

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF
Disabled American Veterans Chapter #7**

Bemidji, MN

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Chapter shall be North Central Chapter # 7 Department of Minnesota, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS INC.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Chapter is to build better lives for all of our nation's disabled veterans and their families and, in furtherance of that purpose, to support the programs of the Disabled American Veterans as provided in the National Constitution and Bylaws and Regulations of the National Executive committee.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Chapter shall conform to the requirements as set forth in the National Constitution and bylaws. There shall be no associate, special or honorary memberships in this Chapter.

ARTICLE IV - ADMINISTRATION

Section 1: The administrative affairs of this Chapter shall be vested in the Chapter Executive Committee in emergencies only. Other actions of the Chapter Executive committee must be ratified by a majority vote of those Chapter members present and voting at the next regular Chapter meeting.

Section 2: The Chapter Executive committee shall be composed of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Treasurer, immediate past Chapter Commander and 3 other elected Committeemen.

Section 3: At the time specified in the Chapter Bylaws, the Chapter shall elect annually a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, and a Treasurer. The Commander, with the approval of the Chapter, as may be necessary to operate the Chapter may appoint such other officers. Neither the Chapter Commander nor any Chapter Vice Commander may serve as Chapter Adjutant or Treasurer.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE

The executive power of this Chapter shall be vested in the Chapter Commander.

ARTICLE VI - AUXILIARY

This Chapter recognizes a DAV Auxiliary, subject to such supervision as conforms to the National and Department Constitution and Bylaws of both organizations.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any Chapter meeting by a vote of two-thirds of those Chapter members present and voting, subject to approval of the Department and National Judge Advocates, and effective only after the date of said approval, provided that any such amendment is read at two (2) consecutive meetings and that all Chapter members in good standing shall be notified by mail of the proposed change prior to the first of the two (2) meetings.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 - ORGANIZATION

Section 1: This Chapter recognizes the National Organization known as Disabled American Veterans, incorporated by Act of Congress, and affirms its allegiance, and subordination to the Nation Organization, its Constitution, Bylaws and all rules, mandates and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Upon dissolution of the Chapter, the assets remaining after the payment of its debts shall be distributed as provided in Article 6, section 6.4.Paragraphs 5 and 6, of the National Bylaws.

Section 2: The governing body of this Chapter shall be the Chapter in session, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 3: Minutes of the meetings of the Chapter, including the Chapter Executive Committee, shall be kept and be available for inspection by any Chapter member.

Section 4: Whenever used in this constitution and the context so requires, the masculine shall include the feminine, and the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa. The initials "DAV", whenever used in this Constitution, refer to "Disabled American Veterans".

ARTICLE 2 - CHARTER

The Charter of this Chapter, issued by the National Executive Committee, is its authority to function and shall be displayed behind the Commander's station at all regular meetings. A copy of this Constitution and Bylaws shall be properly affixed to the back of the framed Chapter to prevent its loss and in order that it may always be available for reference.

ARTICLE 3 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: Whenever this Chapter has 30 or more members for three (3) consecutive months, the Chapter shall set a time, at a regular meeting to be held not more than 30 days thereafter, at which an Executive Committee shall be elected to hold office until the next annual election and thereafter shall elect an Executive Committee, at each annual election, until such Committee shall be dispensed with by a three-fourths vote of the Chapter members present.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall be composed of eight members (8), Commander, the Vice-Commanders, the Treasurer, immediate past Commander, Adjutant (for record keeping only) and three (3) Chapter Executive Committeemen, the latter to be elected from Chapter members in good standing as above provided, and in accordance with "Nominations and Election" and three such committeemen shall be elected thereafter at each annual Chapter election. The Committee shall elect its own Chairman from its membership, who shall not be the Commander. None of the three (3) Chapter Executive Committeemen shall hold other elective office in this Chapter.

Section 3: After an Executive Committee has been elected, and so long as it continues to function, no expenditures shall be voted upon or authorized by the Chapter in excess of \$100.00, unless first referred to the Executive Committee for its recommendations. Unless by three-fourth Chapter vote by members present at meeting expenditures voted on. (Exception Article 15 section 10/11)

Section 4: All fund-raising projects and all agreements and contracts must be referred to the Committee for its recommendations before being acted upon by the Chapter members present at meeting.

