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Medford Bird, Jr. Vice Commander
St. Claire Shores Chapter #119
Disabled American Veterans
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Dear Jr. Vice Commander Bird:

The Constitution and Bylaws for St. Claire Shores Chapter #119, Department of Michigan, is hereby approved as of this date, with the following changes.

Article VII Section 1 of the Chapter Bylaws must be deleted in its entirety. Membership in our Organization is determined by Article 11 of the National Bylaws. There may be no investigation by a committee or individual(s) into the potential eligibility of an applicant for membership. Should an applicant claim to be eligible for membership in accordance with Article 11 of the National Bylaws, the application, along with their payment, must be submitted directly to National Headquarters to be processed. Any questions regarding an individual's eligibility should be addressed to the National Adjutant for consideration. The decision of the National Adjutant shall be final in accordance with Article 11, Section 11.2, Para. 1(b) of the National Bylaws.

The chapter may not assess any annual dues from the membership of the chapter. In accordance with Article 11, Section 11.9, Para. 1 of the National Bylaws, all membership dues will be applied toward becoming a member for life, and will be credited directly to the individual's membership account. Once the appropriate full membership amount has been paid into the account no further payment shall be required. As such, Article VII, Section 3 of the Chapter Bylaws must be deleted.

A copy of this document is being returned to St. Claire Shores Chapter #119, a copy is being sent to the Department of Michigan, and a copy is being retained in our permanent files here at National Headquarters for future reference.

Sincerely,

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MICHAEL E. DOBMEIER
National Judge Advocate

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Constitution and Bylaws of Chapter #119, "St. Clair Shores"

**Disabled American Veterans
St. Clair Shores, Michigan**

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CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name

The name of the Chapter shall be St. Clair Shores, Chapter number 119, Disabled American Veterans.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to support the program of the Disabled American Veterans as defined in the National Constitution and Bylaws.

Article III - Membership

Membership in this Chapter shall conform to requirements as set forth in the National Constitution and Bylaws.

Article IV - Administration

Section 1. The administrative affairs of this Chapter shall be vested in the Executive Committee in emergencies only and all other actions of the Executive Committee must be ratified by a simple majority vote of the Chapter.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, Treasurer and all other appointed Chapter officers.

Section 3. At the time specified, the Chapter shall elect a Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander. All other officers and committee chairpersons as may be necessary to operate the Chapter shall be appointed by the Commander.

Article V - Executive

The executive power of this Chapter shall be vested in the Chapter Commander.

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Revised and approved September 18, 2014.

Article VI - Auxiliary

This Chapter recognizes a ~~Women's~~^{men} Auxiliary, subject only to such supervision as conforms with the National and Department Constitution and Bylaws of both organizations.

Article VII - Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any Chapter meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting, subject to approval of the Department and National Judge Advocate and effective only after date of this approval provided that amendment is read at three (3) meetings and that all members were notified of the proposed change prior to each of the three (3) meetings.

BYLAWS

Article I - Organization

Section 1. Governing body of this Chapter shall be the Chapter in session, except as provided in the constitution.

Section 2. Records of the proceedings of the Chapter and Executive Committee shall be kept and open for inspection to any member in good standing.

Article II - Charter

The Charter of this Chapter, issued by the National Department, is its authority to function and shall be displayed behind the Commander's station at all regular meetings.

Article III - Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, Treasurer and all other elected Chapter Officers.

Section 2. Meetings of the Executive Committee will be called by the Commander, or at the request of a majority of its members, made in writing to the Commander.

Section 3. Appointed Officers, Committee Chairman and Lay Members may attend the Executive Committee meetings, but without the right to vote.

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Section 4. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. The Executive Committee may act for the Chapter only in emergencies and at all other time, shall recommend courses of action to the Chapter in session.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1. Paragraph 1. The Chapter shall elect a Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander.

Paragraph 2. The Commander shall appoint such other Officers and Committee Chairpersons and members as are necessary to carry out the business of the Chapter.

Section 2. Paragraph 1. The Commander shall be the presiding officer and in his absence, the duty will fall to the next highest officer in line of succession who is present.

