

Proposal Change 1-10

The Sons of AMVETS Constitution & By-Laws

Reads: The wording uniform Department, District, and Squadron comes up sever times in the new Sons of AMVETS Constitution & By-Laws. They are not uniform in the sense that it was first intended in the old National, Department, District, and Squadron.

Proposed to Read:

Remove in the Sons of AMVETS Constitution & By-Laws the wording uniform Department, District, and Squadron and replace with Sons of AMVETS Constitution or Sons of AMVETS By-Laws.

Reason:

It would save a lot of time in voting on each one separate.

Proposed By the By-Laws Committee

Date 5/22/2010

Passed_____

Failed_____

Constitution & By-Laws Proposal # 2-10

Whereas: When the new 4- in one C.B.L. were proposed and passed, we said it was not going to be perfect. Everything was left the way it was written in the old C.B.L.

Whereas: There are many Articles and Sections that the verbiage needs cleaned up, some spelling needs changed. Also some sections should be placed under the appropriate Article.

Whereas: The By- Laws Committee would like the Convention Body to approve that we clean up all items that need it, to make the C.B.L. much easier to read and understand. If so approval is given, the meaning of the Article, Section, or Sub-Section will not be changed. Any changes still have to be approved by our Parent Organization AMVETS National Judge Advocate.

With this approval the By-Laws Committee will not have to submit the many resolutions that would be needed just for clean up.

Submitted by the By-Laws Committee.

Date 4-26-2010

Passed _____ Failed _____

Proposal # 3-10

Whereas:

When the new 4 – in one C.B.L. were proposed, we said it was not going to be perfect.

Whereas:

There are many Articles and Sections that the verbiage and spelling needs clean up. Also there are some sections that should be placed under the appropriate Article.

Whereas:

The By-Laws Committee needs the Convention body to approve that we clean all items that need it, to make the C.B.L. much easier to read and understand. If so approval is given, the meaning of the Article, Section, or Sub-Section will not be changed.

Reason:

With this approval the By-Laws Committee will not have to submit so many resolutions that would be needed just for clean up.

Submitted by the By-Laws Committee.

Passed _____ Failed _____

Proposed Constitution Change #4-10

Location: Constitution, Article III, Section 8

Currently Reads: The Coordinator on each level of the Sons of AMVETS, shall be appointed by the AMVETS Commander, on each level shall oversee all actions of the Sons of AMVETS and shall report all findings to the parent organization, AMVETS. The Coordinator shall be a member of the parent organization.

Change to read: The Coordinator on each level of the Sons of AMVETS, shall be appointed by the AMVETS Commander on each level, **and** shall oversee all actions of the Sons of AMVETS and shall report all findings to the parent organization, AMVETS. The Coordinator shall be a member of the parent organization.

Reason: To fix the grammar and punctuation, and to add the word “and” thus clarifying the language.

Submitted By the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Date 5/5/2010

Passed _____ Failed _____

Proposed Constitution Change # 5-10

Location: Constitution, Article V, Section 3

Currently Reads: A Lifetime Membership Trust Fund Committee shall be formed, consisting of eight (8) members. These members shall be four (4) elected officers; The Commander, First vice Commander, Finance Officer and Judge Advocate. It shall include any two (2) Past National Commanders and any two (2) Department or Past Department Commanders. The Commander shall vote only in the case of a tie. The Commander with the approval of the Executive Committee shall appoint this committee.

Change to read: A Lifetime Membership Trust Fund Committee shall be formed, consisting of eight (8) members. These members shall be four (4) elected **National** officers; The Commander, First **V**ice Commander, Finance Officer and Judge Advocate. It shall include any two (2) Past National Commanders and any two (2) Department or Past Department Commanders. The Commander shall vote only in the case of a tie. The **National** Commander with the approval of the Executive Committee shall appoint this committee.

Reason: With the merger of the CBLs, we need to clarify which officers are being referred to. Also, to capitalize the “V” in Vice Commander

Submitted By the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Date 5/5/2010

Passed _____ Failed _____

Proposed Constitution Change # 6-10

Location: Constitution, Article V, Section 4

Currently Reads: Any and all changes in the permanent Lifetime Membership Trust Fund shall be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of registered delegates at the Annual Convention.

Change to read: Any and all changes in the permanent Lifetime Membership Trust Fund shall be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of registered delegates at the Annual **National** Convention.

Reason: To clarify again that this is a National Committee

Submitted By the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Date 5/5/2010

Passed _____ Failed _____

Proposed Constitution Change # 7-10

Location: Constitution, Article VI, Section 1

Currently Reads: Each State of these United States shall constitute a Department and shall be under the jurisdiction of the Department whose name it bears. Each Sons of AMVETS Department shall be identical in geographical limits within the respective Department of AMVETS, and shall be identified by the same name. It shall be composed of Officers and Representatives selected by Local Squadrons to the Department Convention. Departments shall have an Executive Committee and shall conduct their own Convention, which shall be held between May 15th and June 30th, at the same time and place as the parent organization AMVETS, at which time it shall nominate and elect officers. All other offices may be elected or appointed at the Department Convention, according to their By-Laws. Departments shall specify in their By-Laws the voting status of their Officers at the Department Convention. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be provided for in the Department By-Laws.

Change to read: Each State of these United States shall constitute a Department and shall be under the jurisdiction of the Department whose name it bears. Each Sons of AMVETS Department shall be identical in geographical limits within the respective Department of AMVETS, and shall be identified by the same name. It shall be composed of Officers and Representatives selected by Local Squadrons to the Department Convention. Departments shall have an Executive Committee and shall conduct their own Convention, which shall be held between May 15th and June 30th, at the same time and place as the parent organization AMVETS, at which time it shall nominate and elect officers. All other offices may be elected or appointed at the Department Convention, according to their By-Laws. **Department Officers and the Immediate Past Department Commander shall have a vote at all State Executive Committee Meetings and at the State Conventions.** Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be provided for in the Department By-Laws.

