



**CONSTITUTION
AND BY-LAWS
OF
THE 14TH DISTRICT,
THE AMERICAN LEGION,
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS**

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CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: to defend and uphold and defend The Constitution of the United States of American; to maintain law and order; to foster and maintain a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all 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 safeguard and transmit to posterity the principle of justice, freedom, and democracy; and to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

ARTICLE I NAME and LOCATION

Section 1. Name. The name of the organization shall be the 14th District, The American Legion, Department of Texas.

Section 2. Location. The District headquarters shall be in the city of the residence of the District Commander.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Section 1. To act as a liaison between the Posts and Department for the purpose of promoting American Legion programs.

Section 2. To serve in the best interest and purposes of The American Legion Department of Texas.

Section 3. To perform all the functions of a District as provided by the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of The American Legion, Department of Texas.

Section 4. The District shall be absolutely nonpartisan and shall never be used for dissemination of propaganda; nor for promoting or retarding of any person's candidacy for public office.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

All American Legion Posts, now existing or newly chartered within the boundaries as designated by the Department Executive Committee and known as the 14th District or any Posts gained through realignment of District boundaries as designated at any time by the Department Executive Committee under Article IV, Section 5, of the Department Constitution, shall be a member of the 14TH District, The American Legion, Department of Texas.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. District Officers. The District Officers shall consist of a District Commander, District Vice Commander, District Adjutant, District Finance Officer, District Judge Advocate, District Historian, District Sergeant-at-Arms, District Chaplain, and District Service Officer.

Section 2. Elections and Terms. The District Commander, District Vice Commander, District Adjutant, District Finance Officer, District Judge Advocate, District Historian, District Sergeant-at-Arms, District Chaplain, and District Service Officer shall be elected in even numbered years at the District Convention and shall serve a period of two years. The Commander and District Vice Commander shall be confirmed by the Department Convention.

Section 3. District Commander and Vice Commander. The District Commander and District Vice Commander shall be a member of a Post in the District and also shall be a resident of the district or the adjacent district as set forth in Article IV, Section 6, of the Department Constitution. Failure of the District Commander to comply with these provisions shall cause the District Commander's office to be declared vacant by the Department Commander.

b. Vacancy. If the office of the District Commander becomes vacant, the District Vice Commander will assume the office and perform the duties thereof until the next District Convention, at which time a District Commander shall be elected to fill the unexpired term. If the District Vice Commander fails to qualify, then a majority of the Post Commanders shall appoint a District Commander to serve until the next District Convention at which time a District Commander and/or a District Vice Commander shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

Section 4. Other Provisions.

a. Officers to be Appointed. District Offices, other than Command and Vice Commander, not filled during a Convention, shall be appointed by the District Commander. Said appointees assuming an elective District Office or filling an unexpired term is not precluded from seeking such office at the next regular election for a full term.

b. Not to Succeed Themselves. The District Commander and District Vice Commander are not eligible to succeed themselves, unless serving an unexpired term.

c. Additional Officers. The District may through a formal vote of (2/3) of the recognized delegates at any of its conventions, provide additional officers, when not in conflict with Department and National Constitution and By-Laws. The term of office for such additional officers shall be for 2 years; with exception as to the term being such when additional officers are provided by the convention delegates during the term, in which case, the term of the office shall be from the date of the convention to the last day of the Department Convention following the regular, District election date. Additional officers when so provided as set out above, shall be elected thereafter in the same manner as provided in the By-Laws of the election of officers.

d. Assumption of Duties. All elected District Officers shall be installed and assume their respective duties at the time of adjournment of the District Convention.

**ARTICLE V
POSTS**

Section 1. New Posts formed in the 14TH District. Post shall be formed as provided under the National Constitution and shall be governed on all matters of Department and National finances as set forth in the National Constitution. A minimum of fifteen (15) new members are required to start a Post in the Department of Texas. Such new members may include direct mail solicitation (DMS) members or Department Headquarters Post 345.

Section 2. Requires coordination with District Commander. No Post shall be formed within the District without coordinating with the District Commander.

Section 3. Requirement to Update. At least every five years, each post shall review its Post Constitution and By-Laws to insure it is not inconsistent with the recommended Post Constitution and By-Laws. If changes are needed to be consistent with the Recommended Post Constitution and By-Laws, the Post must follow the Amendment Provisions of its Constitution and By-Laws. After the Amended Constitution and By-Laws has been approved by two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting, the amended Post Constitution and By-Laws must be sent to the Department Adjutant. The proposed amended Post Constitution and By-Laws will be forwarded to the Department Judge Advocate, who will either recommend approval by the Department Executive Committee or return it to the Post for the necessary corrections.

