# DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS BYLAWS

# ARTICLE I NAME

The organization shall be known as "The Department of California, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States", and its territorial jurisdiction shall conform *to* the territorial boundaries of the State of California.

# ARTICLE II SUPREME AUTHORITY

The Supreme Authority of this association shall be lodged in the National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and this association shall at all times be governed by the Congressional Charter and Bylaws of the said National Convention, together with legislation enacted by the National Convention, National Council of Administration and orders promulgated by the Commander-in-Chief, in accordance with the said Congressional Charter and Bylaws.

# ARTICLE III DISTRICTS FORMATION AND EXISTENCE

The Department shall be divided into not more than seventeen (17) Districts.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1

District No. 1 shall be the County of San Diego to include Posts No. 1512--Lemon Grove, 1513--Escondido, 1774--La Mesa, 1924--Fallbrook, 2080--Campo, 2082--Lemon Grove, 2111--Chula Vista, 2275--El Cajon, 2422--Coronado, 3783--Ramona, 3787--San Diego, 3788--San Diego, 3795--San Marcos, 4630--National City, 4851--San Diego, 5431--Solana Beach, 5477--Imperial Beach, 5867--Lakeside, 5985--San Diego, 7041--Vista, 7420--San Diego, 7766--San Diego, 7907--Poway, 9327--Santee, 9578--Alpine, 10577-Oceanside, 11387--San Diego, 9305-El Centro, located in Imperial County.

## **DISTRICT NO. 2**

District No.2 shall be the County of Orange to include Posts, 3173--Anaheim, 3670-Santa Ana, 3801--San Juan Capistrano, 5384--Brea, 5868--Laguna Beach, 6024--Mission Viejo, 7142-San Clemente, 8680-Rancho Cucamonga, 8954--Buena Park, 9030--Yorba Linda, 9557-Westminster, 9934--Dana Point, 10694--Santa Ana and Posts 2085--Ontario, 6563--Fontana, 10489-Upland, 11546-Chino Hills located in San Bernardino County.

# DISTRICT NO. 3

District No.3 shall be the County of Riverside include Posts No. 184--Riverside, 233--Beaumont, 888--Perris, 1508--Elsinore, 1534--Desert Hot Springs, 1873--Anza, 1956--Sun City, 2266--Hemet-San Jacinto, 2987--Blythe, 3251--Desert Shores, 3699--Indio, 4089--Temecula, 4379--Winchester, 6476--Colton, 7264--Joshua Tree, 7347--Yucaipa, 8547--Moreno Valley, 8737--San Bernardino, 9223--Arlington, 10267--Riverside.

# DISTRICT NO. 4

District No. 4 shall be the County of Los Angeles along with District 7 and District 11 to include Posts 1622--Lomita, 1732--South Gate, 1961--Gardena, 2075--Hawthorne, 2122--Inglewood, 2828--Redondo Beach, 2967--Wilmington, 3261--Gardena, 4682--Avalon, 5394--Compton, 7243--Hawaiian Gardens, 8615--Long Beach, 9148--La Mirada and 10166--Carson.

# DISTRICT NO. 5

District No.5 shall be the County of San Bernardino to include Posts No. 2143--Barstow, 2924--Hesperia, 5551--Lucerne Valley, 9415--Phelan, 9624--Crestline, 12039-- Victorville and Posts 3000--Quartz Hill, 3552--Palmdale, located in Los Angeles County and Posts 4084--Ridgecrest, 6313--Boron, 9375--California City and 9657--Rosamond located in Kern County and 8036--Lone Pine and 8988--Bishop located in Inyo County.

# DISTRICT NO. 6

District No.6 shall be the County of Kern to include Posts No. 97--Bakersfield, 5948--Tehachapi, 6742--Wasco, 7216--Bakersfield, 7665--Lake Isabella, 9791--Frazier Park, 10859--Bakersfield, 11012--Maricopa, 12114--Tehachapi to include Posts 2814--Atascadero, 10965--Paso Robles located in San Luis Obispo County and Post 9499--Springville located in Tulare County.

