

Resolutions to the bylaws

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Add on Page 7 to the index Women Veterans Committee on page 28.

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#2 Article III-Department Conventions on page 9

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#3 Article IV-Department Officers on page10

1. The Department Convention shall annually elect a Department commander, 1st Vice commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Command and Provost Marshal. A finance Officer, and Judge Advocate will be elected on the odd years and serve for a two-year term.

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#4 Article V -Executive Department on page 12

2.The S.E.C. shall consist of the Department Commander, the 1st Vice Commander, the 2nd Vice Commander, the 3rd Vice Commander, the Finance Officer, the Judge Advocate, the Provost Marshal. The NEC man (or in his absence the Alternate NEC Man Only), each District Commander and the Immediate Past Commander. The Department Commander shall be the Chairman of the S.E.C. and shall vote only in the event of a tie. The Executive Director shall be the secretary to the S.E.C. without a vote. The Legislative Director, Inspector General Chaplain and Aide-de-Camp to the Department Commander shall be members of the S.E.C. without a vote.

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#5 ARTICLE VI-Duties of Officers on page 13

Add Adjutant duties

5. ADJUTANT: The Adjutant provides the administrative support for the Department and is charged with taking minutes and maintaining all records (in conjunction with the finance officer). He is also responsible for correspondence and handles the routine business of the department. The Adjutant is the official contact person for the Department and serves as the liaison officer between the Department and the Posts, Districts and National Headquarters.

Among the Adjutant responsibilities:

1. Maintain the Department's electronic roster. Ensure e-mails are current for all members and leaders.
2. Maintain records of current and past officers.
3. Forward a new list of officers to National Headquarters within 30days of the election. E-mail membership when a member passes
4. Ensure that all Officers are notified in advance of the time, place, and date of Department meetings.
5. Be present at all meetings to record all business transacted and report on the minutes of the previous Executive Committee meetings.
6. Present all communications and correspondence at regular Executive Committee meetings.
7. Keep a complete record of the Department's property, including a description of the item, it's estimated value, its location and any other pertinent information deemed necessary.
8. File all correspondence according to the subject matter. Keep copies of all letters sent to the National Headquarters.

Like the Commander, he too can access Post member information online. He has the same privileges as the Commander.

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#6 Article VII Posts on page17

7. Any post proposing to locate or relocate a Post Home, or a regular Post meeting place shall notify the Executive Director of its intent in writing. If there is no Post within a one-half mile radius of said proposed location, the Executive Director shall so notify the post within seven days of his receipt of the Post letter. The Executive Director shall notify, by registered letter, any post which is already permanently established within the one-half- mile radius of said proposed new location. If, after fifteen Days from the date of sending said notice, no objection is received on said new location, the post shall be free to establish in the proposed new location. If, however, written objection is received from the established post the S.E.C. shall hold a hearing on the objection and approve or disapprove the Post's proposed location.

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#7 Article XI Standing Committees page 24

7. AMVETS Higgins Lake Lodge Maintenance & Advisory Committee.

The Higgins Lake Board shall consist of 5 voting members of which one shall be the Department Commander. The commander appoints the Chair who shall be responsible for appointing the remaining four members of the committee who will be AMVETS as a two-year appointment. There will be three additional members appointed, one from the AMVETS Auxiliary Department of Michigan, and one from the AMVETS Department Michigan Sons of AMVETS and one from the AMVET Riders. Each of whom will not have a vote, to be appointed by their respective organizations. The commander shall cast and additional vote in the event of any tie. A quorum will be 3 of the voting members.

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Add Paragraph B under Section 7 AMVETS Higgins Lake Lodge Maintenance & Advisory Committee

B. There shall be a Marina Sub-Committee made up of the Boat Owners in the Marina. The Committee chair must be an AMVET selected by the marina committee members. The chair of said sub-committee shall be seated on the Lodge committee. The Marina Committee shall carry a majority of AMVETS (veterans) with a minimum of 70% to have voting privileges.

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#9 Article XI Standing Committees page 24

Add #17

Women Veterans Committee

A. The committee shall consist of 5 female AMVETS members, appointed by the Department Commander at the post-Convention S.E.C. The chair shall be elected by the members of the committee at the first meeting by a majority vote.

B. The purpose of the committee is to advocate for female veterans' rights. The committee shall meet at the call of the Chair but no less than 3 times a year.

C. Each year, the committee shall draft a report of their actions from the previous year to be presented at the Department Convention.

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