**ARTICLE VI
AUXILIARY**

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Texas is organized under the provisions of the National Constitution, and the 14TH District, American Legion, Department of Texas recognizes the 14TH District American Legion Auxiliary Unit, and it shall be governed by its own Constitution and By-Laws.

**ARTICLE VII
DISCIPLINE, REVIEW, AND APPEAL**

Section 1. The Discipline, Review and Appeal for all matter involving the 14TH District shall conform to the general principals of The American Legion, Department of Texas, Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. Any officers may be removed or suspended for cause by a (2/3) vote of the 14TH District Executive Committee, however the removal or suspension of the District Commander shall be subject to review by the Department Executive Committee.

Section 3. The District Executive Committee shall not vote on the removal of any District Officer until such Officer shall have been served with a sworn written statement of the complaint at least 15 days before the vote is to be taken; and until such Officer had an opportunity to be heard at a meeting called to take a vote.

ARTICLE VIII CONVENTIONS

Section 1. Time and Place. The District Convention shall be held at least annually at the call of the District Commander. The time shall be fixed by the District commander no less than one hundred twenty days in advance of the convention. The place shall be fixed by the preceding District Convention. The current Convention City Committee fixes the location for the next convention. If the preceding convention cannot fix the place for the next convention, then the place shall be selected by the District Commander. In case of emergency, the District Commander may change the date or place of a convention.

Section 2. Composition. (a) OFFICERS. The District Commander and all District Officers, none of whom shall be entitled to a vote unless duly elected to the convention by their Post. **(b) POST DELEGATES:** The duly elected delegates from the Posts in the District.

Section 3. Allocation of Delegates. At the District Convention each Post shall be entitled to two (2) delegates for the first (15) fifteen members. Post with less the (15) members shall be entitled to only one delegate. Each Post shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each (25) twenty-five members or a major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received the Department Headquarters thirty days prior to the date of said convention, and one alternate delegate. The registered and certified delegates present at the District Convention may cast the votes authorized for the Post.

Section 4. Post Credentials List. Every member authorized to represent a Post as a delegate or an alternate to the District Convention shall be listed on the Credentials List. The Post Chairman of Delegation must certify the credential list to the Convention Credentials Committee, without this, a delegate will not be recognized as a member of the Convention.

Section 5. Registration. All Delegates and members must register at a District Convention and shall be required to present a current paid up American Legion membership card before being permitted to register. The registration badge must be worn at all functions.

Section 6. Registration fee. Registration fees at the District Convention shall be set by the District Commander and the Host Post and which shall be collected from every member who registers at the District Convention. Of this One Dollar (\$1.00) of each registration shall be put in the District Fund to be used for Oratorical Contest and other expenditures recommended by the District Finance Committee and approved by the District Convention.

Section 7. Order of election. The election of a District Commander shall be the last officer elected at the District Convention.

Section 8. Presiding Officer. The District Commander, if present, shall preside over the District Convention, but may call the Vice Commander or a delegate to the chair. In case of the District Commander being absence at the opening of a convention, the Vice Commander shall preside. If none of the District Officers are present at the opening of the Convention the members of the convention shall elect a presiding officer.

Section 9. Failure to elect officer. If the District Convention fails to meet or to elect and install officers at the appointed time, those in office shall continue and exercise full authority until their successors are duly elected and installed.

Section 10. Effect of Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. Amendments to the District Constitution and By-Laws shall become operative immediately upon adoption. Immediately upon adjournment of the District Convention, all Posts in the District shall be notified by the District Adjutant in appropriate manner of all changes in and to the District Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 11. Duration of Convention. The program of the District Convention shall be limited to two (2) days, including the opening date.

Section 12. Quorum. The registered delegates from a majority of the certified Posts on the floor at the District Convention shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.

Section 13. Convention Rules. The District Executive Committee shall provide a Uniform Code of Procedure for the orderly organization and operation of District Conventions with continuing power of revision and said Code shall be applicable at all District Conventions unless it is amended, suspended, or repealed by a majority vote of the total authorized representation at a District Convention.

