



Constitution & By-laws

Of the
Second Zone Association
Department of Michigan
The American Legion

Preamble to the American Legion Constitution

For God and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes;
To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
To maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
To preserve the memories and incidents of our associates in all wars;
To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation;
To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
To make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth;
To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. The name of the Association shall be: "Second Zone Association, Department of Michigan, The American Legion".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. The American Legion Districts of the Second Zone, Department of Michigan do hereby organize a Zone Organization to carry out the principles of the American Legion, to aid in the administration and performance thereof, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Department of Michigan, The American Legion.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Second Zone shall consist of all post in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th District Associations in the Department of Michigan, and shall be members of this Association.

ARTICLE IV - REPRESENTATION

Section 1. Delegates and alternates selected by Posts for the ensuing Department Convention shall be Post representatives as delegates and alternates to this Association commencing with the first caucus of the Association at the Department Convention and representation at the

Association meetings shall be on the basis used at said meetings; provided, however, that any Post or District shall have the right to change its' representatives. All persons from this Zone who were delegates to the preceding Department Convention by virtue of their office shall also be delegates to this Association.

ARTICLE V - VOTING

Section 1. Each delegate shall be entitled to cast his/her vote as he/she desires at all meetings of the Association.

Section 2. All voting shall be by voice vote or a show of hands.

Section 3. All Motions and Elections shall be approved by a majority of votes cast.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of this Association shall be: The Zone Commander.

Section 2. Nominations

Each year the selection of the Zone Commander shall be made, on a continuous Rotation cycle, from District 3 to District 4, then to District 5, so that every third year, each District shall have the opportunity to elect a nominee for Zone Commander from their District.

Section 3. Officers Term of office:

The Zone Commander shall hold office during the year following the adjournment of the annual Department Convention.

Section 4. Officers Duties:

The Commander shall preside at all Association meetings and the annual caucus at the Department convention.

He/She shall be The Department Executive Committeemen from this Association.

The Commander shall have other powers and duties as shall be conferred upon him/her pursuant to this "Constitution and By-Laws" and the "Constitution and By-Laws: of the Department of Michigan.

The Commander shall perform the duties listed in this Constitution and By-Laws and other duties as assigned by the Department Commander.

Section 5. Vacancies:

In the event of a vacancy in any elected office, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Department of Michigan.

Section 6. Formal Installation of Officers:

The officer of the Association shall be installed after adjournment of the Annual Department Convention and prior to the first meeting of The Department Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section 1. The Zone Association shall meet at least once each year in annual Caucus at the Department Convention for purpose of electing the new Zone Commander.

Section 2. The Zone Association must conduct, open, and close their local meetings as per the National "Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies" or its' succeeding publication.

Section 3. Procedures at meetings not covered by the bylaws of the Zone Association shall be governed by the most current edition of "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER"

ARTICLE IX - QUORUM

Section 1. Delegates representing the majority the District Associations in the Zone shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings.

ARTICLE X - RATIFICATION

This Constitution and Bylaws shall become effective when adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast at the annual caucus and when approved by the Department Judge Advocate; pursuant to the Bylaws of the Department of Michigan when adopted.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended when adopted by the affirmative vote of a 2/3 majority of the delegates present at the annual meeting provided there is a quorum present and providing that the changes have been read when presented to the delegates,

Section 2. Any District Commander in the 2nd Zone Association may propose a change to these Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 5. This Constitution is adopted subject to the provisions of the National Constitution of The American Legion and of the Constitution of the Department of Michigan, The American Legion. Any amendment to said National Constitution or Department Constitution which is in conflict with any provisions hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of this Constitution to the extent of such conflict.

ARTICLE XII - DISBANDMENT

In the event The 2nd Zone Association should dissolve, any and all Legion property will be turned over to the American Legion, Department of Michigan.

Revised: _____
Amended by: _____

Approved by: The Department Judge Advocate
