

PROPOSED STATE BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

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RESOLUTIONS

STATE CONVENTION 2022

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS. Oregon

PROPOSED STATE BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

- OR-B1 Change District 9 territory to dissolve District
- OR-B2 Change District 13 territory to add Florence Posts
- OR-B3 Change District 14 territory to add Waldport, Toledo and Siletz Posts
- OR-B4 Change Department territory

Proposed Amendment to Oregon Department by-laws

Article IV – Organization

Section 4- District geographical boundaries shall be:

Paragraph 8- remove all wording

District 9 – Lincoln County, the Western portion of Lane and Douglas Counties to the summit of the Coast Range.

Reason: merging Posts from District 9 in with Districts 13 & 14

Proposed Amendment to Oregon Department by-laws

Article IV – Organization

Section 4- District geographical boundaries shall be:

Paragraph 11- remove east of the summit of the Coast Range.

District 13 – Lane County east of the summit of the Coast Range.

Reason: merging Post 3232 from District 9 in with District 13

Proposed Amendment to Oregon Department by-laws

Article IV – Organization

Section 4- District geographical boundaries shall be:

Paragraph 12- Add: Lincoln County

District 14 – Polk, Benton, Linn Counties and Marion County excluding Zip codes 97020(Donald), 97381(Silverton), 97362(Mt. Angel), 97071(Woodburn), 97029(Aurora), 97032(Hubbard), 97375(Scotts Mills), 97026(Gervais), and 97137(St. Paul). *Lincoln County*

Reason: merging Posts from District 9 with the exception of Post 3232 in with District 14

Proposed Amendment to Oregon Department by-laws

Article I – Name and Territory

Section 3- The Headquarters of the Department

At the end of paragraph 1 Remove: Portland

The Headquarters of the Department of Oregon shall be located in **Portland**, Oregon

Reason by doing this will allow the Department to move out of the Portland area when an appropriate location is found

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Oregon

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED for National BY-LAWS by Oregon

- B1 Amend Section 216 adding paragraph "e"
- B2 Amend Section 218 change paragraph (a) officer (11)Trustees d.

Proposed Amendment to National Bylaws proposed by Department of Oregon.

Section 216-Bylaws.

Amend Section 216 – Elected and Appointed Officers; Chairmen and Committees Add paragraph (e) The Post shall pay or ensure the membership dues of all Elected and Appointed officers that have an annual membership at the beginning to the VFW year.

Reason: This will avoid losing officers in the middle of the year for lack of dues payment.

Proposed Amendment to National Manual of Procedure proposed by Department of Oregon.

Section 218 – Officers: Duties and Obligations.

Amend Section 218. Manual of Procedure by changing paragraph (a) officers (11) Trustees d. perform such other duties ... to paragraph (a) (11) e.

Change paragraph (a) officers (11) Trustees d. In addition to 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.

Reason:

This will form one more level of protection to the post to insure Posts funds are being used correctly and not being misappropriated or stolen. The Audit end numbers should match the Bank statements.



RESOLUTIONS FOR OREGON

R-1 National Medal of Honor Highway on US Highway 20

RESOLUTION VFW POST 4108 REDMOND, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO: TITLE: National Medal of Honor Highway on U.S. Highway 20

WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor award was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln in 1861 and 1862, and

WHEREAS, 3,511 members of the Armed Forces of the United States have been awarded the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for valor for *acting with conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of one's life* during wars against enemies of the United States, and

WHEREAS, During 2017-2018, the nonprofit Bend Heroes Foundation managed creation of the 451-mile border to border Oregon Medal of Honor Highway across Oregon on US Highway 20 honoring all of Oregon's 29 Medal of Honor recipients of all wars and was the first state in our nation to do such, and

WHEREAS, During the 5-year period 2018-2022, Bend Heroes Foundation managed creation of the Medal of Honor Highway Across America through 12-states located along the 3,565-mile coast to coast U.S. Highway 20, the longest highway in our nation, and

WHEREAS, Numerous VFW Posts and one VFW Department across our nation have supported designations of the 12-state Medal of Honor Highways which complement the VFW vision: *"Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country", and*

WHEREAS, Each of the 12-state Medal of Honor Highways honors the state's Medal of Honor recipients and recipients from any state who travel on it, and

WHEREAS, The 12-state Medal of Honor Highways along U.S. Highway 20 collectively honor about 60% of our nation's 3,511 Medal of Honor recipients with the remaining 38 states accounting for about 40% of all awardees, and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress designated the coast-to-coast Lincoln and Eisenhower Highways honoring two former Commanders-in-Chief who either created or presented Medal of Honor awards during war, and

WHEREAS, Not a single highway across the United States has been designated by the United States Congress to honor all of our nation's Medal of Honor recipients since the Medal of Honor award was created 161 years ago; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By VFW Post 4108, VFW, Department of Oregon assembled in Redmond, Oregon on February _____, 2022, respectfully requests the VFW Department of Oregon to support this resolution and request the VFW national organization to support and encourage the United States Congress to designate the coast to coast U.S. Highway 20 as the "National Medal of Honor Highway Across America" and require appropriate highway signage including displaying the three versions of the Medal of Honor medal on all signs, and be it further

RESOLVED, A National Medal of Honor Highway Across America will raise public awareness of the Medal of Honor award and the bravery of our nation's war heroes – an objective of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society chartered by Congress, and be it finally

RESOLVED, Designating the Newport, Oregon to Boston, Massachusetts coast-to-coast U.S. Highway 20 as the National Medal of Honor Highway Across America by the United States Congress would honor all of our nation's current and future Medal of Honor recipients and promote education of the traveling public on the "bravest of the brave" American war veterans

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Feb. 3,2022

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References: Congressional Medal of Honor Society: <u>https://www.cmohs.org/</u> Medal of Honor Highway Across America fact sheet, American Legion Preamble

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