Section 14. Contested Delegation. In the case of a disputed or contested delegation from a Post, the Credentials Committee will bring the case with a recommendation to the District Convention for a decision. A majority vote of the District Convention will decide the case.

ARTICLE IX BY-LAWS

This organization shall be governed according to By-Laws as adopted at Annual District Conventions; and said District By-Laws are not in conflict with this District Constitution.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Procedure to Amend. This Constitution may be amended at any District Convention by a favorable vote of two thirds (2/3) of the total delegates votes on the floor. It is further provided that the proposed amendments shall have been read at such convention at least one (1) hour before being voted upon; and further provided that a record of the vote and amendment shall be preserved. All proposed amendments to the District Constitution must be presented to the chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws committee of the convention by the first committee meeting of the convention.

ARTICLE XI NATIONAL CONVENTION DELAGATES

Section 1. Elections. Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall be elected during the annual District Convention. Each District is entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each one thousand (1000) members of the District at the District Convention, excluding fractional parts of a thousand.

Section 2. Registration. Upon election as a delegate or an alternate to the National Convention each delegate and alternate shall remit their registration fee to Department.

Section 3. Alternates. When a duly elected Delegate to the National Convention is not present, and Alternate from within the District of the absentee shall be chosen by the Delegation Chairman. Only when there is no one present from the District, shall the Delegation Chairman be permitted to substitute from another District.

ARTICLE XII DEPARTMENT CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Section 1. Appointments. Primary Delegates/Representative to each of the Department Convention Committees shall be appointed during the annual District Convention; and reported immediately following the annual Spring Convention and no later than June 15.

Section 2. Convention Committees. A Primary Delegate/Representative shall be appointed for each of the following Committees: Americanism, Constitution and By-Laws, Credentials and Rules, Legislative, National Security, Membership, Organization & Post Activities, Public Relations & Publications, and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation.

Section 3. Responsibility. It is the responsibility of the District Commander to ensure the District Delegate/Representative is present at the assigned meeting or to notify the Convention Committee Chairman of a replacement.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Composition. The 14 District shall have an Executive Committee meeting and when called, The Executive Committee of the 14th District shall consist of all the District Officers and the Post Commanders of each member Post of the District, or in lieu of the Post Commanders, a suitable officer of the Post designated by the Post Commander to represent the Post at the meeting of the Executive Committee. All District officers and Post Commanders or their representatives shall have voice and vote.

Section 2. Quorum. A majority of the District Officers, plus (6) Post Commanders or representatives shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE II DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS

Section 1. District Commander

a. Chief Executive. The District Commander shall be the executive head of the District and shall preside over and be a member of the executive committee.

b. Principal Duties. It shall be the duty of the District Commander to see that the Constitution and the By-Laws of the District, Department, and National American Legion are strictly observed and that the officers properly execute their duties. The District Commander shall have full power to enforce the provisions of the District Constitution and By-Laws and the mandates of the District Convention.

c. Preside Over Meetings. The District Commander shall be a member of the District Executive Committee and shall notify all members of the District Executive Committee of the time and place of all regular and called meetings at least five (5) days prior to such meetings, and shall preside at the meetings of the District Executive Committee.

Section 2. District Vice Commander

The District Vice Commander shall be a member of the executive committee, and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the District Commander and/or the executive committee. In the absence of the District Commander, the Vice Commander shall take the place as the acting District Commander and shall perform all the duties of the District Commander.

Section 3. District Adjutant

a. Record Proceedings. All proceeding of a District Executive Committed and District Convention are to be drawn up in proper form and permanently recorded by the District Adjutant, who shall forward the minutes of the convention to the Department adjutant within 30 days.

b. File Convention Documents. All petitions, reports, appeals, returns, and other communications at conventions are to be delivered to the Adjutant. The Adjutant is to see that they are filed in an orderly manner and carefully preserved.

c. Facilitate Communications. The Adjutant is to distribute the documents referred to committees or other officers according to the orders of the District Commander and to notify them of their appointments to any duties.

d. Maintain Record of Post Officers. The Adjutant shall keep an accurate list of all Posts and Officers and shall supply all District Officer with this list.

e. Correspond with Posts. The Adjutant shall correspond with posts and members in the District and perform such other duties incidental to the office; and as directed by the District Commander.

f. Make Record of Meetings. The District Adjutant shall attend all meeting of the executive committee and all District Conventions and shall have the proceedings of the meeting and/or conventions drawn up in form and recorded. The Adjutant shall be a member of the Executive Committee with voice but has no vote.

Section 4. District Finance Officer

a. Record Receipts. The Finance Officer shall receive all monies due in the District from any source, giving a receipt therefore, and shall enter same in regular accounts with the purpose for which intended.

b. Make Disbursements. The Finance Officer shall make disbursements only on legal order from the District Executive Committee, and/or District Convention.

c. Make Reports. The Finance Officer shall make a report at the District Convention and the Executive Committee, and such other reports as requested by the District Commander, the Executive Committee, and/or District Convention.

Section 5. District Judge Advocate

The District Judge Advocate shall supply professional advice in the conduct of the District business or to procure counsel. The Judge Advocate shall be a member of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and shall assist the District in legal matters and shall further assist the Budget and Finance Committee in making an audit of the District Finances and transactions, then report the said audit at the Fall District Convention.

Section 6. District Historian

The District Historian shall preserve and record all documents of historical events and data of the District, Post, and members from year to year. Shall further perform such duties pertaining to the office as it may be determined by the District Commander and/or the District Executive Committee.

Section 7. District Sergeant at Arms

The District Sergeant at Arm shall attend all conventions and shall have the duty to carry all messages from the District Commander to any other officers or members or vice versa, and to maintain order and decorum in the meeting as provided by the Constitution and By-Laws and as directed by the District Commander. The Sergeant at Arms shall further be in charge of the colors and set up the meeting room.

Section 8. District Chaplain

The District Chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the District, attending all meetings as required, which shall be opened and closed with non-sectarian prayer. The District Chaplain shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned. Further, the District Chaplain shall be available to carry

on the annual Memorial Service, the Chaplain's Workshops, the Chaplain's Award program, and to conduct non-sectarian religious services.

Section 9. District Service Officer

The District Service Officer's main function is to assist the District Post's Service Officer in providing knowledge of VA laws and regulations pertaining to appeals, benefits, and claims for veterans. As well as, assist the Department Service Officer in developing guidance in support of claims.

Section 10. District Executive Committee

a. Administrative Powers. Between District Conventions, the administrative powers of the District shall be vested in the District Executive Committee.

b. Time and Place of Meetings. The District Executive Committee shall hold its meetings at least two times between Conventions, and more often if said Committee shall deem it necessary. The place, date, and time of such meetings shall be determined by the District Commander, except that the first meeting of the District Executive Committee shall be held within 60 days following the annual Department Convention.

c. Call of Meeting. The District Executive Committee may be called to meet by order of the District Commander, or on call being duly drawn up and signed by five members of the District Executive Committee, and upon receipt of such request the Commander shall immediately call a meeting of the District Executive Committee. In the event that the District Commander refuses to call a meeting of the District Executive Committee, after the District Commander has been requested by five members of the District Executive Committee as outlined in Article II, Section 10c, of these By-Laws, the District Adjutant shall call the meeting.

d. Removal or Suspension. Any member of the District Executive Committee may be removed or suspended for cause at a District Executive Committee meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all voting members present; provided that the officer shall have been served with a written statement of the complaint at least fifteen days before such vote shall be taken, and shall have an opportunity to be heard at the District Executive Committee meeting. The District Commander, on the recommendation of a majority of the Post Commanders, may be suspended pending such a hearing by the Department Executive Committee.

e. Budget.

(1) Preparation. The District Commander with assistance of the District Finance Officer, Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee, and District Adjutant shall prepare or cause to be prepared a proposed budget, a copy of which shall be delivered to each member of the District Executive Committee, District Finance and Budget Committee not later than five days prior to the first meeting of the District Finance and Budget Committee.

(2) Limitations on Budgeted Expenditures. At the first meeting of the District Finance and Budget Committee in each fiscal year, said Committee shall prepare budgets for the District, the net revenues of which shall not exceed the sum of the net revenues of the General Fund and the Total Receipts of the Trust Fund as reported on the General Fund and Trust Fund, Income and Expense Statements.

(3) Limitations on Approved Budget. At the Fall meeting, the District Executive Committee when confirming the budgets as prepared by the District Finance and Budget Committee, shall not appropriate

more than the sum of the net revenues of the General Fund and the Total Receipts of the Trust Fund as reported on the General Fund and Trust Fund, Income and Expense Statements.

f. Request for Unbudgeted Appropriations

(1) Initial Submission. No appropriation shall be considered by the District Executive Committee or District Convention unless the appropriation has first been submitted to and passed upon by the District Finance and Budget Committee. In the event the proposed appropriation is rejected by the District Finance and Budget Committee; the proponent of such proposition may present the matter to the District Executive Committee and/or the District Convention for final action.

