

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
Department of Ohio, Inc.**

**Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Department Constitution**

The following proposed amendments to the Department Bylaws will be considered at the 2018 Department Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Amendment # 2

**Present reading of Article III, Eligibility, Section 1:**

**As written:**

ARTICLE III Eligibility

Section 1. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion, and to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during any of the following periods: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955; February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975; August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984; December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990; August 2, 1990 to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States; all dates inclusive, or who being citizens of the United States at the time of their entry therein, served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during any of said periods, and died in line of duty or after honorable discharge; and to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

**Proposed addition to Article III, Eligibility, Section 1:**

Add eligibility US Merchant Marines December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946

Section 1 to be written as follows:

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World War I	April 6, 1917 to November 11 1918
World War II	December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
US Merchant Marines	December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
Korea	June 25, 1950 to January 31, 2055
Vietnam	February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
Lebanon-Grenada	August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984
Panama	December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990
Gulf War/War on Terrorism	August 2, 1990 until cessation of hostilities

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in line of duty or after honorable discharge; and to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

**Rationale:**

*This is listed on The American Legion national website legion.org. The American Legion Auxiliary National guidebook online has this information on page 10.*

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*The amendment will become effective for the 2018-2019 administrative years if adopted by the convention assembled in Columbus, Ohio, June 28-July 1, 2018.*

**Proposed amendment to:**

**Constitutions, Article III, Section 1, Eligibility**

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