

AMVETS Department of Ohio

12thDistrict

STANDING RULES

PREAMBLE

We, the American Veterans, who has served or are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States during and since World War II, fully realizing our responsibilities to our community, to our State, and our Nation, associate ourselves for the following purpose:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States.

To safeguard the principles of freedom, liberty, and justice for all.

To promote the cause of peace and goodwill among nations.

To maintain inviolate the freedom of our country.

To preserve the fundamentals of democracy.

To perpetuate the friendship and association of these veterans and to dedicate ourselves

To the cause of mutual assistance, this by the Grace of God.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the 12th District, AMVETS Department of Ohio, and shall be referred as hereinafter as the 12th District.

ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS

The words "he" and "she," wherever it appears in the Standing Rules shall be construed as referring to both sexes.

ARTICLE III. DISTRICT FLOWER

The District Flower shall be the Four-Leaf Clover, meaning "Think of Me."

ARTICLE IV. DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The 12th District Executive Committee (DEC) shall consist of; District Commander, and most immediate Past District Commander eligible and willing to serve as determined by the (DEC), 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Provost Marshal and the following appointed Officers by the District Commander, subject to ratification by the DEC at its next meeting succeeding the appointments; Chaplain, Service Officer and Public Relations Officer (PRO). The District Commander will also appoint a Liaison to the Ladies

Auxiliary and the Sons of AMVETS, (subject to ratification by the DEC at its next succeeding the appointments. The District Commander shall cast his vote only in the event of a tie.

Section 2. In case of death, disability, or written resignation of any District Officer, except the District Commander, his successor shall be appointed by the 12th District Commander, subject to ratification by the (DEC), at its next meeting succeeding the appointment. The appointee shall assume all duties and responsibilities pertaining to the office as though elected.

Section 3. In case of death or written resignation of the District Commander, the State Commander will appoint a new District Commander in accordance with the CBL of the Department of Ohio AMVETS.

Section 4. A quorum at the DEC meetings shall consist of 5 voting members of the committee (elected officers only, including any appointed officers to an elected office as outlined in section 2).

Section 5. The District Commander shall name committees as deems advisable, subject to ratification by the DEC.

Section 6. Any District Elected Officer may receive compensation for his activities on behalf of the organization. The amount of such compensation shall be fixed by the 12th District.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. COMMANDER

The District Commander shall be the Executive Head of the 12th District with full power to enforce the provisions of the District Standing Rules. District Commander shall cast his vote only in the event of a tie. He shall appoint all necessary committees where not otherwise provided, and a POW/MIA Officer-Americanism Officer-Scholarship Officer-Legislative Officer and a District Historian, as needed, subject to ratification by the DEC, and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 2. VICE COMMANDERS

The district Vice Commanders shall function as representatives of the District Commander in all matters referred to them by the Commander and shall upon request, or in his absence preside over the meetings of the 12th District or the DEC and perform such duties as are usually incident to the office. 1st Vice-Membership, 2nd Vice-VAWS, 3rd Vice-Programs/Hospitality Rooms.

Section 3. ADJUTANT

The District Adjutant shall be the administrative officer of the district and shall make and keep the records and correspondence of the district. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office

Section 4. FINANCE OFFICER

THE District Finance Officer shall be the custodian of the funds for the 12th District, the Finance Officer, District Commander and the Adjutant shall have the power of signing checks disbursing funds. No check for same shall be valid unless one signature and approval from one of the other two authorized officers. The District Finance Officer shall make reports upon the condition of the district treasury when called upon by the District Commander, 12th DEC or by the membership at a District meeting. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 5. JUDGE ADVOCATE

The district Judge Advocate shall advise the District Officers and the District on all legal matters including the construction and interpretation of the Standing Rules and the CBL. Shall perform such duties as are usually incident to the office. He shall advise on legislative matters that come before the 12th District and incident to the drawing of legislative petitions and proposed legislation.

Section 6. PROVOST MARSHALL

The District Provost Marshall shall maintain order at all meetings. He shall distribute, collect any documents to and from the District Officers and members. He shall oversee the counting of ballots in any election before the 12th District. He shall perform such other duties as may be requested by the District Commander.

Section 7. CHAPLAIN

The District Chaplain shall perform such divine and nonsectarian services as may be necessary, adhering to the appropriate rituals.

Section 8. SERVICE OFFICER

The District Service Officer shall be the welfare officer of the district. He shall be directly concerned with all matters pertaining to the social and material welfare of Veterans and shall particularly be concerned in the assistance of all members in securing all rights and privileges according to law. He shall function as a liaison officer between the district and AMVETS State Service Officer and shall also act in direct assistance to the Post Service Officer.