(2) Non-Budgeted Emergency Expenditure. All requests for expenditures of District funds not budgeted for the purpose requested shall, before referral to the District Executive Committee or District Convention, be referred to the District Finance and Budget Committee, which shall render an advisory opinion as to the availability of funds and the impact on the District of the expenditure.

g. Electronic Meetings. If the District Commander decides that a decision requiring the approval of the District Executive Committee cannot be delayed until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the District Executive Committee, the District Commander, in coordination with the District Adjutant and the District Judge Advocate, will prepare a resolution fully explaining the facts and background information that necessitates a decision that cannot be delayed and a "Resolved" clause that clearly sets forth the action that the District Executive Committee is being asked to approve. The resolution shall be sent by email to the District Executive Committee members, who shall have 48 hours to "Reply All" with any debate. Voting members will vote by email not sooner than 48 hours and no later than 72 hours after the initiating email. In order to approve the resolution, 2/3 of the voting members of the District Executive Committee must vote in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE III
DISTRICT STANDING COMMITTEES**

Section 1. District Standing Committees. The Standing Committees of the District may consist of the following: Finance and Budget, Training, Convention Committees, Special, Americanism, Membership, National Security, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Convention City, Legislative, Public Relations and Publications, Legion Riders, Sons of the American Legion.

Section 2. Special Rules

a. Appointments. Appointments to any Standing Committee shall be made by the District Commander, subject to approval by the District Executive Committee. The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be designated annually by the District Commander, except that the District Vice Commander shall be the Chairman of the Membership Committee.

b. Duties of Committees. Duties of all District Committees consist of duties normally appertaining thereto as outlined or described in this District Constitution and By-Laws, and as may be assigned by the District Convention, District Commander, and the District Executive Committee. All committees shall cooperate with other respective and like committees.

c. Removal of Members. A member of any standing committee may be removed for proper and adequate cause by the District Commander, with the consent of the District Executive Committee, and shall be replaced for the unexpired term in the manner provided for the original appointment.

Section 3. Standing Committee Outlines

a. Finance and Budget Committee

(1) Duties. The duties of the Budget and Finance Committee shall be to screen and recommend all expenditures of money, to set up a budget and to annually audit the District Finances.

(2) Composition. The Budget and Finance Committee shall consist of (3) member who shall be appointed by the District Commander and shall be subject to the approval of the District Executive and/or District Convention. The initial committee shall be composed of one member to serve one year, one member to serve two years and one member to serve three years. Thereafter, one member shall be appointed each year to serve for three years. The old term shall end and the new term will begin each year at the close of the Department Convention. The chairman of the committee is to be designated by the District Commander. The District Commander, Finance Officer, and Adjutant shall be ex-officio members of the committee and shall have voice but no vote. The District Adjutant shall be the secretary of the Budget and Finance Committee.

(3) Expenditures. All expenditures of money shall be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee who will consider same for approval and present same to the next Executive Committee and/or District Convention.

(4) Annual Budget. The Budget and Finance Committee shall prepare an annual budget after considering the recommended budget given them by the District Finance Officer, and such annual budget to be prepared immediately before and submitted to the Fall District Executive Committee and/or District Convention.

(5) Report/Audit. The Finance and Budget Committee, along with the District Judge Advocate shall conduct and report on an annual audit of the District finances and transactions at, or just prior to, the Fall District Convention.

(6) Revenue. The revenue of this District shall be derived from such source as may be approved by the District Executive Committee and/or District Convention.