Reason: To clarify that Elected State Officers and the Immediate Past State Commander should be vested with a vote at all State Meetings. The current wording is ambiguous as to whether they should be entitled to a vote.

Submitted By the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Date 5/5/2010

Passed _____ Failed _____

NATIONAL SONS OF AMVETS

PROPOSAL # 8-10

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE - VI - Departments SECTION 2

Currently Reads: This State Department shall elect a Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Third Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, and Provost Marshall. (The office of Adjutant will be optional for each state). All officers shall be properly bonded in accordance to the By-laws Article III Section 10.

Proposed to read: This State Department shall elect a Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Third Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, and Provost Marshal. The office of Adjutant may be eliminated only by a 2/3 vote of the Convention provided that the Department has an Executive Director or Executive Secretary to record the minutes. All officers shall be properly bonded in accordance to the Sons of AMVETS By-laws.

Reason: You would not have to have an Adjutant if you have some one else to record the minutes, this would cut down on Departments expense.

Submitted by the By-Laws Committee

Date 5-22-10

PASS

FAIL

Proposed Constitution Change # 9-10

Location: Constitution, Article VI, Section 1 L

Currently Reads: The Sons of AMVETS Commander on all levels shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of this organization.

Change to read: DELETE THIS SECTION, RENUMBER FOLLOWING SECTIONS

Reason: This also appears in Article II of the By-Laws, and is worded better there. The wording here would indicate that Commanders are also on committees for parts of the organization that they are not a member of (for example a Squadron Commander in Georgia, would be on the Americanism Committee for the Department of Ohio).

Submitted By the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Date 5/5/2010

Passed _____

Failed _____

NATIONAL SONS OF AMVETS

PROPOSAL Constitution Change # 10-10

Constitution Article VI - Departments SECTION 3

Currently Reads: Chaplain, Public Relations Officer/Historian, VAVS Representative, Legislative Director, Inspector General, Deputy Inspector General and the Sons of AMVETS Junior AMVETS Coordinator shall be appointed by the State Department Commander with the approval of his Executive Committee. The State Department will make provisions in their standing rules of operation to provide for a NEC (National Executive Committee) Man and an alternate. Other officers shall be appointed by the Commander, as he may deem necessary with the approval of his Executive Committee.

Proposed to read: Chaplain, Public Relations Officer/Historian, VAVS Representative, Legislative Director, Inspector General, Deputy Inspector General and the Sons of AMVETS Junior AMVETS Coordinator may be elected or appointed in accordance with their Department Standing Rules. The State Department will make provisions in their standing rules of operation to provide for a NEC (National Executive Committee) Man and an alternate. Other officers shall be appointed by the Commander, as he may deem necessary. All appointed offices shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

Submitted by the By-Laws Committee

Date 5/15/2010

PASS

FAIL

NATIONAL SONS OF AMVETS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGE # 11-10

Constitution Article XII – Discipline SECTION 1

Currently Reads: Disciplinary rules relative to Local Squadrons shall be prescribed by their Uniform Constitution and By-Laws and the Uniform Code of Procedures for the Suspension or Expulsion of a Member, and cannot be in violation of the State Department, or the National Department Constitutions, By-Laws or Uniform Codes of Procedures for the Suspension or Expulsion of a Member.

Proposed to read: Disciplinary rules relative to Local Squadrons shall be prescribed by the Sons of AMVETS Constitution and By-Laws and the Uniform Code of Procedures for the Suspension or Expulsion of a Member. Appendix B

Submitted by the By-Laws Committee

Date 5-24-2010

PASS

FAIL

Proposed Constitution Change # 12-10

Location: Constitution, Article IX, Section 2

Currently Reads: The Commander, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a VAVS Coordinator, Chaplain, Public Relations Officer/ Historian, Legislative Director, Inspector General, Grievance Committee, Executive Director (if a vacancy exists), Junior AMVETS Coordinator and Webmaster. These offices shall be filled for a one (1) year term effective September 1st to August 31st of each year.

Change to read: The Commander, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a VAVS Coordinator, Chaplain, Public Relations Officer, Historian, Legislative Director, Inspector General, Junior AMVETS Coordinator and Webmaster. These offices shall be filled for a one (1) year term effective September 1st to August 31st of each year.

Reason: Removing the Executive Director, which we have not filled in 3 years and the Grievance Committee. We have not formally appointed this committee in most years and leaving them in this section would make the members of said Committee National Officers, despite their perhaps not doing anything during the course of the year. The Grievance Committee still exists under the By-Laws.

Submitted By the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Date 5/5/2010

Passed _____

Failed _____

Proposed Constitution Change # 13-10

Location: Constitution, Article XI, Section 1

Currently Reads: The National Finances of the Sons of AMVETS shall be under the control of the National Executive Committee, which shall delegate sufficient general and specific authority to the Finance Committee to carry out the duties of such a committee.

Change to read: The Finances of the Sons of AMVETS **at each level** shall be under the control of the Executive Committee **at that level**, which shall delegate sufficient general and specific authority to the Finance Committee **at that level** to carry out the duties of such a committee.

Reason: To reflect that this is now a single CBL, and to give the authority to the Finance Committees at each level.

Submitted By the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Date 5/5/2010

Passed _____ Failed _____

Proposed By-Laws Change # 14-10

Location: By-Laws, Article I, Section 10 & 11

Currently Reads:

SECTION 10:

The National Commander shall appoint such Committees, as he deems necessary to the proper conduct of the organizational affairs, subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee. Such appointees shall serve during the term of the administration appointing them, and shall terminate upon the expiration of the term of the appointing administration.

