be classed as a Senior member. b) Junior membership shall consist of that group under the age of eighteen years, whose activities shall be supervised by the Senior membership. Upon reaching age of eighteen years, Junior members shall automatically be admitted to Senior membership with full privileges. c) Dues of both classes shall be paid annually or for life.</p> <p>SECTION 3. No person may be a member at any one time of more than one Unit.</p> <p>SECTION 4. No person who is a member of an organization which has for its aim the overthrow of the U.S. Government by force or violence, or who subscribes to the principles</p> |

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Proposed by: Department Executive Committee

Rationale: To clarify eligibility rules for members of Department Headquarters Unit 1

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Proposed Amendment to Department Bylaws Article III Department Executive Committee

| Current Wording | Proposed Amendment | If Adopted, Will Read |
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| <p>SECTION 4. The Department Executive Committee is responsible for adopting the annual budget for the Department; adopting policies and standing rules; adopting strategic plans and agreements, and memorandums of understanding; reviewing financial statements, and accepting the Department's annual external audit or financial review; ratifying committees; confirming the nomination of the Department Secretary and the Department Treasurer, confirming committee and other Department appointments as well as the appointment of officials not otherwise provided for in the Department Bylaws; levying assessments as needed; adopting the cancellation of charters report; receiving, reviewing, and adopting reports from Department subsidiary organizations; and other duties and responsibilities that are the normal function of a corporate board of directors.</p> | <p>Amend by adding new responsibility: SECTION 4. The Department Executive Committee is responsible for adopting the annual budget for the Department; adopting policies and standing rules; adopting strategic plans and agreements, and memorandums of understanding; reviewing financial statements, and accepting the Department's annual external audit or financial review; ratifying committees; confirming the nomination of the Department Secretary and the Department Treasurer, confirming committee and other Department appointments as well as the appointment of officials not otherwise provided for in the Department Bylaws; levying assessments as needed; disciplining members of Department Headquarters Unit 1, if needed; adopting the cancellation of charters report; receiving, reviewing, and adopting reports from Department subsidiary organizations; and other duties and responsibilities that are the normal function of a corporate board of directors.</p> | <p>SECTION 4. The Department Executive Committee is responsible for adopting the annual budget for the Department; adopting policies and standing rules; adopting strategic plans and agreements, and memorandums of understanding; reviewing financial statements, and accepting the Department's annual external audit or financial review; ratifying committees; confirming the nomination of the Department Secretary and the Department Treasurer, confirming committee and other Department appointments as well as the appointment of officials not otherwise provided for in the Department Bylaws; levying assessments as needed; disciplining members of Department Headquarters Unit 1, if needed; adopting the cancellation of charters report; receiving, reviewing, and adopting reports from Department subsidiary organizations; and other duties and responsibilities that are the normal function of a corporate board of directors.</p> |

Proposed by: Department Executive Committee

Rationale: To document the responsibility of the DEC for discipline of members of Department Headquarters Unit #1

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC.

Proposed Amendment to Department Bylaws, Article VII Unit Organization

| Current Wording | Proposed Amendment | If Adopted, Will Read |
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| <p>SECTION 1. Each member shall be required to file with the Unit Secretary one (1) copy of the membership application properly filled out and certified. This application will be retained by the Unit as a permanent record.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Each Unit of The American Legion Auxiliary shall be the judge of its own membership, subject to the restrictions of the Constitution and Bylaws.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Any member in good standing in a Unit shall be entitled to transfer to another Unit. No person who has been expelled by a Unit shall be admitted to membership in another Unit without the consent of the expelling Unit. Where such consent has been asked for and denied by the expelling Unit, the person may then appeal to the Department Executive Committee for permission to apply for membership. Said person shall not become a member until such permission is granted by the Department Executive Committee.</p> <p>SECTION 4. A member who is not subject to suspension or membership revocation under due process is eligible to transfer her/his membership to another unit if she/he has paid membership dues to the current unit for either the current or immediate past membership</p> | <p>Amend by <i>Modifying Sections 3 and 6 (which will become Section 7), adding new Section 4, and renumbering the remaining sections.</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Each member shall be required to file with the Unit Secretary one (1) copy of the membership application properly filled out and certified. This application will be retained by the Unit as a permanent record.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Each Unit of The American Legion Auxiliary shall be the judge of its own membership, subject to the restrictions of the Constitution and Bylaws.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Any member in good standing in a Unit shall be entitled to transfer to another Unit. No person who has been expelled by a Unit other than the Department Headquarters Unit 1 shall be admitted to membership in another Unit without the consent of the expelling Unit. Where such consent has been asked for and denied by the expelling Unit, the person may then appeal to the Department Executive Committee for permission to apply for membership. Said person shall not become a member until such permission is granted by the Department Executive Committee.</p> | <p>SECTION 1. Each member shall be required to file with the Unit Secretary one (1) copy of the membership application properly filled out and certified. This application will be retained by the Unit as a permanent record.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Each Unit of The American Legion Auxiliary shall be the judge of its own membership, subject to the restrictions of the Constitution and Bylaws.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Any member in good standing in a Unit shall be entitled to transfer to another Unit. No person who has been expelled by a Unit other than the Department Headquarters Unit 1 shall be admitted to membership in another Unit without the consent of the expelling Unit. Where such consent has been asked for and denied by the expelling Unit, the person may then appeal to the Department Executive Committee for permission to apply for membership. Said person shall not become a member until such permission is granted by the Department Executive Committee.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Any member in good standing in a Unit shall be entitled to transfer to another Unit. No person who has been expelled by the Department Headquarters Unit 1 shall be admitted to membership in</p> |

