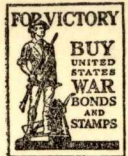




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Barrington Post No. 158
American Legion
Legion Hall, 133 Park Avenue
Barrington, Illinois

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request dated February 6, 1944, signed by William A. Sommerfield, Commander, there are returned the certified photostatic copy of your charter of incorporation and copy of your constitution and by-laws submitted in connection with your claim for exemption from certain Federal taxation.

Very truly yours,

Norman D. Cann

Deputy Commissioner

By

Head of Division

Enclosures

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

BARRINGTON POST NO. 158
THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

CONSTITUTION
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Section 1.

The name of this organization shall be Barrington Post No. 158, The American Legion.

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All citizens of the United States who ^{served} ~~were in~~ the military or naval service and were wearing the uniform of the United States and were honorably discharged at any time between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive; all citizens of the United States who served in the military or naval service of any government associated with the United States during World War I, and are now citizens of the United States, shall be eligible to membership in this Post, excepting, however, such persons who were separated from the service under such conditions amounting to dishonorable discharge, and such persons who refused to perform military duties because of conscientious or political objection, or foreign birth or citizenship.

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Section 2.

Membership dues are payable in advance each year. Members failing to pay annual dues by April first of each year shall be dropped from membership.

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Section 1.

The annual meeting of the Post, for the purpose of installing officers and transaction of such other business as may come before the Post, shall be held not later than the first Thursday in October of each and every year, at such place and hour as the Executive Committee shall select. It shall be called by written notice to each member of the Post.

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Regular meetings of the Post shall be held on the first and third Thursday of each and every month at eight o'clock p.m.

Section 3.

Special meetings of the Post may be called by order of the Commander, or by three members of the Executive Committee. Notice of such meeting to be sent to each member at least twenty-four hours in advance. The subject of the meeting to be stated in the call, and no other business to be transacted.

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Meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held at the discretion and call of the Commander or of two members of the committee.

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Section 1.

Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Post.

Section 2.

Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the committee.

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ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

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These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Post by a two-thirds vote of all members present, a quorum being present.

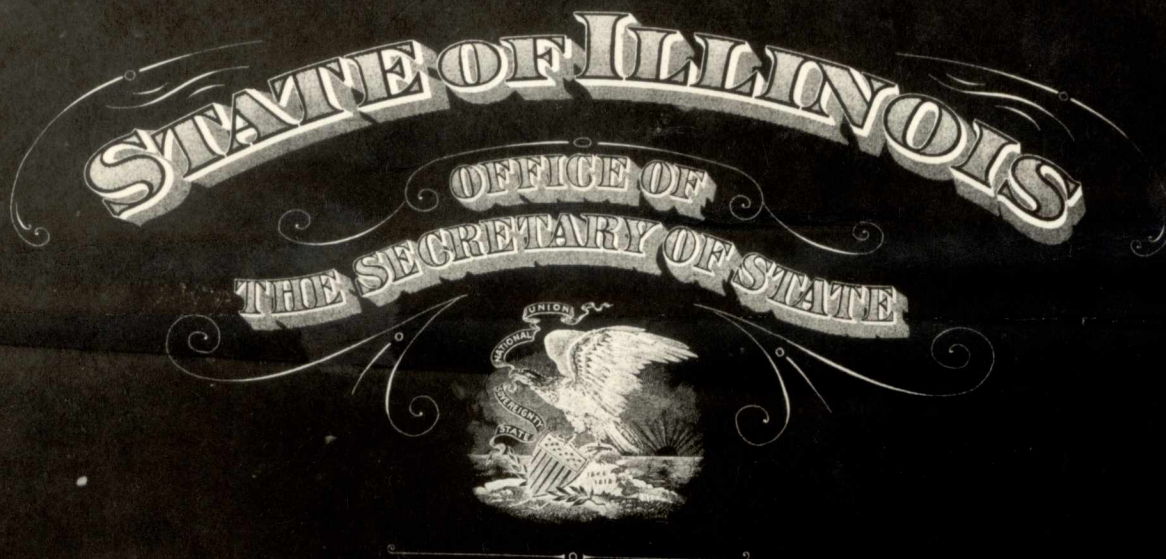
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8. New business and correspondence.
9. Good of Legion.
10. Election of officers.
11. Adjournment.