Section 5: The Executive Committee shall make recommendations for the Chapter, from time to time, which it believes will be of benefit to the Chapter.

ARTICLE 3 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (cont)

Section 6: This Committee shall also act, as Resolution Committee, and the Chapter shall adopt no resolution unless first submitted to the Executive Committee for its recommendations, except by a three-fourth's affirmative vote by members present at meeting where resolution is presented.

Section 7: In the event this Committee fails to make recommendations upon any matter referred to it, within a reasonable time, the Chapter, by majority vote, may act upon such matter without receiving the recommendations of the Committee.

Section 8: The Adjutant shall record the minutes of each meeting of the Executive Committee, and read the minutes at the next following regular Chapter meeting. The approval of the minutes, by the Chapter, shall constitute an approval of the recommendations and actions taken by the Executive Committee as reported in such minutes. When the minutes are read, any Chapter member may request that any part thereof be discussed or voted upon separately.

Section 9: The Executive Committee shall hold one regular meeting each month called by the Chairman, and may hold special meetings upon call of the Chairman or the Commander, or any three (3) members who may request the same, in writing. Notice of the time and place of each special meeting shall be given in writing or electronically conveyed to each member of the Committee not less than 48 hours prior to the holding thereof except with the unanimous consent of all members of the Committee. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 10: Any one or more of the three (3) Chapter Executive Committeemen may be removed from office and the vacancy filled

Section 11: One of the purposes for the creation and continuance of the Executive Committee shall be to provide a means for the discussion of routine and other business affairs of the Chapter and to make recommendations of desired action to reduce the time which might otherwise be consumed during Chapter meetings in such discussions, and thus assist in streamlining Chapter meetings and provide for earlier adjournment and time for entertainment and social activities, but leaving in the hands of the Chapter, the sole power to approve or disapprove such recommendations, or to act, in whole or in part, contrary thereto, the Chapter to retain the final right or action.

Section 12: Appointed officers, committee chairmen and other Chapter members may attend the Chapter Executive Committee meetings, but without the right to vote.

Section 13: The Chapter Executive Committee may act for the Chapter only in emergencies and at all other times shall recommend courses of action to the chapter in session.

ARTICLE 4 - OFFICERS

Section 1, Para 1: The Chapter shall elect annually a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, and a Treasurer. Neither the Chapter Commander nor any Chapter Vice Commander may serve as Chapter Adjutant or Treasurer.

Section 1, Para 2: The Commander with the approval of the Chapter shall appoint the Adjutant and Chapter Committees, with the exception of the Nominating committee which shall be elected by the Chapter.

Section 1, Para 3: Such other officers as may be necessary to operate the Chapter may be appointed by the Commander, with the approval of the Chapter.

Section 1, Para 4: A Chapter officer report shall be submitted to the State Department and National Organization within ten (10) days after the installation of newly elected or appointed Chapter officers or in the event of any subsequent change in the Chapter officers during the membership year.

ARTICLE 4 - OFFICERS (cont)

Section 1, Para 5: There shall be no voting by proxy or voting by absentee ballot.

Section 2, Para 1: The Commander shall be the presiding officer at all Chapter meetings and, in his absence; the duty will fall to the next highest officer in line of succession who is present.

Section 2, Para 2: The Senior Vice Commander shall be the Membership Chairman and as such is responsible for campaigns to increase membership.

Section 2, Para 3: **The** Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed and shall deposit any monies received as soon as possible. The Treasurer shall make a report on Chapter finances at each meeting and records shall be open to any member in good standing when a request is made in writing through the Executive Committee. An annual financial report, in accordance with the requirements of the National Bylaws, shall be submitted to the State Department and National Organization within ninety (90) days: after the close of the accounting year of the Chapter.

Section 3, Para 1: Upon election or appointment, and installation of the successor to any such Chapter office, all Chapter property in his or her predecessor's possession shall be surrendered to the newly installed officer.

Section 4, Para 1; Treasurer and Adjutant will be paid \$250.00 each at the completion of each year of service.

ARTICLE 5 - QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1: Any person who is a member in good standing of this Chapter shall be eligible to any elective or appointive office in this Chapter, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE 6 - TENURE OF OFFICE

Section 1: Officers for the Chapter shall be nominated during the December meeting and again immediately prior to the January election meeting (weather permitting).