## DISTRICT NO. 7

District No.7 shall be Los Angeles County, along with District 4 and District 11, Ventura County, Santa Barbara County and San Luis Obispo County (with exception of 2814 and 10965) include Posts No. 570--Lompoc, 1614--Verdugo City, 1649--Santa Barbara, 1679--Ventura, 1717--Lompoc, 2043--Santa Paula, 2323--Granada Hills, 2521--Santa Maria, 2805--Canoga Park, 3834--San Fernando 3935--Port Hueneme, 6213--Sylmar, 6885--Canyon Country, 7139--Solvang, 8310--Burbank, 9637--Fillmore, 10040--Sun Valley, 10049--Simi Valley, 10978--Nipomo, and 11461--0jai.

## DISTRICT NO. 8

District 8 shall be the County of Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou and Tehama to include Posts 275 -- Round Mountain, 1932--Red Bluff, 1934--Redding, 2381-- Susanville, 3327--Alturas, 3909--Los Molinos, 4218--Corning, 5689--Burney, 7144-- Adin, 7888--Cedarville and 9650--Anderson.

## DISTRICT NO. 9

District No.9 shall be the Counties of Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Madera include Posts No. 559--Riverdale, 1864--Visalia, 1981--Madera, 2002--Tulare, 2587--Auberry, 3225--Clovis, 5057--Fresno, 5845--Biola, 5869--Hanford, 6042--Mariposa, 6152--Kingsburg, 6358--Corcoran, 7168--Sanger, 7380--Mendota, 8470--Kerman, 8499--Fresno, 8743--Oakhurst, 8900--Fresno, 9896--Chowchilla and to include Post 2487--Los Banos located in Merced County.

## DISTRICT NO. 10

District No. 10 shall be the Counties of Contra Costa, Alameda and San Francisco to include Posts No. 75--Danville, 819--San Leandro, 1351--Martinez, 1525--Clayton, 1898--Pittsburg, 2727--Oakland, 3059--Pleasant Hill, 4618--San Francisco, 6298--Pleasanton, 6435--Antioch, 7265--Livermore, 8063--Lafayette, 8399--North Richmond, 9601--Castro Valley, 9879--Albany, 10789--Brentwood and Post 8750--Daly City located in San Mateo County.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11

District No. 11 shall be the County of Los Angeles along with District 4 and District 7 to include Posts 1013--East Los Angeles, 1944--La Puente, 2070--Monrovia, 3208--Sierra Madre, 3752--Whittier, 6315--Pico Rivera, 7734--Rivera, 8070--Azusa, 8620--West Covina, 10218--El Monte and 12034--La Verne,

## **DISTRICT NO. 12**

District No. 12 shall be the Counties of San Mateo, Santa Clara, Monterey, Santa Cruz, to include Posts No. 69--Redwood City, 344--San Jose, 811--Marina, 1716--Freedom, 2517--San Bruno 3982--Santa Clara, 4103--South San Francisco, 5888--Santa Cruz, 6309—Gilroy, 6747--King City, 6849--Spreckles, 7263--Capitola, 8679--Seaside, 10110--Aptos, 10245--Pacifica and to include Posts 6359--San Juan Bautista and 9242-- Hollister located in San Benito County.

#### **DISTRICT NO. 13**

District No. 13 shall be the Counties of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Mariposa to include Posts No. 52-- Stockton, 1051--Ripon, 1537-Tracy, 2600--San Andreas, 2922--0akdale, 3154--Sonora, 3199--Modesto, 3322-- West Point, 4327--Merced, 4748--Tuolumne, 5059--Turlock, 6311--Manteca, 7635--

Gustine, 7792--Winton, 8327--Livingston, 9454--Coulterville, 9679--Waterford, 9946--Atwater, 10293--Ceres, 12118--Copperopolis.

