COLUMBIA COUNTY POST #57
Lake City
Florida

The history of community service of note as rendered by Columbia County Post #57 should begin with the first observance by the community as a whole of the anniversary of Armistice Day on November 11, 1919 and its subsequent observance from year to year. Then in 1921 through the efforts of the post, the community was sold on the idea of a Chamber of Commerce as a clearing house for community activities. As the result of such work there was organized Lake City and Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, which organization has continued to function to the present ime and has served a most useful purpose in the community life and economy.

In the fall of 1922 the police chief was assassinated following which the entire police force laid down its arms and walked out leaving the city with no protection other than that inadequate and half-hearted semblance of protection provided by the sheriff's office. The municipal judge appealed to the Legion and the Post responded to a man and took over the police duties of the city until such time as competent officers might be imported to take over the work.

From time to time the Post fostered scholarships and athletics in the local school by providing prizes and medals for excellence in scholarship and athletics. For several years there has been brought to Lake City an excellent Lyceum course

bringing high class entertainment for the general public, all the profits from which have been devoted to worthy charities.

Immediately upon the receipt of news of the Miami storm in September 1926, the local Post was instrumental in having the facilities of the Government Hospital located here, made available for the use of storm sufferers who might be sent this way, in addition, finacial contributions from individuals and the Post were forwarded through proper channels for relief in the stricken area. The same is true of action taken last year for relief of Mississippi flood victims.

No resume of Post Activities would be complete without mention of the constant care and attention the Post is called upon to give U.S.V. Hospital #63 located here. At Christmas season, this Post, acting as a representative of the various Posts in the Department of Florida, has seen to it that every patient in the hospital has received appropriate Christmas remembrances. Not only have the patients themselves been visited and given presents, but in many instances, the families of the patients have been sought out and provided adequately with supplies and provisions, without which their Christmas season would have been very bleak and dreary. Particularly in the work of visiting and cheering our unfortunate comrades who are patients in the hospital has the local Auxiliary been active. No more loyal and enthusiastic group could be found anywhere than composed the local Auxiliary unit, and their activities are deserving, and, receive our unstinted praise.

T. H. Bates
Post Commander

5/15/1920

NOTE: Please read instructions on back before filling in any of the information.

FILE

POST APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT CHARTER

To the Adjutant, Department of Florida

We, the members of Columbia County Post No. 57 being organized do hereby request a Permanent Charter for this Post under the above name, said name being official for this Post. We, the members of this Post certify that our purposes and ideals conform with the National Constitution of The American Legion and the Department Constitution of this Department. We further agree to establish and maintain a Post Organization in conformity with the policies of our Department and National Organizations, and, in view of this, will immediately select such officers and committees as will place our organization in a position to further and maintain the ideals of The American Legion. We further agree to forward all changes in our Post Organization that may be made from time to time and all necessary information relative to our Post to Department Headquarters for the information and guidance of the Departmental and National Organizations.

1. Permanent Charter Name Columbia County Post No. 57

2. Address of Post Headquarters Lake City, Florida

3. Names and Addresses of Post Officers:

   A. COMMANDER Clinton V. McClurg

   B. ADJUTANT J. D. Crabb, Jr.

   C. TREASURER W. H. Boozer

   D. SERVICE OFFICER

   E. EMPLOYMENT OFFICER

   F. CHAPLAIN J. Q. Howell

   G. HISTORIAN W. E. Whitlock

   H. ATHLETIC OFFICER

   I. SERGT.-AT-ARMS

4. Post Committees:

   A. Post Activities and Welfare Work (yes). B. Americanism and Americanization ( ). C. Finance (yes). D. Resolutions and Legal Committee (yes). E. Beneficial Legislation ( ). F. Membership and Publicity (yes).

5. Speakers Bureau:

Department	Subject	National	Subject

6. Statistics:

   A. Total number of members enrolled since formation of Post 71

   B. Total number of members paid up for the year 1920 50

   C. Approximate number of ex-service persons to draw from 140

   D. Amount of Post Dues per member $2 Are dues adequate to cover all forms of Post Activities and Welfare Work? no

   E. Have any members withdrawn on account of too high dues? no If so, how many?

   F. Do you maintain clubroom facilities? no If not, do you plan to in the future? yes

   G. Do you issue a Post Paper or any form of Information Pamphlet? (Yes or No) yes If you are not at present, do you plan to do so within the near future? (Yes or No) Space obtained in local newspaper for publication of bulletins etc of general interest.

   H. Have you waged a membership campaign since your Post formed? (Yes or No) no If not, do you plan to do so in the near future? (Yes or No) Yes

7. General Information:

Post covers entire County, of Columbia

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POST COMMANDER		POST ADJUTANT
Harry Needleman	1932	Hicks Griffin
J. P. Robarts	1933	Hicks Griffin
J. P. Robarts	1934	T. Rudy Bowen
Hicks Griffin	1935	Harry Needleman
Mallory Williams	1936	J. J. Vessels
N. J. Taylor	1937	Joe Robarts
A. J. Rountree	1938	Hicks Griffin
O. K. Holmes	1939	Hicks Griffin
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Columbia County POST NO. 57 Lake City FLORIDA

Organized February 4th, 1920

MEMBERSHIP

1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
	74	65	63	36	55	62	66	95	72
1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938
137	115	134	140	120	204	129	134	103	117
1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958

POST COMMANDER		POST ADJUTANT
	1919	
C. V. McClurg	1920	J. D. Crabb
T. H. Bates	1921	Geo. A. L. Robarts
Zack Blizard & Charles Harris	1922	Geo. A. L. Robarts
C. Whitney Brown	1923	Geo. A. L. Robarts
Ruckey Bowen	1924	Geo. A. L. Robarts
Geo. A. L. Robarts	1925	E. A. Wright
Talmage C. Young	1926	Allen F. Knibierly
Allen F. Knibierly	1927	J. M. McBride
Dr. T. H. Bates	1928	W. H. Gaines
A. J. Rountree	1929	Hicks Griffin
A. J. Rountree	1930	Hicks Griffin
Grady A. Warren	1931	Hicks Griffin

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THIS APPLICATION HAS BEEN DULY EXAMINED AND IS HEREBY APPROVED. ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT CHARTER RECOMMENDED.

DATE SEP 2 - 1920 SIGNED [signature] DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

PERMANENT CHARTER
Issued SEP 13 1920
Registration number 2755
Superseded 10-11-68

SUGGESTIONS FOR FILLING OUT APPLICATION

(See Other Side)

NOTE: Information should be entered with care by the typewriter in order to insure it being legible when received by Department and National Headquarters. Where the information is not available at this time, the space should be left blank. Department and National Headquarters sincerely trust, however, that it will be possible for your Post to complete its organization by taking advantage of the recommendations that they have issued with a view of establishing eventually a uniform system throughout our entire organization.

1. Enter here the name under which you desire your Post to be permanently chartered.

2. Give address to which you want all official information sent.

3. Enter here the name of the respective Post Officer. In the event of no one having been appointed, leave space blank and as soon as a selection is made, forward the name and address to your Department Headquarters in duplicate. (D) "Service Officer" is the same as "War Risk Officer." (F) "Chaplain," does not necessarily need to be a minister of the Gospel.

4. Insert "Yes" or "No" in the space provided. Each of your committees have an important part to play. Suggestions will be issued later, setting forth the duties of each.

5. Care should be used in selecting members of your Post who are competent and willing to fill speaking engagements in any city within your department and their names should be entered under the word "Department." If they are capable of dealing with any special subject, enter that subject under the name "Subject." If they are able to handle general questions, please classify them as "General" and place this classification under the word "Subject" opposite their name. The same method should be followed with reference to any member of your Post who is capable and willing to fill any engagement outside of your department, and their name should be entered under the national classification. It is definitely understood that any speaker filling any engagement, either departmental or national, will receive their actual expenses from the persons requesting their services. No speaker should be listed who is not willing to accept engagements on this basis, except when special request is made volunteering extra money for that particular speaker's service.

6. In filling in the answers to these questions, care should be used to make answers as correct as possible. This information is very important inasmuch as service can be rendered your Post in accordance with the needs which this information will show. Please send under separate cover, to National Headquarters direct for our information and guidance, copies of all publicity matter and forms now in use, or which you have found helpful.

