

**Following are Proposed Amendments to Department of Michigan Bylaws for consideration
by the VFW delegates to the 106th State Convention**

BL 1

Article V

Delete Sections 1 and 2 and replace with:

Section 1: Upon the request of five (5) Posts existing in one or more counties within the State of Michigan, the Department Council of Administration may authorize the formation of a County Council. Membership by Posts within a County is voluntary. A County Council may admit into membership any Post that is a member of the same VFW District if provided for in their ByLaws. Any County Council whose membership falls below four (4) Posts shall be declared defunct.

Section 2: County Councils shall follow the administrative procedures as stated in Article IV of the National ByLaws and Manual of Procedure as a guide.

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 2

Article IV, Section 4

In the last sentence delete all after the word "elections".

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 3

Article VII

Add a new section.

"The Department Adjutant shall create Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) as guides for employees, Department Officers or Department Committees as may be recommended by National Adjutant General, requested by the Department Commander, ordered by the Council of Administration or to assist in the good conduct of business of the Department. SOPs must be approved by the Council of Administration."

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 4

Article VII, Section 7

Delete the second sentence and replace with the following:

The Audit Committee will perform their duties within thirty (30) days prior to each scheduled Council of Administration meeting.

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 5

Article VII, Section 7

Move the entire section to Article X as a new section.

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 6

Article XIII, Section 2

Move the entire section to Article X as a new section.

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 7

Article X, Section 2

In the second sentence change the word “Quartermaster” to “Adjutant”.

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 8

Article X, Section 4

Delete the first sentence.

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 9

Article X, Section 4

In the second sentence delete the words “In addition,”.

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 10

Article X, Section 5

Add a sentence: “Vouchers must be received within thirty (30) days of the end of the month in which the expenditure was made.”

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 11

Article XIV, Section 1, paragraph 1

Change “June 1” to “May 22”.

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 12

Article XIV, Section 1, paragraph 2

Delete the first sentence.

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 13

Article XIV, Section 1, paragraph 2

In second sentence delete “and consist of a minimum of six (6) members”.

Move the remainder of Section 1 and combine with Section 2 so that it reads:

“Section 2. The Convention Committee members will be the Department Commander, Department Senior Vice Commander, Department Junior Vice Commander, Department Quartermaster, Department Adjutant and one member appointed by the Department Commander. Should the positions of Quartermaster and Adjutant be combined, the Department Chief of Staff shall become a member of the committee.

It shall be the responsibility of the Convention Committee to obtain, review and prepare the appropriate material for the Council of Administration selection and/or approval of the convention sites, including making any changes or alterations to existing sites.

The Council of Administration may approve a site five (5) years in advance if such a bid is received, but not more than five (5) years in advance.”

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 14

Article VIII, Section 3

Delete all after the first sentence.

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 15

Article VIII, Section 6

Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

“All vacancies within the Service Office other than the Department Service Officer shall be filled in accordance with the Department Service Committee SOP.”

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 16

Article VIII, Section 7

Add the following:

“Meetings of the Committee may be conducted electronically. A quorum of five (5) Committee members shall be required for the conduct of business by the Committee.”

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 17

Article VIII, Section 8

Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

“Annually, the Department Service Officer and the Quartermaster shall prepare and submit to the Service Committee an operational budget for its approval for the fiscal year of the MVAA contract. The submitted budget shall be a balanced budget.”

Submitted by the Barry Walter, State Quartermaster

BL 18

Article IX, Section 3

Delete in its entirety and move as a new section to Article X

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 19

Article VIII, Section 2

Delete the first sentence from Section 2 and move to be the first sentence of Section 3

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

BL 20

Article IV, Section 4

Change "...seven dollars (\$7.00)..." to "...ten dollars (10.00)..."

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Quartermaster

BL 21

Article IV, Section 5

Change "...seven dollars (\$7.00)..." to "...ten dollars (10.00)..."

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Quartermaster

BL 22

Article X, Section 1

Replace the first sentence in its entirety with: "The Department per capita (dues) shall be twelve dollars (\$12.00) per annum on each annual member in good standing, effective January 1, 2026."

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Quartermaster

BL 23

Article X, Section 1

Replace the first sentence in its entirety with: "The Department per capita (dues) shall be eleven dollars (\$11.00) per annum on each annual member in good standing, effective January 1, 2026."

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Quartermaster

BL 24

Article IX, Section 4

Replace the first sentence in its entirety with: "The Board of Directors shall make regular reports to the Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Council of Administration and the Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Council of Administration on the financial and physical status of the camp and its operations."

Submitted by Barry Walter, State Adjutant

NOTE:

Following the incorporation of all adopted amendments, renumber the sections within each article as appropriate.