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*District 16 a
Post Best Practice*

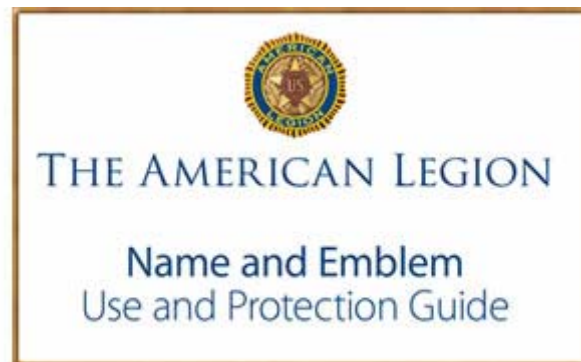


Your Post and Subsidiaries

The leaders of a successful American Legion post have many challenges, as everyone works hard to make their post a success. This is especially true when it comes to the overall success of their post family of units.

The American Legion Auxiliary is the oldest member of the Legion Family of units and the most independent. The Auxiliary is a separate organization with their own legal and corporate identity.

The Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders are each a subsidiary of their parent post. As subsidiaries, owned by their parent post, there are special rules that apply to the relationship between the parent post and their subsidiaries.



Subsidiaries

Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion Riders – have requirements they must follow. Here is the essence of these requirements:

1. *All officers, directors, trustees, etc. must be named by the post (usually nominated by the post commander and confirmed by*

3. *The subsidiary must report to the post, no less frequently than monthly. These reports must include financial reports.*
4. *The post treasurer or finance officer must be a signatory on all accounts.*
5. *All amendments to articles of incorporation or by-laws must be approved by the post. (If the current text has not been approved by the post, it too must be so approved.)**

** The original text of the requirements were modified for the purpose of clarity.*

References to Department in the original text were replaced with Post and the word corporation was replaced with unit or removed when appropriate.

These rules apply to subsidiaries of posts, squadrons and Rider chapters.

Remember: A Subsidiary does NOT tell the parent post what to do.

The rules discussed here, about the relationship and rules of subsidiary units, are covered in the [Name and Emblem Use and Protection Guide](#). The guide also makes it clear every member of our Legion Family is to make certain The American Legion name and emblems are in exclusive Legion use, while our protection of them "offers constant and continuous control."

The idea of a "Post Best Practice" clearly extends to the relationship of a post and their subsidiary family of units. When everyone knows, understands and agrees to follow the guidelines, that we are all expected to follow, it is much easier for each of our posts to be their best.

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Will Rogers



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