Section 2: Elected and appointed officers shall be installed at February meeting within thirty (30) days of their election or appointment. They shall serve for one (1) year or until newly elected or appointed officers have been installed (Weather permitting).

Section 3, Para.1: Unexcused absence of any officer from three (3) consecutive meetings shall be cause for consideration of removal and the Commander is empowered to appoint a Chapter member to serve the unexpired term, with the approval of the two-thirds of those Chapter members present and voting at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 3, Para.2: In the event the office of Commander shall be vacated for any reason, the Senior Vice Commander shall be elevated to Commander, Junior vice Commander to Senior Vice Commander and the vacancy filled as outline in Para.1of this section.

Section 4: It shall require a majority of votes of those Chapter members present and voting to elect a candidate for any Chapter office. It shall also require a majority of vote cast to elect delegates or alternates to a state or national convention. However, if there are fewer delegates and alternates than the number the Chapter is entitled, then all such candidates nominated for delegate or alternate shall be declared elected.

ARTICLE 7 - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: No new applicant shall be denied Chapter membership if he or she meets the eligibility requirements as set forth in the National Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2: Only members of the Chapter in good standing are eligible to vote on any motion or at any election.

Section 3: Members of another Chapter may secure a transfer of membership to this Chapter, with the approval of the membership of this Chapter.

ARTICLE 8 - FINANCES

Section 1: The Treasurer and/or other designated members shall deposit all monies in the name of the Chapter and shall write on the deposit slip what the deposit is for. The deposit slip then needs to be in Treasurer's hands within 72 hours of said deposit.

Section 2: The Treasurer or other designated Chapter officer shall be charged with handling normal finances in the operation of the chapter.

Section 3: Membership dues shall be as provided in the National Bylaws.

Section 4: Two signatures shall be required on all checks; signature on first line will be Chapter Commander or (if not available), Senior Vice Commander, second line will always be the Treasurer's signature.

ARTICLE 9 - MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular Chapter meeting dates, time and location shall be determined by majority vote of the Chapter in session.

Section 2: The Chapter must hold at least four (4) regular meetings with a quorum present within a membership year.

Section 3: Special meetings of the Chapter may be called by the Commander whenever the Commander may deem it necessary, or when the Commander is requested in writing to do so by four (4) or more Chapter members.

Section 4: Rules of Chapter meetings shall be as follows:

RULE 1: A quorum shall consist of four (4) members in good standing, of which at least three (3) must be elected and/or appointed Chapter Officers.

RULE 2: Robert's Rule of Order, Revised, shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution and Bylaws, the Department Constitution and Bylaws or the National Constitution and Bylaws.

RULE 3: Discussion of personal grievances will not be in order on the floor unless introduced by the Commander, who shall appoint a Grievance Committee to consider any such matters.

RULE 4: Matters concerning only an individual member, with respect to his or her own personal interest, shall not be in order but may be taken before the proper Committee.

RULE 5: Voting shall be by voice unless otherwise requested by at least four (4) members.

ARTICLE 10 - COMMITTEES

Section 1: All Chapter committees will meet at the call of the Chairman or the Commander, or as otherwise provided in this Constitution and Bylaw.

Section 2: Committees shall consist of not less than three (3) or more than seven (7) members (except as may otherwise be herein provided), including the Chairman. Committees shall be appointed by the Commander, with the approval of the Chapter, with the exception of the Nominating Committee, which shall be elected by the Chapter.

Section 3: The Chapter shall have an Audit Committee composed of at least three (3) members of the Chapter, excluding the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Treasurer, Adjutant and Finance Committee chairman. The Audit Committee shall conduct an annual audit in accordance with the requirements of the National Bylaws.

ARTICLE 11 - Miscellaneous

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended at any Chapter meeting by a vote of two-thirds of those Chapter members present and voting, subject to approval of the Department and National Judge Advocates, and effective only after date of said approval, provided that any such amendment is read at two (2) meetings and that all Chapter members *were notified by mail of the proposed changes prior to the first meeting*.

Section 2: All disciplinary actions shall be conducted in accordance with Article 16 of the National Bylaws and applicable Regulations of the National Executive Committee.

