



The American Legion Auxiliary is extending its administrative year through our 2021 National Convention due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please save your 2019-2020 reports and add the great work you will continue to do throughout the 2020-2021 year.

2019 - 2021 Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan Constitution & Bylaws

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What is this program, and why do we have it?

The Constitution & Bylaws program informs and educates members of the American Legion Auxiliary on the importance and power of properly written, reviewed and updated documents, policies, and procedures at all levels.

The importance of having bylaws in place to allow operations to continue in an emergency has become absolutely vital. Knowing the laws of the state under which a nonprofit operates is the foundation upon which an organization's governing documents rest.

Constitution & Bylaws are the basis for governance of your department, district, county, and unit. Preparing and adhering to updated Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules will ensure a more successful organizational process and provide the structures to follow at all levels of our organization.

Constitution & Bylaws Reporting:

Year-End Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in the department. Each department Constitution & Bylaws chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **May 15, 2021** to the national Constitution & Bylaws chairman. Members and units should follow their department's protocol and deadlines for report submissions at the department level.

Special 100th Anniversary Program History Facts:

In 1921, at the Auxiliary's 1st National Convention, the Committee on Permanent Organization created the Constitution Committee, whose job it was to draft a National Constitution. Twenty-six women from twenty-six different departments were named to this committee. By 1927, the committee name changed to Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.