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Certificate Number 3373

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To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

Whereas, a CERTIFICATE, duly signed and acknowledged, has been filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, on the 2nd day of March A.D. 1921 for the organization of the

BARRINGTON POST #158 THE AMERICAN LEGION

under and in accordance with the provisions of "AN ACT CONCERNING CORPORATIONS" approved April 18, 1872, and in force July 1, 1872, and all acts amendatory thereof, a copy of which certificate is hereto attached;

Now Therefore, I, LOUIS L. EMMERSON, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said

BARRINGTON POST #158, THE AMERICAN LEGION

is a legally organized Corporation under the laws of this State.

In Testimony Whereof, Thereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois,

Done at the City of Springfield this 2nd day of March A.D. 1921 and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and 45th.

SEAL

LOUIS L. EMMERSON

SECRETARY OF STATE.

State of Illinois, } ss.
Cook COUNTY.

Louis L. Emmerson
To ~~James A. Rose~~, Secretary of State:

PAID

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We the Undersigned, George A Lytle, Spencer Otis, Jr.,
John O Robertson Wilson Herren & Harry W. Brandt

Citizens of the United States, propose to form a Corporation under an act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled, "An Act concerning Corporations," approved April 18th, 1872, and all acts amendatory thereof, and that for the purposes of such organization we hereby state as follows, to-wit:

1. The name of such Corporation is the Barrington Post #158, The American Legion ✓
2. The object for which it is formed is the maintenance of post headquarters, ~~the purchase and improvement of real estate as post headquarters~~ ^{to be also used} for athletic, social and community purposes and the conducting of social, athletic and other forms of entertainment and amusement, and to acquire such real estate as may be necessary.
3. The management of the aforesaid Corporation shall be vested in a Board of eight Directors, who are to be elected annually.
4. The following persons are hereby selected as the Directors to control and manage said Corporation for the first year of its corporate existence, viz:
George A Lytle, Spencer Otis, Jr., Raymond Rieke, John O Robertson, Irving Hager, Warren Plagge, Wilson Herren & Harry W Brandt, all of Barrington Ill.
5. The location is in Barrington in the County of Cook State of Illinois.

Signed:

Geo. A. Lytle
Spencer Otis, Jr.
John O. Robertson
Wilson Herren
Harry W. Brandt

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STATE OF ILLINOIS,
COUNTY OF Cook ss.

I, N. S. Robertson a Notary Public in and for
the _____ County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that
on this 23rd day of February A. D. 1921, personally appeared
before me George A. Lytle, Spencer Otis Jr. and
John P. Robertson, Wilson Harren
and Harry W. Brault



to me personally known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing statement, and severally
acknowledged that they had executed the same for the purposes
therein set forth.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal,
the day and year above written.

N. S. Robertson
Notary Public.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE



To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

~~EDWARD J. BARRETT~~
~~RICHARD YATES ROWE~~ Secretary of State of the State of Illinois,
do hereby certify that the following and hereto attached is a true
photostatic copy of the Articles of Incorporation of
BARRINGTON POST #155, THE AMERICAN LEGION.

the original of which is now on file and a matter of record in this office.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to
be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois.

Done at the City of Springfield this 29th
day of January AD. 1945.



Edward J. Barrett
SECRETARY OF STATE

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CERTIFIED COPY

OF

Incorporation

Barrington Pa. 1858.

The American Legion

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Office of the

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BARRINGTON POST NO. 158

THE AMERICAN LEGION

P.O. BOX 244
BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS 60010

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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BARRINGTON POST NO. 158

THE AMERICAN LEGION

P.O. BOX 244

BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS 60010

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS FOR POST 158
June 1988

CONSTITUTION ----- ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. -- added....Dates of KOREAN WAR
25 June, 1950 to 31 January, 1955

added.....Dates of Vietnam War --
22 December, 1961 to 7 May, 1975

Section 2. --- added -- "of WWI, WWII, Korean War, and
Vietnam War shall be governed -----"

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS

Section 1. -- cross out Historian .

Section 2. -- all elective Officers shall ----"in June".

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE 2 Duties of Officers & Committes

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Section 1.

It shall be the duty of the Commander to preside at all meetings of the Post, to appoint the officers of the Post as provided in Article IV of the Constitution, and to appoint the various standing and temporary committees, of which he shall be an ex-officio member. He shall supervise the work of all other officers and committees and labor for the general welfare and success of the Legion at all times and places.

Section 2.

It shall be the duty of the Senior Vice Commander to perform the duties of the Commander in his absence or inability to preside, and the Junior Vice Commander to take charge of funeral arrangements for deceased ex-service men and secure Post members or other ex-service men for firing squad and to act as pallbearers.

Section 3.

It shall be the duty of the Finance Officer to receive all monies accruing to the Post, giving a receipt therefor. He shall be the custodian of all funds and securities of the Post, and shall deposit the same in the bank, or banks designated by the Finance Committee. He shall pay out funds only upon the order of the Executive Committee; all payments to be made by check only. He shall keep full and accurate books of account, containing a record of all monies received and expended, which books shall be the property of the Post and open for inspection by the Post members at all reasonable times and places. He shall render a monthly statement of receipts and disbursements in detail. He shall be bonded in such sum as the Executive Committee may direct, the cost of such bond to be defrayed by the Post.

Section 4.

The Post Adjutant shall keep the minutes of the Post and of the Executive Committee in books which shall be the property of the Post and of access at all reasonable times and places. He shall notify and instruct all committees. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Post under the direction of the Commander. He shall collect the annual dues, turning all monies over to the Finance Officer, at once, taking his receipt therefor. He shall be responsible for the forwarding of dues to the National and State Departments. He shall render an annual report, showing monies collected by him, and turned over to the Finance Officer. He shall turn over to his successor in office, all records, files and papers, property of the Post. *He shall also keep records as Historian of the Post. He shall record all honorable Discharges presented to him and keep a record of the last resting place of all Deceased members.*

Section 5. The spiritual and moral welfare of the members of the Post shall be the special care of the Post Chaplain.

Section 6. *Delete*

The Post Historian shall compile a History of the important events in the life of the Post, keep a record of the death of members.

Section 7.

The Service Officer shall assist ex-service men and women in solving problems arising from time to time.

Section 8.

The Publicity Officer shall be responsible for the publishing of information relative to the acts, aims and purposes of the American Legion and of the Post, of general interest to the public and Legion members.

Section 9.

The Executive Committee shall transact any business of the Post demanding immediate attention, and assist the Commander with their advice and counsel.

Section 10.

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve order at all the meetings, be the chairman of the Colors Committees, and, as such, have charge of the Colors, and shall perform such other duties as be assigned to him by the Commander.

Section 11. *Delete*

~~The registrar shall record all honorable discharges presented to him and keep record of the last resting place of all deceased members.~~

ARTICLE III - DUES

Section 1.

Now Divided ?? Rewrite

\$12.00

There shall be no initiation fee. The annual dues shall be five dollars, which is divided as follows: Two dollars and seventy-five cents to the State and National Department, fifteen cents to the 10th District, American Legion, Department of Illinois, and two dollars and ten cents for Post activities.

Section 2.

Membership dues are payable in advance each year. Members failing to pay annual dues by April first of each year shall be dropped from membership.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section 1.

The annual meeting of the Post, for the purpose of installing officers and transaction of such other business as may come before the Post, shall be held not later than the first Thursday in October of each and every year, at such place and hour as the Executive Committee shall select. It shall be called by written notice to each member of the Post.

Section 2.