7. Under the classification of General Information, please enter as many facts about your Post as you would want either your Department Headquarters or National Headquarters to know. This information should touch upon the nature of your Post, that is, whether or not it is based on geographical, community, racial, professional or service qualifications. Example: Does it cover 14th Ward, Cook County, railroad men, Greeks, 334th Infantry, nurses or any such classification. In addition to this classification, please enter any additional information which you feel will help your department officials or national officials in making suggestions to you which will in turn help to make your Post an efficient organization. State any needs of your Post at this time. If necessary, add a sheet in answering this question.

APPLICATION FOR POST OF AMERICAN LEGION

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Provisions of Constitution Adopted at St. Louis Caucus, May 8-10, 1919

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

All persons shall be eligible to membership in this organization who were in the military or naval service of the United States during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, and all persons who served in the military or naval services of any of the governments associated with the United States during the World War, provided that they were citizens of the United States at the time of their enlistment and are again citizens at the time of application, except also those persons who separated from the service under terms amounting to dishonorable discharge, and except also those persons who refused to perform their military duties on the ground of conscientious or political objection.

ARTICLE VI.

THE LOCAL UNIT.

The Local Unit shall be termed the Post, which shall have a minimum membership of fifteen. No Post shall be received into this organization until it shall have received a charter. A Post desiring a charter shall apply to the State Organization and the charter shall be issued by the National Executive Committee whenever recommended by the State Organization. The National Executive Committee shall not issue a charter in the name of any living person.

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INSTRUCTIONS (Read carefully).—Each local group will designate a representative to sign the certificate at the foot of this application and to receive the charter when issued. No application can be considered unless properly executed by at least fifteen men. Applications must be made in triplicate, one original and two copies. All three will be forwarded to the State Chairman. The original application will be returned by indorsement to the Local Post with the charter. One copy of application will be retained by State Headquarters, and the other by National Headquarters.

To Albert H. Blanding

State Chairman of the American Legion (State of Florida)

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have served in the military or naval forces of the United States, between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and are entitled to membership in THE AMERICAN LEGION under Article II of the Constitution, as above quoted. We hereby request the issuance of a charter for the formation of a Post at Lake City, to be known as Columbia County (Name of Post) Post, State of Florida, No. 57. On the issuance of a charter we hereby agree to organize and maintain a Post under the above name with a minimum membership of fifteen. We hereby further agree to uphold the principles of THE AMERICAN LEGION and to comply with all rules and regulations prescribed by the State and National Organizations of the Legion.

NAMES	ADDRESSES
Talmage C. Young	Lake City, Florida.
J. D. Crabb, Jr.	Lake City, Florida.
J. P. Roberts	Lake City, Florida.
Geroge A. L. Robarts	Lake City, Florida.
W. C. Townsend	Lake City, Florida.
R. E. Chalker	Lake City, Florida.
Hugh B. Summers	Watertown, Florida.
Blaine Waldron	Watertown, Florida.
F. R. Bowen	Watertown, Florida.
W. E. Whitlock	Fort White, Florida.
J. R. Terry	Fort White, Florida.
T. M. Hall	Fort White, Florida.
F. M. Baker	Fort White, Florida.
W. M. McNair	Fort White, Florida.
T. H. Bates	Lake City, Florida
W. H. Boozer	Lake City, Florida.

Lake City, Florida (Place)

January 9th, (Date) 1920

I hereby certify to the accuracy and good faith of the above application. The charter when issued is to be mailed to me at the address below.

L. H. Tribble (Signature)

Lake City, Florida. (Address)

(SEE OTHER SIDE)

N. B.—This copy will be retained for record by the National Executive Committee.

Florida 57

FIRST INDORSEMENT

Date January 23, 1920

Address Tampa, Florida

To the Secretary, National Executive Committee,
19 West 44th Street, New York City.

I certify that I have examined the foregoing application. Approval is (is not) recommended.

Charter to be issued under name Columbia County, State of Florida, No. 57
(Name of Post)

Secretary, State Organization.

(State of Florida)

SECOND INDORSEMENT

Date FEB 4 1920 19

To the Secretary, State Organization,
The American Legion (State of)
Returned. Approved. Charter issued and inclosed herewith.

Secretary, National Executive Committee.

THIRD INDORSEMENT

Date 19

To
(Name of representative of Post)
Forwarded. Charter applied for herewith inclosed.

Secretary, State Organization.

(State of)