



February 3, 2023

Daniel M. Jennings, District Commander
District 2, Department of California, VFW
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Re: Proposed Amended Bylaws

Dear Comrade Jennings:

Receipt is acknowledged of the proposed revised Bylaws for District No. 2, Department of California, VFW 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 were in substantial compliance with the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure, Ritual, and laws and usages of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; however have been modified for compliance. To preclude any misunderstanding of the additions and/or deletions, an informal document has been attached.

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

Sincerely,

Johnathan R. Duncan, Director
Administrative Operations

JRD: af
Enc: Revised Bylaws (2)

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NATIONAL BYLAWS/MANUAL OF PROCEDURE CONFLICT

DISTRICT 2 CALIFORNIA

Article XVI Section 2

Add “and voting”

Reason: A member may abstain their vote and decline to vote either for or against a motion or proposal.

DISTRICT NO. 2 DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
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 California, 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 California. 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.
5. All County Council Commanders throughout the District.
6. Delegates to be elected by the Posts.

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 for the purposes of transacting business and promoting schools of instruction.

Sec. 2. The District Commander can call special meetings in the manner prescribed in the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure.

Sec 3 The District Convention, Schools of Instruction, and all meetings may allow delegates to participate in meetings using technology that allows participating members to communicate with each other simultaneously.

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 Each Post will be assessed at least one dollar (\$1.00) per member, based upon the total membership as of 30 June each year and is due and payable to the District Quartermaster no later than the 15th day of August. 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. Delegates assembled at the District Convention, provided notice has been given to each Post thirty (30) days in advance of the pending proposal, may assess or increase annual dues per member based on membership reported as of June 30 of the previous year.

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.

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, Chaplain, Surgeon, and three (3) Trustees.
- Sec. 2. The Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, 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 POWERS & DUTIES

- Sec. 1. The officers of this District, elected and appointed, 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 his term; (2) died before the expiration of his/her 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.
- Sec. 3. Upon the election of the Post delegates, the Post Adjutant will submit the list of delegates to the District Adjutant, to ensure only eligible delegates shall be entitled to vote the full delegate strength to which the Post is entitled.

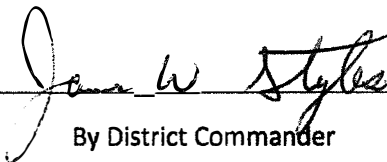
ARTICLE XVI
BYLAWS

- Sec. 1. These Bylaws shall become effective after adoption by the District Convention and reviewed 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 the District Convention, provided that such amendments have been forwarded through proper channels after being recommended in writing by an elected District 2 Officer, a Past District 2 Commander, or a Post Commander within District 2. Notice thereof, together with a copy of the proposed amendments shall be at least four (4) weeks prior to the convening of the District Convention, at which time it is to be considered and voted on.
- 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.
- Sec. 4. Amendments adopted at the District Convention shall take effect when reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief.

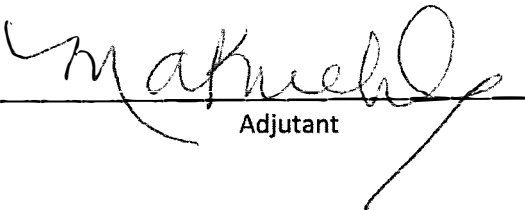
These Bylaws were adopted, with revisions by National Assistant Adjutant General, John J McNeil, subject to the review of the Department Commander and the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on this 15th day of May 2011, at the District Convention in the City of Anaheim and County of Orange, State of California.

Amendments to ARTICLE II SEC1, ARTICLE IV SEC 1-4, ARTICLE VI SEC 1, ARTICLE X SEC 2, ARTICLE XV SEC 2-3, and ARTICLE XVI SEC 2-4 were adopted on 21 May 2022 at the District 2 Convention in the City of Ontario and the County of San Bernardino, California.


District No. 2 Department of California
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States


By District Commander

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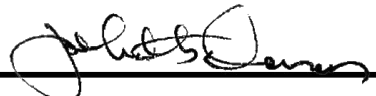
By 
Adjutant

APPROVED 30 JUNE 2022
FOR THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER


STATE ADJUTANT



REVIEWED
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ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

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