



October 14, 2024

Raymond H. Delpesche, Commander
District 10, Department of Virginia, VFW
520 Crestwood St. SW
Leesburg, VA 20175

Re: Proposed Amended Bylaws

Dear Comrade Delpesche:

Receipt is acknowledged of the proposed revised Bylaws for District No. 10, Department of Virginia, submitted through channels for the review of the Commander-in-Chief in accordance with Section 402 of the Manual of Procedure.

These documents have been designated amended Bylaws to reflect their replacement of previously reviewed Bylaws.

A review of the proposed amended Bylaws discloses that they are in compliance with the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure, Ritual, and laws and usages of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

A copy of the reviewed amended Bylaws has been retained for our files, another forwarded to your Department Headquarters, and two sets herewith returned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Q. Carroll".

Quentin S. Carroll, Director
Administrative Operations

QSC: sb

Enc: Revised Bylaws (2)

cc: Department Adjutant (1)

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BYLAWS

DISTRICT 10 DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

ARTICLE I SUBORDINATION

Sec. 1. The supreme power of this association is vested in the National Convention and this District shall be at all times governed by the Congressional Charter and Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the Bylaws of the Department of Virginia, orders issued by authority of the National Convention, National Council of Administration, the Commander-in-Chief, the Department Convention, Department Council of Administration and the Commander of the Department of Virginia. Resolutions adopted by the National Convention are held to be lawful orders.

ARTICLE II COMPOSITION

Sec. 1. The District Convention and District meetings shall consist of:

1. The Commander-in-Chief and Past Commanders-in-Chief who are members in good standing in a Post in the District.
2. The National Council of Administration member who is in good standing in a Post in the District.
3. The Department Commander and Past Department Commanders who are members in good standing in a Post in the District.
4. The District Commander, all Past District Commanders who are members in good standing in a Post in the District, all elected officers of the District and the Adjutant.

Should any District's geographical boundaries be changed, due to redistricting, any Past District Commander, who is a member in good standing, in a Post, within the geographical boundaries of the District the Commander was elected from and served to the end of the term as District Commander shall retain the title, recognition, and any privilege the District Commander may otherwise be entitled to, including voting.

5. All Post Commanders throughout the District. In the absence of the Post Commander, the Post Senior Vice Commander, or, in their absence the Post Junior Vice Commander may function as a member of the Convention or meetings.
6. Delegates to be elected by the Posts as prescribed by Section 222 of the National Bylaws.

ARTICLE III CONVENTIONS

Sec. 1. This District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District officers and for the transaction of business, such Convention to be held not less than ten (10)

days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

**ARTICLE IV
REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS**

- Sec. 1. In addition to the annual District Convention, this District shall hold at least three (3) regular meetings each year, one of which shall be for the purpose of promoting schools of instruction for Post officers and for discussion of matters as may be appropriate to the purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- Sec. 2. The District Commander shall call a special meeting upon vote of a majority of the District members present and voting at a Convention or regular meeting or upon receipt of a signed written request of a majority of the Posts in the District. The District Commander may call a special meeting whenever in their opinion it may be necessary for the welfare of the District.

In the event a special meeting is called, the District Adjutant shall give notice, in writing, to the Post Commanders within the District and District Officers of the time and place of any special meeting and of the business to be transacted, such notice to be given in such manner as to reasonably reach each Post Commander, District Officer and Department Commander at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the time set for the meeting. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting except that for which the meeting was called.

**ARTICLE V
QUORUM**

- Sec. 1. The minimum number of delegates required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a District Convention or at a regular or special meeting shall not be less than one delegate each from fifty (50) percent of the Posts in the District. For the purpose of this Section, a Post Commander shall be considered a delegate.

**ARTICLE VI
DUES**

- Sec. 1. All Posts in the District shall remit annual dues to the District Quartermaster no later than September 1st of each year. The delegates of any Post failing to remit such dues by the deadline date shall be deprived of all representation at all District meetings and District, Department and National Conventions. Such representation shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment of such deficiency.
- Sec. 2. Delegates assembled at the District Convention, provided notice has been given to each Post thirty (30) days in advance of the pending proposal, may alter annual dues per member based on membership reported as of July 1st of each year as noted on the membership report published by the National Headquarters.
- Sec. 3. The dues for the District shall be fifty (50) cents per member of the Post as reflected based on membership reported as of July 1st of each year as noted on the membership report published by the National Headquarters.

**ARTICLE VII
DELEGATES**

- Sec. 1. Delegates to the District meetings and District Convention shall be elected in accordance with Section 222 of the National Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VIII
FUNDRAISING PROMOTIONS/SOLICITATIONS**

Sec. 1. This District may solicit funds or contributions or otherwise engage in fundraising activities and projects by prior vote of the District agreeing to such solicitations, activities and projects in accordance with Section 414 of the National Bylaws.

**ARTICLE IX
ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE**

Sec. 1. Any member in good standing in a Post in this District shall be eligible to any office in this District; provided, no member shall hold two (2) elected District offices at the same time, but may hold one (1) elected and one (1) or more appointed offices.

Sec. 2. No member may be appointed to serve as the District Adjutant and elected to serve as a District Trustee at the same time.

Sec. 2. District officers, elected or appointed, shall be eligible to hold office in other bodies, and such offices may be held concurrently, except as provided for in Section 515 of the National Bylaws.

**ARTICLE X
DISTRICT OFFICERS**

Sec. 1. The elected officers of this District shall be the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, and three (3) Trustees.

Sec. 2. The Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, Chaplain, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Service Officer and other officers as deemed appropriate to properly conduct the affairs of the District.

Sec. 3. District officers, elected and appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility to the District Adjutant and shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until such proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Such proof of eligibility shall be open to and reviewed by the District Commander, Adjutant, and Quartermaster prior to installation to office.

Sec. 4. In the event an elected or appointed officer fails to submit proof of eligibility within thirty (30) days of election or appointment, any right of the officer to hold office shall be forfeited and the office declared vacant.

**ARTICLE XI
NOMINATION, ELECTION, INSTALLATION, TERM OF OFFICE**

Sec. 1. The District officers shall be nominated, elected and installed at the District Convention in the manner prescribed in the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure.

**ARTICLE XII
OFFICERS DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS**

Sec. 1. All officers of this District shall have such duties and obligations as prescribed in the Department Bylaws and Section 418 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure.

**ARTICLE XIII
PAST OFFICERS**

Sec. 1. A Past Officer is one who has been elected and installed, appointed or succeeds to a vacancy in a District office and (1) has served to the end of their term; (2) died before the expiration of their term; (3) ceased to hold office by reason of a consolidation of units; or (4) resigned to enter

active military service or, while in active military, resigns office due to receipt of permanent change of station orders.

**ARTICLE XIV
VACANCIES AND REMOVAL OF ELECTED OFFICERS**

- Sec. 1. The District shall remove elected officers and fill vacancies in accordance with Section 420 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure.

**ARTICLE XV
VOTING**

- Sec. 1. Each member of the District Convention or District meeting as defined in Article II of these Bylaws, except delegates elected by the Posts, present at a District Convention or meeting shall be entitled to one vote, and an individual possessing more than one qualification for membership in the District Convention or meeting shall have no more than one vote. The delegate or delegates of a Post present at a District Convention or meeting shall be entitled to vote the full delegate strength to which the Post is entitled.
- Sec. 2. Should there be a division among the delegates representing the Post, each delegate present shall have their pro-rata share of the total voting strength of the Post. For the purpose of this section, a Post Commander shall be considered a delegate.

**ARTICLE XVI
BYLAWS**

- Sec. 1. These Bylaws shall become effective after adoption by the District Convention and review by the Department Commander and the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- Sec. 2. These Bylaws may only be amended or altered by the District Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at a meeting thereof; provided that such amendments have been forwarded through proper channels and written notice thereof, together with a copy of the proposed amendments being given to the District Commander and Adjutant for proper notice to all concerned at least four (4) weeks prior to the convening of the District Convention.
- Sec. 3. Wherever these Bylaws or subsequent amendments may be found to be in conflict with the present or any future Department or National Bylaws the latter shall prevail and be binding on this District as though written herein.

**ARTICLE XV
COMMITTEES**

- Sec. 1. The standing committees of the District shall be Americanism and Membership.

The Americanism Committee shall be responsible for the Patriot's Pen program, Voice of Democracy Program, Smart-Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award program, Scout of the Year program, and other issues as directed by the District Commander.

The Membership Committee shall support the Posts in the District by assisting with recruiting and retention activities.


Sec. 2. The District Commander shall appoint the chair and members of each committee. The term of each Committee Chair shall be for the term of the District Commander that appointed them and the term shall expire when that District Commander leaves office.

Sec. 3. The District Commander shall have the authority to create, and the District shall have the authority to pass motions ordering the creation of, additional committees. Those additional committees shall be temporary and shall cease to exist on June 30th of each year or at the conclusion of the work assigned to that committee. The District Commander shall have the authority to appoint the Chair and members of such committees as prescribed by these bylaws.

Sec. 4. The District Commander shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees but shall not serve as chair of any committee. The District Quartermaster shall serve as the treasurer of any committees which handle funds.

These Bylaws were adopted, subject to the review of the Department Commander and the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on the 11th day of May, 2024, at the District Convention in the County of Prince William, State of Virginia.

District 10 Department of Virginia
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

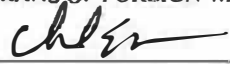
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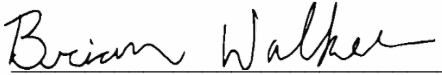
APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES.

5-14-2024
(Date)


Department Adjutant



REVIEWED **OCT 14 2024**
FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF


ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

BY , DIRECTOR
ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS