

AMERICAN LEGION POST 512 CARMEL THE CARMEL PATRIOTS PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

- I. THE NAME OF THE PROGRAM IS “THE CARMEL PATRIOTS”.
- II. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE USEAGE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 512 CARMEL AND TO RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO FEEL AN EXCEPTIONAL PRIDE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OUR WAY OF LIFE AND THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED.
- III. THE CARMEL PATRIOTS PROGRAM DOES NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 512 CARMEL.
- IV. A “CARMEL PATRIOT” MAY NOT BE A MEMBER OF ANY OTHER VETERANS ORGANIZATION WHICH REQUIRES MILITARY SERVICE AS A QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP.
- V. A “CARMEL PATRIOT” SHALL NOT BE ELIGILBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION.
- VI. A “CARMEL PATRIOT” SHALL BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE.
- VII. CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP MUST HAVE A SPONSOR FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 512 CARMEL LEGION, SONS OF THE LEGION SQUADRON 512 AND/OR AUXILIARY UNIT 512 IN GOOD STANDING AND CURRENT.
- VIII. CANDIDATE’S SPONSOR FOR MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CANDIDATE’S CHARACTER AND BE PREPARED TO VOUCH FOR THE CHARACTER OF THE CANDIDATE AND STAND BY THEIR RECOMMENDATION.
- IX. SPONSORES SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MENTORING OF THEIR CANDIDATE.

- X. CANDIDATES MUST HAVE THE SUPPORT OF AT LEAST ONE (1) LEGIONNAIRE WHO IS IN GOOD STANDING AND CURRENT.
- XI. CANDIDATE(S) SHALL BE VOTED INTO MEMBERSHIP BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AT THE POST 512 CARMEL MONTHLY MEETING. A CANDIDATE MAY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CURRENT POST COMMANDER ENJOY TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES UNTIL APPROVAL BY A VOTE OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.
- XII. "CARMEL PATRIOTS" SHALL ENJOY ALL POST PRIVILEGES WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF VOTING AND/OR HOLDING OFFICE IN THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 512 CARMEL.
- XIII. "CARMEL PATRIOTS" MAY IF THEY CHOOSE HOLD MEETINGS AND APPOINT LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZE ACTIVITIES AS DEEMED ACCEPTABLE BY THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 512 CARMEL LEGIONNAIRES.
- XIV. AMERICAN LEGION SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 512 AND AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 512 SHALL HAVE NO AUTHORITY OVER THE CARMEL PATRIOTS PROGRAM.
- XV. MEMBERSHIP IN THE "CARMEL PATRIOTS" SHALL REQUIRE DUES. SAID DUES TO BE \$100 PER YEAR WITH ANNUAL RENEWAL BEGINNING ON 1 JANUARY OF EACH YEAR AND RUNNING TO 31 DECEMBER. ANY MEMBER WHO HAS A MEMBERSHIP DELINQUENT MORE THAN 30 DAYS OF THE REQUIRED RENEWAL DATE SHALL BE DECLARED DELINQUENT AND NOT IN GOOD STANDING. MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING LOSE ALL PRIVILEGES!
- XVI. THE CARMEL PATRIOTS PROGRAM MAY HAVE A LIMITED MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION. SAID CLASSIFICATION TO BE CALLED THE "CARMEL GUARDS".
- XVII. "CARMEL GUARDS" MUST MEET THE SAME REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND HAVE THE SAME SPONSORSHIP AND MENTORING AS "CARMEL PATRIOTS".

- XVIII. "CARMEL GUARDS" WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE TERMS OF A "GUEST" WITHIN AMERICAN LEGION POST 512 CARMEL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF REQUIRED GUEST SIGN-IN REQUIREMENTS.
- XIX. MEMBERSHIP IN THE "CARMEL GUARD" SHALL REQUIRE DUES. SAID DUES TO BE \$50 PER YEAR WITH ANNUAL RENEWAL BEGINNING ON 1 JANUARY OF EACH YEAR AND RUNNING TO 31 DECEMBER. ANY MEMBER WHO HAS A MEMBERSHIP DELINQUENT MORE THAN 30 DAYS OF THE REQUIRED RENEWAL DATE SHALL BE DECLARED DELINQUENT AND NOT IN GOOD STANDING. MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING LOSE ALL PRIVILEGES!
- XX. A "CARMEL GUARD" MAY UP GRADE THEIR STATUS TO "CARMEL PATRIOT" AT ANY TIME WITH THE PAYMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL \$50. ONCE UPGRADED A "CARMEL PATRIOT" MAY NOT RETURN TO "CARMEL GUARD" STATUS.
- XXI. MEMBERS OF THE "CARMEL PATRIOTS" AND "CARMEL GUARDS" SHALL AT ALL TIMES CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A MANNER THAT BEST REFLECTS THOSE IDEALS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THEIR COUNTRY WITH HONOR AND PRIDE.
- XXII. MEMBERSHIP IS A PRIVILEGE AND SHALL BE RECOGNIZED AS SUCH AND WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT PRIVILEGES MAY BE REMOVED, LIMITED AND/OR SUSPENDED.
- XXIII. PRIVILEGES MAY ONLY BE REMOVED, LIMITED AND/OR SUSPENDED BY A LEGIONNAIRE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 512 CARMEL. SAID REMOVAL, LIMITED AND/OR SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGES MAY BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW IF A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) LEGIONNAIRES OF POST 512 CARMEL WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING FEEL A REVIEW IS MERITTED AND IS SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE CURRENT POST COMMANDER. SAID REVIEW TO BE HEARD BY THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE

AMERICAN LEGION POST 512 CARMEL WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE BEGINNING OF THE PRIVILEGES BEING REMOVED, LIMITED AND/OR SUSPENDED.

- XXIV. ALL DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL BE FINAL.

- XXV. MEMBERS OF THE "CARMEL PATRIOTS" AND "CARMEL GUARDS" SHALL BE ISSUED A CARD THAT MUST BE AVAILABLE ON THEM AT ALL TIMES WHILE PRIVILEGES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 512 ARE IN USE BY THAT MEMBER. SAID CARD TO BE PRODUCED UPON REQUEST OF A LEGIONNAIRE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 512 CARMEL OR AUTHORIZED PERSON IN THE LOUNGE AREA OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 512 CARMEL.

- XXVI. THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO REVISION, REVIEW AND RENEWAL AT ANY TIME AT THE REQUEST OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 512 CARMEL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.