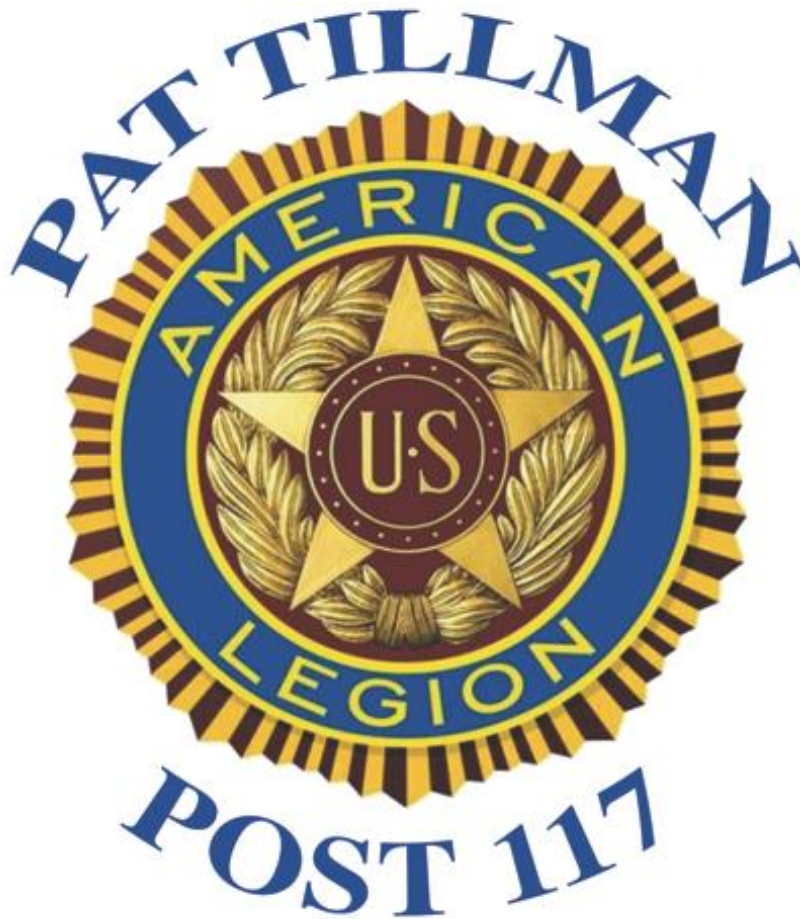


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Constitution

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PREAMBLE

OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES
TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of
America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent
Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations
in all wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the
community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of
justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion
to mutual helpfulness.

**Pat Tillman Post 117
Department of Arizona
The American Legion**

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

- Section 1.** The name of this organization will be: Pat Tillman Post 117, The American Legion, Incorporated; Department of Arizona.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

- Section 1.** The objects and purposes of this Post will be to promote the principals and policies as set forth in the foregoing preamble and the National and Departmental Constitutions of The American Legion.

ARTICLE III – NATURE

- Section 1.** This Post is a civilian organization; membership therein does not affect nor increase liability for military or police service. Military rank does not exist in The American Legion; no members will be addressed by their military or naval title in any convention or meeting of The American Legion.
- Section 2.** The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical 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.

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION

- Section 1.** This Post shall be governed by this Constitution and its By-Laws and such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Department Headquarters, approved by the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, and by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the District, approved by the District Executive Committee, not inconsistent with those prescribed by the National Organization.

ARTICLE V – ELIGIBILITY

- Section 1.** Eligibility for membership will be as prescribed by the National Constitution of The American Legion and no person not eligible will become, remain or be considered a member.
- Section 2.** There will be no form or class of membership except an active membership and dues will be paid annually or by The American Legion's recognized Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership plan.
- Section 3.** No person may be a member at any one time of more than one Post.
- Section 4.** No person, who has been expelled from The American Legion by a Post, will be admitted to membership without the consent of the expelling Post or from the Department Executive Committee and will be ineligible for membership until such permission is granted.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

- Section 1.** The elected officers of the Post will be:
- Commander
 - First Vice Commander
 - Second Vice Commander
 - Finance Officer
 - Sergeant-at-Arms
 - Historian
 - Three (3) Executive Committee persons
- Section 2.** The governance and management over the affairs of this Post shall, except otherwise provided for by the By-Laws, be under the supervision of an Executive Board, consisting of all elected and appointed Post officers.
- Section 3.** The term of office for elected officers of this Post will be one (1) year and will hold office until their successors are duly installed or otherwise provided. Any officer may be removed for cause by the Executive Board with a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- Section 4.** The Commander, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint the following officers and other officers as may be deemed necessary by this organization:
- Adjutant
 - Judge Advocate
 - Chaplain
 - Service Officer

Section 5. Every member of this Post in good standing will be eligible to hold office providing they meet the standards as set forth in the By-Laws of this Post.

Section 6. The duties of each officer shall be those as provided by the Post By-Laws and provide for such other positions or committees as the business of this organization may require.

Section 7. Officers will take office at the close of Department Convention.

ARTICLE VII – FINANCE

Section 1. The revenues of this Post will be derived from annual membership dues and such other sources as may be approved by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The amount of annual membership dues will be recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the general membership.

Section 3. This Post will pay the National and Department dues and any District assessments as required for every member of this Post.

Section 4. The fiscal year for this Post will be from July 1 to June 30.

ARTICLE VIII - CHARTER MEMBERS

Section 1. Members who joined the Post prior to the issuance of the permanent charter and who signed, or whose name appears on, the charter application will be known as charter members.

ARTICLE IX - AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY

Section 1. This Post, at its discretion, recognizes an auxiliary unit to be known as The American Legion Auxiliary, Pat Tillman Unit 117.

Section 2. This unit will only operate with the permission of and in support of the Post and is subject to operational restrictions and guidance of the Host Post.

Section 3. Membership in The American Legion Auxiliary shall be as prescribed by the National Constitution of The American Legion Auxiliary.

ARTICLE X - SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Section 1. This Post, at its discretion, recognizes a program of The American Legion to be known as The Sons of The American Legion, Pat Tillman Squadron 117.

Section 2. This program will only operate with the permission of the Post and is subject to operational restrictions and supervision of the Host Post.

Section 3. Membership in The Sons of The American Legion shall be prescribed by the National Constitution of The Sons of The American Legion.

ARTICLE XI - AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Section 1. This Post, at its discretion, recognizes a program to be known as The American Legion Riders, Pat Tillman Chapter 117.

Section 2. This program will only operate with the permission of the Post and is subject to operational restrictions and supervision of the Host Post.

Section 3. Membership in The American Legion Riders shall be prescribed by the Department of Arizona Constitution of The American Legion Riders.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution is adopted subject to the provisions of the National Constitution of The American Legion and the Department Constitution of the Department of Arizona. Any provisions hereof that are in conflict with The American Legion Constitution or the Department Constitution will be regarded as

automatically repealed and modified to the extent that such conflict has been resolved.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended at any regular Post meeting by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership present; providing that the proposed amendment(s) will have been submitted in writing and presented at the preceding general membership meeting and providing further that written notice of such amendment(s) to be voted upon will be given to all members (by reasonable attempts) at least seven (7) days in advance of the date when the amendment(s) will be voted upon.

ARTICLE XIII - ENACTING CLAUSE

Section 1. This Constitution of Pat Tillman Post 117, The American Legion, Incorporated; Department of Arizona, approved and adopted by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of Post members present at a meeting held this 20th day of December, 2022 supersedes any and all previously enacted similar documents.

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