## **DISTRICT NO. 14**

District No. 14 shall be the Counties of Tehama, Humboldt, Trinity, Siskiyou and Del Norte bordered to the east by I-5, the north by the Oregon state line, to the west by the Pacific shore and to the south by the county lines of Trinity, Tehama and Humboldt counties to include Posts No. 1381--Crescent City, 1872--Eureka, 2207--Fortuna, 2542--Arcata, 6353--Ferndale, 6354--Garberville, 7705--Weaverville, 9546--Hayfork, 9561--Willow Creek.

#### DISTRICT NO. 15

District 15 shall be the County of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Plumas, and Yuba to include Posts 948--Marysville, 1555--Chico, 1747--Oroville, 1770--Willows, 1992--Orland, 2039--Paradise, 2441--Colusa, 3758--Portola, 3825--Quincy, 4095--Olivehurst, 5731--Gridley, 9602--Thermalito and 10135--Brownville.

#### **DISTRICT NO. 16**

District No. 16 shall consist of, all or part of the Counties of Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Solano, Glenn, Colusa, Yolo, Napa, Lake bordered to the north by the southern county lines of Trinity, Tehama and Humboldt counties, to the east by I-5, to the west by the Pacific shore and to the south by I-80 and Hwy 37 to include Posts 768--Windsor, 1020--Veterans Home, 1123--Vallejo, 1900--Ukiah, 1929--Petaluma, 1943--Sonoma, 2333--Fairfield-Suisun, 2337--Clearlake-Highland, 3237--Rohnert Park, 3919--Sebastopol, 3928--Benicia, 7244--Vacaville, 7816--Novato, 8151--Dixon, 9268--Cloverdale, 11166--Fort Bragg.

## **DISTRICT NO. 17**

District No. 17 shall be the Counties of Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Yolo, Amador, Nevada, and Alpine to include Posts No. 67--Sacramento, 904--Rocklin, 1267--Sacramento, 1487--Roseville,1985-Woodland, 2003--Colfax, 2073--Elk Grove, 2655--Nevada City, 2680--Placerville, 3010--Lincoln, 4647--North Highlands, 6158--Fair Oaks, 6604--Folsom, 6949--Davis, 7143--Esparto, 8254-Ione, 8358--Sacramento, 8762--West Sacramento, 8985--Sacramento, 9241--Georgetown, 9498--Bryte, 10125--Rancho Cordova, 10165--Placerville, 11091--Winters, 11294--Foresthill.

# ARTICLE IV DUES RESERVE

The Department may maintain a Dues Reserve Fund.

# ARTICLE V COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

# SECTION 1 - Composition

The Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Immediate Past Commander, Chief of Staff, Inspector and District Commanders.

SECTION 2 - Elected and Appointed Officers; Chairman and Committees

The elected officers of the Department shall be a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, and Surgeon.

The State Commander shall appoint an Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Service Officer, Legislative Chairman, Service Committee Chairman, Convention Chairman and member(s) of the Board of Financial Review.

The State Commander may appoint such chairman and committees as deemed necessary or as required within these Bylaws to conduct the affairs of the Department.

With respect to any salaried officers, the appointment shall be made subject to the confirmation of a majority vote of the Department Council of Administration.

# SECTION 3 - Meetings

The Council of Administration shall meet no more than five (5) times throughout the year for business purposes, once within 48 hours of the adjournment of the State Convention at the Convention site location and again if necessary, in October, January, and/or March/April at a location determined by the State Commander and finally just prior to the State Convention at the Convention site location.

Special meetings may be called by the State Commander or upon the written request of the majority of the Council of Administration and will be held at a location to be determined by the State Commander.

# SECTION 4 - Budget

The State Quartermaster shall, prior to April 1 of each year prepare a tentative budget for the financial operations for the ensuing year, said budget shall be in balance and restricted funds shall be budgeted separately in every instance. The budget shall establish salaries and/or expenses for elected and appointed officers and allowances for council members, committee chairman and members.

The tentative budget shall be presented to the Board of Financial Review for their review and then be submitted to the Council of Administration for consideration and adoption at its first meeting following the State Convention.

The expenditures outlined within major categories of the adopted budget shall not exceed the budgeted amount, except when it has been determined by the State Quartermaster and Board of Financial Review that funds are available. If funds are available, such approval shall be by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council of Administration present and voting at a regular or special meeting.

# SECTION 5 - Audits

The financial records of the Department shall be audited annually by an independent auditing firm. The Council of Administration may authorize an additional review of the financial books and records of the Department at any time, such review will be conducted by the Board of Financial Review.

# SECTION 6 – Property

In addition to other legal requirements under existing local laws, the Council of Administration shall have the authority to purchase, sell or mortgage any Real Estate, only after written notice of such a proposal has first been given to all members of the Council of Administration, 30 days prior to such a regular or special meeting at which the proposal is to be considered, and then only by two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of those members at a regular or special meeting.

### SECTION 7

The Council of Administration requires the advice and recommendation of the Department Judge Advocate and at times a qualified attorney, prior to taking action on any legal matter that is to be signed by the Department, binding the Department of California.

#### **SECTION 8**

When the VFW, Department of California, is considering to have a fund raiser that is identical and will conflict with the Auxiliary fund raiser which they have in operation now, and have had in prior years, a Liaison Committee, composed of the State Senior Vice Commander, the State Junior Vice Commander, State Adjutant and State Quartermaster shall meet with the State Auxiliary Senior Vice President and Treasurer to the VFW and come to a definite understanding, before it can be presented to the incoming Council of Administration for approval.

### SECTION 9

The Department Council of Administration shall not vote by a mailed/emailed ballot on any issue pertaining to the spending of monies. Only a properly convened

meeting, regular or special, of the Council of Administration may be used to gain authorization for the expenditure of funds not covered by the then approved Department Budget.

# ARTICLE VI DELEGATES

## **SECTION 1**

Each Post, at a regular or special meeting held in April shall elect one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate to the Department Convention for every thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **SECTION 2**

Each Post, in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws, shall pay a fifteen (\$15.00) dollar registration fee for each accredited delegate to the Department Convention. The State Quartermaster shall place these funds in a restricted convention account and all funds not used during the current convention shall be held within said account for future conventions.

# ARTICLE VII DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

## **SECTION 1**

Convention sites shall be determined no more than five (5) years in advance.

### **SECTION 2**

Cities desiring to host Department Conventions shall submit a request through the appropriate District and/or Department Headquarters on forms provided, outlining the site, hotel and meeting space information. It shall be the responsibility of the State Adjutant/Quartermaster and/or designated individual(s) to obtain, review, and prepare the appropriate material for the Council of Administrations selection and/or approval.

## **SECTION 3**

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## **SECTION 4**

The Convention at its annual session shall assess dues of not less than fifty cents (\$0.50) per annum on each member in good standing in every Post within its jurisdiction. The State Quartermaster shall invoice each Post based on the prior year total membership and payable by May 31st. The monies received shall be

applied to the Veterans Service Fund.

#### **SECTION 5**

Department Conventions shall not exceed three (3) days.

**SECTION 6** 

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#### **SECTION 7**

Standing committees of the Department Convention shall be as follows and meet in advance of the convening of the convention:

Registration & Credentials

Organization & Rules

Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions

The State Commander will appoint all members of the Department Convention standing committees, in such numbers as deemed advisable and in doing so will designate the Chairman and Vice Chairman of each.

# ARTICLE VIII ADVISORY COMMITTEES

#### SECTION 1

The State Commander shall schedule meeting locations and times in conjunction with all regularly scheduled Council of Administration meetings for the Department *Veterans Service and the Budget and Finance Committees*. The State Commander shall schedule the State Legislative Committee, Board of Financial Review, Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures Committee and Redistricting Committee at locations and times deemed necessary.

## **SECTION 2**

The Department Veterans Service Committee, in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by the National Veterans Service Advisory Committee, shall provide oversight of the Veterans Service Department of California.

This committee shall consist of the State Commander, State Senior Vice Commander, State Junior Vice Commander, Immediate Past State Commander, State Adjutant/Quartermaster, and Chairman.

The Committee Chairman shall be a VA accredited Service Officer employed by the Department who is appointed by the State Commander and shall be available for advice to the Council of Administration at the council meetings. This committee shall make appropriate Department budget and hiring recommendations to the Department

Council of Administration.

#### **SECTION 3**

The State Commander shall appoint a State Legislative Committee which shall protect the welfare of Veteran(s) in local and state legislation that would benefit the Veteran, their dependent(s), or their survivor(s) and take action to avert or remove legislation unfavorable to Veterans as it deems necessary. The Committee Chairman shall keep the membership informed and make recommendations for action to the Council of Administration, electronically or in person.

The State Commander shall designate the Chairman of the committee.

#### **SECTION 4**

The State Commander shall appoint a Department Budget and Finance Committee Chairman and one (1) District Commander who will serve as Vice Chairman (taken from a list of three (3) candidates provided by the District Commanders) for the administrative year. The Committee Chairman shall report to the Council of Administration in matters pertaining to the Department budget and finances at the regularly scheduled business meetings. The committee shall meet with the State Quartermaster during the preparation of the tentative budget for advice and counsel.

The Budget and Finance Committee will include the following five (5) members for a total of seven (7): State Commander, State Senior Vice Commander (ex-officio non-voting), State Junior Vice Commander (ex-officio non-voting), State Quartermaster and State Adjutant.

SECTION 5 - Department Trustees

The Department Trustees shall consist of three (3) members and shall:

- a.) at least quarterly, review the financial records of the Department.
- b.) within thirty (30) days from the end of each quarter, properly audit the books and records of the State Quartermaster and submit a written report to the State Commander for referral to the Council of Administration.
- c.) perform such other duties as directed by the State Commander or by the Council of Administration.

No Trustee will serve in any other elected or appointed Department position during their term as a Trustee. Two Trustees from the same District may not serve at the same time. Trustees shall be initially appointed as follows:

One member to serve one (1) year
One member to serve two (2) years
One member to serve three (3) years
The Trustees shall rotate up (1) one year and the (3) three-year member shall be

appointed by the State Commander subject to confirmation of the Council of Administration. The State Commander shall designate the member who is serving the (1) one-year term to be Chairman.

A member of this committee shall be known as a State Trustee and appointed for a term of three (3) years.

**SECTION 6** 

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#### **SECTION 7**

The State Commander shall appoint a Redistricting Committee for the purpose of reviewing boundaries and composition of any or all Districts in the Department of California and in compliance with Sec. 401 of the National Bylaws. The committee shall have the responsibility of recommending necessary redistricting options to the Council of Administration for their action or submit Bylaw amendment(s) for action by the Department Convention. The committee shall consist of three (3) members and should be comprised of Past State Commanders. The State Commander shall appoint a Chairman.

#### **SECTION 8**

The State Commander shall appoint a Bylaws and Standard *Operating* Procedures Committee. The committee shall review, evaluate, recommend changes, and report all activities to the State Commander. The State Commander shall appoint three (3) members and designate the member who is to serve as Chairman. No more than one (1) member from the Department Council of Administration or more than one (1) member from a District shall serve.

# ARTICLE IX VETERANS SERVICE DEPARTMENT

# SECTION 1

The Veterans Service Department shall function in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by the National Veterans Service Advisory Committee. The Department Veterans Service Committee shall provide oversight of the activities within the Veterans Service Department of California.

The State Commander shall appoint a Department Veterans Service Committee Chairman and may appoint a Veterans Service Department Director.

#### SECTION 2

The Veterans Service Department Director must be an actively practicing Service Officer of the Department of California fully accredited with the General Counsel's Office of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Service Director, if appointed, the Department Veterans Service Committee Chairman and the Department Adjutant, in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by the Department Veterans Service Committee and approved by the Department Council of Administration, shall be responsible for the administration, supervision and technical guidance of all activities, programs and personnel of the Department Service Program.

## **SECTION 3**

The Department Veterans Service Committee shall consist of the State Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Immediate Past State Commander, Chairman and if appointed, the Service Director. The Committee Chairman, State Adjutant and Service Director shall be non-voting members of the committee.

### **SECTION 4**

Under the supervision of the Department Council of Administration, and subject to the provisions of the Department Bylaws and orders of the Department Convention, the Department Veterans Service Committee shall establish the policy and/or procedures under which the Veterans Service work of the Department shall be conducted and make appropriate budget recommendations provided these procedures do not conflict with any provision of the National Bylaws or policies and procedures as adopted by the National Veterans Service Advisory Committee.

## **SECTION 5**

The Department Service Committee shall establish the practice and procedures for representation by Service officers accredited to the Department of Veterans Affairs or other federal or state government agencies through the VFW, Department of California provided these procedures do not conflict with any provision of the National Bylaws or policies and procedures as adopted by the National Veterans Service Advisory Committee.

## SECTION 6

All welfare, poppy and service monies allocated to Veterans Service work shall be kept in a separate fund and disbursed as approved by the Department Council of Administration.

# ARTICLE X OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

The official publication of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California, shall be, The California Veteran.

# ARTICLE XI DEPARTMENT FUNDS

## SECTION 1

Department Funds shall not be used under any circumstances as a loan or donation to any individual or individuals, nor shall they be used as a loan or donation to finance, or assist to finance any private or public business firm, corporation or promoter.

## **SECTION 2**

Department Funds shall not be used to subsidize and/or purchase membership dues, unless the funds are raised for such purpose and/or specifically allocated for such purpose within the approved budget.

## **SECTION 3**

Admission fees of \$1.00 shall be collected from each Post within its jurisdiction for all new membership annual or life. The fees shall be transmitted to the Department upon receipt of invoice.

#### **SECTION 4**

All welfare and service monies allocated to veteran's service work shall be kept in a separate fund and disbursed as approved by the Department Council of Administration.

# ARTICLE XII ENDORSEMENTS AND FUNDRAISING

California shall not endorse out of state candidates more than two years before the office begins. The Department shall allow out of state candidates for higher office to fundraise within California at official functions, no more than one (1) year prior to the election of that office.

# ARTICLE XIII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

# **SECTION 1**

The Department of California shall have and maintain Standard Operating Procedures

(SOP) that defines the day to day operations for the Department of California, which may be amended by majority vote of the Council of Administration electronically or at any regular or special meeting. The SOP shall not conflict with the National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure or the Department of California Bylaws.

#### **SECTION 2**

In accordance with the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure, Sections 418 (a) (11) and 518 (a) (9), and the Department Standard of Operating Procedures, the State Commander shall require annual inspections of all Districts and Posts within the Department of California. Inspections are to commence on September 1 and shall be completed by December 31 of each year.

#### **SECTION 3**

The Department of California adopts the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Riders Group Statement of Policy. The Department of California does not approve a VFWRG 'participant' to wear or display any VFW or VFWAUX logo, emblem, name, or other protected mark.

A Post within the Department may form a VFW Rider's Group in accordance with Veterans of Foreign Wars National Riders Group Statement of Policy adopted by the National organization and policies and procedures established by the VFW Department of California. The Department may establish a committee to oversee the activities of the VFW Rider Groups.

## **SECTION 4**

The State Senior Vice Commander may select the Advisory Committee and Program Chairmen for the following administrative year beginning February 1.

