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BY-LAWS OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AMVETS

ARTICLE III. ORGANIZATION

- Section 3. The State shall be divided into Districts in accordance with By-Laws Article XII, Section 1 and 2, and shall comply with the minimum requirements of By-Laws Article XII, Section 3, annually no later than May 15.
- Section 4. **Each District will submit annually a copy of their District By-Laws to the State Department or certification that the copy previously submitted has not been amended.**
- Section 5. Each District is authorized to enact whatever administrative and fiscal policies and procedures as may be necessary to operate efficiently as a district, including the authority to establish dues and assessments from their member Posts, provided such policies are not in conflict with the State or National Constitution and By-laws.
- Section 6. All district officers will be elected at least 30 days prior to the State Convention and take office in their respective districts each year by July 1.

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ARTICLE VI. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The administrative power between State Convention and Conferences shall be vested in the State Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the State Commander, Vice Commanders, **State District Commanders**, State Finance Officer, State Judge Advocate, State Provost Marshal, National Executive Committeeman, Past State Commanders except those who are full time employees of AMVETS Department of Ohio.

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ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- **_(D) STATE DISTRICT COMMANDER:** The State District Commanders shall act as **representatives of the State Commander in all matters referred to them by the State Commander** and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

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ARTICLE XXIX. ELECTION OF STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS

- Section 1. State of Ohio is to be divided into ten (10) geographical Districts for the purpose of electing their own State District Commander and area of operation for each District.
- ?? What is the current number of districts in AMVETS Dept. of Ohio???

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Section 2. Districts are as follows:

- 1st District: Darke, Preble, Butler, Hamilton, Clermont, Brown, Warren, Clinton, Montgomery, Greene, Clark, Miami, Shelby, and Champaign
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- 7th District: Faith, Pickaway, Fairfield, Highland, Ross, Adams, Pike, and Scioto Counties.
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- 9th District: Williams, Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert, Mercer, Auglaize, Allen, Putnam, Henry, Fulton, Logan, Hardin, Hancock, Wood, and Lucas Counties.
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- 12th District: Madison, Union, Franklin, Delaware, Marion, Morrow, Crawford, Richland, Knox, Licking, Perry, and Wyandot Counties.
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- 13th District: Erie, Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, and Lorain Counties.
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- 16th District: Ashland, Wayne, Holmes, Stark, Coshocton, Muskingum, Guernsey, and Tuscarawas Counties.
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- 17th District: Belmont, Harrison, Jefferson, and Monroe Counties.
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- 19th District: Columbiana, Mahoning, Trumbull, and Carroll Counties.
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- 20th District: Cuyahoga, Medina, Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula, Summit, and Portage Counties.
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- 21st District: Lawrence, Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton, Athens, Hocking, Morgan, Washington, and Noble Counties.
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- **New District will not elect officers or commander until they meet the requirements of the Constitution and By-laws.**

Is the list above correct?

What Happened?

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Section 3. No District shall elect a State District Commander unless there is a minimum of three (3) Posts and two Hundred and fifty (250) members in the district. All Posts located in a District with less than these minimum shall be assigned by the State Commander to a neighboring District for the purpose of electing a State District Commander until such a time as the District reaches minimum Post and membership requirements. If, after reaching District status, the membership falls below the minimum requirements, the said District will lose its voice and vote on the State Executive Committee and any and all rights and privileges thereto appertaining, until such time as it once again reaches and maintains the minimum standard of membership.

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- Section 4. State District Commanders will be nominated and elected at the District meeting immediately preceding the State Convention. State District Commander for a District must be a member of a post within that District for a minimum of twelve (12) months. Only members of the District can nominate, or second a candidate from their District.
- Section 5. Members from the same post cannot hold State district Commandership for more than two (2) consecutive years unless there are no candidates from other posts in their geographical District.

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Section 6. If there are not any candidates for State District Commander from a District, the newly elected State Commander will appoint a qualified AMVET from the area as its State District Commander. This is to be done within thirty (30) days after the State Convention. In addition, if a State Vice Commander, or State District Commander, should die, resign, or be removed from office, the State Commander will appoint a new State Vice Commander, or District Commander. The State District Commander must be from the same District as the vacancy they fill, this vacancy will be filled within thirty (30) days. The appointment shall be in effect until the next State Convention.

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Remember This??? (D) **STATE DISTRICT COMMANDER:** The State District Commanders shall act as **representatives of the State Commander in all matters referred to them by the State Commander** and **perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.**

What are other duties?

- **Department District Commanders:** The Department District Commanders shall act as representatives of the Department Commander in all matters referred to them by the Department Commander and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. The Department District Commanders may at times represent the Department Inspector General in all matters referred to them by the department Commander, Department Executive Director, or Department Inspector General with the limited authority to:
 - i. With cause or by direction of the Inspector/Deputy Inspector General. The Department District Commander may **temporarily suspend** any elected or appointed post officer or post trustee from office only until such time as the Inspector / Deputy Inspector General can investigate the matter.
 - ii. With cause or by direction of the Inspector / Deputy Inspector General, the Department District Commander may **temporarily suspend** any post officer, post trustee, post member, subordinate member or guest from re-entering a post only until such time as the Inspector / Deputy Inspector General can investigate the matter.
 - iii. All Actions taken in a post by the Department District Commander under the afore mentioned subsections and the reason(s) the action was taken **will be documented in a report format and sent to the Department Commander, Department Executive Director, Department Inspector General and Post Commander or acting Post Commander within 3 days of the actions' implementation.**

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What are other duties? **Open Forum** ????'s

What do you, as a District Commander, The Department Commander, and the ASMVETS of Ohio really want to know about AMVETS Post in your District?

- a) **Friendly Post**
- b) **Active Post**

REALLY!!! How about:

- 1) **what's going on with membership/recruiting?**
- 2) **how is the post putting asses in the canteen seats?**
- 3) **is the post heading for trouble?**

Do posts in your district need help with any of the numbers above?