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Founded on four pillars:

- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- National Security
 - Americanism
- Children & Youth

The mission of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin is to provide service to veterans, their families and their communities.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS ENCLOSED!!

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT that the contents of this packet are taken to your meetings, shared with **all members, copied and distributed as needed.**

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Per the Department Constitution and Bylaws, enclosed are the 2021 Department Resolutions to be considered at the Department Convention.

The Convention Committee Meetings, where the resolutions will be taken up, are on Friday July 16, 2021 at the Madison Marriott West, 1313 John Q. Hammons Dr., Middleton, WI at 2:00 PM. All District will have a representative on each of the Convention Committees. To find out who from your district is the representative on a certain committee, please attend you District Caucus at 7:30 AM on Friday morning. All Department Convention information can be found at <https://wilegion.org/department-convention/>. **GET REGISTERED TODAY- YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN TO A CONVENTION LIKE THIS ONE!**

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

**Department Convention 2021
Middleton, Wisconsin
July 14-18, 2021**

RESOLUTIONS

The Department Policy Committee met on June 9, 2021 in Portage, Wisconsin in accordance with the Department Constitution Article V, Section 7(a). The determinations and recommendations of the Committee appear below.

Resolution #	Proper Form	Germane	Recommendation	Referred To Convention Committee on
1.2021 Combining Department Americanism and Children & Youth Committees	Yes	Yes	Rejection	Constitutional Amendments
2.2021 District Officers	Yes	Yes	Rejection	Constitutional Amendments
3.2021 Districts	Yes	Yes	Rejection	Constitutional Amendments
4.2021 Combining Department Finance and Fundraising Committees	Yes	Yes	Rejection	Constitutional Amendments
5.2021 Combining Department VA&R and Legislative Committee	Yes	Yes	Rejection	Constitutional Amendments
6.2021 Reduce number of Department Vice Commander positions from 4 to 3	No	Yes	Rejection	Constitutional Amendments
7.2021 Milwaukee County Council	Yes	Yes	Rejection	Constitutional Amendments
8.2021 A resolution to change the name and mission of the Department of Wisconsin American Legion's Communications Committee to include Marketing responsibilities in its purpose	No	Yes	Rejection	Constitutional Amendments
9.2021 A resolution to include six District Commanders on the Membership Committee in staggered years rotating odd and even District Commanders in the year of their election.	Yes	Yes	Approval	Constitutional Amendments
10.2021 Amending Article I, Section 2 of the Department of Wisconsin By-Laws Relating to the calling of the Meetings of the DEC by Members of the DEC	Yes	Yes	Approval	Constitutional Amendments

11.2021 Amending Article III, Section 1 (e) of the Department of Wisconsin Constitution Relating to Office of the Department Finance Officer	Yes	Yes	Approval	Constitutional Amendments
12.2021 Amending Article III, Section 1 (a) of the Department of Wisconsin Constitution Relating to Organization of the Department	Yes	Yes	Rejection	Constitutional Amendments
13.2021 Amending Article III, Section 6 (e) of the Department of Wisconsin By-Laws Relating to Finance Committee	Yes	Yes	Approval	Constitutional Amendments
14.2021 Rescinding of Legislative Convention Committee Resolution- WI Sales Tax Exemption	Yes	Yes	Approval	Legislative
15.2021 Rescinding of Legislative Resolutions from the Homeland Security Committee and adopted by Convention	Yes	Yes	Approval	Legislative
16.2021 Support for Revising the Wisconsin Veteran and Surviving Souses Property Tax Credit to Provide for a Graduated Benefit	Yes	Yes	Approval	Legislative
17.2021 Authorizing the Creation of The Wisconsin American Legion Foundation	Yes	Yes	Approval	Constitutional Amendments
18.2021 To Set Forth Rules for Lowering the American Flag to Half-Staff	Yes	Yes	Approval	Americanism
19.2021 To Establish procedure for “Past National Commander Denise H. Rohan Educator of the Year Award”	Yes	Yes	Approval	Constitutional Amendments
20.2021 To restore particular language to the National Monuments	Yes	Yes	Rejection	Americanism
21.2021 Endorsement of Nellie P. De Baker as Wisconsin’s Candidate for National Historian	No	Yes	Rejection	Resolutions
22.2021 Honorary Past State Commander	Yes	Yes	Approval	Resolutions
23.2021 Department Chaplain	Yes	Yes	Approval	Constitutional Amendments
24.2021 Host City	Yes	Yes	Approval	Resolutions
25.2021 Host City	Yes	Yes	Approval	Resolutions

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI**

Resolution: 1.2021
Subject: Combining Department Americanism and Children & Youth Committees
Submitted by: Department Executive Committee/ Originated from the Department Strategic Planning Committee

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The National American Legion is structured with an Americanism/Children & Youth Division to better and more efficiently administer American Legion programs; and

WHEREAS, major programs of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin such as the Sons of The American Legion, Badger Boys State, American Legion Baseball and others are represented on the Department Americanism Committee while Children & Youth programs have been ineffectively represented under the current structure; and

WHEREAS, the gradual and persistent decrease in Department membership has made it increasingly difficult to fill Department Committees with active members; and

WHEREAS, the Department Children & Youth Committee is called in three times a year to meet prior to regularly scheduled Department Executive Committee meetings while the Department Americanism Committee is called in to meet at the Department Fall meetings, Midwinter Conference, Spring meetings and Annual Convention; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that ARTICLE III, Section 2. (a) of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

SECTION 2. (a) The Department Commander, upon taking office each year will appoint Members, Committee Chairman/Directors, and liaison members to the following committees and Boards: Americanism, Communications, Camp American Legion, Children and Youth, Convention and Activities, Finance, Fundraising, Hospital, Legislative, Membership, National and Homeland Security, Policy*, Religious Emphasis, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee. *Policy Committee elects its own Chairman and Vice Chairman.” ;shall be amended to read;

“SECTION 2. (a) The Department Commander, upon taking office each year will appoint Members, Committee Chairs/Directors, and liaison members to the following committees and Boards: Americanism / Children & Youth, Communications, Camp American Legion, Convention and Activities, Finance, Fundraising, Hospital, Legislative, Membership, National and Homeland Security, Policy*, Religious Emphasis, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation and Sons of The American Legion, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee. *Policy Committee elects its own Chairman and Vice Chairman.”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ARTICLE III, Section 4. (a) of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

SECTION 4. (a) Communications, Camp American Legion, Children and Youth, Convention and Activities, Finance, Fundraising, Legislative, Membership, National and Homeland Security, Policy, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committees will be composed of six (6) members to be appointed by the Department Commander, who upon taking office each year will appoint two (2) members for a term of three (3) years to replace those committee members which terms have expired at the close of the annual convention.”; shall be amended to read;

“SECTION 4.(a) Communications, Camp American Legion, Convention and Activities, Finance, Fundraising, Legislative, Membership, National and Homeland Security, Policy, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation and Sons of The American Legion Committees will be composed of up to five (5) members as Department finances allow and to be appointed by the Department Commander for three (3) years staggered terms of service. The members affected by these mergers will complete their current term with the merged committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ARTICLE III, Section 4. (b) of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

“(b) The Americanism Committee will be composed of three (3) members to be appointed by the Department Commander for a one (1) year term.”; shall be amended to read;

“(b) The Americanism/Children & Youth Committee will be composed of three (3) members to be appointed by the Department Commander for a one (1) year term.”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ARTICLE III, Section 6. Americanism Committee (a) i) ii) of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

SECTION 6.

(a) Americanism Committee

i) Purpose: To develop the spirit of Americanism among The American Legion and citizens and residents of the State of Wisconsin; to put into effect Americanism policies and programs of The American Legion; to coordinate any overlapping of programs dealing with Americanism. To oversee and report on programs that relate to Americanism and many youth programs.

ii) The Americanism Committee will be composed in accordance with Article III, Section 4 (b) of the Department Bylaws with the following Program Chairmen; Americanism and Government Scholarship Program, Boy Scouts, County Youth Government, Education and Scholarship, Oratorical, Sons of The American Legion, Shooting Sports and the Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy. In addition, a Legionnaire representative as determined by each of the following; Badger Boys State, Inc.; the Wisconsin American Legion Baseball Association; and American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin, each of whom shall have voice and vote.”; shall be amended to read;

SECTION 6.

(a) Americanism – Children & Youth Committee

i) Purpose: To develop the spirit of Americanism among The American Legion and citizens and residents of the State of Wisconsin; to put into effect Americanism policies and programs of The American Legion; to coordinate any overlapping of programs dealing with Americanism. To oversee and report on programs that relate to Americanism and many youth programs. To insure that any veteran’s child in need of care and protection shall receive proper and timely service and aid; to

strengthen the family unit; extend support to sound organizations and facilities that provide services for children and youth; and to maintain a well-rounded program that meets the needs of the young people in their respective communities.

ii) The Americanism / Children & Youth Committee will be composed in accordance with Article III, Section 4 (b) of the Department Bylaws with the following Program Chairs; Americanism and Government Scholarship Program, Boy Scouts, County Youth Government, Education and Scholarship, Oratorical, Sons of The American Legion, Shooting Sports and the Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy. In addition, a Legionnaire representative as determined by each of the following; Badger Boys State, Inc.; the Wisconsin American Legion Baseball Association; and American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin, each of whom shall have voice and vote.”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that **ARTICLE III, Section 6.** (d) of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

“(d) Children and Youth Committee

i) Purpose: To ensure that any child of a veteran in need of care and protection shall receive proper and timely service and aid; to strengthen the family unit; extend support; extend support to sound organizations and facilities that provide services for children and youth; and to maintain a well-rounded program that meets the needs of the young people in their respective communities.”; shall be amended to read;

“(d) Repealed and Deleted.”

For Convention Committee Use

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Signature _____

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on _____

Approved _____ **Rejected** _____

Approved as amended _____

Consolidated _____

Rewritten _____

Refer to standing committee on _____

Other action _____

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI**

Resolution: **2.2021**

Subject: **District Officers**

Submitted by: **Department Executive Committee/Originated from the Department
Strategic Planning Committee**

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin recognizes the Districts as a definite part of the Department organization; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Sec. 4 establishes the boundaries of the Districts and the membership of the Districts; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Sec. (5) mandates certain offices for County Councils such as Commander, one or more Vice Commanders, a Finance Officer, a Service Officer, and an appointed Adjutant; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Sec. 4 (d) provides for the election of District Officers, but does not contain the requirement for a Finance Officer or a Service Officer; and

WHEREAS, these offices are vital to the functions related to the District; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin at Convention in Middleton, Wisconsin on July 14-18, 2021, that Article III, Sec. 4 (d) of The Department Constitution which now reads “Each District shall elect one District Commander and may elect or appoint one or more District Vice Commanders for each District from among active Legionnaires of such District. Their respective terms of office shall commence immediately upon the adjournment of the annual Department Convention after their election and shall end at the adjournment of the second next succeeding annual Department Convention. Their election or appointment shall be subject to the ratification by the Department Convention following their election. The odd numbered Districts shall elect District Commanders and either elect or appoint District Vice Commanders during even numbered years, and the even numbered Districts shall elect District Commanders and either elect or appoint District Vice Commanders during each odd numbered year. The District Constitution may provide for the election or appointment of additional District

officers, except that the District Adjutant shall be appointed by and hold office at the discretion of the District Commander.” be changed to read

“Each District shall elect one District Commander, elect or appoint one or more District Vice Commanders, a Finance Officer, a Service Officer, and such other officers and committees as required by the Department and directed by the District Constitution or deemed advisable by the District. The District Adjutant shall be appointed by and hold office at the discretion of the District Commander. Their respective terms of office shall commence immediately upon the adjournment of the annual Department Convention after their election and shall end at the second next succeeding annual Department Convention. The election or appointment shall be subject to ratification by the Department Convention following their election. The odd numbered Districts shall elect District Commanders and either elect or appoint District Officers during even numbered years and the even numbered Districts shall elect District Commanders and either elect or appoint District Officers each odd numbered year. “

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Signature

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ **Rejected** _____

Approved as amended _____

Consolidated _____

Rewritten _____

Refer to standing committee on

Other action

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI**

Resolution: 3.2021

Subject: Districts

**Submitted by: Department Executive Committee/Originated from the Department
Strategic Planning Committee**

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the gradual decrease in membership results in a corresponding decrease in District membership; and

WHEREAS, a significant decrease in District membership will eventually lead to a decrease of effectiveness of American Legion programs in a geographic area; and

WHEREAS, the Department has no provision or current policy to address this very real possibility; and

WHEREAS, sound management and business practices dictate a proactive leadership approach to addressing potential problems before they become a crisis: now therefore be it

RESOLVED By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that ARTICLE III, Section 4 of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

“Districts

SECTION 4. (a) The Department shall be divided into twelve (12) Districts, the areas of which shall be composed as follows:

District 1 - Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, Rock and Waukesha Counties.

District 2 - Jefferson, Columbia, Dodge, Washington, Ozaukee and Sheboygan Counties.

District 3 - Crawford, Richland, Grant, Iowa, Dane, LaFayette and Green Counties.

District 4 - All of that part of Milwaukee County which lies South and West respectively of a line defined as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the center line of East Knapp Street in the city of Milwaukee, and the shore of Lake Michigan and running thence West along the center line of East Knapp Street to the center of the Milwaukee River, thence generally South along the center of said Milwaukee River to the center line of East State Street; thence West along the center line of East and West State Street to the center line of North 60th Street; thence North along the center line to North 60th Street and the East line of the 5th Ward of the City of Wauwatosa to the intersection of the center line North 65th Street and the center line of West Center Street; thence West along the center line of West Center to the East Boundary line of the City of Wauwatosa; thence generally North along the said East Boundary line of the City of Wauwatosa to the center line of West Hampton Avenue; thence West along the center line of West Hampton Avenue (being the North line of the City of Wauwatosa) to West line of the County of Milwaukee.

District 5 - All that part of Milwaukee County which lies North and East respectively of the line defined in "District 4" above.

District 6 - Marquette, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Winnebago, Calumet, and Manitowoc Counties.

District 7 - LaCrosse, Jackson, Monroe, Clark, Vernon, Juneau, Adams and Sauk Counties.

District 8 - Marathon, Portage, Waupaca, New London Post No. 263 in Outagamie County, Waushara, Wood and Shawano/Menomonee Counties.

District 9 - Langlade, Forest, Florence, Marinette, Oconto, Outagamie, Brown, Kewaunee and Door Counties.

District 10 - Dunn, Barron, Chippewa, Eau Claire, Trempealeau, Buffalo-Pepin, Pierce and St. Croix Counties.

District 11 - Price, Oneida, Iron, Vilas, Taylor, Ashland, and Lincoln Counties.

District 12 - Douglas, Sawyer, Burnett, Polk, Rusk, Bayfield and Washburn Counties.” shall be amended to read;

“Districts

Section 4. (a) The Department Executive Committee shall designate the specific number and boundaries of Districts. Districts shall be designated by number and boundaries to serve the best interests and purposes of The American Legion Department of Wisconsin.

(b) Moving a post to a different District. If a post located in one district desires to move to an adjacent district, the affected districts can agree to alter the district boundaries, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee.

(c) Comprehensive Re-districting. Re-districting affecting more than one district shall require the consent of each affected district and must be approved by the Department Executive Committee.

(d) Merging of Districts. If a district is to be dissolved and its territory and posts are to be allocated to one or more adjacent districts, it shall require the consent of all the affected districts and must be approved by the Department Executive Committee.

(e) Realignment without District Consent. Notwithstanding paragraph 4(d) above, the Department Executive Committee can, with a 2/3 majority vote, without consent of the affected district, realign district boundaries, create new districts or dissolve existing districts.

(f) Notice to Posts. All posts that are affected by a proposed redistricting shall be given a 90 day notice prior to consideration by the Department Executive Committee.

(g) Changes incorporated by the provisions of Section 4 sub sections (a-f), shall automatically amend sub section (h).

(h) The Department shall be divided into twelve (12) Districts, the areas of which shall be composed as follows, unless adjusted by the previous provisions of this Section:

District 1 - Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, Rock and Waukesha Counties.

District 2 - Jefferson, Columbia, Dodge, Washington, Ozaukee and Sheboygan Counties.

District 3 - Crawford, Richland, Grant, Iowa, Dane, Lafayette and Green Counties.

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District 11 - Price, Oneida, Iron, Vilas, Taylor, Ashland, and Lincoln Counties.

District 12 - Douglas, Sawyer, Burnett, Polk, Rusk, Bayfield and Washburn Counties.”; and be it further

RESOLVED to re-letter existing paragraphs 4(b) through (i) as 4(i) through (p) respectively.

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Signature

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Approved as amended _____

Consolidated _____

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI**

Resolution: **4.2021**

Subject: **Combining Department Finance and Fundraising Committees**

Submitted by: **Department Executive Committee/Originated from the Department Strategic Planning Committee**

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the gradual and persistent decrease in Department membership has made it increasingly difficult to fill Department Committees with active members; and

WHEREAS, the Department Fundraising Committee is called in four times a year to meet prior to regularly scheduled Department Executive Committee meetings while the Department Finance Committee is called in to meet at the Department Fall meetings, Midwinter Conference, Spring meetings and Annual Convention; and

WHEREAS, the Department Fundraising and Finance Committees have overlapping and redundant duties relating to Department revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations made by the Department Fundraising Committee for revenue enhancement programs to be considered by the Department Finance Committee are repetitive and can be more efficiently handled by a Finance Commission; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that ARTICLE III, Section 2. (a) of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

“SECTION 2. (a) The Department Commander, upon taking office each year will appoint Members, Committee Chairman/Directors, and liaison members to the following committees and Boards: Americanism, Communications, Camp American Legion, Children and Youth, Convention and Activities, Finance, Fundraising, Hospital, Legislative, Membership, National and Homeland Security, Policy*, Religious Emphasis, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee. *Policy Committee elects its own Chairman and Vice Chairman.”; shall be amended to read;

“SECTION 2. (a) The Department Commander, upon taking office each year shall appoint Members, Committee Chairman/Directors, and liaison members to the following committees and Boards: Americanism, Communications, Camp American Legion, Children and Youth, Convention and Activities, Finance, Hospital, Legislative, Membership, National and Homeland Security, Policy*, Religious Emphasis, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee. *Policy Committee elects its own Chair and Vice Chairs.”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ARTICLE III, Section 4. (a) of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

SECTION 4. (a) Communications, Camp American Legion, Children and Youth, Convention and Activities, Finance, Fundraising, Legislative, Membership, National and Homeland Security, Policy, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committees will be composed of six (6) members to be appointed by the Department Commander, who upon taking office each year will appoint two (2) members for a term of three (3) years to replace those committee members which terms have expired at the close of the annual convention.’; shall be amended to read;

“SECTION 4.(a) Communications, Camp American Legion, Convention and Activities, Finance, Legislative, Membership, National and Homeland Security, Policy, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation and Sons of The American Legion Committees shall be composed of up to five (5) members as Department finances allow and to be appointed by the Department Commander for three (3) years staggered terms of service. The members affected by these mergers will complete their current term with the merged committee.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ARTICLE III, Section 6. (e) and (f) of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

(e) Finance Committee

i) Purpose: The Department Finance Committee shall approve, budget, and audit the expenditures of the Department, its decisions being final unless overruled by a majority of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the Department Executive Committee. The Department Finance Committee shall have the authority to engage the auditors for Department Funds.

ii) The Department Finance Committee shall adopt its own rules regulating the approval, budgeting, and auditing of the expenditures of the Department, subject to approval by the Department Executive Committee.

iii) The Department Finance Committee shall arrange to have the monthly financial statement of the Department published in the official publications, or other designated media used by the Department.

“(e) Finance Committee

(f) Fundraising Committee

i) Purpose: The Fundraising committee is responsible for overseeing, accounting and reporting of all fundraising activities within the Department as directed by the Department Executive Committee.

ii) They will make recommendations on program changes or new programs to the Department Executive Committee and advise the Department Finance Committee how much fundraising money will be projected for budgeting purposes and Fundraising. The Committee Chairman shall be Consultant to the Finance Committee.” shall be amended to read;

“(e) Finance Committee

i) Purpose: The Department Finance Committee shall approve, budget, and audit the expenditures of the Department, its decisions being final unless overruled by a majority of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the Department Executive Committee. The Department Finance Committee shall have the authority to engage the auditors for Department Funds and is responsible for overseeing, accounting and reporting of all fundraising activities within the Department as directed by the Department Executive Committee.

ii) The Department Finance Committee shall adopt its own rules regulating the approval, budgeting, and auditing of the expenditures of the Department, subject to approval by the Department Executive Committee. The committee will make recommendations on fundraising program changes or new

programs to the Department Executive Committee and monitor how much fundraising money will be projected for budgeting purposes and Fundraising.

iii) The committee will be composed in accordance with Article III, Section 4a, and in addition, include the President of The Wisconsin American Legion Foundation Board as a Consultant.

(f) Deleted.”

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held in Middleton, Wisconsin, July 2021**

Signature

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on

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THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI

Resolution: 5.2021

Subject: Combining Department VA & R and Legislative Committees

Submitted by: Department Executive Committee/Originated from the Department Strategic Planning Committee

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the gradual and persistent decrease in Department membership has made it increasingly difficult to fill Department Committees with active members; and

WHEREAS, the Department Legislative Committee is called in three times a year to meet prior to regularly scheduled Department Executive Committee meetings while the Department Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee is called in to meet four times a year at the Department Fall meetings, Midwinter Conference, Spring meetings and Annual Convention; and

WHEREAS, the Department Legislative and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committees often have overlapping and redundant duties relating to veterans employment, benefit and healthcare issues; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations made by the Department Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee on legislative matters are referred to and considered by the Department Executive Committee for adoption; and

WHEREAS, such legislative matters adopted by the Department Executive Committee can be more efficiently handled and effectively presented to the State Legislature by a joint Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission which incorporates the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Legislative Committee; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that ARTICLE III, Section 2. (a) of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

“SECTION 2. (a) The Department Commander, upon taking office each year will appoint Members, Committee Chairman/Directors, and liaison members to the following committees and Boards: Americanism, Communications, Camp American Legion, Children and Youth, Convention and Activities, Finance, Fundraising, Hospital, Legislative, Membership, National and Homeland Security, Policy*, Religious Emphasis, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee. *Policy Committee elects its own Chairman and Vice Chairman.”
;shall be amended to read;

“SECTION 2. (a) The Department Commander, upon taking office each year shall appoint Members, Committee Chairs/Directors, and liaison members to the following committees and Boards: Americanism, Communications, Camp American Legion, Children and Youth, Convention and Activities, Finance, Fundraising, Hospital, Membership, National and Homeland Security, Policy*, Religious Emphasis, Veterans Affairs –Rehabilitation/ Legislative, subject to the approval of the

Department Executive Committee. *Policy Committee elects its own Chair and Vice Chair.”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that **ARTICLE III, Section 4.** (a) of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

“SECTION 4. (a) Communications, Camp American Legion, Children and Youth, Convention and Activities, Finance, Fundraising, Legislative, Membership, National and Homeland Security, Policy, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committees will be composed of six (6) members to be appointed by the Department Commander, who upon taking office each year will appoint two (2) members for a term of three (3) years to replace those committee members which terms have expired at the close of the annual convention.”; shall be amended to read;

“SECTION 4.(a) Communications, Camp American Legion, Convention and Activities, Finance, Fundraising, Membership, National and Homeland Security, Policy, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation / Legislative and Sons of The American Legion Committees shall be composed of up to five (5) members as Department finances allow and to be appointed by the Department Commander for three (3) years staggered terms of service. The members affected by these mergers will complete their current term with the merged committee.

RESOLVED, that **ARTICLE III, Section 6.** (h) of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

“(h) Legislative Committee

- i) Purpose: To represent The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin with the State Legislature, and contact Congress on matters of interest to Wisconsin Veterans as long as contact does not conflict with the National American Legion policy. This committee shall make recommendations to the Department Convention and to the Department Executive Committee, and in general supervise the legislative program of the Department. This committee has exclusive responsibility for petitioning the State Legislature on behalf of or in opposition to all legislation in which The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin is interested. This committee shall select the Department Legislator of the Year.**
- ii) The Department Judge Advocate shall be a consultant to this committee.”; shall be amended to read;**

“(h) Deleted.”; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that **ARTICLE III, Section 6.** (o) of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

“(m) Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee

- i) Purpose: To formulate policies in coordination with the Department Service Officer, subject to approval by the Department Executive Committee or a Department Convention, of all the different phases of the rehabilitation problems of veterans and their dependents of all wartime conflict as defined by the U.S. Congress.**
- ii) The committee will be composed in accordance with Article III, Section 4a, and include the Chairman, which are appointed for one (1) year, of the following committees: Employment, Hospital, and Homeless Veterans Task Force.**
- iii) The Department Service Officer and Camp Committee Chairman shall serve as a consultant to this Committee.”; shall be amended to read;**

“(m) Veterans Affairs - Rehabilitation and Legislative Committee.

i) Purpose: To formulate policies in coordination with the Department Service Officer, subject to approval by the Department Executive Committee or a Department Convention, of all the different phases of the rehabilitation problems of veterans and their dependents. To represent The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin with the State Legislature, and contact Congress on matters of interest to Wisconsin Veterans as long as contact does not conflict with the National American Legion policy. This committee shall make recommendations to the Department Executive Committee, and in general supervise the legislative program of the Department. This committee has exclusive responsibility for petitioning the State Legislature on behalf of or in opposition to all legislation in which The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin is interested. This committee shall select the Department Legislator of the Year.

ii) The committee will be composed in accordance with Article III, Section 4a, and include the Chairs of the following committees: Legislative, Employment, Hospital, and Homeless Veterans Task Force, all of which are appointed for one (1) year.

iii) The Department Service Officer, Judge Advocate and Camp Committee Chairman shall serve as a consultant to this Commission.”

For Convention Committee Use

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly acted upon by the Department Convention held in Middleton, Wisconsin, July 2021

Signature

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Approved as amended _____

Consolidated _____

Rewritten _____

Refer to standing committee on

Other action

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, Department of WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WISCONSIN**

Resolution: 6.2021
Subject: Reduce number of Department Vice Commander positions from 4 to
 3
Submitted by: Department Executive Committee/Originated from the Department
 Strategic Planning Committee

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the gradual and persistent decrease in Department membership has made it increasingly difficult to fill four positions of Department Vice Commander; and

WHEREAS, funding a fourth position of Department Vice Commander is not cost effective; and

WHEREAS, having only 3 Department Vice Commanders would enhance the competitiveness for seeking the position(s); now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that ARTICLE III Section 1 (a) and (b) of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads,

“SECTION 1. (a) The Officers shall be as follows:

- One Department Commander**
- Four Department Vice Commanders**
- One Department Adjutant**
- One Department Service Officer**
- One Department Judge Advocate**
- One Department Chaplain**
- One Assistant Department Chaplain**
- One Department Historian**
- Two Department Sergeant-at-Arms**

And such other officers as the Department Convention shall determine.

(b) The Department Commander, the four Department Vice Commanders who shall serve without seniority, the Department Chaplains and the two Sergeants-at-Arms shall be elected by the delegates present at the Department Convention. The election of Department officers shall be conducted under the Australian Ballot System and voting shall be in secret. The Department officers shall be elected by a majority vote. The conduct of such election shall be in manner and form as provided by the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin. Neither the Department Commander nor any of the Vice Commanders shall be eligible to succeed himself. The term of office of each of such officers shall commence immediately upon the adjournment of the Annual Department Convention and shall end upon the adjournment of the next succeeding Annual Department Convention.”; shall be amended to read:

SECTION 1. (a) The Officers shall be as follows:

- One Department Commander**
- Three Department Vice Commanders**
- One Department Adjutant**
- One Department Service Officer**
- One Department Judge Advocate**
- One Department Chaplain**
- One Assistant Department Chaplain**
- One Department Historian**
- Two Sergeant-at-Arms**

And such other officers as the Department Convention shall determine.

(b) The Department Commander, the three Department Vice Commanders who shall serve without seniority, the Department Chaplains and the two Sergeants-at-Arms shall be elected by the delegates present at the Department Convention. The election of Department officers shall be conducted under the Australian Ballot System and voting shall be in secret. The Department officers shall be elected by a majority vote. The conduct of such election shall be in manner and form as provided by the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin. Neither the Department Commander nor any of the Vice Commanders shall be eligible to succeed himself. The term of office of each of such officers shall commence immediately upon the adjournment of the Annual Department Convention and shall end upon the adjournment of the next succeeding Annual Department Convention.”

Be It Further Resolved that: ARTICLE III, Section 2, which currently reads “

“SECTION 2. A Department Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Commander, the three (3) immediate Past Department Commanders, the four (4) Department Vice Commanders, the Department Chaplain, the National Executive Committeeman, and the twelve (12) District Commanders. In the event that the National

Executive Committeeman is unavailable, the Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall act in his place with vote. In the event the Chaplain is unavailable, the Assistant Chaplain shall act in his place with vote. The National Executive Committeeman, the Alternate National Executive Committeeman and the District Commanders shall be elected as hereinafter provided. “; shall be amended to read;

“**SECTION 2.** A Department Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Commander, the three (3) immediate Past Department Commanders, the three (3) Department Vice Commanders, the Department Chaplain, the National Executive Committeeman, and the twelve (12) District Commanders. In the event that the National Executive Committeeman is unavailable, the Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall act in his place with vote. In the event the Chaplain is unavailable, the Assistant Chaplain shall act in his place with vote. The National Executive Committeeman, the Alternate National Executive Committeeman and the District Commanders shall be elected as hereinafter provided. “; and be it further

Resolved that: Article IV, Section 1 of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads:

SECTION 1. At each annual Department Convention, the following Department officers shall be elected under the Australian Ballot System, and voting shall be in secret. Pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin the election of the National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman are for a 2 year term on even-number years. Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 (f) of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin commencing at the Department Convention of 2018, the candidate for Sergeant at Arms receiving the highest number of votes, provided that they have received a majority of vote of delegates present, shall be elected to a two (2) year term. The candidate for Sergeant at Arms receiving the second highest number of votes, provided that they have received a majority of vote of delegates present, shall be elected to a one (1) year term. Thereafter, at each annual election of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin the candidate for Sergeant at Arms receiving the highest number of votes, provided that they have received a majority of vote of delegates present, shall be elected to a two (2) year term.

Such officers shall be nominated in the following order:

1. One Assistant Department Chaplain
2. One Department Sergeants-at-Arms
3. Four Department Vice Commanders
4. One Department Commander
5. One Alternate National Executive Committeeman
6. One National Executive Committeeman

Shall be amended to read:

SECTION 1. At each annual Department Convention, the following Department officers shall be elected under the Australian Ballot System, and voting shall be in secret. Pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin the election of the National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman are for a 2 year term on even-number years. Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 (f) of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin commencing at the Department Convention of 2018, the candidate for Sergeant at Arms receiving the highest number of votes, provided that they have received a majority of vote of delegates present, shall be elected to a two (2) year term. The candidate for Sergeant at Arms receiving the second highest number of votes, provided that they have received a majority of vote of delegates present, shall be elected to a one (1) year term. Thereafter, at each annual election of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin the candidate for Sergeant at Arms receiving the highest number of votes, provided that they have received a majority of vote of delegates present, shall be elected to a two (2) year term

Such officers shall be nominated in the following order:

1. One Assistant Department Chaplain
2. One Department Sergeants-at-Arms
3. Three Department Vice Commanders
4. One Department Commander
5. One Alternate National Executive Committeeman
6. One National Executive Committeeman

For Convention Committee Use

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly acted upon by the Department Convention held in Middleton, Wisconsin, July 2021.

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Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on _____

Approved _____ Rejected _____

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Consolidated _____

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Refer to standing committee on _____

Other action _____

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI**

Resolution: 7.2021

Subject: Milwaukee County Council

Submitted by: Department Executive Committee/Originated from the Department
Strategic Planning Committee

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin recognizes the County Councils as a definite part of the Department organization; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Sec.5 in the Department Constitution establishes the formation of the County Councils within the Districts of the Department; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Sec. 5 (c) allows the formation of a County Council whenever the majority of Posts in a county shall so determine; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Sec. 5 (d) mandates the formation of a County Council when a County is comprised of one or more Districts; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is the only County whose membership is comprised of members from two Districts, 4th District and 5th District , which is unique within the Department; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 4th District and the 5th District may deem the County Council structure is not relevant in Milwaukee County; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin at Convention in Middleton, Wisconsin on July 14-18, 2021 that Article III, Sec. 5 (d) of the Department Constitution which now reads “In any County embracing one or more Districts, there shall be a County Council composed of delegates from each member Post, elected in such manner as the Constitution and Bylaws of such County Council may provide to coordinate inter-District activities of The American Legion. The District Commanders shall be delegates-at-large in such County Council. Membership in such County Council shall be mandatory upon all Posts in the County.” Shall be changed to read “In any County embracing one or more Districts, there may be a County Council composed of delegates from each member Post, elected in such a manner as the

Constitution and Bylaws of such County Council may provide to coordinate inter-District activities of The American Legion. The District Commanders shall be delegates-at-large in such County Council. Membership in such County Council shall be mandatory upon all Posts in the County.”

For Convention Committee Use

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly acted upon by the Department Convention held in Middleton, Wisconsin, July 2021.

Signature

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ **Rejected** _____

Approved as amended _____

Consolidated _____

Rewritten _____

Refer to standing committee on

Other action

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THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI

Resolution: 8.2021

Subject: A resolution to change the name and mission of the Department of Wisconsin American Legion's Communications Committee to include Marketing responsibilities in its purpose.

Submitted by: Krause-Kraft-Mueller Post 106 Seymour, WI

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: The Department of Wisconsin does not presently have a Marketing Committee; and

WHEREAS; The National Organization of The American Legion has a Marketing Commission created for the purpose of building awareness and support for the mission and programs of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS; The American Legion Marketing Commission continues to oversee multiple initiatives to better integrate marketing efforts executed by all divisions and to promote professional support for departments, districts, counties and posts; and

WHEREAS; Its additional purpose is to promote the same to active-duty-military, Guard and Reserve components, military veterans and retirees, and the general public; and

WHEREAS; The American Legion's Marketing Commission continues its work with staff and agencies to establish long-term strategic plans to deliver an effective, cohesive and best-in-class marketing program that maintains the integrity of the organization and its legacy while applying the most modern tools of communications; and

WHEREAS; The Department of Wisconsin American Legion can accomplish favorable marketing initiatives including marketing responsibilities by expanding the mission of our present Communications Committee to include responsibilities for marketing and gleaning ideas from the National Marketing Commission; be it

RESOLVED; By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2-2021, that necessary steps for renaming the *Communications Committee* as established in ARTICLE III Department Appointments, Standing and Special Committees include; SECTION 2. (a) line 3 the word

Communications and SECTION 4. (a) line 1 the word Communications and Committee Outlines SECTION 6. (b) Communications Committee shall be changed to read; Marketing & Communications Committee and its i) Purpose be changed to read; The Marketing & Communications Committee shall work with all Department Wisconsin American Legion commissions and committees to build awareness and support for the mission and programs of The American Legion. Promote the same to active-duty military, Guard and Reserve components, military veterans and retirees, and the general public; to strategize and execute the organization's activities to promote membership growth, strengthen the fundraising program, maximize merchandising opportunities, nurture corporate alliances and achieve greater brand awareness. The Committee serves as the voice of Veterans by enhancing public perceptions of The American Legion, America's Veterans and their families. It is the responsibility of the committee to maintain the image of The American Legion and to communicate our various messages to the public promoting and publicizing projects, events, programs and accomplishments of The American Legion. The committee will be responsible for recommending policy changes in the publication of the official Department paper, "The Badger Legionnaire". The Department Historian will serve as consultant to the Committee, and there will be one (1) Auxiliary Liaison Members and such other purposes as may be assigned it by the Department Executive Committee.

For Convention Committee Use

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly acted upon by the Department Convention held in Middleton, Wisconsin, July 2021.

Signature

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ **Rejected** _____

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Refer to standing committee on

Other action

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THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI

Resolution: 9.2021

Subject: A resolution to include six District Commanders on the Membership Committee in staggered years rotating odd and even District Commanders in the year of their election.

Submitted by: Krause-Kraft-Mueller Post 106 Seymour, WI

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS; By Laws ARTICLE III Department Appointments, Standing and Special Committees; Committee Outlines Section 6. (i) Membership Committee ii) now reads; The committee will be composed in accordance with Article III, Section 4a, and in addition will include the four (4) Department Vice Commanders; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that Article III, Department Appointments, Standing and Special Committees; Committee Outlines Section 6 (i) Membership Committee (ii) shall read; The committee will be composed in accordance with Article III, Section 4a, and in addition will include the four (4) Department Vice-Commanders and the six (6) District Commanders from 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th the odd number Districts, elected in the even numbered years, will serve on the Membership Committee in the odd numbered membership year beginning in 2023, and the six (6) Districts Commanders from the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th the even numbered Districts, elected in odd numbered membership years, will serve on the Membership Committee in the even numbered membership years beginning in 2022 and continuing the rotation thereafter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all Membership Committee Meetings shall be the only committee meeting at that time; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Membership Committee change shall be in effect at the close of the Department Convention in Middleton, WI July 14-18, 2021.

For Convention Committee Use

**This is to certify that the above resolution was
duly acted upon by the Department Convention
held in Middleton, Wisconsin, July 2021.**

Signature

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ **Rejected** _____

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Refer to standing committee on

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THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI

Resolution: 10.2021

Subject: Amending Article 1 Section 2 of the Department of Wisconsin By-Laws Relating to the Calling of Meetings of the DEC by Members of the DEC

Submitted by: Department Adjutant

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, In the event that sufficient members of the Department Executive Committee have cause for a meeting to act on a specific issue, they are entitled to request the Department Commander to call a meeting of the Department Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, said meeting shall be commenced within a reasonable period of time; Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that Article I, Section 2 of the By-Laws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

SECTION 2. The Department Commander may call a meeting of the Department Executive committee at any time and place selected, and shall also call a meeting of the said committee at any time when requested to do so in writing by five members thereof. When deemed appropriate, the Commander may authorize meetings via electronic media. Shall be amended to read;

SECTION 2. The Department Commander may call a meeting of the Department Executive committee at any time and place selected by The Commander. The Commander shall call a meeting of the said committee within 10 business days when requested to do so in writing by five members of the Department Executive Committee. When the Department Commander deems appropriate, the Commander may authorize meetings via electronic media.

For Convention Committee Use

**This is to certify that the above resolution was
duly acted upon by the Department Convention
held in Middleton, Wisconsin, July 2021.**

Signature

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ **Rejected** _____

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Refer to standing committee on

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THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI

Resolution: 11.2021

Subject: Amending Article III Section 1 (e) of the Department of Wisconsin Constitution Relating to Office of the Department Finance Officer

Submitted by: Department Adjutant

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Article VIII Section 2 of the National Constitution of the American Legion Which currently reads *Each Department shall have a Department Commander, one or more Department Vice Commanders, a Department Adjutant, A Department Executive Committee, a Finance Officer, a Judge Advocate, may have a Chaplain and such other officers as the Department may determine.*; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Wisconsin has determined that the most efficient way to utilize the skills within the Department is to have the Finance Committee Chair fill both the role as Finance Committee Chair and the role of Department Finance Officer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that Article III, Section 1 (e) of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

SECTION 1 (e). All other Department Officers not otherwise provided for shall be appointed by the Department Commander subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee. They shall hold office for one (1) year, or until their successors are appointed. Shall be amended to read;

SECTION 1 (e). All other Department Officers not otherwise provided for shall be appointed by the Department Commander subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee. They shall hold office for one (1) year, or until their successors are seated.

- (i) The Chair of the Department Finance Committee shall serve as the Department Finance Officer.**

For Convention Committee Use

**This is to certify that the above resolution was
duly acted upon by the Department Convention
held in Middleton, Wisconsin, July 2021.**

Signature

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ **Rejected** _____

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Consolidated _____

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Refer to standing committee on

Other action

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THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI

Resolution: 12.2021

Subject: Amending Article III Section 1 (a) of the Department of Wisconsin Constitution Relating to Organization of the Department

Submitted by: Department Adjutant

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Article VIII Section 2 of the National Constitution of the American Legion Which reads

Each Department shall have a Department Commander, one or more Department Vice Commanders, a Department Adjutant, A Department Executive Committee, a Finance Officer, a Judge Advocate, may have a Chaplain and such other officers as the Department may determine.; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that Article III, Section 1 (a) of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

SECTION 1 (a). The officers of the Department shall be as follows:

- One (1) Department Commander**
- Four (4) Department Vice Commanders**
- One (1) Department Adjutant**
- One (1) Department Service Officer**
- One (1) Judge Advocate**
- One (1) Department Chaplain**
- One Assistant Chaplain**
- One Department Historian**
- Two Department Sergeants-at -Arms**

And other such other officers as the Department Convention shall determine; Shall be amended to read;

SECTION 1 (a). The officers of the Department shall be as follows:

- One (1) Department Commander**
- Four (4) Department Vice Commanders**
- One (1) Department Adjutant**
- One (1) Department Service Officer**
- One (1) Judge Advocate**
- One (1) Department Chaplain**
- One Assistant Chaplain**

**One Department Historian
Two Department Sergeants-at -Arms
One (1) Department Finance Officer
And other such other officers as the Department Convention shall determine**

For Convention Committee Use

**This is to certify that the above resolution was
duly acted upon by the Department Convention
held in Middleton, Wisconsin, July 2021.**

Signature

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ Rejected _____

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Consolidated _____

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Refer to standing committee on

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THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI

Resolution: 13.2021

Subject: Amending Article III Section 6 (e) of the Department of Wisconsin By-Laws Relating to Finance Committee

Submitted by: Department Adjutant

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the monthly financial statements have not been audited therefore they are considered working papers of the finance department; and

WHEREAS, the monthly financial statements though unaudited are of value to those tasked with the oversight of the Finance Department; and

WHEREAS, unaudited Financial Statements should not be widely disseminated by regulation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that Article III, Section 6 (e) of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads;

i) Purpose: The Department Finance Committee shall approve, budget, and audit the expenditures of the Department, its decisions being final unless overruled by a majority of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the Department Executive Committee. The Department Finance Committee shall have the authority to engage the auditors for Department Funds.

ii) The Department Finance Committee shall adopt its own rules regulating the approval, budgeting, and auditing of the expenditures of the Department, subject to approval by the Department Executive Committee.

iii) The Department Finance Committee shall arrange to have the monthly financial statement of the Department published in the official publications, or other designated media used by the Department; Shall be amended to read;

i) Purpose: The Department Finance Committee shall approve, budget, and audit the expenditures of the Department, its decisions being final unless overruled by a majority of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the Department Executive Committee. The Department Finance Committee shall have the authority to engage the auditors for Department Funds.

ii) The Department Finance Committee shall adopt its own rules regulating the approval, budgeting, and auditing of the expenditures of the Department, subject to approval by the Department Executive Committee.

For Convention Committee Use

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly acted upon by the Department Convention held in Middleton, Wisconsin, July 2021.

Signature

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ **Rejected** _____

Approved as amended _____

Consolidated _____

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Refer to standing committee on

Other action

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI**

Resolution: 14.2021

Subject: Rescinding of Legislative Convention Committee Resolution- WI
Sales Tax Exemption

Submitted by: Department Legislative Committee

Referred to Convention Committee on Legislative

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Department of Wisconsin reviews its resolutions from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wisconsin Legislative Committee reviewed the existing legislative resolutions at the Department Fall Meetings held in Portage, WI on October 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the assigned Convention Committee completed a review of adopted resolutions assigned; and

WHEREAS, this review took place during the 2021 Department Convention held in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that the following resolution is rescinded for the reason indicated.

ACCOMPLISHED

Resolution 2.2016 WI Sales Tax-Exemption

For Convention Committee Use

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly acted upon by the Department Convention held in Middleton, Wisconsin, July 2021.

Signature

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ **Rejected** _____

Approved as amended _____

Consolidated _____

Rewritten _____

Refer to standing committee on

Other action

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI**

Resolution: 15.2021

Subject: Rescinding of Legislative Resolutions from the Homeland Security Committee and adopted by Convention

Submitted by: Department Legislative Committee

Referred to Convention Committee on Legislative

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Department of Wisconsin reviews its resolutions from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wisconsin Legislative Committee reviewed the existing legislative resolutions at the Department Spring Meetings held in Baraboo, WI on May 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the assigned Convention Committee completed a review of adopted resolutions assigned; and

WHEREAS, this review took place during the 2021 Department Convention held in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that the following resolutions are rescinded for the reason indicated.

ACCOMPLISHED

Resolution 8.2018 Bells of Balangiga

OBSOLETE

Resolution 8.2012 Urge Congress to Provide Funding in the 2013 NASA Budget in an amount no less than the FY 2012 budget of \$18.7 Billion

For Convention Committee Use

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly acted upon by the Department Convention held in Middleton, Wisconsin, July 2021.

Signature

Chairman or Secretary

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ **Rejected** _____

Approved as amended _____

Consolidated _____

Rewritten _____

Refer to standing committee on

Other action _____

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI**

Resolution: **16.2021**

Subject: **Support for Revising the Wisconsin Veteran and Surviving Spouses
Property Tax Credit to Provide for a Graduated Benefit**

Submitted by: **Department Legislative Committee**

Referred to Convention Committee on Legislative

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Veterans AND Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit provides veterans and unremarried surviving spouses a refundable property tax credit on their primary Wisconsin residence; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wisconsin Legislative Committee reviewed the existing legislative resolutions at the Department Spring Meetings held in Baraboo, WI on May 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The definition of an eligible veteran found in § 71.07(6e) Wis. stats.as follows;

- A. A veteran who served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated in the U.S, armed forces
- B. A veteran who was a resident of Wisconsin at the time of entry into active service or had been a resident of Wisconsin for any 5-year period after entry into that service
- C. A veteran who is currently a resident of Wisconsin for purposes of receiving veterans benefits under Ch. 45 Wis. stats.
- D. A veteran has either a service-connected disability of 100% under 38 USC 1114 or 1134 or 100 percent disability rating based on individual unemployability; and

WHEREAS, The definition of an eligible unremarried surviving spouse is found in § 71.07(6e) Wis. stats.as follows;

- A. A unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran who had served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated in the U.S, armed forces and who was a resident of Wisconsin at the time of entry into active service or had been a resident of Wisconsin for any 5-year period after entry into that service and who while a resident of Wisconsin, died on active duty
- B. A unremarried spouse of a veteran who had either a service-connected disability of 100% under 38 USC 1114 or 1134 or 100 percent disability rating based on individual unemployability.
- C. A unremarried spouses of an individual who died in the line of duty while on active or inactive duty, while on active duty or inactive duty for training purposes as a member of the National Guard or a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces and who was a resident of this state at the time of entry into that service or who had been

a resident of Wisconsin for any consecutive 5-year period after entry into that service and who was a resident of this state at the time of death.

- D. A unremarried surviving spouses who began to receive or continues to receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation from the Federal VA; and

WHEREAS, veteran eligibility is verified by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and the program is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, several states provide a similar benefit to veterans. Each state provides a program unique to its needs; now therefore Be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin supports a revision to the Wisconsin Veterans and Surviving Spouse Statute to provide for a graduated property tax credit for Wisconsin disabled veterans and surviving spouses.

For Convention Committee Use

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly acted upon by the Department Convention held in Middleton, Wisconsin, July 2021.

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI**

Resolution: 17.2021

Subject: Authorizing the Creation of The Wisconsin American Legion Foundation

Submitted by: Board of Directors of the Wisconsin American Legion Foundation, Inc.

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Articles of Incorporation of The Wisconsin American Legion Foundation were registered with the State of Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions on December 10, 2007; and

WHEREAS the Constitution of the American Legion Department has not been amended to reflect the creation of the Wisconsin American Legion Foundation Inc.; and

WHEREAS the Department Judge Advocate reviewed the foundational documents of the Wisconsin American Legion Foundation and made several recommendations to the Board of Directors. Recommendation #2 states in part “the Department Constitution should be amended to provide for the establishment of the Foundation corporation and provide for an authorized scope of activities” for the foundation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin be amended by creating Section XVI to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVI

Section 1 The Department shall establish and maintain as an independent corporation under chapter 181 Wis. Stats. and section 501 (c) 3 of the internal revenue code for the receipt of tax-exempt contributions.

Section 2 The Corporation created under section 1 shall be known as The Wisconsin American Legion Foundation Inc. (Foundation).

Section 3 The Foundation shall create and maintain a restricted endowment fund and other restricted funds as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors (board) for the purpose of benefitting and furthering the programs of the department. The principal of the endowment fund and other restricted funds designated by the Board by resolution shall not be expended until the American Legion Department of Wisconsin is dissolved, terminated or otherwise ceases to exist at which time said funds shall be paid over and distributed to

one or more qualified nonprofit organizations funds or foundations operated exclusively for the benefit of Wisconsin veterans and families, or as designated by the terms of the original donation.

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI**

Resolution: 18.2021

Subject: To Set Forth Rules for Lowering the American Flag to Half-Staff

Submitted by: Dane County Council and Third District

Referred to Convention Committee on Americanism

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The United States Flag Code, Title 4, United States Code, Chapter 1, Subsection 7(m), is a codification of existing rules pertaining to when the flag should be lowered to half-staff; and

WHEREAS, The flag displayed at half-staff is a sign of national mourning and a mark of respect to the memory of principal figures of the U.S. or State Government and should not be so displayed, except as provided in the Flag Code; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the Flag Code, one day may be set aside in a year to respectfully remember those who lost their lives due to acts of violence by an individual or group; and

WHEREAS, Dates are set to keep these events at a minimum, so they are meaningful to citizens as to why the flag is lowered (such as Memorial Day, Patriot Day, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Peace Officers Memorial Day); and

WHEREAS, The flag is being lowered to half-staff to the point that it too has lost its significance; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that a copy of this resolution, along with a copy of the U.S. Flag Code and copy of Resolution No. 9: “Flag Code Amendment” which was passed at the October 2016 National Executive Committee, be forwarded to Governor Evers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor of Wisconsin be respectfully requested to keep the lowering of the U.S. Flag to a minimum in order to restore the meaning and significance of the action; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Governor of Wisconsin consider lowering the Wisconsin State Flag to half-staff as a sign of mourning and respect to the memory of principal figures from Wisconsin when the U.S. Flag Code is not clear on the matter.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI

Resolution: 19.2021

Subject: To Establish procedure for “Past National Commander Denise H. Rohan Educator of the Year Award”

Submitted by: Mason-Lindsay American Legion Post 385, Dane County Council and Third District

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, During the 101st Annual Department Convention held in Middleton, Wisconsin Resolution 3.2019 passed which “requested and encouraged” the creation of an annual award to honor teachers; and

WHEREAS, During the October 17, 2019 meeting of The Wisconsin American Legion Foundation, Inc a resolution was approved to establish Article XII Memorials, Trusts & Endowments Section 1 of The Wisconsin American Legion Foundation Bylaws titled “Past National Commander Denise H Rohan- Educator of the Year Award”; and

WHEREAS, During the 2020 Midwinter Conference Past National Commander Rohan presented a \$55,000.68 check to be invested in The Wisconsin American Legion Foundation, Inc Memorial, Trust and Endowment Fund; and

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin American Legion Foundation will administer this fund through an annual donation to the Wisconsin American Legion of 80% of the interest earned that year but not to exceed \$1,500.00 per year, per award. The additional interest earned will be reinvested into the fund until such time as interest earned would allow additional cash awards to be made to runners up; and

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin American Legion Foundation Inc Article XII Memorials, Trusts & Endowments Section 1 states “the award will be administered through The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Americanism Committee with Post nominees being approved by the County and then District prior to submittal to the Department”; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the nominees for this award would have helped promote participation in American Legion programs. Nominee must be endorsed by the Superintendent or Principal, may be a classroom teacher/instructor, administrator or other school employee who is employed at a public, private, parochial, charter or academy in the state of Wisconsin recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, The winner of this award will receive a crystal apple award (or other appropriate award) and an honorarium (in the form of a check) with the amount being based on the endowment fund's investment; and be it finally

RESOLVED, The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin at its' 102nd Annual Convention in Middleton, Wisconsin held July 14-18, 2021 add Article III, Section 6 (a) Americanism Committee iv) to The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Bylaws to read: "The Americanism Committee will annually select the winner of the "Past National Commander Denise H Rohan- Educator of the Year Award" in accordance with Article XII, Section 1 of The Wisconsin American Legion Foundation, Inc Bylaws."

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI**

Resolution: 20.2021

Subject: To restore particular language to the National Monuments

Submitted by: Severson-Cairns American Legion Post 501

Referred to Convention Committee on Americanism

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the United States declares itself “One Nation Under God”; and

WHEREAS, the United States declares in its Declaration of Independence that all men are “...endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights”; and

WHEREAS, the Preambles of 46 of 50 states constitutions contain words to the effect that each state is grateful to Divine Providence for the blessings of liberty and freedom showered upon them; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln did say in July 1852: “Let us strive to deserve, as far as mortals may, the continued care of Divine Providence, trusting that in future national emergencies, He will not fail to provide us with the instruments of safety and security...”; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln did say at the Coopers’ Union Speech in February 1860 ”...let us dare to the end, to do our duty, as we understand it.”; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that American Legion Post 501 and all other American Legion Posts in the State of Wisconsin and across the entire United States shall petition the Federal Government’s Department of the Interior to restore the final words of Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s Declaration of War, spoken on December 8, 1941 to wit: “...so help us God” back into the conclusion of the President’s speech on all monuments and displays on Federal Property that otherwise quote the speech.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI

Resolution: 21.2021

Subject: Endorsement of Nellie P. De Baker as Wisconsin's Candidate for National Historian

Submitted by: Kewaunee County Council

Referred to Convention Committee on Resolutions

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Nellie P. De Baker through her service in the U.S. Navy from 1967-1969, during the Vietnam Era is a duly qualified Legionnaire; and

WHEREAS, Nellie P. De Baker is a thirty-three year member of Post No. 236 of Algoma, Wisconsin and is a Paid Up For Life member of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Nellie P. De Baker is currently serving as Department Chairman of the Children & Youth Committee; and

WHEREAS, Nellie P. De Baker is currently serving as 9th District Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, Nellie P. De Baker served as Department Vice Commander 2002-2003; and

WHEREAS, Nellie P. De Baker has served as Department Historian 1997-1998; 1998-1999; 1999-2000; 2003-2004; 2010-2011; and

WHEREAS, Nellie P. De Baker has desirable leadership skills, is a speaker with confidence and has proven notable abilities; and

WHEREAS, Nellie P. De Baker has served as a very active legionnaire many years from Post through Department levels of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin and is a member of the National Association of Department Historians The American Legion, National Sergeant-at-Arms Club, Past Department Vice Commanders Club, Wisconsin Historians Association, Wisconsin American Legion College Alumni Association, Gnuts-Adjutants Club and Past Commanders Club; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion that Nellie P. De Baker has been endorsed unanimously by Kewaunee County members gathered at its council meeting June 10, 2019 Casco for the high office of National Historian; and, be it further

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that Nellie P. De Baker

receive the endorsement as National Historian from The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that upon adoption of this resolution it be forwarded to the National Organization for consideration.

For Convention Committee Use

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI**

Resolution: 22.2021

Subject: Honorary Past State Commander

Submitted by: O.L. Arnold-D K Slayton Post 100

Referred to Convention Committee on Resolutions

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Michael Feirer has served the Wisconsin American Legion with great distinction and honor while devoting over thirty memorable years serving on many Wisconsin American Legion Committees; and

WHEREAS, He has brought significant recognition to the Wisconsin American Legion, his untiring efforts has resulted in many significant improvements to the Department of Wisconsin operation; and

WHEREAS, He has worked closely with, and provided invaluable services and professional expertise to the Departmental Office and Officers under whom he had served; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Feirer was provided unfair treatment in his campaign for Wisconsin Department Commander in 1989; and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that the elected commander of the 1989 election was indeed a non-eligible member of The American Legion and should not have been in the election process; and

WHEREAS, Michael Feirer would have won the 1989 election had the other candidate's eligibility been determined ineligible, and would have been the Wisconsin Department Commander in 1989; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that "Honorary Past Department Commander" be conferred on Mr. Michael Feirer; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that by bestowing of said title, Michael Feirer will forever be recognized and counted among the Past State Commanders of the Wisconsin American Legion.

