

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PROGRAMS AND POST

The relationship between The American Legion and American Legion Programs are one of cooperation rather than regulation. The American Legion Posts and Legion Programs are related by independent organizations.

The National Judge Advocate of The American Legion has issued the following ruling:

“It is crystal clear that The American Legion Post has no authority to control the programs related to it. The Post may not revoke nor threaten revocation of its program charters.”

Every Program sponsored by the Post should regard its connection with the Post as distinct honor. They should strive unceasingly to carry out the National Constitution's pledge “to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion”

- 1. Program presidents and Commanders should meet with Post Commander to see how the each program is going and how each program can help with events and encourage the Commander to have members of the Legion participate in their programs.
- 2. The Legion has no right to tell the Units, SAL, ALR how to work their programs unless it does not or adhere the post by-laws.
- 3. The Legion has no right to tell the SAL, ALR how to spend their money, but should provide finance reports at a monthly basis. Units are not required to provide finance report.
- 4. The Legion has no right to demand the Units, SAL, ALR give them their money from fundraisers or any other source.
- 5. The Legion has no right to ask for their minutes.
- 6. Under no circumstances should a Legionnaire, SAL, ALR be a signer on their checking account unless they are a members of the program. A Legionnaire under no circumstance is a signer on the Auxiliary checking account.
- The Legion does have the right to ask the Unit, SAL, ALR not to meet in the Post home if they so choose.
- The Legion does have the right to suspend a Unit, Sal, ALR member from entering the Post home; however, the member must be allowed to attend meetings and functions only.
- A Legion Post Officer must sign all new applications for any member once h/she has verified the member is eligible.
- Units, SAL, ALR has no right to question any house rules or be involved with the Legion policies
- Under no circumstances should any member of the Units, SAL, ALR contact the National President National Secretary, National Judge Advocate, National Parliamentarian, National Legion Commander, on any issues or concerns. You must: put your concerns in writing; Send to the Department Headquarters; it will be forwarded by Department to the Department Parliamentarian or Department Judge Advocate. If the problem cannot be answered by the Department, it will then be forwarded to National.