SECTION 11:

The State Department Commander shall appoint the following committees with the approval of the Executive Committee, Membership, Programs, VAVS/Veterans' Welfare, Americanism, and Legislative and Constitution Resolution Committee and a Grievance or Hearing Committee. The State Department Commander shall appoint a Chairman and such members to each Committee as are necessary to accomplish the State Department objectives. ,

The District and Squadron level, the following standing committees shall be appointed by the Commander with the approval of the Executive Committee; Membership, Programs, VAVS/Veterans' Welfare, and Americanism. The Commanders shall appoint a Chairman and such members to each Committee as are necessary to accomplish the District and Squadron objectives.

Change to read:

SECTION 10:

The Commander on each level shall appoint such Committees, as he deems necessary to the proper conduct of the organizational affairs, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee at that level. Such appointees shall serve during the term of the administration appointing them, and shall terminate upon the expiration of the term of the appointing administration.

DELETE SECTION 11

Reason: Eliminates unnecessary verbiage and removes a requirement for State Departments, Districts and Squadrons to appoint committees that they do not want, use and/or need.

Submitted By the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Date 5/5/2010

Passed _____ Failed _____

NATIONAL SONS OF AMVETS

PROPOSAL BY-LAWS CHANGE # 15-10

By-Laws Article 1 – Committees SECTION 1b

Currently Reads: A Department National Executive Committeeman may only be approved when that position is mandated in that Departments Constitution and By-Laws. A letter must be on file at the Sons of AMVETS National Headquarters, to verify that member's appointment.

Proposed to read: A Department National Executive Committeeman may only be approved when that position is mandated in that Department Standing Rules. A letter or up-to-date Change of Officers Form must be on file at the Sons of AMVETS National Headquarters, to verify that member's appointment.

Reason: Constitution Article V Departments Section 3: has in it, that the Department must provide in their Standing rules for an NEC man

Submitted by the By-Laws Committee

Date 5-23-10

PASS

FAIL

Proposed Constitution Change # 16-10
Article XIV Amendments

Section 1:

Currently Reads:

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and eligible to vote at the annual National Convention. Proposed amendments must be submitted typewritten, dated and signed. Members (in good standing), Squadrons, Departments Conventions, or Executive Committee, National Executive Committee, appointed Committees, or any National Officer may submit proposed amendments. Proposals shall be postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the opening day of the annual National Convention, and addressed to National Headquarters. The National Executive Committee shall notify all Squadrons and Departments of any proposed amendments in writing, postmarked no later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the annual Convention. The National Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall report the same for action at the annual Convention. This Constitution may, however, be amended at any National Convention with out prior notice, by unanimous vote.

Proposed to Read.

This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and eligible to vote at the annual National Convention. Any member in good standing may submit a resolution. Proposed amendments must be submitted typewritten, dated and signed. Proposals shall be postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the opening day of the annual National Convention and addressed to National Headquarters. National Headquarters shall notify in writing, all Squadrons and Departments all proposed amendments, to be postmarked thirty (30) days prior to opening day of the National Convention. The National Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall report the same for action at the annual National Convention. This Constitution may however, be amended at any National Convention without prior notice, by a unanimous vote.

Reason:

You do not have to list every Department, Squadron, District, and Committees. Any member in good standing covers everyone. The National Executive Committee does not need to notify Departments and Squadrons of proposals, this is National Headquarters responsibility.

Submitted By the National By-Laws Committee

Date 5/7/2010

Passed _____

Failed _____

Proposed By-Laws Change. # 17-10
Article 1 Committees Section 2:

Reads:

A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum of the National Executive Committee.

On the State and District level, at a regular and special meetings, a majority of Members present shall constitute a quorum provided at least four (4) of those members are elected officers. On the Squadron level, at a regular or special meetings a majority of Members present shall constitute a quorum provided at least three (3) of those Members are elected officers.

Proposed to Read:

On the National, State and District level, at a E-Board, Executive Committee, regular or special Meetings, a majority of those Members present shall constitute a quorum, provided at least four (4) of those Members present, are elected officers. On the Squadron level a majority of those members present, shall constitute a quorum, provided at least three (3) of those members are elected officers.

Reson:

On the National level, there is nothing in the By-Laws that pertains to what is a quorum.

Submitted By By-Laws Committee

Date 4-26-2010

Passed _____ Failed _____

By-Law Change Article III Dues # 18-10

Section 1: a

Reads: The annual membership dues shall be established by the National Executive Committee to be presented for approval at the National Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Annual dues for the Sons of AMVETS shall be no less than their sponsoring AMVET level.

Proposed to Read:

The annual membership dues for National shall be established by the National Executive Committee to be presented for approval at the National Convention by two-thirds (2/3) vote. The annual membership dues for State Departments shall be established by the State Executive Committee to be presented for approval at the State Convention by two-thirds (2/3) vote. Annual dues for the Sons Squadron shall be no less than their sponsoring AMVETS Post. MAL shall be responsible for what that State AMVET dues are and what the National AMVETS dues are.

Reason:

To clear up, who has the authority to raise dues?

Submitted By the By-Laws Committee.

Date 4-27-2010

Passed _____ Failed _____

By-Law Change # 19-10
Article III Duties of Officers

Section 3. Sub (g.)—Finance Officers on All Levels

Currently – The finance Officer on all levels, along with the Commanders on all levels, are authorized to pay all bills, invoices, and debt obligations that fall under standard and usual expenses within the limitations of the annual budget. All other expenditures must be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

Change: The finance Officer on National, and Department level, along with the Commanders on National, and Department level, are authorized to pay all bills, invoices, and debt obligations that fall under standard and usual expenses within the limitations of the annual budget. All other expenditures must be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee. On the District and Squadron level, the Commander along with the Finance Officer shall pay all usual expenses and bills, all other expenditures, shall be authorized and reviewed by the Executive Committee, and or the membership.

Reason: The District and Squadrons have membership meetings every month and the membership needs to be evolved in the expenders, most Squadrons do not have a budget.

Submitted By the By-Laws Committee.

Date 5-3-2010

Passed _____

Failed _____

Proposed By-Laws Change # 20-10

Location: By-Laws, Article X

Currently Reads:

Standing Rules may be developed by National, State Department, District; Squadron provided such rules are not in conflict with the National Constitution and By-Laws. Standing Rules may only be adopted at the Convention. Standing Rules propose changes must be in accordance to the National Constitution Article XIII. Copies of the approved State Department Standing Rules must be submitted to National Headquarters by July 15th each year.

Change to read:

Standing Rules may be developed by the National Department, State Departments, Districts and Squadrons provided such rules are not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws. Standing Rules may only be adopted at the appropriate Convention or Annual Meeting; Standing Rules may be amended by a majority vote, except for anything that this Constitution and By-Laws requires a higher voting strength for. Copies of the amended State Department, District and Squadron Standing Rules must be submitted to all higher levels by July 15th each year.

Reason: On the whole, the Standing Rules are your least important rules, and are guidelines from the membership as to how reimbursements can be handled. These should not take a 2/3rds vote (except for those things the CBL has specifically required such a vote due to the CBL amending procedure being taken away from the States and Squadrons). In addition, updated Standing Rules need to be submitted to all higher levels, not just the National Department.

Submitted By the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Date 5/5/2010

Passed _____ Failed _____

Proposed By-Law Change # 22-10
Article IV Lifetime Membership

Section 4:

Reads: Distribution of the Lifetime Membership Fund shall not exceed the following on an annual basis.

National = \$9.00 Departments = \$7.00 Squadrons = \$4.00

Proposed to Read:

Distribution of the Lifetime Membership Fund shall not exceed the following on an annual basis.

National = \$11.00 Departments = \$9.00 Squadrons = \$4.00

Reason:

The Lifetime Trust Fund was set up in 1998 and there were no provision set up at that time for a increase in Life Membership payment. It has been 12 year since am increase in Lifetime payment. National dues are \$11.00, some Departments are \$10.00 & \$11.00 National is losing \$2.00 and some Departments are losing as much as \$4.00 per Life member.

Submitted By the By-Laws Committee

Date 5/22/2010

Passed _____

Failed _____

Proposed Rule Change # 23-10

Location: Standing Rules, Article II, Section d

Currently Reads:

All unused National cards are to be returned to National Headquarters by December 31st of the current calendar year. Failure to do so will result in a charge of nine dollars (\$9.00) per each non-returned card, all cards, and monies must be accountable for. There will also be no cards issued to any Department with non-returned cards from the previous year.

Change to read:

All unused National cards are to be returned to National Headquarters by December 31st of the current calendar year. Failure to do so will result in a charge pursuant to current National dues per each non-returned card. All cards and monies must be accounted for. There will also be no cards issued to any Department with non-returned cards from the previous year.

Reason: It currently reads \$9.00 per card, and this charge should now be \$11 with the last dues increase. Making this change means we do not have to change this section every time we increase dues. It also fixes some punctuation and grammar.

Submitted By the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Date 5/5/2010

Passed _____

Failed _____

Standing Rule Change # 24-10

Location: Standing Rules, Article II, Section e

Currently Reads: Each Department will be directly responsible for every card and pin that is issued to them.

Change to read: Each Department will be directly responsible for every card that is issued to them.

Reason: This is to remove the reference to the old membership pins, which we have not distributed in several years. This should be the last reference to this.

Submitted By the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Date 5/5/2010

Passed _____

Failed _____

NATIONAL SONS OF AMVETS

PROPOSAL # 25

STANDING RULES

ARTICLE IV - AWARDS

Currently Reads:

The National Sons of AMVETS shall present a Sons Member of the Year awards at the annual Sons Award Lunch at National Convention.

**** The recipient of these awards shall be selected by a committee to consist of the following individuals:**

The current Sons National Commander and up to five Past National Sons Commanders.

Proposed to read: Remove this section

Reason: This award is being replaced by the "Aid and Support Award"

Submitted by the By-Laws Committee

Date 5-23-2010

PASS

FAIL

Standing Rule Change # 26-10

Location: Standing Rules, Article IV 1:

Currently Reads:

The National Sons of AMVETS shall present a Sons Member of the Year awards at the annual Sons Award Lunch at National Convention.

** The recipient of these awards shall be selected by a committee to consist of the following individuals:
The current Sons National Commander and up to five Past National Sons Commanders.

Change to read:

The National Sons of AMVETS shall present the National Sons of AMVETS Aid and Support Award each year at the Silver Helmet Banquet during the Spring NEC meeting. The Award shall be selected from non-Sons of AMVETS, nominated by members of Sons of AMVETS, who have gone above and beyond in supporting the Sons of AMVETS Organization. Nominations will be reviewed each year by the Council of Past National Commanders, and the name forwarded to the AMVETS Honors and Awards Committee for final approval. In the event that there are not at least FIVE Past National Commanders at the Convention, to ensure proper discussion and debate, the following officers shall step in to fill a seat until a minimum of FIVE seats are filled: the National Commander, the National 1st Vice Commander, the National 2nd Vice Commander, and the National 3rd Vice Commander.

Reason: We do not do a Son of the Year. When we started talking about it, we did. Over time, it morphed into the award described above.

Submitted By the Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Date 5/5/2010

Passed _____ Failed _____

NATIONAL SONS OF AMVETS

PROPOSAL # 1-10-Jim

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

PROPOSAL: Change all references to the Constitution & By-Laws, Constitution, or By-Laws in the sections listed below to read: Sons of AMVETS Constitution & By-Laws, Sons of AMVETS Constitution, or Sons of AMVETS By-Laws respectively.

Constitution Article VI – Departments, Section 6c
Constitution Article VIII – Local Squadrons
Constitution Article VIII – Local Squadrons, Section 1h
Constitution Article VIII – Local Squadrons, Section 2a
By-Laws Article I – Committees, Section 8
By-Laws Article IX – State Convention, Section 1a

REASON: This proposal corrects wording still in place after combining the National, Department, District and Squadron Constitution & Bylaws in to one document.

Submitted by Jim Myers



June 26, 2010

PASS

FAIL

NATIONAL SONS OF AMVETS

PROPOSAL # 2-10-Jim

Constitution Article VIII – Local Squadrons SECTION 3a

Currently Reads: Local Squadrons shall elect a Commander, Vice Commanders Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, and Provost Marshal. All other officers may be appointed according to their Uniform Squadron By-Laws. Officers may parallel with those of the Department, in so far as the body wishes, regarding the duties of the Program Chairman.

Proposed to read: Local Squadrons shall elect a Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, and Provost Marshal. All other officers may be elected or appointed according to their Squadron Standing Rules. Officers may parallel with those of the Department, insofar as the body wishes, regarding the duties of the Program Chairman.

Reason: This clarifies the Vice Commanders offices and allows Squadrons to elect all officers if they prefer.

Submitted by Jim Myers



June 26, 2010

PASS

FAIL

NATIONAL SONS OF AMVETS

PROPOSAL # 3-10-Jim

**Constitution Article VIII – Local Squadrons
SECTION 3c**

Currently Reads: Local Officers shall assume their office and duties as provided for in their Uniform Squadron By-Laws.

Proposed to read: Remove.

Reason: This is covered in Section 3b.

Submitted by Jim Myers



June 26, 2010

PASS

FAIL

NATIONAL SONS OF AMVETS

PROPOSAL # 4-10-Jim

By-Laws Article IX – State Convention SECTION 2

Currently Reads: The Department Commander shall be re-elected, but shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms unless running opposed or no other candidate meets that required eligibility. All other officers may be re-elected or re-appointed as provided by the Uniform State Department Constitution and By-Laws.

Proposed to read: The Department Commander may be re-elected, but shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms unless running unopposed or no other candidate meets that required eligibility. All other officers may be re-elected or re-appointed as provided by the Sons of AMVETS Constitution.

Reason: This corrects the language on the reelection of a Department Commander.

Submitted by Jim Myers



June 26, 2010

PASS

FAIL

NATIONAL SONS OF AMVETS

PROPOSAL # 5-10-Jim

Constitution, Article VI – Departments SECTION 1

Currently Reads: Each State of these United States shall constitute a Department and shall be under the jurisdiction of the Department whose name it bears. Each Sons of AMVETS Department shall be identical in geographical limits within the respective Department of AMVETS, and shall be identified by the same name. It shall be composed of Officers and Representatives selected by Local Squadrons to the Department Convention. Departments shall have an Executive Committee and shall conduct their own Convention, which shall be held between May 15th and June 30th, at the same time and place as the parent organization AMVETS, at which time it shall nominate and elect officers. All other offices may be elected or appointed at the Department Convention, according to their By-Laws. Departments shall specify in their By-Laws the voting status of their Officers at the Department Convention. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be provided for in the Department By-Laws.

Change to read: Each State of these United States shall constitute a Department and shall be under the jurisdiction of the Department whose name it bears. Each Sons of AMVETS Department shall be identical in geographical limits within the respective Department of AMVETS, and shall be identified by the same name. It shall be composed of Officers and Representatives selected by Local Squadrons to the Department Convention. Departments shall have an Executive Committee and shall conduct their own Convention, which shall be held between May 15th and June 30th, at the same time and place as the parent organization AMVETS, at which time it shall nominate and elect officers. **Department Officers and the Immediate Past Department Commander shall have a vote at all State Executive Committee Meetings and at the State Conventions.** Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be provided for in the Sons of AMVETS By-Laws and Department Standing rules.

Reason: Same as Proposal # 7-10 except also removing the sentence “All other offices may be elected or appointed at the Department Convention, according to their By-Laws.” (elected and appointed offices are covered elsewhere) and correcting the last sentence from Department By-Laws.

Submitted By Jim Myers



June 26, 2010

Passed _____

Failed _____

Proposed Constitution Change - 1 - 10

Article IX National Officers

Section 2

Currently Reads :

The Commander, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a VAVS Cordinator, Chaplain, Public Relations Officer/ Historian, Legislative Director, Inspector General, Grievance Committee, Executive Director (if a vacancy exists), Jr. AMVETS Cordinator, and Webmaster. These offices shall be filled for a one (1) year term effective September 1st to August 31st of each year.

Propose To Read :

The Commander, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a VAVS Cordinator, Chaplain, Public Relations Officer, Historian, Legislative Director, Inspector General, Grievance Committee, Junior AMVETS Cordinator, and Webmaster. These offices shall be filled for a one (1) year term effective September 1st, thru August 31st, of each fiscal year.

Reason For Change :

Our organization has unofficially recognized a Public Relations Officer for the past three years. This change will officially recognize the office. It is extremely important to add this office, due to the fact that our organization continues to grow and we need this office to promote the organization throughout the country. It only makes sense to do so. The Executive Director was removed because this position is a hired position. Regardless of any compensation, the position is considered as an employee's position.

Submitted By : Council of Past National Commanders

Ben Haynes Jr. - Chairman Ben Haynes Jr.

Dated : March 19, 2010 3-19-10

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Proposed By - Laws Change - 1 - 10

Article XI AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

SECTION 1 :

Currently Reads :

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at the annual National Convention. Proposed amendments must be submitted typewritten, dated and signed. Members, (in good standing), Squadrons, Department Conventions, or Executive Committees, National Executive Committees, appointed Committees, or any National Officer may submit proposed amendments. Proposals shall be postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the opening day of the annual National Convention, and addressed to National Headquarters. The National Executive Committee shall notify all Squadrons and Departments of any proposed amendments in writing, postmarked no later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the annual Convention. The National Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall report the same for action at the annual Convention. This Constitution may, however, be amended at any National Convention without prior notice, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote.

Proposed to Read :

Any member in good standing, Squadron, Department Convention, or Committee, appointed, or standing, may submit proposed amendments providing they are submitted typewritten, dated, and signed, and are postmarked a minimum of forty five (45) days prior to the opening day of the annual National Convention. All proposed amendments must be submitted to National Headquarters. National Headquarters shall notify, in writing, to all Squadrons and Departments, any and all proposed amendments, to be postmarked a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the annual National Convention. The National Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall report the same for action at the annual National Convention.

All properly submitted proposed amendments may be adopted by a majority vote of the eligible and present members, at the annual National Convention. These By-Laws may be amended however, at any annual National Convention without prior notice, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote by the eligible and present members.

Reason for change :

Proper procedure for the process of making amendments should begin with who is allowed to make such proposals. Also, it is not necessary to name every person or entity within the organization. This is unnecessary wordiness.

It is the National Constitution and By-Laws Committee that reviews any and all proposed amendments to determine if they were submitted properly, and it is National Headquarters that makes notification based on this review, not the National Executive Committee.

Article XIV, Section 1, of the Constitution stipulates that it takes a unanimus vote for passage of a constitutional amendment without prior notification, whereas, this article and section, clearly states that only a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote is necessary for passage of a proposed by-law amendment, without prior notification. Therefore it is incorrect to state in the last sentence that "This Constitution" would be correct. It should state "These By-Laws".

Submitted By: Council of Past National Commanders

Ben Haynes Jr. - Chairman Ben Haynes Jr.

Dated : March 19, 2010 3-19-10

Passed _____

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Proposed By-Laws Change (Addition) - 2 - 10

Article III Dues

Section 1 :

Whereas : Proposed By-Laws change #1-04 was passed during the National Convention of 2004 as part of a dues increase for the National Department, that being an increase of \$2.00, and,

Whereas : Said passage was predicated on the NEC receiving \$1.00 of the \$2.00 increase, and

Whereas : That portion was to be permanently restricted for expenditures of the NEC for meeting per diems and lodging, and,

Whereas : This resolution should have been included as part of the By-Laws, therefore

Be It Resolved : That sub-section d be added to Article III and shall state ;

Due to the passage of proposed By-Law # 1 - 04 at the National convention in August of 2004, of the National dues amount of \$ 11.00 received annually, whether by new, or annual renewal, the portion amount of \$1.00 per member shall be restricted for the purpose of NEC per diems and lodging, for scheduled meetings, and shall be accounted for in the annual approved budget, based on total membership as of July 31, of each fiscal year, and shall be allocated as stated in the National Department Standing Rules of Operation, not to exceed the annual budget allocation.

Reason For Addition : This resolution was adopted and specification is necessary within the By-Laws

Submitted By : Council of Past National Commanders

Ben Haynes Jr. - Chairman Ben Haynes Jr.

Dated : March 19, 2010 3-19-10

Passed _____

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Proposed By-Laws Change (Addition) - 3 - 10

Article 1 Committees

Section 9

- Whereas : A Sons of AMVETS National "Aid and Support" award was approved at the National Convention of 2009 by the AMVETS Awards Committee, and
- Whereas : The award is to be presented at the annual AMVETS Silver Helmet Banquet at the location of the annual Spring NEC by the Sons of AMVETS, and
- Whereas : There is no provision for a selection committee within the Constitution and By-Laws, and
- Whereas : A committee for the selection of a recipient at the annual National Convention was part of the approval process, Therefore,
- Be It Resolved : That Subsection c be added under Section 9 of Article 1 of the Sons of AMVETS By-Laws, and shall state;

The organization known as the Council of Past National Commanders, shall be the committee for the purpose of the recipient selection process for the National "Aid and Support Award", and shall meet at each National Convention to conclude this selection process. Upon selection of the next recipient, the committee shall report such selection to the AMVETS Awards Committee for their approval or rejection. The approved recipient shall be announced on the Sons convention floor, and Presentation of the award shall be made by a Past National Commander at the Silver Helmet Banquet during the next annual Spring NEC. The Immediate PNC shall chair the committee.

Submitted By : Council of Past National Commanders

Ben Haynes Jr. Ben Haynes Jr.

Dated : March 19, 2010 3-19-10

Passed _____

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Proposed By-Laws Change - 4-10

Article 1 Committees

Section 1

a. Currently reads:

The National Executive Committee shall be composed of all National elected Officers, and the Immediate Past National Commander. Each Department may send one, (1), National Executive Committeeman (NEC), who shall have a vote, but shall not be considered a National Officer. The Committee shall meet at least once during, and immediately after the National Convention. Special meetings shall be held upon reasonable notice at the call of the National Commander, or by the Commander after receiving written requests by four (4) members of the National Executive Committee. This is to Include NEC Department Officers. This meeting shall be scheduled within fifteen (15) days, and be held within thirty (30) days.

a. Propose to read:

The National Executive Committee shall be composed of all National elected Officers, One Department National Executive Committeeman from each Department, as prescribed for in Article 1, Section 1, Subsection b, and the Immediate Past National Commander. The Department National Executive Committeemen shall be considered as Department delegate members of this committee.

The committee shall meet at all scheduled and special meetings, and shall meet at least once during, and immediately after the National convention. Special meetings shall be held upon reasonable notice at the call of the National Commander, or by the Commander after receiving written requests, by four (4) members of the National Executive Committee. Special meetings shall be scheduled within fifteen (15) days, and be held within thirty (30) days.

Reasons For Change :

As this subsection is written, it does not state that Department National Executive Committeemen are in fact a part of the National Executive Committee.

It currently says that the elected National Officers and the Immediate Past National Commander make up the National Executive Committee.

The authority of the National Executive Committee is therefore left to the elected National Officers and the Imm. PNC.

The purpose of having a National Executive Committee in this organization, is to allow the Departments to be a part of the decision making at the National level and to basically be the watchdogs of the National Department. For the Department NEC's not to be a part of this Committee is not right.

True, the Departments may send an NEC to the meetings, and they do have a vote. Why then do our By-Laws not list them as part of this committee?

Our constitution prescribes the number of National Officers to be elected and appointed. It is not necessary to point out that the Department NEC are not to be considered as National Officers. They are elected or appointed by their respective Departments. They know their status within the organization.

It is time we upgrade the member status of this very important committee and recognize the efforts of the Department NEC's as members of this committee.

Submitted By : Council of Past National Commanders

Ben Haynes Jr. - Chairman Ben Haynes Jr.

Dated : March 19, 2010 3-19-10

Passed _____

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Proposed By-Laws Change - 5-10

Article II Duties of Officers

Section 8 - PRO HISTORIAN ON ALL LEVELS

Currently Reads :

Section 8 - PRO HISTORIAN ON ALL LEVELS

The Historian/Public Relations Officer shall be responsible for all news releases as they must be approved by the Commander and/or Executive Committee and help promote the Sons of AMVETS Organization. He shall complete a scrapbook of activities for the year and said requests of all Squadrons to submit materials such as photos and new clippings of their activities.

Propose To Read :

Section 8 - HISTORIAN ON ALL LEVELS

The Historian Officer shall serve at the Commander's call and shall accompany the Commander to functions, when requested, to document said functions. He shall photograph and collect pertinent materials, to enable him to compile and complete a scrapbook for the Commander, and shall present the scrapbook, upon completion, to the Commander as soon as possible. As well, the Historian shall present photos with descriptions, of the functions and events that the Commander and his Officers have attended, to the annual convention floor of which the Commander chairs. Photos and information from Squadrons and Departments may be included.

Submitted By : Council of Past National Commanders

Ben Haynes Jr. - Chairman Ben Haynes Jr.

Dated : March 19, 2010 3-19-10

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**Proposed By-Laws Change - 6 - 10
(Addition)**

Article II Duties of Officers

Whereas : The need for a National Promotions Officer has been un-officially recognized for the past three (3) years by the National Executive Committee at the post National convention meeting, and

Whereas : The useful utilization of this position will help in the promotion of the Sons of AMVETS organization, as well as improve communications between the AMVETS and their other subordinate organizations, and

Whereas : The position will help in developing Sons of AMVETS in AMVET Departments where no Sons Squadrons or Departments currently exist, now therefore,

Be It Resolved : That Section 15 be added to Article II - Duties of Officers, and shall state;

Section 15 - National Promotions Officer

The National Promotions Officer shall serve at the National Commander's call, and the will of the National Executive Committee and the National Convention. He shall act in a capacity of promoting the Sons of AMVETS organization and shall travel as directed. He shall provide a report of his travels and experiences to the National Commander, and shall provide a report to the National Executive Committee at the Spring NEC and at the annual National Convnetion. The Promotions Officer shall be appointed by the National Commander, with the approval of the National Executive Committee.

Reason For The Addition: To benefit the active promotion of the Sons of AMVETS organization

Submitted By: Council of Past National Commanders

Ben Haynes Jr.- Chairman



Dated : March 19, 2010

3-19-10

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Proposed By-Laws Change # 7 - 10

Article III Dues

Section 1:

Subsection C Currently Reads :

- c. Each Squadron, whether Department or non-Department shall remit annually to the National Department, the sum of eleven dollars (11), for each member who is a new member or is renewing on an annual basis, of which (.50) cents will be restricted annually for future Department Development, where no Department exist.

Propose To Read :

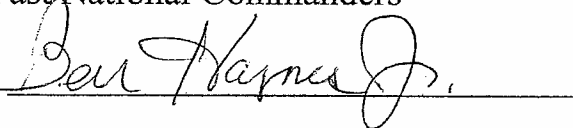
Each Squadron, whether Department or non-Department shall remit annually to the National Department, the sum of thirteen (13) dollars, for each member who is a new member or is renewing on an annual basis, of which seventy-five (.75) cents per member shall be restricted in the annual budget for a line item to be known as "Matching Funds Grants", and of which one dollar and seventy cents (\$ 1.70) shall be restricted for a line item to be known as "NEC Travel Expense" and of which thirty cents (.30) shall be restricted for a line item to be known as " Promotions Officer Travel", and of which seventy-five cents (.75) shall be restricted for a line item known as "PNC Travel Expense".

Reason For Change:

According to the Sons of AMVETS By-Laws Article III Section 1, subsection a., our dues can not be less than our sponsoring AMVET level, that being the National Department of AMVETS. Their current annual dues is thirteen (13) dollars per member.

Submitted By: Council of Past National Commanders

Ben Haynes Jr. - Chairman



Dated: March 19, 2010 3-19-10

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Proposed By-Laws Change 8 - 10

Article 1 Committees

Section 8:

Currently Reads:

The National Commander shall appoint a National Constitution and By-Laws Committee. This Committee shall review the National, State, District and Squadron Constitution and By-Laws and the National Standing Rules of Operation on an annual basis and report same for changes as needed at the annual National Convention. The National Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall also review and revise the Convention Rules on an annual basis. The National Judge Advocate and the National 1st Vice Commander shall be ex-officio members of this Committee, with a vote.

Propose To Read:

The National Commander shall direct the National Judge Advocate to select members in good standing for the purpose of serving on the National Constitution and By-Laws Committee, to be approved by the National Executive Committee at the Post Convention NEC meeting. The National Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be charged with the duty of reviewing the Sons of AMVETS Constitution and By-Laws, the National Standing Rules of Operations, and the National Convention Rules on an annual basis, and shall report any and all proposed changes, additions, or deletions, at the annual National Convention. The National Judge Advocate and the National 1st Vice Commander shall be ex-officio members of this committee, with a vote. The National Judge Advocate shall chair this committee.

Reason For The Change:

The selection process of potential members of this committee should be the responsibility of the Judge Advocate. As a rule, he knows who is best qualified to serve and should be able to at least make his recommendations to the National Executive Committee for approval. This will make for a smoother transition from one year to the next.

Submitted By: Council of Past National Commanders

Ben Haynes Jr. - Chairman

Ben Haynes Jr.

Dated: March 19, 2010

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Proposed By-Laws Change (Addition) 9 - 10

ARTICLE II DUTIES OF OFFICERS

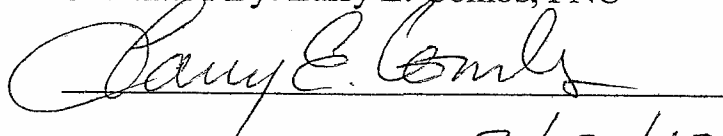
SECTION 1 - COMMANDERS ON ALL LEVELS

Addition of Subsection i :

Proposed to Read:

In the event that the National Commander, for any reason, can not attend a scheduled or special meeting in which he is to chair, he shall either call the meeting to order and pass the duty of chair to the 1st Vice Commander, or shall inform and pass the chair to the 1st Vice Commander prior to said meeting. This shall be the proper procedure for all elected Vice Commanders. A scheduled or special meeting, shall not be canceled unless a proper quorum can not be reached.

Submitted By: Larry E. Combs, PNC



Dated: March 31, 2010 3/31/10

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Proposed National Standing Rule Change - 1 - 10

Article VII

Currently Reads :

Past National Commander Advisory Committeemen

Propose To Read :

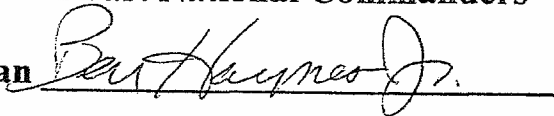
Council of Past National Commanders

Reason For Change :

The change will bring the correct wording of the standing rules of Article VII, in line with Article I - Committees, Section 9, which states that the "Sons of AMVETS recognize an organization known as the Council of Past National Commanders".

Submitted By: Council of Past National Commanders

Ben Haynes Jr. Chairman



Dated : March 19, 2010

3-19-10

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Proposed National Standing Rule Change 2-10

Article VII - Past National Commander Advisory Committeemen

Section I - Expenses And Travel

Sub-section e.

Parts 1 & 2

Currently Reads :

1. Spring NEC meeting - three (3) nights lodging, three (3) days per diem
2. National Convention - three (3) nights lodging, three (3) days per diem

Propose To Read :

1. Spring NEC meeting - five (5) nights lodging, five (5) days per diem
2. National Convention - five (5) nights lodging, five (5) days per diem

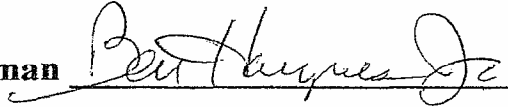
Reason For Change:

It is important that we allow reimbursement for our PNC's to come in two days early at the Spring NEC, to attend the Legislative effort. The PNC's have a lot of experience on Capital hill and this will help others who need some guidance.

The National Convention also needs to be reimbursed two additional days due to the fact that the committee meetings are now being scheduled on Wednesday, as will the Council of Past National Commander meeting. The wealth of knowledge that the PNC's have, is always a help to the delegates that attend both of these meetings and their attendance should be funded.

Submitted By : Council of Past National Commanders

Ben Haynes Jr. - Chairman



Dated : March 19, 2010

3-19-10

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Proposed Standing Rule Change (Addition) 3 - 10

ARTICLE VI National Executive Committeemen

Section 1 - Expenses And Travel

Subsection c.

Add Sub-Sub-Section 5.

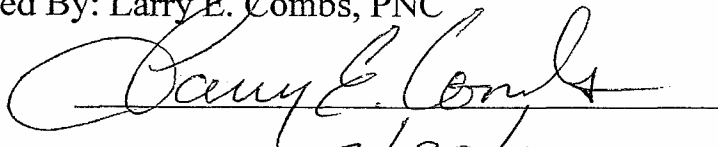
Propose To Read:

5. Mileage compensation not to exceed \$ 100.00 per meeting.

Reason For Addition:

The National Department now has nineteen (19) Departments and with the passage of the proposed By-Law change for the two dollar (\$2.00) dues increase, this will help the NEC with their travel expense to and from the scheduled meetings. This also reflects that the portion of increase in the NEC budget line item, assures that the dues increase is helping to offset the Department budgets NEC expenditures.

Submitted By: Larry E. Combs, PNC



Dated: March 30, 2010

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**Proposed Standing Rule Change 4 - 10
(Change and Addition)**

**Article VII Past National Commander Advisory Committeemen
Section 1 - Expenses and Travel**

Change:

**Subsection c to subsection b,
Subsection e to subsection c,
Subsection f to subsection d**

Add Sub- Sub section 3 to read:

Mileage to be paid at the same rate as the Elected National Officers for scheduled meetings, special meetings, or fuctions for the purpose of good and welfare, or as invited guests, not to exceed the approved budget line item.

Reson For The Change:

To correct the typo error of the established sub-sections.

Reason For The Addition:

There are numerous times that the PNC's get invited to special meetings or functions and can not attend due to the expense of the travel. With the passage of the dues increase, the PNC's will be able to more likely attend some of these special events. This addition also stipulates that compensation for travel will be restricted to the available funds within the approved budget line item. The bottom line is that if you want the PNC's to be there when invited, support this change.

Submitted By: Council of Past National Commanders

Ben Haynes Jr. - Chairman Ben Haynes Jr.

Dated: March 19, 2010 3-19-10

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