Section 9. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

THE District Public Relations Officer (PRO) shall keep the public informed relative to activities of the district in order to build and maintain good will toward the organization. His tenure of office shall always be subject to the will of the district.

ARTICLE VI. DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Section 1. The District Commanders registration fee for State Convention, Fall and Mid Winter Conferences shall be paid out of district funds, provided his post does not pay registration fees.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section 1. All meetings of the 12th District shall be conducted under AMVETS Department of Ohio CBL in accordance with Article IX, Section 10 of the National Constitution. Each Post will be entitled to cast not more than five votes by members of same Post that are in good standing for the election of the District Commander (CBL Article VII Section 8) this is for the election of the District Commander only not the other officers elected. Other than the election of the District Commander all members present at the District Meeting will have a vote in all matters. All meetings and all matters and proceedings not otherwise provided for therein shall be conducted pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 2. The 12th of DEC will meet preceding the regular scheduled membership meetings.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the District Commander or the DEC (from five voting board members), when deemed necessary and proper notification has been given to the membership, and provided notice is not less than fifteen days.

Section 4. At all regular and special meetings, the members present shall constitute a quorum, providing at least three posts are represented and one elected District Officer is present to preside.

Section 5. Each member shall be entitled to one vote and must be present in order for their vote to be cast. The District Commander will vote only in case of a tie

Section 6. The 12th District shall meet monthly January thru November with no meeting in August with a minimum of eight meetings a year. The 12th District shall meet thirty days of each State Conference and the State Convention. Additional regular membership meetings may be called by the District Commander or a majority of the DEC. All District membership meetings shall be held on the fourth Sunday or Saturday every month, unless changed at a previous meeting.

Section 7. Any District Officer who has missed three consecutive meetings without due cause, shall be removed from office at the next District Meeting. State Commander will appoint a new District Commander in accordance with the By Laws of the Ohio Department of AMVETS Article XI section 6.

Article VIII. DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Section 1. The 12th District Commander and all District Officers shall be elected at the May District Meeting prior to the State Convention. The 12th District shall elect the District Commander, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate and Provost Marshal.

Section 2. District Officers shall hold office until their successors assume office July 1st.

District Officers shall be installed on or before July 1st.

Section 3. First round of nominations for District Officers shall take place at the April District meeting prior to the State Convention. Second round of nominations and election of Officers shall take place at the May meeting prior to the State Convention.

Section 4. All nominees for District Commander shall be a member of a Post within the 12th District for a minimum of 12 months.

Section 5. No elected Officer of the 12th District shall serve more than one month of his term of office concurrently as an elected State Department Officer of any other Veterans organization.

ARTICLE IX. SUBORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1. 12th District AMVETS Department of Ohio recognizes the following subordinate organizations. AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of AMVETS, Sad Sacks, Sacketts, Junior AMVETS and AMVETS Riders.

ARTICLE X. DISTRICT DUES & BONDING

Section 1. Each Post within the 12th District shall remit annually to the District Finance Officer District Dues according to their annual membership as of August 1st (effective August 31, 2022)

- 010-100 members: \$25,00
- 101-150 Members: \$35.00
- 151-200 Members: \$40.00
- 201-250 Members: \$45.00
- 251-300 Members: \$50.00
- 301-350 Members: \$55.00
- 351-500 Members: \$65.00
- 501-800 Members: \$75.00
- 801- 1000+ Members: \$95.00

Section 2. District Dues shall be Delinquent after January 1st.

Post that are delinquent with District Dues will be reported to the State Department and will be NOT IN GOOD STANDING until such Dues are paid. The Post will lose all voting privileges.

Section 3. the following elected and /or appointed District Officers will be bonded for not less than \$10,000.00. District Commander, Finance Officer, 3rd Vice Commander and adjutant.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the Standing Rules must be submitted to the DEC. The DEC will make their recommendations and shall submit to the Adjutant at least 30 days prior to the next District Meeting. The Adjutant shall then submit the same to all Post Commanders at least 30 days prior to the next District Meeting. Which in turn, shall report the same for action at the appropriate District Meeting. These Standing Rules may be amended/changed at any 12th District membership meeting without notice by a unanimous vote of the members present.

The 12th District Standing Rules were amended May 16, 2021

James (JJ) Pittock Commander

Doug Bowen Judge Advocate

Sandy Vorhies Adjutant

Bob Driftmyer State Judge Advocate