Third Thurs. is Social night & may have a mini meet
Regular meetings of the Post shall be held on the first and third Thursday of each and every month at eight o'clock p.m. *To be notified by the Commander*

Section 3.

Special meetings of the Post may be called by order of the Commander, or by three members of the Executive Committee. Notice of such meeting to be sent to each member at least twenty-four hours in advance. The subject of the meeting to be stated in the call, and no other business to be transacted.

sec. 2. Regular Business meetings of the Post shall be held on the First Thursday of Each and Every month at 7:00 PM. The Third Thursday of Each month shall be known as the Social night and shall meet at 7:00 PM. In the event the Post should have a "mini-meeting" on the third Thursday, the Commander must initiate it at the Regular meeting of the Post prior to the mini-meeting.

Section 4.

Meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held at the discretion and call of the Commander or of two members of the committee.

ARTICLE V - QUORUMS

Section 1.

Seven??

Nine members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Post.

Section 2.

Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the committee.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

Section 1.

At the first regular meeting in June of each year, a nominating committee shall be appointed. It shall be the duty of this committee to select a list of candidates for the seven elective offices and present them at the first meeting in July. The Commander shall put these candidates in nomination, beginning with the office of Commander, and shall ask for further nominations on each office separately, and a majority of all votes cast shall elect. The newly elected officers shall be installed at the annual meeting and will take charge of their respective offices immediately. *in October*

Section 2.

In the event of any elective officer resigning or being removed from office, an election from the floor shall be held by ballot at the next regular meeting, and the successful candidate shall fill out the unexpired term of the officer he succeeds. A majority of all votes cast shall elect.

ARTICLE VII - DISCIPLINE

Section 1.

In all matters affecting the administration and general conduct of the Post, the National Constitution of The American Legion and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Department of Illinois shall be observed and obeyed.

Section 2.

Members committing offenses rendering them liable to expulsion as provided for in the National and State Constitution and By-Laws, shall first be tried as provided for in the aforesaid By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII - AUDIT COMMITTEE

At the 1st September meeting of each year, the Commander shall appoint a Committee of three to audit the books of the Finance Officer and said committee shall report their findings at the first meeting in October.

ARTICLE IX - RULES OF ORDER

The rules contained in Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the Post in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Post.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Post by a two-thirds vote of all members present, a quorum being present.

ARTICLE XI - ORDER OF BUSINESS

The regular order of business as provided by the State Department of Illinois, shall govern all meetings, and is as follows:

1. Call to order.
2. Advance of Colors.
3. Invocation, or period of silence.
4. Reading of minutes.
5. Committee reports.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Installation.
8. New business and correspondence.
9. Good of Legion.
10. Election of officers.
11. Adjournment.

RESOLUTION

Whereas: One of the most important programs of The American Legion is service to the youth of our Nation; and

Whereas: Our young people are growing up amid unstable conditions which tend to lead them away from right moral concepts and toward selfish materialism to the point where it has become a matter of great concern; and

Whereas: Prayer for Divine Assistance, often and sincerely repeated throughout the Nation, would be of vast aid in so serious a matter; now therefore be it resolved that;

The recommended prayer, as published in the Official Manual of Ceremonies, and which is offered by the Chaplain at the opening of all Legion meetings, be amended as follows:

That the words "We pray for our youth, that with Thy Guidance they may follow the path of righteousness and grow in wisdom so that they may be prepared to assume the responsibilities soon to be theirs," be inserted following sentence one of Paragraph two. Thus paragraph two will begin, "We pray for those who serve the people and guard the public welfare that by Thy blessing they may be enabled to discharge their duties honestly and well. We pray for our youth, that with Thy guidance they may follow the path of righteousness and grow in wisdom so that they may be prepared to assume the responsibilities soon to be theirs. We pray for our Comrades that by Thy help they may observe the strictest Justice, etc."

Endorsed by Mundelein Post #867 at its regularly convened meeting November 27, 1956.

(Signed) Robert J. LoMastro Commander

(Signed) Raymond A. LeGal Adjutant