# ARTICLE XIV BYLAW AMENDMENTS

#### SECTION 1

Any member in good standing, a Post, or a District may propose an amendment to the Department Bylaws; provided, however, before consideration at the Department Convention, the proposed amendment must be approved by a District. Immediately following the District, the proposed amendments must be forwarded to Department Headquarters.

A State Officer, including Past State Commanders, may propose an amendment to the Department Bylaws and forward the proposed amendment to Department Headquarters.

Notice of all proposed amendments shall be published electronically on the Department website no less than fifteen (15) days before the convening of the

Department Convention.

All Amendments adopted at any Department Convention according to the provisions of this section shall take effect thirty (30) days after the final adjournment of the Department Convention at which they were adopted and properly reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

## **SECTION 2**

These Bylaws may only be amended or altered by the Convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at the Department Convention.

Wherever these Bylaws or subsequent amendments may be found to be in conflict with the present or any future National Bylaws, the latter shall prevail and be binding upon this Department as though written herein.

# ARTICLE XV RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions may be submitted to Department Headquarters by Posts and Districts if the resolution was acted upon at a regular or special meeting. Resolutions must be signed by the respective Commander and attested to by the Adjutant. In order for the resolution to be published in the Convention Tally Book it must be received at Department Headquarters no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Any member of the current Council of Administration and all Past State Commanders may submit Resolutions.

Resolutions submitted at the Department Convention shall be submitted in writing to the State Adjutant no later than the opening of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) business session of the convention.

#### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above Bylaws of the Department of California Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, were reviewed and adopted by the 17<sup>th</sup> Department Convention in Oroville in 1937, were duly approved by the Commander-in-Chief; were amended by resolution of subsequent Department Conventions; and were revised and amended by the 41st Annual Department Convention in 1961; by the 42nd Annual Department Convention in 1962; by the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention in 1965; by the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention in 1966; by the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention in 1967; by the Annual Department Convention in 1969; by the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention in 1970; by the 51st Annual Department Convention in 1971; by the 54th Annual Department Convention in 1974; by the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention in 1975; by the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention in 1976; by the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention in 1977; by the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention in 1978; by the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention in 1979; by the 61st Annual Department Convention in 1981; by the 62nd Annual Department Convention in 1982; by the 63rd Annual Department Convention in 1983; by the 66th Annual Convention in 1986; by the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention in 1987; by the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention in 1988; and the 69th Annual Department Convention in 1989, and as amended by the 70th Annual Department Convention in June, 1990, and as amended by the 71st Annual Department Convention in June, 1991, and as amended by the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Department Convention in June, 1992, and as amended by the 73rd Annual Department Convention in June, 1993, and as amended by the 74th Annual Department Convention in June, 1994, and as amended by the 75th Annual Department Convention in June, 1995, and as amended by the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention in June, 1996, and as amended by the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention in June 1997, and as amended by the 79th Annual Department Convention in June 1999, and as amended by the 80th Annual Department Convention in July 2000, and as amended by the 81st Annual Convention in July 2001, and as amended by the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention in June 2002, and as amended by the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention in June 2003, and as amended by the 84th Annual Convention in June 2004, and as amended by the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in June 2005, and as amended by the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in June 2007, and as amended by the 88th Annual Convention in June 2008, and as amended by the 89th Annual Convention in June 2009, and as amended by the 90th Annual Convention in June 2010, and as amended by the 91st Annual Convention in June 2011, and as amended by the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention in June 2012, and as amended by the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention in June 2013, and as amended by the 94th Annual Convention in June 2014, and as amended by the 95th Annual Convention in June 2015 and as amended by the 96th Annual Convention in June 2016 and as amended by the 97th Annual Convention in June 2017, and as amended by the 98th Annual Convention in June 2018, and as amended by the 99th Annual Convention in June 2019.

> (Insert Name) State Adjutant