(7) Account Signatories. One signature shall be required on checks drawn on the District bank account with the District Finance Officer or District Adjutant authorized to sign checks.

b. Training Committee

The Training Committee shall promulgate training programs developed by The American Legion, Department of Texas and National, and facilitate training at the District and Post level. The training committee shall develop a trained cadre that is proficient in both subject matter and teaching skills; and maximize the latest and most appropriate training media, consistent with the needs and resources of the District. The Training Committee shall consist of six members who shall be appointed for three-year terms. The District Commander shall appoint two members each year and designate the Chairperson. The Charter members of the Committee will be appointed two for three years, two for two years, and two for one year. The District Adjutant shall serve as an ex-officio member with voice but no vote. In the

event of a vacancy, the District Commander shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term. The Committee will meet three times or more annually, or at the discretion of the District Commander. The District Adjutant shall serve as the Secretary.

c. Convention Committees

The District Commander shall designate, from the membership, the following Convention Committees: CREDENTIALS, RESOLUTIONS, CONVENTION CITY, CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AND RULES. The District Commander shall designate a Chairman of each Committee prior to each convention.

d. Special Committees

The District Commander shall have the authority to appoint such special committees to serve for a period not to exceed the District Commander's respective term of office, and as may be authorized by the District Convention and the District Executive Committee. A District Commander may further appoint such other necessary Convention Committees not otherwise provided for.

e. Americanism, Membership, National Security, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committees, Legislative, Public Relations and Publications, Legion Riders; Sons of the American Legion.

The District is to perform all or as feasible, the functions of these Committees as provided by the Constitution and By-Laws, and Rule and Regulations of The American Legion, Department of Texas. And the District shall facilitate, assist, and train District Post Commanders and their staff to put into effect said committees and programs. The District Commander shall appoint committee chairpersons.

**ARTICLE IV
BOND OF OFFICERS**

The District Finance Officer and any other District Officers or Committeemen who may handle funds shall before entering upon official duty, furnish a bond properly executed by themselves as principal and by as solvent company authorized to do business in Texas in the sum of \$1,000.00 or as may be required in Article VI, Section 1 of the National By-Laws of the American Legion; and said bond to be approved by the District Judge Advocate and the District Executive Committee and/or the District Convention. The above bonds are to be retained in the custody of the District Adjutant. Premium on the bond to be paid by the District.

**ARTICLE V
OPEN MEETING**

Section 1. Meetings Open to Members. All meetings of the District Executive Committee, District Standing Committees, Special Committees and any subcommittees thereof, shall be open to all members of The American Legion. Legionnaires who are not members of the Committees have no voice or vote.

Section 2. Procedure to Speak. Attendees without voice or vote may only speak as provided by the presiding officer.

**ARTICLE VI
AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended at any District Convention by a favorable vote of two thirds (2/3) majority of the total delegates vote on the floor. It further provides that the proposed amendments shall have been read at such convention at least one hour before being voted upon; and further provides that a record of the vote and the amendments shall be preserved. All proposed amendment to the By-Laws must be presented to the Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of the Convention by the first committee meeting of the Convention.

**ARTICLE VII
GENERAL ENACTING PROVISIONS**

Section 1. Effective Immediately. The provisions of the District Constitution and By-Laws, and as hereafter may be amended, shall become effective immediately upon adoption. Conflicting provisions in preexisting District Constitution and By-Laws are repealed and terminated by the adoption of this Department Constitution and By-Laws, unless otherwise specifically provided.

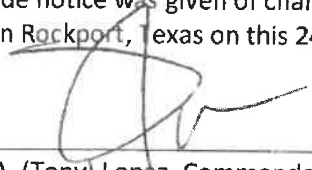
Section 2. Hold Harmless. This District shall incur, or cause to be incurred, no liability nor obligations whatsoever which shall subject to liability the Department of Texas, any other Intermediate Body, Post, Subdivision, Group of Men or Women, Members of the American Legion, or other individuals, corporations or organizations.

OFFICIAL SECTION

The preceding articles, sections, and pages constitute the official Constitution and By-Laws of the 14TH District, The American Legion, Department of Texas, as amended by District Convention in: Bishop, Texas, October 27, 1991; Rockport, Texas, October 16, 1994; Alice, Texas, October 15, 1995; Kingsville, Texas, October 13, 1996; Gonzales, Texas, April 11, 1999; Gonzales, Texas, April 18, 2004; New Braunfels, Texas, April 22, 2018; Rockport, Texas, April 24, 2022.


Certification

We hereby certify that the foregoing Constitution and By-Laws after due notice was given of changes, was adopted by the certified delegates sitting in the convention held in Rockport, Texas on this 24th day of April, 2022.



Jose A. (Tony) Lopez, Commander


ATTEST:



Timothy Yarbrough, Adjutant

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION

Passed on by the Department of Texas Judge Advocate this 31st day of May 2022 and approved by the Department Executive Committee on this 31st day of May 2022.



Department Judge Advocate