



**AMERICAN LEGION
POST 254
COLLINWOOD, TN**

Resolution: 2025-04

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Title: Rescind Article IX Section 13 of the Constitution of the Department of Tennessee

Origin: Sgt Donnie E. Horton Post 254

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WHEREAS, Article IX Section 13 of the Department Constitution currently states; Post homes that operate a lounge, canteen, or bar should adopt and have posted the following House Rules: (a) The following shall be admitted:

1. All members of The American Legion showing current American Legion card and spouse or escort.
2. All members of The American Legion Auxiliary showing current card and spouse or escort.
3. All members of The Sons of The American Legion showing current card and spouses or escort.
4. Guests if accompanied by an American Legion, Sons of The American Legion or Auxiliary member showing current card. Members are responsible for their guests and may not leave before guests.
5. There shall positively be no drinking of any kind during the Legion meeting or drinks brought into the meeting room.
6. No intoxicated member will be tolerated in the lounge, canteen, or bar.
7. Cashing of Checks, credit or lending of lounge funds is strictly prohibited.
8. Any members or guests removing, damaging, or destroying any property of The American Legion shall pay for damages.

(b) The employees or attendants on duty may refuse service to anyone who is in violation of the House Rules.

The steward or employee in charge shall have full authority to enforce house rules while on duty and may reject any member or guest for misconduct or violation of house rules. The member may have right of appeal to the Post Executive Committee, if necessary, to regain entry into the lounge canteen or bar; and

WHEREAS, United States Code Annotated Title 36 Chapter 217 Sections 21701-21708 creates The American Legion by an Act of Congress; and

WHEREAS, United States Code Annotated Title 36 Chapter 217 Section 21704 (5) states; The corporation may provide guidance and leadership to organizations and local chapters established, but may not control or otherwise influence the specific activities and conduct of such organizations and local chapters; and

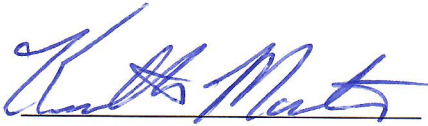
WHEREAS, The National Judge Advocate has provided guidance to rescind Article IX Section 13, to avoid any confusion by the Posts as to The American Legion, Department of Tennessee controlling their conduct; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by Post 254, The American Legion, Department of Tennessee, in a regular meeting assembled on September 5, 2024, That Article IX Section 13 of The American Legion, Department of Tennessee Constitution shall be rescinded.

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This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted by Sgt. Donnie E. Horton American Legion Post 254 on September 5, 2024.



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