



December 1, 2023

Derek Hulsebus, Commander
District 10, Department of Arizona, VFW
1582 E 11th Ct
Casa Grande, AZ 8512

Re: Proposed Amended Bylaws

Dear Comrade Hulsebus:

Receipt is acknowledged of the proposed revised Bylaws for District No. 10, Department of Arizona, 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 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", is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

Quentin S. Carroll, Director
Administrative Operations

QSC: sb
Enc: Revised Bylaws (2)
cc: Department Adjutant (1)

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NATIONAL BYLAWS/MANUAL OF PROCEDURE CONFLICT

DISTRICT 10 ARIZONA

Throughout

Replace “By-Laws” with “Bylaws”

Make gender neutral to provide for female members

Article 2 Section 1

Replace “National Constitution” with “Congressional Charter”

Reason: The VFW utilizes a Congressional Charter.

Article IV Section 1

Replace “sixty (60)” with “seventy-five (75)”

Reason: To conform to Section 403 of the National Bylaws.

Article IV Section 3

Replace “one fourth (1/4)” with “fifty (50) percent”

Reason: To conform to Section 403 of the National Bylaws.

Article IV Section 6

Replace first sentence with “The solicitation of funds shall be in accordance with Section 414 of the Manual of Procedure.”

Reason: To conform to Section 214 of the Manual of Procedure. Section 412 of the National Bylaws that was referenced governs defunct Districts. Section 312 does not exist.

Article IV Section 8 (a)

Remove “Chaplain”

Reason: Amendment B:5 was approved by the delegates attending the 124th National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona to provide for the Chaplain as an appointed officers’ position at the District level.

Article IV Section 8 (b)

Add “Chaplain”

Reason: Amendment B:5 was approved by the delegates attending the 124th National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona to provide for the Chaplain as an appointed officers’ position at the District level.

Article IV Section 9

Replace “415” with “417”

Reason: Incorrect section reference to the National Bylaws. Section 417 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure provides for the nomination, election, installation, and term of office for District officers.

Article IV Section 10

Replace “416” with “418”

Replace “Bylaws” with “Manual of Procedure”

Reason: Incorrect section reference to the National Bylaws. Section 418 of the Manual of Procedure provides for the duties and obligations of the District officers.

Article IV Section 11

Replace “held not less than thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention at which the District officers are to be elected” with “in April”

Reason: To conform to Section 222 of the Manual of Procedure. Delegates shall be elected at a regular meeting in April.

Article IV Section 11 [continue]

Replace “fifteen (15)” with “thirty (30)”

Reason: To conform to Section 222 of the National Bylaws.

Article VI Section 1

Replace “Article XIII Section 1301” with “Article XIV Section 1401”

Reason: Incorrect article and section reference to the National Bylaws. Article XIV, Section 1401 provides for the amendments to the Bylaws and Manual of Procedure and Ritual.

Article VII Section 1

Add “and voting”

Reason: A member may abstain from voting

Article VII Section 2

Add “and voting”

Reason: A member may abstain from voting.



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
DISTRICT 10**

16 April 2023

Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Arizona
6423 S. Ash Ave
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Attached please find the revised By-Laws of District 10, Department of Arizona, as voted on at the annual District Convention on 28 April 2019 in Coolidge, AZ.

AS READS:

Article IV:

Section 4:

DISTRICT DUES: The annual District dues shall be **seventy-five (75) cents** per Post member annually based on the transmittal of April the thirtieth (30th). **Dues are payable within sixty (60) days after the annual District Convention.**

TO READ:


Article IV:

Section 4:

DISTRICT DUES: The annual District dues shall be **One (1) Dollar** per Post member annually based on the transmittal of April the thirtieth (30th). Dues are payable **NLT the first District Meeting of the new year.**

Please forward to the National Headquarters for approval as required.

Yours in comradeship,


Derek Hulsebus (Jul 13, 2023 12:43 PDT)

Derek Hulsebus
District 10 Commander

OFFICIAL:

Frank Alger
Adjutant, District 10

**BYLAWS
DISTRICT 10
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA**

**ARTICLE NO.1
NAME AND JURISDICTION**

Section 1:

NAME: This subdivision of the Department of Arizona, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, shall be known as District Ten (10), hereafter referred to as "District".

Section 2:

JURISDICTION: The jurisdiction of the District shall consist of those Posts assigned by the Department of Arizona as listed in the Department Bylaws.

**ARTICLE 2
OBJECTS**

Section 1:

OBJECTS: The objects of the District shall be as set forth in the Congressional Charter and Bylaws, together with the Bylaws of the Department of Arizona and to offer all possible aid and assistance to every Post in the District.

**ARTICLE 3
GOVERNING BODY**

Section 1:

GOVERNING BODY: The District will be governed by the District Commander, subordinate to the Department and National Conventions.

Section 2:

The District Meeting shall consist of:

- a. The Commander-in-Chief and Past Commanders-in-Chief who are in good standing in a Post in the District.
- b. The National Council of Administration Member who is a member in good standing in a Post in the District.
- c. The Department Commander and all Past Department Commanders who are members in good standing in a Post in the District.
- d. The District Commander, all elected officers of the District, the District Adjutant, and all Past District Commanders who are members in good standing in a Post in the District.