Section 3: To extent to which any of the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws are, or may at any time become, inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws and lawful mandates, decisions and regulations of either the governing State Department or the National Organization, as now in force or as hereafter amended or adopted, this instrument shall be deemed amended so as to conform to the tenets of documents.

ARTICLE 12 - SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1: Special meetings may be called by the Commander whenever he may deem it necessary, or when requested in writing to do so by four (4) or more members in good standing in the Chapter. The call of any such special meeting shall state specifically the purpose for which it is called, and no other business not specified in the call shall be transacted at the special meeting. If a special meeting is to be called, the monthly newsletter should state the reasons for the special meeting, time and place.

ARTICLE 13 - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1: The appointive officers of this Chapter shall consist of an Adjutant, Historian, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, Sergeant at Arms, Officer of the Day, Chaplain and two (2) Color Guards, shall be appointed by the Commander with the approval of the Chapter. The Adjutant may also hold office as Treasurer if so elected.

Section 2: The Commander, or in his absence the next highest officer, shall preside at all regular or special meetings of the Chapter. He shall maintain order and dispatch such business as may legally come before him. The Commander shall countersign all checks (Exception Article 8 section 4) or vouchers issued by the Chapter Treasurer. The Commander shall perform all other duties that may reasonably be assumed to be incidental to his office. Including those set forth in this Constitution and in the Official DAV Ritual, and such other duties as may be lawfully delegated to him by the Chapter.

Section 3: The Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Chaplain and Historian, in the order named shall perform the duties of the Commander in the event of his absence or, if he should die, resign or be removed, until a suitable successor is elected.

ARTICLE 13 - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES (Cont)

Section 4, Para 1: The Adjutant is responsible for keeping the Chapter's records and conducting the Chapter's official correspondence. He must keep detailed records of the Chapter's meetings and business affairs. All motions considered by the Chapter should be recorded as well as the name of the member who seconds motion. All monies received or spent by the Chapter must be recorded in the Adjutant's minute book. He is responsible for membership records and should make certain that they are kept up-to-date.

Section 4, Para 2: At each business meeting, the Adjutant should read the minutes of the proceeding meeting. The Commander then makes sure that motion of acceptance or rejection is passed.

Section 4, Para 3: At each Chapter meeting, the Adjutant should read all correspondence received between meetings and see that all matters which require action by the Chapter are properly disposed of. He should answer all correspondence promptly and file a copy of this answer with the Chapter records. The Adjutant must work closely with the Commander, Treasurer, and other Chapter officers in order to efficiently carry out his duties.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall receive and immediately deposit all the money in the bank account in the name of the Chapter, (The exception being Article 8 section 1) without any deductions or offsets. He shall make authorized disbursements only by checks or vouchers signed by him and countersigned by the Commander. He shall keep a system of accounts approved by the Chapter and shall preserve all receipts, checks and vouchers for payment made. He shall render a monthly report of receipts and expenditures to the Chapter, no later than the first regular Chapter meeting following the last day of each calendar month. The Treasurer's books shall be audited per Article 10 Sec. 3 and an annual report submitted to Department and National Headquarters within 90 days of the close of the accounting year for the Chapter.

Section 6: The Senior Vice Commander shall perform the duties of his station, as set forth in the Official DAV Ritual. He shall encourage friendship among the members of this Organization, discourage discord, and promote harmony. Subject to the direction of the Chapter, he shall act as Chairman of membership solicitation activities to the end that every eligible person may become a member and, with the approval of the Chapter, may appoint one or more members to assist him in such membership activities.

Section 7, Para 1: The Junior Vice Commander shall perform the duties of his station, as set forth in the Official DAV Ritual. He shall see that every member is given reasonable opportunity to state his views on any subject under discussion in a meeting of this Chapter, not inconsistent with this Constitution or Robert's Rule of Order. He shall, at all times, encourage loyalty to the United States of America, to the DAV, and to the members of this Chapter. Subject to the direction of the Chapter, he shall act as Chairman of the Americanism activities of this Chapter and, with the approval of the Chapter, may appoint one or more members to assist him as such Chairman.

Section 7, Para 2: There may be Three Junior Vice Commanders Elected in out-lying communities in our region. Their duties will be to set up at least one meeting a year in their areas of assignments as well as the following: organize Forget-Me-Not drives, keep Chaplain informed of sickness, hospitalization or death of Veterans, To keep communication and needs flowing from their area to the Commander and Officers in Bemidji. Attend quarterly meetings at Bemidji.

Section 8: The Chaplain shall perform the duties of his station, as set forth in the Official DAV Ritual. He shall visit the sick and comfort the families of those members who are in distress, from time to time, are called to Great Beyond. He shall be responsible for encouraging attendance at funerals of DAV Chapter members and proper conduct thereto. Subject to the direction of the Chapter, he shall act as Hospital Visitation Chairman, and, with the approval of the Chapter, may appoint one or more members to assist him as such Chairman.

Section 9: The Historian shall keep a brief history of the activities of the Chapter during his term of office, to be kept as a permanent record of the Chapter. He shall also act as Publicity Officer of the Chapter and regularly furnish proper publicity materials to local newspapers, radio stations and the official DAV National Department publications, with the approval of the Commander. No other member shall cause any publicity to be given to any Chapter activity or concerning the Chapter without the approval of the Chapter Commander.

ARTICLE 13 - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES (cont.)

Section 10: The Service Officer shall advise and assist veterans disabled in line of duty during time of war, and their dependents, in the technical preparation and prosecution of their equitable claims for benefits from any governmental agency, and in securing suitable, gainful employment.

Section 11: The Judge Advocate, upon the request of the Commander of the Chapter, shall render an opinion upon all parliamentary questions, upon any questions arising out of the dispute upon the floor of the assembly, or concerning the interpretation of this Constitution, or the Constitution or Bylaws of the National or Department Organizations. Upon receipt of his opinion, the Commander (or presiding officer, if the Commander is not in the chair) shall announce his ruling or decision, which need not be in accordance with the opinion of the Judge Advocate, and such decision shall be final and binding upon the Chapter unless (1) over-ruled by a two-thirds vote upon an appeal from such decision taken at the meeting during which the decision is announced, or (2) reversed upon an appeal taken to the next higher governing body within thirty (30) days; after such decision is made known.

Section 12: The Officer of the Day shall perform the duties of his office as set forth in the Official DAV Ritual. He shall welcome all visitors and see that each is properly introduced.

Section 13: The Sergeant at Arms and the Color Guards shall perform the duties of their respective offices as set forth in the Official DAV Ritual.

Section 14, Para 1: In addition to the foregoing, the respective Chapter officers shall faithfully perform and carry out such other and further duties as may be properly assigned to them from time to time by the Commander.

Section 14, Para 2: A member can hold one elective Chapter office at any one time. A delegate to a National or Department Convention is not holding an "Elected Office" with the meaning of this section, except as otherwise provided herein; an elective officer may also hold an appointive office and visa versa.

Section 14, Para 3: The Commander or Vice-Commanders shall not hold the office of Adjutant/Treasurer. The Service Officer may hold any other elective or appointive office.

Section 14, Para 4: By accepting any elected or appointed office, each member agrees that his services shall be rendered gratuitously and that he shall not be entitled to reimbursement for any sums advanced, incurred or spent unless expressly authorized by the Chapter at a regular Chapter meeting; and no Chairman, Committeeman, Chapter officer or other Chapter member shall have the power or authority to incur any expense or obligation or bind this Chapter, unless by prior express approval of this Chapter, evidenced by a majority vote at a regular meeting. Each member, by accepting any elected or appointed office, promises and agrees to perform the duties of such office or appointment to the best of his ability; to act and conduct himself in such a manner, at all times and places, as will only affect the good of the Organization; to enforce and sustain this Constitution, and the Constitution and Bylaws of the National and Department Organizations, and when his successor has been duly elected or appointed, to surrender to him, without notice or demand, all the records and other property of this Chapter or of this Organization in his possession or under his control.

Section 14, Para 5: The Chapter will make available to its officers (at least), current copies of the National Constitution and Bylaws, Department Constitution and Bylaws, and have available for ready reference, current revised copy of Robert's Rules of Order. These documents, followed judiciously, will lead to good form during meetings and events.

Section 15, Para 1: All voting for officers or delegates shall be by written ballot, except by unanimous consent.

