

RESOLUTION #1

RESOLUTION OF VFW POST 8688 AUXILIARY REGARDING MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

WHEREAS, The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary was established in 1914 as a Missouri nonprofit national organization to serve the veterans of this country and its communities; and

WHEREAS, The Charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary empowers its Departments to establish Auxiliaries in their respective states to carry out the purpose and Programs of the National Office of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary in the Department of North Dakota was chartered in 1936 to carry out the purpose and Programs of the National Office of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary and those of the Department of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the VFW POST 8688 AUXILIARY was chartered in 1971 to carry out the purpose and Programs of the National Office of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary and those of the Department of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Departments such as North Dakota are losing Auxiliaries due to our aging membership, especially in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, The VFW Auxiliary membership eligibility restrictions are causing Auxiliaries within the Department of North Dakota to lose badly needed potential members; and

WHEREAS, neither the Department of North Dakota nor its chartered auxiliaries have been able to attract younger members due to these unnecessary membership eligibility restrictions; and

WHEREAS, it has been the experience of VFW Post 8688 Auxiliary that potential members cannot join under the eligibility of an uncle or aunt although many potential younger members would be honored to be part of the Auxiliary if their eligibility were not prevented by this membership restriction; and

WHEREAS, it has also been the experience of the VFW Post 8688

Auxiliary that grandchildren can join but great grandchildren are not eligible to join under their great grandparents who served in WWI, WWII, etc., and who would be honored to represent their family in the VFW Post 8688 Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, the current VFW Auxiliary regulations allow non-citizens of the United States to be eligible for Auxiliary membership, but do not allow closely related American citizens of great grandparents, uncles, and aunts to be eligible for Auxiliary membership; and

WHEREAS, if the above membership requirements are not reconsidered, our Auxiliaries, who are an integral part of supporting our veterans and promoting patriotism, will continue to decline and our organization will suffer; and

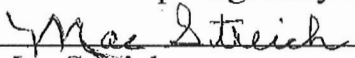
WHEREAS, Membership is a main focus of the Programs of the National Office of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that VFW Post 8688 Auxiliary strongly urges the Council of Administration of the Department of North Dakota to enact this Resolution, and

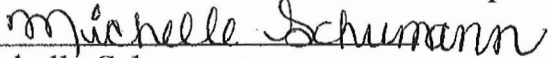
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once this Resolution has been duly enacted by the Department of North Dakota, the VFW Post 8688 Auxiliary strongly urges the Department of North Dakota to forward this Resolution on to the Agenda of the National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary to consider expanding its membership eligibility requirements to address the above unreasonable restrictions, all of which are in the best interest of sustaining and increasing auxiliary membership such that they can continue to support veterans and their families.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned President and Secretary of the VFW POST 8688 AUXILIARY do hereby certify that the VFW POST 8688 AUXILIARY met on February 16, 2023, that the meeting was duly called, that a quorum was present, and that the foregoing Resolution of VFW Post 8688 Auxiliary Regarding Membership Eligibility was adopted by an affirmative vote of the membership.



Mae Streich
President



Michelle Schumann
Secretary

Adopted at the Department of North Dakota Convention on June 10, 2023.