- e. All Post Commanders in the District. In the absence of the Post Commander, the Post Senior Vice Commander, or, in his/her absence, the Post Junior Vice Commander may function as a member of the District Convention Meeting.
- f. Delegates elected by the Posts in the District.

ARTICLE NO. IV CONVENTIONS

Section 1:

CONVENTIONS: The Annual District Convention for the election of officers and transaction of business shall be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention.

Section 2:

MEETINGS: Regular Meetings shall be held on a Sunday in the months of July, October, and January for the transaction of business and any other matter pertaining to the District or Veterans of Foreign Wars that may come before the body. The time and place of the District Convention will be set at the January Meeting.

Section 3:

QUORUM: The minimum number of delegates required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a District Meeting or Convention shall not be less than one (1) member from fifty (50) percent of the Posts in the District. For the purpose of this section the Post Commander shall be considered a delegate.

Section 4:

DISTRICT DUES: The annual District dues shall be **One Dollar (\$1.00)** per Post member annually based on the transmittal of April the thirtieth (30th). Dues are payable **NLT the first District Meeting of the new year**

Section 5:

A registration fee shall be assessed each member attending a District Meeting or Convention. Such amount of fee to be established by a two-third (2/3) majority vote at a District Meeting.

Section 6:

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS: The solicitation of funds shall be in accordance with Section 414 of the Manual of Procedure. No Post will solicit funds at any District Convention, Meeting, or Special Meeting, excluding host Posts normal functions, without the approval of the District Commander.

Section 7:

ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE: Any member in good standing in a Post in the District shall be eligible to any office in the 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. District officers, elected or appointed, shall be eligible to hold office in a higher or lower body. Such offices may be held concurrently.

Section 8:

DISTRICT OFFICERS:

- a. The elective officers of each District shall be Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, and three (3) Trustees.
- b. The Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, Chaplain, Officer of the Day, Service Officer, Guard, and such officers as he/she deems necessary for the pleasure of the District Commander. The Trustees shall audit the books and records of the Quartermaster and Adjutant at each regularly scheduled Meeting and report of such audits shall be furnished to the Department as required of the Posts.
- c. District Officers, elected or appointed, shall submit proof of eligibility for the files of the Adjutant prior to their installation following their election or appointment. Such proof of eligibility records shall be open to the District Commander, District Adjutant, and District Quartermaster. District Officers, elected or appointed, shall not be installed or assume the duties of their offices until such proof of eligibility is in the files of the District Adjutant.

Section 9:

Nomination, Election, Installation, and Term of Office shall conform to Section 417 of the National Bylaws.

Section 10:

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS: Duties of officers shall conform to Section 418 of the Manual of Procedure and such duties as assigned by the District Commander.

Section 11:

DELEGATES: Delegates to the District Convention shall be elected at a regular Meeting of the Post held in April. One (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members, or fraction thereof, in good standing in the Post of the current year.

**ARTICLE NO. V
COMMITTEES**

Section 1:

COMMITTEES: All Committees shall be appointed by the District Commander within fifteen (15) days following the annual District Convention for the election of officers. The standing committees shall be (1) Service and Welfare; (2) Employment; (3) Legislative; (4) Youth Activities; (5) Resolutions; (6) Publicity; (7) Buddy Poppy; (8) Voice of Democracy; (9) Loyalty Day; (10) Safety; (11) Community Service; and (12) Membership.

**ARTICLE NO VI
RESOLUTIONS**

Section 1:

RESOLUTIONS: All resolutions to be submitted to the Department must be in accordance with Article VI of the Department ByLaws and Article XIV, Section 1401 of the National ByLaws.

Section 2:

SUBMISSIONS: All resolutions submitted by the Posts to the District must be typewritten, printed, or mimeographed in triplicate and must be in the hands of the District Resolutions Committee not less than sixty (60) days prior to the Department Convention.

**ARTICLE NO. VII
MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 1:

DISTRICT FUNDS: A Budget Meeting shall be held as soon as practical after the District Commander assumes office to establish an annual budget fur the ensuing year. The budget committee shall be composed of all District Officers elected and appointed and Post Commanders. The proposed budget will be presented at the first District Meeting in July for approval of the floor. District funds expended other that that authorized in the budget will be expended upon a majority of the delegates present and voting at a regular meeting.

Section 2:

AMENDING BYLAWS: These ByLaws may be amended only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the District Convention. No amendment will be considered unless a copy of same has been forwarded to all Posts in the District at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual District Convention. A copy of any and all amendments adopted by the District Convention shall be forwarded through channels and approved by the Commander-in-Chief prior to becoming affective

THESE BYLAWS WERE APPROVED BY DELEGATES ASSEMBLED IN CONVENTION ON THE 16TH DAY OF APRIL 2023 IN COOLIDGE, ARIZONA.

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District Adjutant

Derek Hulsebus

District Commander



REVIEWED **DEC 1 2023**
FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Brian Walker

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

BY *Q. Hill*, DIRECTOR
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