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Proposed by: Department Executive Committee

Rationale: To clarify disciplinary actions pertaining to members of Department Headquarters Unit 1

Proposed Amendment to Department Bylaws, Article XI Discipline of Unit Members

| Current Wording | Proposed Amendment | If Adopted, Will Read |
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| <p>SECTION 1. The Unit Executive Committee shall be empowered to remove any officer who does not satisfactorily fill her/his respective position.</p> <p>SECTION 2. The Unit President, or other presiding officer, shall be empowered to remove from a meeting any member who does not conduct herself/himself according to the Code of Ethics adopted by the National Executive Committee.</p> | <p>Amend by <i>Adding a section clarifying disciplinary actions, modifying language to be consistent with National ALA Constitution & Bylaws, adding a section regarding discipline of members of Unit 1, and renumbering sections as needed.</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. The Unit Executive Committee shall be empowered to remove any officer who does not satisfactorily fill her/his respective position.</p> <p>SECTION 2. All discipline must be imposed in accordance with the principle of fundamental fairness which includes notice and an opportunity to be heard. Disciplinary actions may include any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning: A formal written statement, delivered to the member, outlining the misconduct and expectations for future behavior. • Probation: Membership is retained under specific terms and conditions for improvement for a specified period no longer than a year. • Suspension: Temporary loss of any or all membership rights and privileges for a specified period no longer than a year. • Expulsion: loss of membership for severe or repeated violations. | <p>SECTION 1. The Unit Executive Committee shall be empowered to remove any officer who does not satisfactorily fill her/his respective position.</p> <p>SECTION 2. All discipline must be imposed in accordance with the principle of fundamental fairness which includes notice and an opportunity to be heard. Disciplinary actions may include any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning: A formal written statement, delivered to the member, outlining the misconduct and expectations for future behavior. • Probation: Membership is retained under specific terms and conditions for improvement for a specified period no longer than a year. • Suspension: Temporary loss of any or all membership rights and privileges for a specified period no longer than a year. • Expulsion: loss of membership for severe or repeated violations. <p>SECTION 3. The Unit President, or other presiding officer, shall be empowered to remove from a meeting any member who does not conduct herself/himself according to the Code of Ethics adopted by the National Executive Committee.</p> |
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Proposed by: Department Executive Committee

Rationale: Consistent with changes made at the 2025 National Convention, these will more clearly define disciplinary actions, cite the National rules pertaining thereto (i.e., fundamental fairness), and add a section regarding the discipline of members of Unit 1

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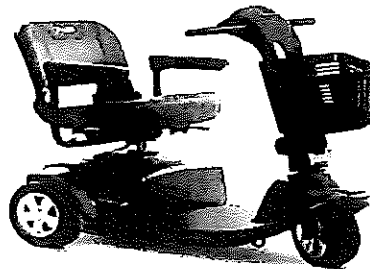
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COUNTY FORM

County Instructions: After receiving all your Unit Delegate and Alternate registration forms, please note as to what Units will not be sending the number of delegates allowed for that Unit. This is the number that can be elected from the County floor. Note: Members 2026 membership dues must be paid prior to Unit elections of Delegates/Alternates.

Once all delegates and alternates are chosen, please remit to the Department office all original Unit delegate forms, and the County delegate form. Also, include a check for the registration fee of \$20.00 per person, and send by July 1, 2026 to:

PRINT CLEARLY ON THIS FORM

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York
1580 Columbia Turnpike, Bldg. 1, Suite 3,
Castleton-on-Hudson, New York 12033
Attn: Convention Desk

Please Note: Advance notice (in writing no exceptions) must be given to this office, attn.: Department Secretary, no later than July 1, 2026 if you are not able to attend convention until Thursday's session in order to be registered.

Listed below is the name and address of the Delegate and Alternate from the County who has been regularly elected to represent your County at the Department Convention to be held in:

Syracuse, NY on July 16 & 17, 2026

Name of County: _____

Please type or print clearly.

| | <u>DELEGATE</u> | | | <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>ZIP</u> |
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I certify that the above is correct according to the action taken by this County.

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Date _____

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