

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

## DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA

## DISTRICT NO. 3

### BY-LAWS

#### 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 By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the By-Laws of the Department NEVADA orders issued by authority of the National Convention, National Council of Administration, and the Commander of the Department NEVADA or the purposes of this Articles and Section, 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 and Past Department Commanders who are members in good standing in a Post in the District.
  4. The District Commander, all Post District Commanders who are members in good standing in a Post in the District, all elective officers of the District and the Adjutant.
  5. All County Council Commanders throughout the District.
  6. 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.
  7. 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 held not less than ten (10) days, not more than seventy-five (75) days prior to convening of the Department Convention.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

- Sec. 1. In addition to annual District Convention, this District shall hold at least four (4) regular meetings each year, one of which shall be for the purpose of promoting schools of instruction for Post Officers and for discussion of problems affecting the welfare of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and any other 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 a vote of a majority of the District members present 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 Post Commanders of the Posts 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

*ARTICLE IV*

**REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS (continue)**

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 a 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 of one dollar (\$1.00) to the District Quartermaster no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 pending proposal, may assess or increase annual dues per member based on membership reported as of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

*ARTICLE VII*

**DELEGATES**

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

*ARTICLES VIII*

**FUND RAISING PROMOTIONS / SOLICITATIONS**

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

*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) elective District offices at the same time, but may hold one (1) elective and one (1) or more appointive offices.

Sec. 2. District Officers, elected or appointed, shall be eligible to hold office in a higher or lower body, and such offices may be held concurrently, except as provided for in Section 515 of the National By-Laws.

*ARTICLE X*

**DISTRICT OFFICERS**

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



*ARTICLE X*

**DISTRICT OFFICERS (continue)**

- Sec. 2. The Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Service Officer and other officers as they deems 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 fail to submit proof of eligibility within sixty (60) 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 By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.

*ARTICLE XII*

**OFFICERS – POWER & DUTIES**

- Sec. 1. The officers of this District, elected and appointed, shall have such powers and duties as prescribed in the Department By-Laws and Section 418 of the National By-Laws 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 910 has served to the end of their term; (2) died before the expiration of his / her term; (3) ceased to hold office by reason of 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 ELECTIVE OFFICERS**

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

*ARTICLE XV*

**VOTING**

- Sec. 1. Each member of the District Convention or District meeting as defined in Article II to these By-Laws, except delegates elected by the Posts, present at a District Convention or meeting shall be entitled to one (1) vote, and individual possessing more than one (1) qualification for membership in the District Convention on meeting shall have no more than one (1) 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 his / her 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

BY-LAWS

Sec. 1. Those By-Laws 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 By-Laws may only be amended or altered by the District Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present 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 f or proper notice to all concerned a least four (4) weeks prior to the convening of the District Convention. All amendments shall be forwarded through channels and reviewed by the Department Commander and the Commander-in-Chief before becoming effective.

Sec. 3. Wherever these By-Laws or subsequent amendments may be found to be in conflict with the present or future Department or National By-Laws the latter shall prevail and be binding on this District as though written herein.

These By-Laws were adopted, subject to review of the Department Commander and the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on the: Twenty second (22nd) day of: May, 2010, at the District Convention in the city of: Verdi, and the county of: Washoe, state of: Nevada.

OFFICIAL

Attest:

By: Robert Snider  
Robert Snider, Adjutant



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
Department of Nevada District 3

By: James C. Rudeen  
James C. Rudeen, District 3 Commander

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Date: 11-12-2010

Approved:

By: *Jack McMinder*

Jack McMinder, Adjutant / Quartermaster

Department of Nevada

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

By: *Jerry Chamlee*

Jerry Chamlee, Commander

Department of Nevada

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Allen F. "Gunner" Kent

Adjutant General

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard L. Eubank

Commander-in-Chief

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December 15, 2010

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Through Channels

Re: Proposed Revised By-Laws  
District 3  
Department of Nevada, VFW  
(Reviewed with corrections noted  
thereon)

Dear Mr. Rudeen:

Receipt is acknowledged of the proposed revised By-Laws for **District 3, Department of Nevada, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**, submitted through channels for the review of the Commander-in-Chief in accordance with Section 402 of the Manual of Procedure.

It has been noted that the proposed revised By-Laws were adopted by the District Convention on **May 22, 2010**, in compliance with Section 402 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure and pursuant to the recommendation of the Department Commander, the proposed revised By-Laws have been reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief for compliance with the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure, Ritual or laws and usages of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

A copy of the reviewed revised By-Laws **with the corrections noted thereon** has been retained for our files, the other(s) herewith returned.

Sincerely,

Kevin C. Jones, Director  
Administrative Operations

KCJ:mv  
Enc: Revised By-Laws (1)  
cc: ✓ Department Adjutant

BY-LAW MANUAL OF PROCEDURE CONFLICTS  
VFW DISTRICT 3, DEPT OF NV

Article II Section 1 (7)

Change "are to" to "to be"

Article XV Section 1

Change to read:

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