Section 15, Para 2: It shall require a majority vote cast to elect a candidate for Chapter officer. A majority vote will be required to elect a state or national convention delegate or alternate, provided, however, that if there are less candidates for delegates and alternate than the number of delegates and alternates allowed the Chapter then all candidates nominated will automatically elected.

ARTICLE 13 - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES (cont.)

Section 15, Para 3: In the event of a vacancy of any elected office, nominations and election to such vacancy may be made at the same meeting.

Section 15, Para 4: All nominations for either State or National Convention delegate shall be made at the meeting preceding the meeting at which they are to be elected; election for National Convention delegates shall be held not less than 15 days preceding the opening date of such convention.

Section 15, Para 5: Installation of officers elected at the regular annual meeting shall be installed within thirty (30) days of their election or appointment. Installation of officers elected to fill vacancies shall be made at the same meeting at which they are elected.

ARTICLE 14-- RESTRICTIONS

Section 1: The Chapter may direct that notice be sent to any elective or appointive officer who has failed to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Chapter or who, in the opinion of the Chapter, does not appear fulfilling the duties of his office. At the next regular meeting (giving the time and place), to be fulfilling the duties of his office, the matter of his recall from office will be considered. At the meeting set forth in such notice, the Chapter, by two-thirds votes of those present and voting, may declare such office vacant and such officer recalled. If an elective officer, his office shall be filled by nomination and election at the same meeting. If an appointive office, the Commander shall appoint another member to fill such vacancy with the approval of the Chapter.

Section 2: The order of business at any regular meeting shall be prescribed by the Official DAV Ritual and as the needs of the Chapter may necessitate.

Section 3: There shall be no voting by proxy. Only members in good standing and present shall be entitled to vote on any question.

Section 4: The presiding officer shall be entitled to vote only in case of a tie or where the voting is by written ballot. Any member in arrears in payment in dues shall automatically cease to be a member in good standing.

Section 5: Each member accepting or retaining membership in this Chapter agrees to be bound by this Constitution and the DAV National and Department Constitution and Bylaws, now in force or hereafter adopted or amended, and agrees not to bring any action in any court of law or equity relating to his rights or privileges as a member or office until all remedies provide by this Chapter's Constitution and the State and National Constitutions, Bylaws and lawful mandates, have been exhausted.

Section 6: This Chapter may engage in any other activity lawfully permitted by the State of Minnesota, Minnesota DAV and National DAV.

Section 7: The officer (s) having custody of the funds of this Chapter shall at all times be bonded through National Headquarters in accordance with National Bylaw provisions.

Section 8: All fund-raising activities will be conducted in accordance with Article 15 of the National Bylaws. Chapter, women's auxiliaries and National Order of Trench Rats units shall not sponsor or conduct a lottery in the name of or using any part of the name of this Organization, except where authorized by law. The name of this Chapter or of the Disabled American Veterans must not be used in connection with nor shall the Chapter enter into or engage in any political, sectarian or labor dispute nor in an any matter not directly relating to wartime service-disabled veterans; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit this Chapter from participating in political issues which have a direct bearing upon the welfare of veterans or citizens, as a whole.

ARTICLE 14 – RESTRICTIONS (cont)

Section 9: A member must attend 4 consecutive meetings prior to the Convention, to be reimbursed for Convention expenses as a delegate.

Section 10: Expenses are paid for Commander and one other elected officer as follows. 1. Federal Mileage allowance 2. Lodging at Convention rates 3. Per diem \$30 a day. Treasurer must have a receipt for all monies reimbursed.

Section 11: Registration will be paid for all Delegates.

Section 12: Elected officers and appointed Committee chairs will be reimbursed up to \$100 for expenses occurred in conducting the responsibility of their assignment. Treasurer must have a receipt for all monies reimbursed.

Section 13: The Commander has available discretionary funds up to \$300 (three hundred dollars) Will provide receipt or written statement for all monies reimbursed.

Section 14: Regional area Junior Vice Commanders will be reimbursed for mileage for Quarterly meetings at the rate of Federal Mileage allowance.

ATTEST: _____

Adopted after the final reading

On the ____ day of _____ 2009

ADJUTANT (CHAPTER)

COMMANDER (CHAPTER)

DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE