THE TENNESSEE LEGIONNAIRE

ONE VISION—ONE FORCE

DEPARTMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

From time to time we need to review our governing documents. As you may know a revision of our current Department Constitution and Bylaws will become before the Constitution and Bylaws Committee as well as the Department Executive Committee during the Mid-Winter Conference. The proposed document, as well as the current Constitution and Bylaws have been posted on our website since last February. If the Department Executive Committee approves the revision, we will publish the entire document in the May Tennessee Legionnaire. It will then come before your post delegates at the Department Convention for approval or disapproval.

With that said, we felt it may be important to review the Convention Delegates and Alternates. Excerpt from the Department Constitution, Article V, entitled "Department Convention."

The legislative body of this organization shall be a Department Convention, to be held annually. At the Department Convention, each chartered Post of the American Legion in the state shall be entitled to five delegates and five alternates; provided the Post has in good standing the fifteen members required for Charter. One Convention delegate and alternate is authorized for each additional fifteen members or major fraction thereof. No delegate shall be seated until annual dues to the state organization are paid. Delegates shall be chosen at Post meetings not less than one week before the Department Convention.

Each registered delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any registered delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by majority of the registered delegates from his Post, there shall be no unit rule. Alternates for registered delegates shall have all the privileges of registered, except that of voting.

DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

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 association in the Great 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 guard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

When used in this Constitution and By-Laws, the words “he, him” and “men” represent both the masculine and feminine genders.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be THE AMERICAN LEGION, Department of Tennessee.

Section 2. Department Headquarters of THE AMERICAN LEGION, Department of Tennessee is located 318 Donelson Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37214.

ARTICLE II NATURE

Section 1. THE AMERICAN LEGION, Department of Tennessee, is a civilian organization; membership therein does not affect nor increase liability for military or police service. Rank does not exist in the Legion; no member shall be addressed by his military or naval title in any convention or meeting of the Legion.

Section 2. THE AMERICAN LEGION, Department of Tennessee, shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan-principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION

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ARTICLE IV ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Any person shall be eligible for membership in THE AMERICAN LEGION who, at the time of his entry therein, served on active duty in the armed forces of any of the United States during either of said periods, or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of his entry therein, served on active duty in the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either of said eligibility periods; provided, however, that such service shall have been terminated by honorable discharge or separation, or continued honorably after either of said periods; provided further, that no person shall be entitled to membership who, being in such service during either of said periods, refused on conscientious, political or other grounds to subject himself to military discipline or unqualified service.

Section 2. There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership, and dues shall be paid annually or for life.

Section 3. No person may be a member at any one time of more than one Post.

Section 4. No person, who has been expelled by a Post, shall be admitted to membership in another Post without the consent of the expelling Post. The person expelled may appeal to the Department Executive Committee for permission to apply for admission in another Post. The person shall be ineligible for membership until such permission is granted.

ARTICLE V DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Section 1. The legislative body of this organization shall be a Department Convention, to be held annually at a place to be fixed by vote of the preceding convention. In the event that the preceding convention does not fix a place therefor, the Department Executive Committee hereinafter provided for shall decide upon the meeting place and set the dates for said convention. The Department Executive Committee shall fix the time for said convention.

Section 2. At the Department Convention, each chartered Post of THE AMERICAN LEGION in the state shall be entitled to five delegates and five alternates; provided the Post has in good standing the fifteen members required for Charter. One additional delegate and alternate is authorized for each additional fifteen members or major fraction thereof.
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FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER STEPHEN WEISSMANN

Here we are again, another membership year has drawn to a close, and as my tenure as your Department Commander also comes to an end, it is time for reflection and evaluation. Where are we, as the largest veterans service organization? In my humble opinion, we have made great strides this year preparing for our next 100 years; however, we still have much work to do. Until the day comes that a Legionnaire in Bristol, Memphis, Chattanooga, Tiptonville or Collinwood can experience the same brother or sisterhood, experience the same level of support, and our communities experience the same standard of service, our job is not complete. This will require each of us to hold ourselves accountable.

Accountable to ourselves to ensure that we are proactive and knowledgeable of the programs of The American Legion. Accountable to our veterans to ensure that they receive the benefits and services that have been earned by virtue of their dedicated and honorable service to our nation. Accountable to our communities, educating and serving their needs, fostering a relationship of support and mutual respect. Accountable to our children to plant the seeds of liberty while educating the responsibilities of citizenship. Each one of us MUST have skin in the game. We cannot count on the select few from each Post, who work tirelessly to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation. One Vision, One Force!

One Vision of selfless service, regardless of the extent your efforts can be felt. Select programs that your Post can realistically support and give it your all. Trust me, when I tell you that your impact will be appreciated by your veterans, communities and youth. One Force for good, supporting each other through mentoring and mutual respect.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our Department Convention in Cool Springs on June 1-2. Please join us as we forge our way to the forefront of The American Legion. Our example will provide a template for all Departments to follow. For God and Country.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Gary Anderson
Department Chaplain

Scripture teaches, “There are friends who pretend to be friends, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

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THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FEBRUARY 28, 2019

| ASSETS | UNRESTRICTED FUNDS: |
|----------------------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS: |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | $130,420.06 |
| Investments | $377,699.00 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | $508,119.06 |
| Property and Equipment | $1,524,788.14 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | $345,053.48 |
| TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | $1,887,813.72 |
| RESTRICTED FUNDS: |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | $290,136.65 |
| Investments | $87,813.23 |
| TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS | $387,950.88 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | $2,289,841.59 |

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| Interest/General Funds | $198.98 |
| Charitable Contributions | $13,900.00 |
| Dividends John Deere | $965.70 |
| Conferences/Conventions | $16,714.00 |
| Insurance Commission | $0.00 |
| Boys State Income (Expenses) | $625.51 |
| Label/Calendar Programs | $28,374.83 |
| TOTAL INCOME | $484,519.02 |
| National Dues Current | $1,146,877.50 |
| National Dues Prior Years | $851.00 |
| Salaries/Expenses | $188,374.80 |
| Commander/Adjutant Expense | $13,887.40 |
| Vice/District Commanders | $6,913.79 |
| Office Supplies/Equipment | $33,070.69 |
| Office Machines/Equipments | $10,880.03 |
| Membership Expenses | $3,989.57 |
| Tennessee Legioneer | $32,249.51 |
| Emblem Sales/Flags | $1,327.44 |
| Postal | $8,372.95 |
| Printing/Supplies | $3,211.90 |
| Telephone/Utilities | $8,852.25 |
| Maintenance/Repairs | $9,786.55 |
| Service Office/Training | $126.65 |
| Insurance | $13,875.97 |
| Depreciation | $15,000.00 |
| Label/Calendar Expenses | $4,711.40 |
| Youth Programs/VA & R | $17,133.85 |
| Audit/2017-18 | $2,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | $908.85 |
| Public Relations | $606.68 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | $451,589.72 |
| NET INCOME | $12,929.28 |
IS YOUR POST COMPLIANT - WHO CAN HOLD A RAFFLE?

Are raffles or other games of chance allowed in the State of Tennessee?

Raffles and games of chance are considered gambling, which is prohibited in Tennessee. However, certain charitable organizations are allowed to apply to have one raffle, reverse raffle, cakewalk or cakewalk each year if that event is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Tennessee Charitable Gaming Implementation Law.

WHO IS ALLOWED TO HOLD A RAFFLE?

Only a qualified 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) organization that has submitted an application to the Division of Charitable Solicitations and Gaming and that has been approved by the Tennessee General Assembly can hold a raffle.

WHAT IS A QUALIFIED 501(C)(3) OR 501(C)(19) ORGANIZATION?

A qualified 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) organization is a group that has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for at least five years as a tax-exempt organization and which has been in continuous and active existence in the State of Tennessee. 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) tax-exempt status can only be granted by the IRS. To learn more about the application process for tax-exempt status, please visit the IRS’s web page for Charities & Nonprofits.

WHAT TYPES OF GAMING EVENTS ARE ALLOWED?

Bingo, pool games and/or tournaments, pulltabs, punchboards, video lottery games, instant and online lottery games, keno and games of chance associated with casinos including, but not limited to slot machines, roulette wheels, and the like.

WHAT IS A RAFFLE?

A raffle is a game of chance in which a participant is required to purchase a ticket for a chance to win a prize, with the winner to be determined by random drawing.

How do I know if a gaming event is approved?

The Division of Charitable Solicitations and Gaming maintains a list of approved events on its website at Gaming Events.

WHAT GAMING EVENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED?

Bingo, pool games and/or tournaments, pulltabs, punchboards, video lottery games, instant and online lottery games, keno and games of chance associated with casinos including, but not limited to slot machines, roulette wheels, and the like. Events such as bingo or “casino nights” that are purely recreational in nature and in which participants are not required to pay to participate with the promise of a prize, jackpot, or “winner-takes-all” would not fall into this category.

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR HOLDING AN UNAUTHORIZED EVENT?

If the Division of Charitable Solicitations is notified of an unapproved event, the Division will notify the local district attorney general. Conducting an unapproved game of chance may be a violation of the criminal gaming statute, and local law enforcement has jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute the individuals responsible for the event.

If I DON’T CALL IT A RAFFLE OR SELL TICKETS, BUT ASK FOR DONATIONS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE, IS THAT ALLOWED?

No. An event is considered a raffle if someone must purchase a chance to win a prize and would be a violation of law. It does not matter that the payment is called a “donation.”

I AM NOT RAISING MONEY FOR A CHARITY; I CAN CONSIDERATION (continued on page 15)

DIVISION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

APRIL 9, 2019

Division | Commander | Goal | 2019 | Difference | Percentage |
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
West | Lanny D. Culver | 4,485 | 3,818 | -667 | 85.13% |
Middle | Larry V. Kersey | 9,443 | 7,939 | -2,004 | 79.85% |
East | Jerry W. Norton | 10,700 | 9,797 | -273 | 89.31% |
HQ | Post 2000 | 502 | 206 | -296 | 59.92% |
**Total District:** 25,000 | 20,052 | -4,948 | 80.21% |

**Districts**

- **District 1**
  - Post 2000: 502 (80.21%)
- **District 2**
  - Post 2000: 502 (80.21%)
- **District 3**
  - Post 2000: 502 (80.21%)
- **District 4**
  - Post 2000: 502 (80.21%)
- **District 5**
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- **District 7**
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- **District 8**
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- **District 9**
  - Post 2000: 502 (80.21%)
- **District 10**
  - Post 2000: 502 (80.21%)

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DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION

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DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Section 1. At the Department convention there shall be nominated and elected a Department Commander, who cannot serve more than two terms in the same capacity. The Department Commander will be limited to one term in office. At the Division Convention held the second Tuesday in January of each odd numbered year, delegates are present and qualified to vote, regardless of whether the Posts represented have all of the delegates or alternates to which they are entitled present or only a fraction thereof. Section 4. A Quorum shall exist at a Department Convention when Posts representing a majority of the Posts of Tennessee are present and qualified to vote, regardless of whether the Posts represented have all of the delegates or alternates to which they are entitled present or only a fraction thereof. Section 5. The rules of procedure at the annual Department Convention shall be those set forth in Robert’s Rules of Order. Section 6. All resolutions to be considered at a Department Executive Committee Meeting, or a Department Convention shall be made in writing by the Department Adjutant, and presented with the resolutions committee chairperson’s signature and the signatures of all members of the Resolutions Committee. The Chair of the Resolutions Committee at the Department Convention shall be a Vice-Commander for Department and District Conventions, but cannot serve until properly installed at the same Department Convention. The Department Commander shall be a Vice-Commander for Department and District Conventions, but cannot serve until properly installed at the same Department Convention. Section 7. All resolutions presented to the Convention shall be submitted by the Committeeman, who shall have the approval of the respective Posts submitting the resolution or of the Post delegation, such resolutions must be signed by both the Committeeman and Secretary of the Post delegation submitting such resolution. Section 8. All resolutions, except those by the Department Executive Committee, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and the Resolutions Committee, must have the approval of the respective Posts submitting the resolution. Such resolutions must be signed by the Committeeman and Adjutant of the submitting Post. Section 9. All convention resolutions must be submitted to the convention through and by the Resolutions Committee. ARTICLE VI

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The National Executive Committee and an Alternate National Executive Committee shall be elected by the Department Convention at the convention next preceding the expiration of the terms of the present incumbents. The National Executive Committee and the Alternate National Executive Committee shall be elected biennially by the Department Convention at the convention next preceding the expiration of the terms of the present incumbents. In case of the death, resignation or removal of both the National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman, the alternate shall serve for the unexpired term, or until the next immediate Department Convention; in case of the death, resignation or removal of both the Committeeman and the Alternate Committeeman, the Department Commander shall appoint a successor to the office of National Committeeman, who shall serve until the next meeting of the Department Convention and/or until his successor be elected.
manders with voice and no vote on the Department Executive Committee and in good standing with their respective Post, and not serving on the Department Finance Committee, the Department Resolution Committee, and who are present for roll-call and are present for the entire called Department Executive Committee meeting shall be allowed expense round trip mileage from respective Posts within the Department of Tennessee, based on the Department Adjutant and Finance Officer. 

Section 7. (a) A Department Adjutant and Finance Officer shall be elected by the Department Executive Committee. Such Adjutant and Finance Officer shall serve a probationary period of not more than two years, after which such Department Adjutant and Finance Officer shall serve without tenure. The Department Adjutant and Finance Officer shall serve subject to removal only when two-thirds of the members of the Department Executive Committee determines it to be for cause and in the best interest of The American Legion. Removal by the Department Adjutant and Finance Officer and same are set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion of Tennessee. The Tennessee American Legion Adjutant and Finance Officer may by contract delineate the duties, responsibilities and compensation of such Department Adjutant and Finance Officer, provided that no term of such contract shall be in conflict with, or in derogation of, the duties and responsibilities of the Department Adjutant and Finance Officer and same are set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion. 

Section 8. The Assistant Department Adjutant/Programs Director hereafter shall be referred to as Assistant Adjutant and he shall be elected by the Department Executive Committee. 

Section 9. The Department Commander shall, following his election, appoint a Department Chaplain, a Department Judge Advocate, a Department Historian, a Department Registrar, a Department Sergeant-at-Arms, and other officers to hold office at the pleasure of the appointing authority. 

Section 10. The Department Commander shall, following their election, appoint a Department Chaplain, a Department Judge Advocate, a Department Historian, a Department Registrar, a Department Sergeant-at-Arms, and other Officers to perform the mission of the American Legion, Department of Tennessee. 

Section 11. The newly elected Department Commander shall, following his election, appoint members, to the Finance Committee (consisting of five members) for a three-year term as terms expire. The Department Commander will name one of the members of his choice to serve as a Chairman during his administration. 

The Commander shall be the duty of said Department Finance Committee to consider all matters pertaining to and appropriations and all such expenditures as it may consider necessary, and be careful thereof, and any and all matters pertaining to the finances of the Tennessee Post. He shall act with the Department Adjutant and Finance Officer with reference to Department funds; and to check all accounts of the National Carter Post, and submit recommendations to the Department Executive Committee for final action. 

(c) There shall be a Personnel Committee to review and hear grievances of the full-time employees of the Department of Tennessee. Before any employee shall be terminated, said employee shall have the right of appeal to the Personnel Committee and ratified by the Department Executive Committee. The Committee shall be composed of the Commander, Immediate Past Commander and the Department Judge Advocate. The Department Judge Advocate shall be Chairman and a permanent member of the Committee. 

ARTICLE VIII DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 

Section 1. Between Department Conventions, the administrative officers of The American Legion shall be the members of the Department Executive Committee, which shall be composed of nineteen members, which shall include the Department Commander, the three Department Vice-Commanders, the National Executive Committee, the three Immediate Past Department Commanders, and the ten District Commanders. Upon receiving a formal call-in from the Department Commander, the expense of the voting members of the Department Executive Committee, Department Judge Advocate, Department Sergeant-at-Arms shall be based on the mileage rate from the individual's Tennessee American Legion Post, as authorized by the Department Executive Committee and will be allowed daily lodging for one day as authorized by the Department Headquarters Call, in actual expense, plus the per diem rate authorized by the Department Resolution Committee, shall be based on the mileage rate, or the least expensive of the two, from the individual’s Tennessee American Legion Post, as authorized by the Department Executive Committee and will be allowed per diem rate authorized by National Headquarters for one day, as authorized by the Department. 

Section 3. The newly elected Department Commander shall, in an advisory capacity, call the newly elected Department Vice-Commanders, and District Commanders to its first meeting immediately following the adjournment of the Department Convention. Therefore, the newly elected Department Commander, the newly elected Department Vice-Commanders, and the ten District Commanders, who are elected and installed during most recent Department Convention, shall be called by the newly elected Department Commander to its first meeting immediately following the adjournment of the Department Convention. 

Section 4. The newly elected Department Commander shall call the newly appointed Department Membership Chairman and the newly elected Department Vice-Commanders and District Commanders to its first meeting immediately following the adjournment of the Department Convention. At this time, the Department Commander will either hold an Orientation Session or schedule Orientation Sessions to be held in the three Grand Divisions. If, the meetings are held in the three Grand Divisions, the newly elected Department Commander, the appointed Department Membership Chairperson, the three Department Vice-Commanders, the newly appointed Department Commander, and ten District Commanders, who are elected and installed during the most recent Department Convention for the ensuing year and who are present for the entire first meeting and orientation session, shall be allowed expense round trip mileage from and to the orientation site from the member’s respective Tennessee American Legion Post. 

ARTICLE IX POST ORGANIZATION 

Section 1. Those who desire to form a Post shall make application for a temporary charter to the Department Commander or the Department Adjutant. When such application, properly executed, is approved by the Department Commander or by the Department Executive Committee, the temporary charter will be issued by the National Commander and the National Adjutant. 

Section 2. The minimum membership of a Post shall be fifteen members. 

Section 3. A temporary charter shall be granted and shall state that it is granted on the recommendation of the Department Adjutant and the following terms and conditions: 

(a) All acts heretofore duly and properly taken for the formation of a Post shall be recognized by the National Advisory Committee. 

(b) The above-named Post shall undergo a probationary period of not less than ninety days application for a permanent charter may be made. Such probationary period shall begin on the first anniversary of the Department shall be final. 

Section 4. All charters shall be countersigned by the Department Commander and the Department Adjutant. 

Section 6. Permanent charters may be suspended, cancelled or revoked by the Department Executive Committee. Revocation of a charter shall be done by the National Commander in accordance with Article XI and as in the National By-Laws. 

Section 7. No Post shall be organized or chartered by THE AMERICAN LEGION Department of Tennessee which is named for any living person, political party, or any organization, corporate, profession, firm, partnership, fraternal or religious society or business association,
DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION (continued from page 5) and whose membership shall be derived from, confined or restricted to, membership of such parties, societies, partnerships, professions, political parties, or employees of such business or industrial corporations.

Section 8. Officers of the local post shall be:
(a) Post Commander.
(b) One or more Post Vice-Commanders.
(c) One or more Post Adjutants and a Finance Officer.
(d) Post Service Officer.
(e) Post Membership Chairman.
(f) Post Sergeant-at-Arms.
(g) Post Historian.
(h) Post Chaplain.
(i) Such other officers as the Post shall determine.

(i) A Post Executive Committee composed of such odd number of members as is provided in the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by such Post, and in addition thereto the Post Commander, Post Vice-Commander, and the Post Adjutants shall be ex-officio members of said Committee.

Section 8. The officers of the Post shall be:
(a) Post Commander.
(b) One or more Post Adjutants/Finance Officer.
(c) Post Service Officer.
(d) Such other officers as the Post shall determine.

(e) A Post Executive Committee composed of such odd number of members as is provided in the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by such Post, and in addition thereto the Post Commander and Post Adjutant, who shall be ex-officio members of such Committee.

Section 9. Roberts’ Rules of Order shall supplement the Constitution and By-Laws in any area of procedure not covered by the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 10. All officers of the Post for the ensuing shall be elected and certified to the Department Adjutant not later than five days prior to the announced date of the Department Convention. Certification to be made on forms furnished or prescribed by the Department: provided that no delegate of any Post shall be seated until such election and certification.

(a) A Post Executive Committee composed of such odd number of members as is provided in the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by such Post, and in addition thereto the Post Commander and Post Adjutant, who shall be ex-officio members of such Committee.

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(a) A Post Executive Committee composed of such odd number of members as is provided in the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by such Post, and in addition thereto the Post Commander and Post Adjutant, who shall be ex-officio members of such Committee.
Section 1. The revenue of THE AMERICAN LEGION, Department of Tennessee, shall be derived from annual membership dues and such other sources may be approved by the National and Department Executive Committees.

Section 2. The amount of such annual dues shall be determined by each National Convention and Department Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Section 3. The annual dues shall be collected by each Post and forwarded to the Department Adjutant and Finance Officer, who shall retain the Department dues and transmit to the National Treasurer the National dues.

Refusal to serve, for carrying on the Post business, the Department Commander or Department Adjuvant shall be authorized to appoint temporarily the necessary officers to transact the affairs of the Post until such time as officers may be duly elected.

Section 4. Each Post of THE AMERICAN LEGION, Department of Tennessee, shall be the judge of its own membership, subject to the restrictions of National and Department Constitutions and By-Laws and the Department Adjuntant forty (40) days prior to the Mid-Winter Conference. The Department Adjutant shall forward the proposed amendments to the Department Constitution and By-Laws Committee at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Mid-Winter Conference. After review, the Department Constitution and By-Laws Committee will report the proposed amendments, with a recommendation, to the Department Executive Committee at the Mid-Winter Conference. It may be amended by a unanimous vote at any Department Constitution and By-Laws Committee meeting.

Section 5. No proposed amendment shall be submitted through the Department Adjutant to the Department Constitution and By-Laws Committee and then to the Department Executive Committee unless it shall be in the hands of the Department Adjutant forty (40) days prior to the Mid-Winter Conference. The Department Adjutant shall forward the proposed amendments to the Department Constitution and By-Laws Committee at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Mid-Winter Conference. After review, the Department Constitution and By-Laws Committee will report the proposed amendments, with a recommendation, to the Department Executive Committee at the Mid-Winter Conference. It may be amended by a unanimous vote at any Department Constitution and By-Laws Committee meeting.

Section 6. The Department Adjutant, as the Administrative Executive for the Department of Tennessee, is hereby authorized to make any and all changes, at any time necessary, to The American Legion Department of Tennessee Constitution and By-Laws that are grammatical or typographical in nature and do not affect policy as written, for the Department of Tennessee.
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Department Executive Committee to pass upon all matters relating to the administration of this organization; to review, pass upon, accept or reject the accounts of the business and accounts of the Department Adjutant and Finance Officer as to proper and safe investments of funds; and the said Department Executive Committee may at any time during its term of office call upon the said Department Adjutant and Finance Officer for a report of accounts and of all business transacted by him in the execution of his office. The Department Executive Committee shall have power to remove for cause any officer from office but said officer shall not be removed unless two-thirds of the members of the said Committee shall vote in favor of such removal.

Section 2. The Department Executive Committee shall meet in bond, biennially, or any time its members shall request, once each year, and at any time upon call of the Department Commander or of any seven voting members of the Department Executive Committee for the determination and adjustment thereof.

Section 3. Any matter relating to the business of this organization not specified in these By-Laws shall be referred to the Department Executive Committee and the Department Adjutant and Finance Officer shall have power to remove for cause any officer from office but said officer shall not be removed unless two-thirds of the members of the said Department Executive Committee shall vote in favor of such removal.

Section 4. The Department Executive Committee shall elect the Department Adjutant and Finance Officer,ex officio, the Department Commander and the Department Executive Committee shall have power to remove for cause any officer from office but said officer shall not be removed unless two-thirds of the members of the said Department Executive Committee shall vote in favor of such removal.

Section 5. The Department Executive Committee shall have the power to enter into such contract with the Department Adjutant and Finance Officer for a salary or compensation for the services of the said officer, also computer and related services, for the performance of their duties, within the limitations of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Department of Tennessee, and shall provide such other duties as are usually incident to such office.

Section 6. All questions affecting the election, eligibility for office and conduct of Department officers shall be referred to and determined by the Department Executive Committee. All questions affecting the election, eligibility for office and conduct of Post Officers shall be referred to and determined by the Executive Committee of the Post involved which shall be the final authority thereon.

ARTICLE II
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Section 1. DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: The Department Commander shall be the executive officer of the AMERICAN LEGION Department and the Department Executive Committee. He shall be elected Chief Executive of the Department in his sole discretion and shall have power to enter into such contract with the Department Adjutant and Finance Officer for a salary or compensation for the services of the said officer, also computer and related services, for the performance of their duties, within the limitations of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Department of Tennessee, and shall provide such other duties as are usually incident to such office.

Section 2. (a) DEPARTMENT VICE-COMMANDERS: The Department Vice-Commanders shall act as representatives of the Department Commander on all matters referred to him and shall, on the request of the Department Commander, preside over meetings of the Department Convention or Department Executive Committee and shall have power to remove for cause any other reason be unable to serve any officer from office but said officer shall not be removed unless two-thirds of the members of the said Department Executive Committee shall vote in favor of such removal.

Section 3. DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT AND FINANCE OFFICER: (a) The Department Adjutant and Finance Officer shall be responsible to the Department Executive Committee and the Department Convention for the proper administration of the Department Adjutant and Finance Committee. He shall supervise the Headquarters staff, including the Assistant Department Adjutant, secretarial, stenographical and clerical personnel. He shall also provide functional advice to Post Officers concerning Post operations. All Department Officers and committee chairmen shall maintain the records required by the National Organization.

Section 4. The Department Adjutant and Finance Officer shall receive such compensation or salary for his services and other expenses as the Department Executive Committee deem proper.

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(d) The Assistant Adjutant shall work closely with the Chairman of the Boys State Program and other liaison as desired.

(e) The Assistant Adjutant will work closely with the Chairman of American Legion Post Officials and Post Officers handling American Legion activities in the State and will work to assure a speedy and complete settlement.

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Section 2. The premium on the bond of the Department Adjutant and Finance Officer shall be paid out of the treasury of this organization.

Section 3. (a) In case of delinquencies in the payment of amounts due Department Headquarters, actions shall be taken at the discretion of the proper officers concerning about a speedy and complete settlement.

(b) The bonds provided for by the Department Constitution and By-Laws shall be approved by the respective Department Executive Committee and Past Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV.

DELEGATES

Section 1. The delegates and alternates to represent this Department at the National Convention shall be elected by the Department Convention.

Section 2. One delegate and one alternate shall be elected by each District at its caucus at the convention for each unit of members for which the Department is allowed on delegate and one alternate under the National Constitution, exclusive of fractional part of the unit, upon nomination submitted to the Department Convention by respective District caucuses.

Section 3. Any additional delegates and alternates allowed by the National Constitution and By-Laws shall be elected at large by the Department Convention; provided, however, that the Department Commander and Department Adjutant shall be elected at large, and the Department Commander shall be Chairman of the Department delegation to the National Convention.

ARTICLE V.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Section 1. At least five days will be set aside at the Department Adjutant’s office for the meeting of the Executive Committee in regular or special meeting of such committee. Such notice shall be mailed to the address of each member of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Business shall be transacted at any special or call meeting of the Executive Committee. Written notice will be given in advance of any special meeting.

Section 3. No amendment or revision shall be submitted through the Department Adjutant to the Department Constitution and By-Laws Committee or any other Department Committee without the President’s approval.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS CAPS

Section 1. Department Officers authorized to wear white American Legion caps in the Department of Tennessee are: Department Commander, Department Adjutant, Three Division Vice Commanders, Judge Advocate, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain, Membership Chairman, and Service Officer.

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ARTICLE VII.

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended or revised at the Department Convention of The American Legion by a two-thirds vote of the duly qualified delegates thereto, provided that any proposed amendment or revision shall have been read at the Mid-Winter convention, published in "The Tennessee Legionnaire” prior to being voted upon at the annual Department Convention.

Section 2. All proposed amendments shall be submitted through the Department Adjutant to the Department Constitution and By-Laws Committee and then to the Department Executive Committee. Proposed amendments shall be at large, and the Department Adjutant shall forward the proposed amendments to the Department Constitution and By-Laws Committee at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Mid-Winter Conference. After review, the Department Adjutant shall report to the Department Constitution and By-Laws Committee with proposed amendments, with a recommendation to the Department Executive Committee for action.

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Section 6. DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE: The Department Judge Advocate shall advise the Department Officers and the Department Executive Committee on all legal matters, including the construction and interpretation of the Department Constitution and By-Laws. The Judge Advocate shall perform such duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 7. DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN: The Department Historian shall collect from year-to-year all records and data of value and interest for the Department and shall create a file of all records, and shall perform such duties as are usually incident to the office.

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Section 9. DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE: The Department Judge Advocate shall assist the Department Commander and shall be present at all meetings of the Department, including the Mid-Winter Conference. He will take charge of the colors and all equipment and see that the auditorium or meeting room is set up in advance of any meetings from the Commander and/or Adjutant. He will make himself available for assignments during all business and social functions. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall have the authority to appoint such assistants, from time to time, as may be necessary to assist him in the performance of his duties, subject to the approval of the Department Commander.

Section 10. DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE: The Judge Advocate shall perform such legal services as may be necessary, adhering to such ceremonial ritual as may be recommended by National Headquarters and Department Headquarters from time to time.

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THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as “Sons of The American Legion” 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 true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and their patriotic service; to perpetuate the acclamations of our members and our Forefathers in the Great 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 consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our service for God and Country.

DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION

Article I
Nature

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the “Sons of The American Legion”, Detachment of Tennessee.

Section 2. The Detachment Headquarters of the Detachment of Tennessee shall be located at the site of the Department of Tennessee Headquarters, and at such residence as is occupied by the current Detachment Commander.

Article II
Eligibility

Section 1. The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Tennessee, is a civilian organization of male descendants of veterans of the American Legion and shall not affect nor in any way increase liability for military or police service.

Section 2. The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Tennessee, shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan propaganda, nor shall the same be used to convey the candidacy of any person or group seeking public office or preferment.

Section 3. The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Tennessee, shall be non-sectarian.

Section 4. Each member shall perform his full duties as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding in accord with the law.

Article III
Organization

Section 1. The local unit of the Sons of The American Legion is the Squadron. Each Post of The American Legion, Department of Tennessee may sponsor no more than one Squadron (1) Squadron of The Sons of The American Legion. With approval of the Department of Tennessee, Squadrons sponsoring By Laws of the Sons of The American Legion shall be the Detachment Convention, to be held annually in conjunction with The American Legion, Department of Tennessee convention and all acts of this legislative body shall be subject to the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee of The American Legion.

Section 2. The Sons of The American Legion Detachments of Tennessee shall issue a call to the Detachment Convention not less than 60 days prior to said convention and said call shall be by letter or publication in such periodical as is available to the Detachment Convention.

Section 3. Each Squadron shall be entitled to one vote for their Charter and one vote for each 10 members or major part thereof, as their membership is received by the Detachment not less than 30 days prior to the Detachment convention. Such Squadrons as have not paid dues in good standing not less than 30 days prior to such called convention shall be ineligible to vote. Each Squadron shall be entitled to one vote per qualified delegate, but such qualified delegate shall be able to cast all votes applicable to his Squadron, providing that the delegate’s fee is paid as required.

Section 4. The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Tennessee shall be regulated by the By-laws of the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion, and by such restrictions as may be prescribed by the Department of Tennessee.

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Section 6. All Past Detachment Commanders shall be delegates to the Detachment Convention and shall have one (1) “at-large” vote to be cast with their respective Squadrons. All Past Detachment Commanders or appointed officers shall be entitled to one (1) “at-large” vote and shall be automatic delegates. No past Detachment Commander or current officer of the Detachment shall cast more than one “at-large” vote.

Section 7. The Sons of The American Legion Detachments of Tennessee shall nominate and elect a National Executive Committee, Alternate National Executive Committee and Detachment Commander, to be elected by the Convention as a whole by delegate vote based on membership 30 days prior to the convention. At a Division Caucus Headquarters not less than 15 days prior to the Detachment Convention, there shall be a Vice Commander elected for each of the 3 grand divisions of the Department, to be nominated and elected by delegates from their respective division based on membership 30 days prior to the convention.

Section 8. The Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander shall be eligible if the person is a member of a Sons of The American Legion Squadron, and shall be automatic delegates to their respective Division or District from which to be elected.

Section 9. District Commanders shall be elected and are elected at their District Conventions held in their respective Districts a minimum of 30 days prior to the Detachment Convention. A District Commander’s Report form must be completed and submitted to Detachment Headquarters not less than 30 days prior to the Detachment Convention. Form shall include names and contact information of new officers. Form shall be completed and signed by the Detachment and Department Officers responsible for conducting the District Convention.

Section 10. The Detachment Commander, by and with approval of the Detachment Officers, shall act in his discretion and shall appoint one or more Detachment Adjutants, National Executive Committee or Alternate National Executive Committee, such officers shall be appointed by the Detachment Commander other than; Detachment Commander, Detachment Finance Officer, Detachment Adjutant, National Executive Committee or Alternate National Executive Committee, such officers shall act in the capacity of such of such officers as shall be deemed necessary to fill such offices, the Detachment Commander with approval of the Detachment Executive Committee, shall appoint such officers as shall be deemed necessary to fill such offices, the Detachment Commander with approval of the Detachment Executive Committee, shall appoint such officers as shall be deemed necessary to fill such offices.

Section 11. The elected and appointed Detachment Officers shall be elected, and or appointed within such guidelines as already set up

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by the American Legion, Department of Tennessee.

Section 6. No Detachment Officer, elected or appointed shall assume duties of office until they have been properly installed at the immediate Detachment Convention. Such Detachment Officers shall serve until the adjournment of the Detachment Convention following their election and thereafter until their successors are chosen. Such persons may resign either by nonperformance of duties or absence from two consecutive Detachment meetings, or by the Detachment Commander, by and with approval of the Detachment Executive Committee. Such actions may designate nonperformance of duties shall be determined by the Detachment Executive Committee.

Section 7. The Detachment Commander, with the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee, shall have the privilege of appointing a Detachment Member, and Committee and Commission Chairmen, and members as he shall deem necessary.

Section 8. The Directors of the American Legion, Detachment of Tennessee shall recognize such individuals designated by the Department Commander as Liaison/Advisors to the Detachment and that designated person or persons shall serve as ex-officio members of all such committees or commissions of the Detachment Organization. Such persons shall serve as advisors only and shall have no voting power. One of such persons shall be a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Tennessee and is appointed to such committee or commission by the Department Commander.

Section 9. The Department Commander and the Department Adjutant shall also serve as ex-officio members of all Department committees and commissions as advisors to the Detachment organization, if that is their wish.

Section 10. In the event of the death of any Detachment Commander, the Department Commander, Adjutant, Chaplain, and their elected officers shall vacate the office. He shall also act as the executive head of the organization.

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Article VIII

Detachment Organization

Section 1. The Detachment of Tennessee shall be comprised of the Sons of the American Legion in the respective geographic areas, which shall coincide with and in no way conflict with the boundaries of the American Legion Departments of Tennessee.

Section 2. District organizations and their elected officers shall conform to those restrictions and limitations as set by the Detachment Organization and the Squadrone for the purposes of promoting the programs of the Sons of the American Legion.

Section 3. The Detachment Executive Committee shall define such power as the Districts may be given, but no Detachment shall attempt to determine policy to any Squadron in said District.

Section 4. Districts shall be sub-committees of the Detachment Executive Committee and shall function only as long as there are two active Squadrone in said District. Such officers shall conform to the restrictions placed on Detachment officers.

Article IX

Squadron Organization

Section 1. Those who desire to form a Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion shall make application to the Post Commander of the local Post in which they reside. Upon approval of the Post Commander, the application shall be forwarded to the Department Commander, and upon his approval, shall be forwarded to the National Headquarters of the American Legion where the charter may be issued by the National Commander and the National Adjutant of the American Legion in the same manner prescribed for the issuance of charters for Posts of the American Legion.

Section 2. The minimum membership for the formation of a Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion shall be ten (10). The minimum membership for the formation of a Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Tennessee failing to transmit any membership report for two consecutive years shall be deemed inactive and shall be removed from the active membership rolls. If a Squadron remains inactive for a third year (three consecutive years), the Detachment Commander with a 2/3 majority of the Detachment Executive Committee shall revoke the charter of said Squadron.

Section 3. There shall be no more than one Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion in any Post. Squadrone may be organized into sections according to age, but all Squadrone shall be able to perform the equal rights and participation in that Squadron.

Section 4. Officers of the Squadrone other than Commander, Vice Commander, Adjutant, Chaplain, Historian, Sgt.-at-Arms, Finance officer, and their elected officers shall remain vacant.

Section 5. Officers of the Squadrone shall be elected annually at the annual Convention and shall conform to the dates selected by the sponsoring Post. Squadrone Officers shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the sponsoring Post.

Section 6. Squadrone meetings shall be held no less than once monthly in accordance with the ritual of the organization.

Article X

Finances

Section 1. The revenue of the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Tennessee shall be derived from annual dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Department Commander or the local Post.

Section 2. The amount of such annual dues shall be $5.00 for the active members and $3.00 for the National dues per member and shall be payable October 20th each year for the succeeding year. Such funds shall be paid to the American Legion Post Commander or such designated Detachment Officer charged with the custody of such funds and shall be held and accounted separately from any funds as may exist within the Detachment Department or Detachment if so designated. Any member not having paid his current due by the date January 1st, of the succeeding year shall be determined in arrears and shall lose all such privileges as voting, and a voice at meetings etc.

Article XI

Discipline

Section 1. The Detachment Commander, with the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee, may cancel, suspend or revoke the charter of any Squadron of the Sons of The American Legion over which it has jurisdiction. If at the event it violates the provisions of this Constitution, subject to the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee of The American Legion Department in which the Squadron and the Detachment are geographically located.

Section 2. The cancellation or revocation of any Squadron Charter shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the attending Detachment Executive Committee and the approval of the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion in which said Squadron is located.

Article XII

Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any Detachment Convention by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the registered delegates thereat, whereas previous notice of the pending amendment had been issued not less than 60 days prior to the meeting where the amendment had been presented at the previous Detachment meeting. Section 2. Such amendments as may be enacted by the Detachment Convention shall take effect immediately following the close of business of that current Detachment Convention and shall have the affirmative approval of the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, Detachment of Tennessee.

Section 3. Amendments as may be enacted by the Detachment Convention and shall have the affirmative approval of the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, Detachment of Tennessee.

SAL BYLAWS

Article I

Duties of Officers

Section 1. Commander: The Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander is the executive head of the organization at his level, with full powers to carry out the mandates and policies of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Tennessee, as approved by the American Legion Department of Tennessee. He shall perform such duties as are incident to the office. He shall also act as the Chairman of the Detachment Executive Committee.

Section 2. Vice Commanders: The Vice Commanders shall act as the representatives of the Detachment commander on all matters referred to them by him and shall, on his determination, transact and meet and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. The primary function of the Vice Commanders is to act as Liaison between the Detachment Commander and the membership, as may be prescribed by the Detachment Constitution. The primary function of the Vice Commanders is...
THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE
“LEGION RIDERS” CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Adopted
January 23, 2010

A. Mike Hammar
Department Adjutant
The American Legion

When using the word “Union” in this Constitution and Bylaws, the words “he, him and men” represent both the masculine and feminine genders. The term “Post ALR” represents “The American Legion Riders Members” of a sponsoring American Legion Post. The word “Rider” may be used in lieu of American Legion Riders or ALR. (For example, “Riders 95 = American Legion Riders Post 95, East Ridge”)

RIDERS PREAMBLE
The American Legion
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 foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the spirit of selfishness and the mass; to make right the master of might; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to promote peace and good will among people; to make right the master of might; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to guard the sanctity of home and hearth; to defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain the American Legions’ programs in the community.

ARTICLE I
The American Legion Riders of Tennessee, Post No., City/Town, (as appropriate).

ARTICLE II – Nature
Section 1. The American Legion Riders (ALR) is a program for members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of The American Legion (SAL), collectively “The Legion Family”, who share an interest in motorcycling.

Section 2. The American Legion Riders (ALR) upholds the declared principles of The American Legion Riders Constitutions and Bylaws, by the regulations and decisions of the Department. Post, or other duly constituted governing body.

Section 3. The American Legion Riders maintains and protects the image of The American Legion at all times through appropriate wearing of The Legion Riders emblem and logo. The Emblem of The American Legion demands that the wearer shall ever guard the sanctity of home and country and free institutions.

Section 4. Members of the ALR will avoid any perception of being a motorcycle or “biker” club or gang. Rather, the focus of membership is to promote and foster camaraderie and comradery by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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 foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the spirit of selfishness and the mass; 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 promote peace and good will among people; to make right the master of might; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to guard the sanctity of home and hearth; to defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain the American Legions’ programs in the community. Also to promote motorcycle safety while providing a social atmosphere for members of The American Legion family who share common interests in serving veterans, their communities and motorcycling.

ARTICLE III
ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES
Section 1. Promote motorcycle safety while providing a social atmosphere for members of The American Legion family who share common interests in serving veterans, their communities and motorcycling.

Section 2. Promote, support and participate in the programs and ceremonies of The American Legion including calling for a full accounting of all prisoners of war and POWs missing in action; and honoring our nation’s fallen soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines, and to support their families.

Section 3. Promote membership recruiting and be the standard bearer for the American Legion’s Legacy fund supporting Children of U.S. military members who died while on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, as well as the children of post-Sept. 11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs also qualify.

Section 4. As ambassadors of The American Legion family, Riders as a National Program, promote The American Legion Riders in a manner in keeping with the Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion.

ARTICLE III
ORGANIZATION
The American Legion Riders will be organized at The American Legion Post. Each Post ALR exists at the discretion of the sponsoring American Legion Post. Each Post ALR will submit an application for a Legion Rider Charter to the Department Adjutant. Minimum number of paid current American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion members in the Post is five (5), of which three (3) must be eligible paid current Legionnaires. Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members must be current at all times in accordance with edits of their respective Department or Detachment Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 1. As a chartering constituent governing body, the American Legion Riders will receive a “Post Rider Legion Charter” from the Department. Issued charters will be signed by the Department Executive Committee. The chartering of ALR charters rest with the Department Executive Committee (DEC) of The American Legion. Said decisions of the DEC are final.

ARTICLE III
ORGANIZATION
Any Post of The American Legion Department of Tennessee may organize a local chapter of American Legion Riders organzation by application for same to the Department (State) Adjutant, and all approved fees and verification of members’ eligibility.

Section 1. Application for establishment of a charter shall be made by duly elected officers of the Post and contain the names of all members.

Section 2. Approved Post Riders organization will be subject to all applicable provisions of the Department of American Legion Department of Tennessee American Legion Riders Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE III
ORGANIZATION
Sponsoring American Legion Post, American Legion Auxiliary Unit, or Sons of The American Legion Squadron.

Section 3. Members of a Post ALR cannot be a member of one American Legion Post, American Legion Auxiliary Unit, or Sons of The American Legion Squadron and at the same time be a member of a different Post, Unit, or Sons of The American Legion Squadron. The ALR is based upon total sponsor affiliation and legal liability of one American Legion Post with associated Auxiliary and/or Squadron.

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ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP – ELIGIBILITY
Section 1. Membership is for basic membership in The American Legion, Riders shall be probed by the respective Department and Department sponsoring American Legion Post.
American Legion.
(a) Must be the registered owner of a street legal motorcycle, a valid motorcycle endorsement and a cycle learner permit and motorcycle insurance equivalent or exceeds
Tennessee’s minimum requirement, bodily injury liability for one person $25,000 and for two or more persons $50,000, and Tennessee’s maximum for all accident injuries, and for property damage. Currently all states and jurisdictions across the U.S. will need to increase their minimum insurance to meet Tennessee insurance standard to become member of the Tennessee American Legion Rider.

(b) Spouses who meet the criteria described in Section 1 current may also be the ALR.

Section 2. Special Membership shall be open to current regular members only who have relinquished ownership or ridership of a qualifying motorcycle as a result of disability, injury, or a death.

(a) Qualifying death shall be the death of spouse who was the sole or joint owner of the qualifying motorcycle.

(b) Qualifying injury or disability prevents proper operation of a motorcycle.

ARTICLE V
WEAR OF AMERICAN LEGION EMBLEM (PATCHES, LEGION CAPS AND RIDER BERETS)
Section 1. The American Legion Riders patches, back patch, as copyrighted and sold by The American Legion’s Emblem Sales division, is authorized for wear by all current American Legion Riders.
Section 2. No other back patch, shoulder patch or rocker is authorized.

Section 3. Department standards for back patches and rockers are on file with Emblem Sales. Shoulder and back patches will be as follows: Shoulder patch 3 line (4”x5.5’’); Back patch 3 lines. Top line of patch will be TENNESSEE and the bottom two lines will be the Post number (Example Post # 2) and the third line would be the Post location (Example Knoxville).

Rockers will be in white letters and placed above the respective size patches, back patch, as follows: The words on the rocker can only be EAST TENNESSEE, WEST TENNESSEE, OR MIDLE TENNESSEE.

Section 4. Use of rockers or patches physically attached to The American Legion Riders patches or back patches, is not authorized for trademark only.

Section 5. Legion Riders belonging to an officially chartered Post Legion Rider, are permitted to wear the Legion Rider beret in Department Mid-Winter Conferences, Department Conventions, District Meetings/Conventions Post meetings, and Conventions. Provided the patches are in accordance with this Constitution and Bylaws. Legion Riders shall not wear the Legion Rider Beret to Department Mid-Winter Conference or Department Convention. The only cap authorized for such events is the official American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or SAL cap. Legion Riders may wear with the vest to District Meetings/Conventions, Post meetings and rider meetings. The Rider Director at Post and Department may wear the “Rider Director” Patch on the right side of their Legion cap, and on the left front breast of the American Legion Riders Vest Patch. Rider Director Patches are optional.

ARTICLE VI
Elected Officers
Section 1. Elected Post ALR Officers will be:
1) ALR Director
2) ALR Assistant Director
3) ALR Secretary/Treasurer
4) ALR Post Sergeant-at-Arms
5) ALR Post Road Captain
6) ALR Post Adjutant
7) ALR Post Historian
8) ALR Post Membership Chairman
9) Immediate Past Legion Rider Director (not elected)

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ARTICLE VII
CAPS AND RIDER BERETS
Section 1. The revenue of the Post ALR shall be derived from such membership fees or dues and from such other sources as may be authorized by the Post ALR Executive Committee and approved by the respective American Legion Post Executive Committee. ALR Dues are not required at the Department level. Members are required to pay per capita dues annually as approved by the Department Executive Committee. Membership year coincides with the American Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL; 1 Jan – 31 December annually.

The amount of such ALR membership, or initiation fees and the amount of such annual dues, above and beyond the per capita dues as approved by the Department Executive Committee, shall be fixed and determined by the Post Executive Committee and approved by the sponsoring American Legion Post Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Post ALR Director, or Post ALR Treasurer will provide a monthly financial report to the sponsoring Department American Legion Post Executive Committee.

Section 4. That the Department Adjutant will issue a membership card for each member listed on a submitted roster and the membership card issued by the Department will be the only authorized membership card and the cost of each membership card is $3.00. The funds derived from the membership cards will be divided into two parts. One dollar ($1) will be retained by the Department level for expenses associated with the cards and two dollars ($2) will be donated to the National Legacy Scholarship Fund.

ARTICLE VIII
Amendments
Section 1. This Constitution is adopted, subject to the provisions of the National Constitution and the Department Constitution of The American Legion. Any amendment to the National or Department Constitution of The American Legion that is in conflict with any provisions hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws to the extent of such conflict.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended by the annual American Legion Department Executive Committee’s regular Called meeting is conducted during The American Legion Mid-Winter Conference, or Department Convention. Amendment approval or disapproval requires a vote of two-thirds of the Department Executive Committee.

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The proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing and have approval signatures of the respective sponsoring American Legion Post Commander, the Post ALR Director, and the Department ALR Director. All proposed amendments shall be submitted through the Department Adjutant to the Department Constitution and Bylaws Committee at least forty (40) twenty (20) days prior to the annual Department Mid-Winter Conference, or Department Convention. The recommendation of the Department Constitution and Bylaws Committee will be made to the Department Executive Committee for final approval, or denial.

Section 4. Further, that traditional mail or electronic mail notice shall be sent to all members of the membership, or of such members of the committee, or of- ficers whose position was vacated.

Section 5. A vacancy shall exist when a member, or officer from the Post ALR, remove by resignation, loss of qualifications, incapacity from injury or illness, or for a continuous period of three (3) months of nonattendance, considered detrimental to the interest of the Post ALR by the remaining members of the ALR Post Executive Committee.

Section 6. All Past Post ALR Post Directors shall be members of the ALR Post Executive Committee with voice, but without voting privileges. Past Post ALR Post Director is a voting member of the ALR Post Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX
Management
Section 1. The elected officials of the Post ALR shall be:
1) ALR Post Director
2) ALR Post Assistant Director
3) ALR Post Secretary
4) ALR Post Treasurer
5) ALR Post Sergeant-at-Arms
6) ALR Post Road Captain
7) ALR Post Historian
8) ALR Post Membership Chairman
9) Immediate Past Legion Rider Director (not elected)

a) ALR Secretary/Treasurer
b) Road Captain

Section 2. Between Post ALR meetings, the administrative power shall be vested in the Post ALR Executive Committee, which shall consist of all elective officers of the respective Post ALR and the Immediate Past ALR Post Director.

Section 3. Officers of the Post ALR shall be elected annually, on the same date as the sponsoring American Legion Post annual election of Post officers, or on a date as designated by the sponsoring American Legion Post. Past Post ALR officers shall take office at the Post ALR meeting next following that of the election. All elections of ALR Director, Executive Committee, and ALR Post Secretaries/Treasurer of the Post officers for the current year, and the Post Executive Committee.

Section 4. In the event of a vacancy in any office of the Post ALR from any cause other than the expiration of the term, shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the ALR Post Executive Committee and a person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term of the office, or offices for which he is a candidate. The elected ALR Director cannot be both the Director and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 6. All Past Post ALR Post Directors shall be members of the ALR Post Executive Committee, with voice, but without voting privileges. Past Post ALR Post Director is a voting member of the ALR Post Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X
Bylaws
LEGION RIDERS ARTICLE I
Name
Section 1. The Post ALR existing under these Bylaws is to be known as the American Legion Riders of Tennessee, Post No., City/Town, (as appropriate).

Section 2. The name and nature of the Post American Legion Riders are as set forth in this Constitution.

ARTICLE II
Meetings
Section 1. The regular meetings of the Post ALR shall be:
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Section 6. All Past Post ALR Post Directors shall be members of the ALR Post Executive Committee with voice, but without voting privileges. Past Post ALR Post Director is a voting member of the ALR Post Executive Committee.

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sorning American Legion Post Commander. Meetings shall trans- act such business as may be properly brought up for action; such meetings may be converted into entertainment meetings, as may be deemed agreeable with the sponsoring Post Executive Committee and with the wishes of the Post ALR. At no time shall local, state or federal civil laws be violated, nor the Articles of the National Constitution and Bylaws of The American Legion and Bylaws.

Section 2. The Post ALR Director, or a majority of the ALR Post Executive Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the Post ALR members at any time, provided the meeting is coordinated with the Commander of the sponsoring American Legion Post Commanders and Bylaws.

Section 3. The American Legion Riders shall have an ALR Commit- tee composed of and be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Post ALR. The Post ALR Executive Committee shall provide the American Legion Post Commander with a copy of the minutes of the Post ALR Executive Meetings.

ARTICLE V

Duties of ALR Post Officers

Section 1. Duties of the ALR Director. It shall be the duty of the ALR Director to preside at all meet- ings of the ALR and to have general supervision over the business and affairs of the Post ALR and such of- ficer shall be the chief executive officer of the Post ALR. The Director shall approve all orders directing the disbursement of funds and shall make an annual report covering the business of the Post ALR for the year, and recommendations for the ensuing year. Subject to the approval of the Post Commander, the Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Post ALR, as directed by legally constituted author- ity. The Director will coordinate all American Legion Rider activity with the National, Department, or Post American Legi- on Post Commander.

Section 2. Duties of the Post As- sistant ALR Director. The Assistant Director shall discharge the duties of the Post Commander in the absence or disability of, or when called upon, the Post Commander. To collect annual dues and forward per capita dues as determined by the Post ALR Executive Committee to the Post ALR Treasurer.

Section 4. Duties of the ALR Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all finances and see that all financial transactions are properly recorded. The Treasurer shall receive all monies under the direction of the Post Commander and deposit the same in local bank or banks. The Treasurer shall report once a month to the ALR Post Executive Commit- tee and make a report to the Department and the Post Commander. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial activities of the Post ALR. The Treasurer shall sign all checks and drafts for both PostALR and the ALR Post Executive Committee.

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ARTICLE VI

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Section 4. Further, that traditional mail or electronic mail notice shall be given to all ALR members, addresses of record, at least forty (40) days in advance of the date which such amendments are to be reviewed by the Department Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Dissemination of this notice is the responsibility of the appropriate Detachment Director.

Section 5. Upon approval of By-Law amendments, it will be the responsibility of the ALR Department Director to disseminate the amendment/change to all ALR members in the Department of Tennessee within thirty (30) days of DEG approval.

RIDERS RESOLUTIONS

Post 162, Selmer Riders Resolution 2019-01: PREAMBLE
Post 162, Selmer Riders Resolution 2019-02: AUTHORITY TO ORGANIZE in the National Executive Committee Resolution 32, May 4-5, 2011.

Post 162, Selmer Riders Resolution 2019-03: "ARTICLE II NATION TO BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING, IS THAT ALLOWED?"
No. If someone is required to pay for a chance to win a prize, it is considered a raffle. Only qualified 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) tax exempt organizations.

IF THE POLITICAL CANDIDATE OR CAMPAIGN ASKS FOR A DONATION TO BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING, IS THAT ALLOWED?
No. If no one is required to pay for a chance to win a prize, it is considered a drawing. If someone is required to pay for a chance to win a prize, it is considered a raffle.

Section 9. All officers of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Tennessee and shall compile during his term of office the annual report of the American Legion and shall submit the report of the American Legion to the Commander for his term of office. The report shall be given to the District Commander for the Sons of the American Legion for inspection and review and approval at the appropriate authorities.

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to also accept the responsibility of membership in such areas as designated by the Detachment Commander and to assist the Detachment Commander in the promotion of the Sons of the American Legion he may set forth.

Section 3. District Commanders: The District Commanders shall act as the primary advisors of the Detachment Commander and the Detachment Vice Commanders on all matters referred to them by such officers. The primary function of the District Commander is to accept the responsibility of membership in his district and to assist each Squadron within the confines of his District in promoting the programs of the Sons of the American Legion.

Section 4. Adjutant: The Adjutant, who corresponds to the secretary of the organization, shall be the one charged with the usual duties of an adjutant or secretary. He is the administrative officer of the many policies and mandates of the organization.

Section 5. Finance Officer: The finance officer shall be charged with the custody of the funds of the Detachment organization, with the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee. In the event that funds are maintained by the Detachment Executive Committees, he shall keep in contact with the Detachment Headquarters as to the condition of the finances and make reports at each regular called meeting, and when called for by the Commander or the Executive Committee of the Detachment of Tennessee. His duties shall be to prepare reports of the finances, and to prepare an annual budget for the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee. He shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office.

Section 6. Sergeant-At-Arms: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be charged with the responsibility of preserving order at all Detachment meetings and shall be given the power of temporary suspension and expulsion of a member of the Sons of the American Legion.
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ence to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active military service.

Article VI

Amendments

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any Detachment Convention by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the registered delegates thereat, whereas previous notice of the pending amendment had been issued not less than 60 days before the convention or the amendment had been presented at the previous Detachment meeting, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, Department of Tennessee.

WE WANT YOUR HELP TO INCREASE OUR EMBERSHIP!

2019 DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNER GARNERS THIRD NATIONALLY

The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest: Eden Carnes placed Third overall at the National Competition in Indianapolis, IN – earning $14,000 in additional scholarship funds after winning first place and pocketing $3,000 in scholarship monies at the Department of Tennessee competition held in March. Unfortunately, a student that places in the top three positions can longer participate in the High School Constitutional Oratorical competition. The main purpose of the National High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities; the ability to think and speak clearly; and intelligently. The contest prepares the student to accept the duties and responsibilities; as well as the rights and privileges of American citizenship. High School students are eligible to participate if they are a US citizen, a lawful resident of Tennessee and a bona fide student under the age of 20 years on the date of the National Oratorical Contest. Detailed information is mailed to all schools by September 1st each year. The Department of Tennessee awards $6,000 in Oratorical scholarships annually. The Department/State winner competes for another $18,000 at the National American Legion level. Charles Osterhoudt is the Department Oratorical Chairman. The Department point of contact is Adjutant Dean A. Tuttle, (615) 391-5088, email Adjutant@TNLegion.org

Department Oratorical Champion Eden Carnes and Chairman Charles Osterhoudt.

Department Oratorical Champion Eden Carnes and Department Commander Weismann

Auxiliary News

From the President

Kathy Leedy
Department President

As I reflect on my year as Auxiliary Department President, I wish to thank those who have helped make this year an enjoyable one for me. It has been an honor to meet and work with each and every one of you with whom I have been in contact. We have made some positive strides toward working in unison with each other as a family and I would like to see that continue.

My fund-raising project, Healing Waters Fly Fishing, is coming along nicely and I am hopeful that we will have a representative from that organization at our Convention in June and will be able to present a nice size check to them. If your Post/Unit has not yet donated, please do so as soon as possible. I have been privileged to attend one of their training sessions to see firsthand the work that they do and it is awesome.

As we move into a new year, I will continue to "Always Look Ahead – For Our Veterans" and I hope you will do the same. Without them, this country would not be what it is today.

God Bless all Veterans, past and president, and Thank You For Your Service!!

For God & Country,
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