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI**

Resolution: 23.2021

Subject: Department Chaplain

Submitted by: Department Adjutant

Referred to Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The procedure for the election of The National Executive Committee Members and District Commanders is provided for in Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution of the American Legion Department of Wisconsin and the language contained in Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution is superfluous and confusing; and

WHEREAS, The Department Chaplain and Assistant Department Chaplain are not policy-development position; and

WHEREAS, Several Departments of The American Legion appoint, rather than elect, their Department Chaplain to serve during the term of a Commander; and

WHEREAS, Some religious denominations prohibit their spiritual leaders and clergy from holding any elective office, including chaplain for veterans service organizations, which prevents some qualified Legionnaires from becoming Department Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, The Department Commander has the power to appoint non-elective Department Officers to one-year terms; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin in Department Convention assembled in Middleton, Wisconsin July 14-18, 2021, that Article III, Section 2, of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads:

Section 2. A Department Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Commander, the three (3) immediate Past Department Commanders, the four (4) Department Vice Commanders, the Department Chaplain, the National Executive Committee Member and the twelve (12) District Commanders. In the event that the National Executive Committee Member is unavailable, the Alternate National Executive Committee Member shall act with vote. In the event the Chaplain is unavailable, the assistant Chaplain shall for the chaplain with vote. The National Executive Committee member, the Alternate National Executive Committee Member and the District Commanders shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Shall be amended to read:

Section 2. A Department Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Commander, the three (3) immediate Past Department Commanders, the four (4) Department Vice Commanders, the Department Chaplain without vote, the National Executive Committee Member and the twelve (12) District Commanders. In the event that the National Executive Committee Member is unavailable, the Alternate National Executive Committee Member shall act with vote. In the event the Chaplain is unavailable, the assistant Chaplain shall act for the chaplain without vote; **and, be it further**

RESOLVED, that Article III, Section 1, subsection (b), of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads:

(b) The Department Commander, the four Department Vice Commanders who shall serve without seniority, the Department Chaplains and the two Sergeants-at-Arms shall be elected by the delegates present at the Department Convention. The election of Department officers shall be conducted under the Australian Ballot System and voting shall be in secret. The Department officers shall be elected by a majority vote. The conduct of such election shall be in manner and form as provided by the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin. Neither the Department Commander nor any of the Vice Commanders shall be eligible to succeed himself. The term of office of each of such officers shall commence immediately upon the adjournment of the Annual Department Convention and shall end upon the adjournment of the next succeeding Annual Department Convention.

Shall be amended to read:

(b) The Department Commander, the four Department Vice Commanders who shall serve without seniority, and the two Sergeants-at-Arms, shall be elected by the delegates present at the Department Convention. The election of Department officers shall be conducted under the Australian Ballot System and voting shall be in secret. The Department officers shall be elected by a majority vote. The conduct of such election shall be in manner and form as provided by the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin. Neither the Department Commander nor any of the Vice Commanders shall be eligible to succeed themselves. The term of office of each of such officers shall commence immediately upon the adjournment of the Annual Department Convention and shall end upon the adjournment of the next succeeding Annual Department Convention.; **and, be it further**

RESOLVED, that Article III, Section 1, subsection (c), of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin which currently reads:

(c) Commencing with the Department Convention of 1977, the then Department Chaplain's term of office will be extended for one year and an Assistant Department Chaplain will be elected for a term of two years. Each year thereafter the incumbent Assistant Department Chaplain shall automatically become the Department Chaplain for the second year of his term of office, and an Assistant Department Chaplain will be elected for a term of two years.

Shall be repealed and deleted.; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that Article IV, Section 1, of the By-Laws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, which currently reads:

SECTION 1. At each annual Department Convention, the following Department officers shall be elected under the Australian Ballot System, and voting shall be in secret. Pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin the election of the National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman are for a 2-year term on even-number years. Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 (f) of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin commencing at the Department Convention of 2018, the candidate for Sergeant at Arms receiving the highest number of votes, provided that they have received a majority of vote of delegates present, shall be elected to a two (2) year term. The candidate for Sergeant at Arms receiving the second highest number of votes, provided that they have received a majority of vote of delegates present, shall be elected to a one (1) year term. Thereafter, at each annual election of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin the candidate for Sergeant at Arms receiving the highest number of votes, provided that they have received a majority of vote of delegates present, shall be elected to a two (2) year term.

Such officers shall be nominated in the following order:

1. One Assistant Department Chaplain
2. One Department Sergeants-at-Arms
3. Four Department Vice Commanders
4. One Department Commander
5. One Alternate National Executive Committeeman
6. One National Executive Committeeman

Shall be amended to read:

SECTION 1. At each annual Department Convention, the following Department officers shall be elected under the Australian Ballot System, and voting shall be in secret. Pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin the election of the National Executive Committee member and the Alternate National Executive Committee member are for a 2-year term on even-number years. Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 (f) of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin commencing at the Department Convention of 2018, the candidate for Sergeant at Arms receiving the highest number of votes, provided that they have received a majority of vote of delegates present, shall be elected to a two (2) year term. The candidate for Sergeant at Arms receiving the second highest number of votes, provided that they have received a majority of vote of delegates present, shall be elected to a one (1) year term. Thereafter, at each annual election of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin the candidate for Sergeant at Arms receiving the highest number of votes, provided that they have received a majority of vote of delegates present, shall be elected to a two (2) year term.

Such officers shall be nominated in the following order:

1. One Department Sergeants-at-Arms
2. Four Department Vice Commanders
3. One Department Commander
4. One Alternate National Executive Committee member
5. One National Executive Committee member

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THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI

Resolution: 24.2021
Subject: Host City
Submitted by: Department Executive Committee

Referred to Convention Committee on Resolutions

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS; The 102nd Convention of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin was held in Middleton, Wisconsin on July 14-18, 2021; and
WHEREAS; The main housing and hospitality venues were provided by Madison Marriott West, and additional housing was provided throughout the City of Middleton; and
WHEREAS; The Convention and committee meetings were held at the Madison Marriott West; and
WHEREAS; The Convention was deemed a success by the delegates and guests who attended and enjoyed the facilities, the friendliness of the vendors and hospitality industry of the entire City of Middleton; now therefore be it
RESOLVED BY; **The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin at its' 102nd Annual Convention held in Middleton, Wisconsin on July 14-18, 2021 that The American Legion extends its' appreciation to the City of Middleton for hosting this Convention and commend the community for its welcoming attitude; and, be it finally**
RESOLVED; **That a copy of this resolution be presented to the administration of the City of Middleton, along with our heartfelt thanks.**

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
102nd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 14-18, 2021 – MIDDLETON, WI**

Resolution: 25.2021
Subject: Host Hotel
Submitted by: Department Executive Committee

Referred to Convention Committee on Resolutions

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS; The 102nd Convention of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin was held in Middleton, Wisconsin on July 14-18, 2021; and

WHEREAS; The main housing and hospitality venues were provided by Madison Marriott West, and additional housing was provided throughout the City of Middleton; and

WHEREAS; The Convention and committee meetings were held at the Madison Marriott West; and

WHEREAS; The Convention was deemed a success by the delegates and guests who attended and enjoyed the facilities, the friendliness of the vendors and hospitality industry of the entire City of Middleton; now therefore be it

RESOLVED BY; **The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin at its' 102nd Annual Convention held in Middleton, Wisconsin on July 14-18, 2021 that The American Legion extends its appreciation to the Madison Marriott West for hosting this Convention and commend the staff for their hard work; and, be it finally**

RESOLVED; **That a copy of this resolution be presented to the Madison Marriott West, along with our heartfelt thanks.**

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