

Section 2. This organization 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. No candidate for nomination or election to, or no incumbent of any remunerative elective public office, shall hold any elective office, or any appointive remunerative office in this post of The American Legion, provided that members of Post standing committee shall not be affected.

Section 3. Rank does not exist in The American Legion; no member shall be addressed by his or her military title in any meeting of this Post.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Membership**

Section 1. Eligibility to membership in this Post shall be as prescribed by the National Constitution of The American Legion.

Section 2. Application for membership shall be made in writing under such regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the Post Executive Committee and must be accompanied by proof of service.

Section 3. All applications for membership (new membership or reinstatement) shall be acted upon at the next Post meeting following the making of such application, and shall, at such time be accepted, rejected or referred for further investigation and consideration. If three (3) or more members cast their vote against the acceptance of such application, then such application shall be referred to the Executive Committee for further investigation and consideration. A rejected application along with the recommendations of the Executive Committee shall again be considered at the next regular Post business meeting.

Section 4. Any member of this post may be expelled for cause by two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee after charges are preferred under oath and in writing, and a fair trial had upon the same.

Section 5. A member who has been expelled or suspended from this Post for any cause, may be reinstated to membership by a two-thirds ballot of the membership present in the post meeting and the payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs.

Section 6. No person who had been expelled by a post shall be admitted to membership in the post, without the consent of the expelling post, except that where such consent has been asked for and denied by such post. He or she may then appeal to the state Executive Committee of the department of the expelling post for permission to apply for membership in this Post, and shall be ineligible for membership until such permission is granted.