



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Official Ruling on Life Member Transfers

December 13, 2013 then National President Armithea "Sissy" Borel issued an Official Ruling, which reads, "A Life Member Transfer does not have to provide proof of eligibility to accompany her Annual or Life Member Change form and duplicate accepted application." Various questions have been raised regarding the Ruling, and the matter has been reviewed by the National Line Officers and Advisory Committee.

After completing the review, the National Line Officers and Advisory Committee recommends the Ruling be declared null and void, as it does not comply with the Bylaws. The review considered that all members of the VFW Auxiliary have equal rights, and every member should be held to the same requirements. Bylaws Section 106B (formerly Section 113A under which the 2013 Official Ruling was made), Life Membership Transfer, provides, "A member may be accepted as an Auxiliary Life Member Transfer in the same manner prescribed for an Auxiliary member transfer." Bylaws Section 106A, Annual Transfer, provides, in part,

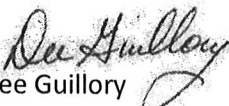
- Any member in good standing may transfer to any Auxiliary or to or from Member At Large
 - Upon presentation of a completed and executed application. (See page 1 Booklet of Instruction)
 - Upon acceptance by the Auxiliary of their choice.
 - Upon presentation of their current membership card

Then, it should follow that a Life Member Transfer would also present a completed and executed application (with proof of eligibility).

Based upon my review, I believe the National Line Officers and Advisory Committee reached the correct conclusion. Therefore, I hereby order that the Official Ruling of December 13, 2013 on Life Member Transfers null and void. National Bylaws Sections 106A and 106B shall be adhered to as currently written, and the Treasurer's Guide shall be updated according to this Ruling.

Dated: November 30, 2017

BY ORDER OF:


Dee Guillory
National President

ATTEST:



Jan Passmore
National Secretary-Treasurer

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