



***BY-LAWS
OF
Sons of The American Legion
Tenth District
Detachment of Minnesota***

ARTICLE I

Duties of District Officers

- Section 1.* ***District Commander:*** The District Commander shall be elected by the District Convention of Sons of The American Legion. He shall be the executive head of the Tenth District Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Minnesota, with full power of the District Executive Committee. He shall appoint all necessary Committees and Commissions subject to the ratification of the Executive Committee and the Tenth District American Legion Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as are usual and incident to the office.
- Section 2.* ***District Vice Commanders:*** Five District Vice Commanders, one from each defined Area, shall be elected at the annual Convention. The District Vice Commanders shall act as representatives of the District Commander on all matters referred to them by him, and shall, at his request preside over the meetings of the District, and no Vice Commander shall have rank or privilege over another, and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.
- Section 3.* ***District Adjutant:*** The Adjutant shall be appointed by the District Commander and shall with the assistance of the Tenth District American Legion, Department of Minnesota, give notice of all meetings of the District Executive Committee, shall conduct the correspondence and keep the records of the District organization, including lists of all Squadrons in the District and lists of officers and committeemen, and shall keep the minutes of all District meetings; shall notify the District Officers and Committeemen of their appointment and subject to the direction and control of the Sons of The American Legion, Tenth District Executive Committee and the American Legion District Commander, shall have general charge and supervision of District Headquarters and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.
- Section 4.* ***District Finance Officer:*** The District Finance Officer shall be elected at the annual Convention. The District Finance Officer, along with the Finance Committee, shall propose a budget to the District Executive Committee and to be ratified by the Tenth

- ARTICLE I District Executive Committee of The American Legion, based on last year's total membership, and shall report on the condition of all of the District finances when called upon by the District Commander, and shall disperse and deposit funds as directed by the Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.
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- Section 5.* **District Chaplain:** The District Chaplain shall be appointed by the District Commander. The District Chaplain shall perform such divine and non-sectarian services as may be necessary, adhering to such ceremonial rituals as may be recommended by National, Detachment, and District Executive Committees from time to time. He shall also act in an advisory and supervisory capacity over Squadron Chaplains, and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.
- Section 6.* **District Historian:** The District Historian shall be elected at the District Convention. The District Historian shall collect from year to year all records and data available for the District Headquarters and shall complete during his term of office the complete history of the year's activities. He also shall have advisory and supervisory capacity over the Squadron Historians and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.
- Section 7.* **District Sergeant-at-Arms:** The District Sergeant-at-Arms shall be appointed by the District Commander. The District Sergeant-at-Arms shall be in charge of the District Colors, serve as provost of the Executive Committee and the annual Convention. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the District Commander.
- Section 8.* **District Membership Director:** The District Membership Director shall be appointed by the District Commander. The Membership Director shall be responsible for coordinating and promoting all membership programs in the Tenth District of Minnesota, and shall serve on the District Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the District Commander.
- Section 9.* **District Judge Advocate:** The District Judge Advocate shall advise the Commander on questions of parliamentary procedure, review resolutions for proper form, chair the Resolution Committee at District Convention, serve as a parliamentary resource for all Squadrons in the District, serve as a member of the District Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the District Commander.
- Section 10.* **Junior Past District Commander:** The Junior Past District Commander shall serve on the District Executive Committee, and is entitled to the same privileges as all other Executive Committee members.

ARTICLE II

Delegates to National Convention

- Section 1.* Delegates to the National Convention shall be determined at the Detachment Convention.

ARTICLE III

District Executive Committee

- Section 1.* The quorum of the Tenth District of the Detachment of Minnesota Executive Committee shall be at least five (5) Executive Committee Members.

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- Section 2.* The District Commander may appoint members for Americanism, Public Relations, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committees, and any other committees that may be formed, subject to ratification by the Executive Committee.
- Section 3.* At least three members of the Executive Committee, not including the Finance Officer, Commander, or Adjutant must approve all out-of-budget expenses..
- Section 4.* The District Commander shall appoint members to fill any vacancies over the course of the year, subject to ratification.
- Section 5.* If the office of District Commander shall become vacant, a new District Commander shall be chosen by the Executive Committee from amongst the District Officers. This special Executive Committee meeting shall be called and Chaired by the District Legion Adviser.
- Section 6.* The District Commander, Adjutant, and Finance Officer are authorized to execute all necessary certificates and to file any copies thereof at any public office in the District and State where such filing may be necessary under law.
- Section 7.* The Tenth District American Legion, Department of Minnesota Executive Committee must ratify all decisions of the District Executive Committee before they become final.
- Section 8.* Except as noted in these Constitution and By-Laws, the parliamentary authority shall be Robert's Rules of Order, the most recent edition
- Section 9.* Any chairman or officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee for the non-performance of duties or questionable conduct.

ARTICLE IV

Amendments and Suspension

- Section 1.* These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any duly called meeting of the Executive Committee or Convention thereof comprising at least a quorum.
- Section 2.* No such amendment shall conflict or be inconsistent with the National Constitution and By-Laws of Sons of The American Legion or the Constitution and By-Laws of the Detachment of Minnesota.
- Section 3.* In the event of any inconsistency at any time between the provisions of the National Constitution and By-Laws or of the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws and the District Constitution and By-Laws, the National or Detachment provisions shall govern.
- Section 4.* No section of these By-Laws may be suspended at any given time.