



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS®

Oregon

PROPOSED STATE BYLAW AMENDMENTS

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, DEPARTMENT OF OREGON BYLAWS

ARTICLE VI – COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Sections 9, 10, and 11

ARTICLE VI – SECTION 9 (Current)

Section 9- On matters requiring action by the Department Council of Administration between stated meetings, the Department Commander may direct the Department Adjutant to conduct mail ballots in accordance with the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure.

ARTICLE VI – SECTION 9 (As Amended)

Section 9- On matters requiring action by the Department Council of Administration between stated meetings, the Department Commander may direct the Department Adjutant to conduct mail ballots [or electronic ballots (email)] in accordance with the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure.

ARTICLE VI – SECTION 10 (Current)

Section 10- The written vote shall include printed ballots mailed to each member of the Council. The ballots shall contain, in addition to the matter to be voted on, the words “For” and “Against” with an appropriate space opposite each word for the member to indicate their vote, and a space for signature and office. A return from the majority of the members shall be considered as a quorum for the mail vote. Ballots shall be counted and tabulated by the Department Adjutant, who shall certify and transmit to the Department Commander the total number of ballots cast both “For” and “Against”. The Commander shall announce the result to the members of the Council by circular notice.

ARTICLE VI – SECTION 10 (As Amended)

Section 10- The written vote shall include printed ballots mailed [or electronic ballots (email)] to each member of the Council. The ballots shall contain, in addition to the matter to be voted on, the words “For” and “Against” with an appropriate space or method for the member to indicate their vote, and a space for identification of name and office. A return from the majority of the members shall be considered as a quorum for the mail [or electronic] vote. Ballots shall be counted and tabulated by the Department Adjutant, who shall certify and transmit to the Department Commander the total number of ballots cast both “For” and “Against”. The

Commander shall announce the result to the members of the Council by ~~regular notice~~ [mail or email].

[Ballots submitted electronically must be received from the Council member's email address on file as reflected on the election report.]

[The Department Adjutant shall maintain all email votes received as part of the official record.]

ARTICLE VI – SECTION 11 (Current)

Section 11- Matters submitted for mail vote and the results of the vote shall be transmitted by the Department Adjutant at the next regular or special meetings of the Council.

ARTICLE VI – SECTION 11 (As Amended)

Section 11- Matters submitted for mail vote [or electronic vote (email)] and the results of the vote shall be transmitted by the Department Adjutant at the next regular or special meetings of the Council.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, DEPARTMENT OF OREGON BYLAWS

ARTICLE VIII – FINANCES

Section 12

ARTICLE VIII – SECTION 12 (Current)

Section 12 - The Post Trustees Report of Audit to send to the Department Quartermaster, also include copies of the Bank Statements (checking, saving and investment) for last month of quarter.

ARTICLE VIII – SECTION 12 (As Amended)

~~Section 12 - The Post Trustees Report of Audit to send to the Department Quartermaster, also include copies of the Bank Statements (checking, saving and investment) for last month of quarter.~~
[Section removed in its entirety]

REASON FOR AMENDMENT

To eliminate the requirement to submit bank statements to the Department Quartermaster, as financial oversight and review of bank statements are the responsibility of the Post Trustees and Post Commander. This change reinforces proper internal controls at the Post level and reduces unnecessary administrative burden at the Department level.

Post audits and financial accountability requirements remain governed by National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, DEPARTMENT OF OREGON BYLAWS

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION

SECTIONS 4 AND 5

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION

SECTION 4 – DISTRICT GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

SECTION 4 (Current)

District 2 – Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook Counties.

SECTION 4 (As Amended)

District 2 – Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook Counties, and the majority of Washington County except the southeastern portion. Highway 99W shall serve as the dividing line within Washington County.

SECTION 4 (Current)

District 3 – Multnomah County to Gresham City limits plus that portion of Clackamas County within Zip Codes 97222 (Milwaukie) and 97206 (Portland).

SECTION 4 (As Amended)

[District 3 dissolved.]

SECTION 4 (Current)

District 4 – Coos and Curry Counties.

SECTION 4 (As Amended)

District 4 – Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties.

SECTION 4 (Current)

District 5 – Klamath and Lake Counties.

SECTION 4 (As Amended)

[District 5 dissolved.]

SECTION 4 (Current)

District 6 – Union, Walla Walla, and Baker Counties and that portion of Malheur County consisting of Zip Codes 97913 (Nyssa), 97914 (Ontario), 97906 (Harper), and 97918 (Vale).

SECTION 4 (As Amended)

District 6 – Union, Umatilla, Wallowa, Grant, Malheur, and Baker Counties.

SECTION 4 (Current)

District 7 – Josephine and Jackson Counties.

SECTION 4 (As Amended)

District 7 – Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, and Lake Counties.

SECTION 4 (Current)

District 8 – Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Morrow, Umatilla and Grant Counties.

SECTION 4 (As Amended)

[District 8 dissolved.]

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION

SECTION 5 – DISTRICTS SHALL CONSIST OF POSTS AS ENUMERATED

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Dist.</u>
#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8
1440	1325	965	1383	922	1383	922
1909	4248	966	4070	3048	1833	2471
2666		2468		3597	2302	3597
2848		2928		4060	4070	4567
2994		3182		4307	6881	
4362		3440		4567	9670	
10580		4439		5452		
12123		6102		7847		
		9745				
	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	
	#10	#13	#14	#15	#16	
	1412	293	584	180	1325	
	1643	2468	661	1324	2666	
	4108	3232	732	2471	3452	
	7242	3473	3156	3973	4015	
	8138	3957	3203	4273	4211	
	12141	3965	3437	6057	4248	
		4039	3957	12140	12140	
		4166	4065	12211		
		9448	4227			
		9745	5638			
		10639	12214			

Bold is an added Post, Red is a subtracted Post to the District

IMPLEMENTATION

These amendments shall be adopted upon approval by the Department Convention but shall not become effective until July 1, 2027.

Current District boundaries, officer structures, and Post assignments shall remain in effect until June 30, 2027.

Beginning July 1, 2027, all Posts shall thereafter be reassigned to their amended Districts as reflected in Article IV, Sections 4 and 5.

The Department Council of Administration is authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to facilitate the transition prior to the effective date.