Paragraph 2. The Senior Vice Commander shall be the Membership Chairman and as such is responsible for campaigns to increase Membership.

Paragraph 3. The Adjutant and Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed and shall deposit any monies received as soon as possible. He or she shall make a report of finances at each meeting and records shall be open to any member when a request is made in writing through the Executive Committee. A financial report, as of June 30th, shall be sent to the Department and National Adjutant, not later than August 1st, annually.

Article V - Qualifications

Section 1. Any person who is a member in good standing shall be eligible to any elective or appointive office in this Chapter.

Article VI - Tenure of Office

Section 1. Officers shall be elected annually in April.

Section 2. Elected and appointed officers shall be installed prior to the Department Convention each year. They shall serve for one (1) year or until newly elected or appointed officers have been installed.

Section 3. Paragraph 1. Unexcused absence of any officer from three (3) consecutive meetings shall be cause for removal and the Commander is empowered to appoint a member to serve the unexpired term, with the approval of the Chapter.

Paragraph 2. In the event the officer of Commander shall be vacated for any reason, the Senior Vice Commander shall be elevated to Commander, Junior Vice Commander to Senior Vice Commander and the vacancy filled as outlined in Paragraph 1.

Section 4. It shall require a majority of votes to elect a candidate for any office. It shall require a majority vote cast to elect delegates or alternates to a State or National Convention; provided, however, that if there are less delegates and alternates than that to which the Chapter is entitled, then all such candidates nominated for delegate or alternate shall be declared elected.

Article VII - Membership

~~Section 1. Applicants for membership shall be investigated by the Membership Committee and a report made to the Chapter at the next regular meeting.~~ MED

Section 2. The same procedure shall apply to transfers. OK

Section 3. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote on any motion or election.

Section 4. No applicant shall be denied Chapter membership if he or she meets the eligibility requirements as set forth in the National Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 5. Annual and Life members may secure a transfer of membership upon the approval of the Chapter.

Article VIII - Finances

Section 1. The Treasurer or other designated officer shall deposit all monies in the name of the Chapter and the Commander or Adjutant shall cosign all Chapter checks.

Section 2. The Treasurer or other designated officer shall be charged with handling normal finances in the operation of the Chapter.

~~Section 3. Annual dues in this Chapter shall be as the Chapter may direct, but every effort will be made to limit annual memberships and stress life memberships.~~ MED

Article IX - Meetings

Section 1. Chapter meetings shall be held at least once each month. Meeting dates to be set by majority vote of the Chapter in session.

Section 2. Place and time of meetings shall be determined by the desires of the Chapter.

Section 3. Rules of Chapter meetings shall be as follows:

Rule 1. A quorum shall consist of seven (7) members in good standing.

Rule 2. Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, will govern, except as hereafter specifically stated.

Rule 3. Discussion of personal grievances will not be in order on the floor unless brought out by the Grievance Committee.

Rule 4. Matters concerning one individual only with respect to his own personal interest, shall not be in order but may be taken before the proper committee.

Rule 5. Voting shall be by voice, unless otherwise requested by at least seven (7) members.

Article X - Committees

Section 1. All committees will meet at the call of the chairman or Commander.

Section 2. Standing committees shall consist of not less than three (3), and no more than seven (7) members (except as otherwise herein provides) including the chairman, and shall be appointed by the Commander with approval of the Chapter.

Section 3. Nominating Committee shall be elected by the Executive Committee or by the General Membership whenever required.

Section 4. The Chapter Commander shall be a member ex-officio of all committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

Article XI - Miscellaneous

Section 1. Paragraph 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any Chapter meeting by a two thirds majority vote of those present and voting, subject to approval of

the Department and National Judge Advocate and effective only after date of this approval provided that amendment is read at three (3) meetings and that all members were notified of the proposed change prior to each of the three (3) meetings.

Paragraph 2. A copy of this Constitution and Bylaws shall be properly affixed to the back of the framed Charter to prevent its loss and in order that it may always be available for reference.

Paragraph 3. To the extent to which the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws are or may be at any time become inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws and lawful mandates, decisions and regulations of either the State of National Departments, is now in force or as hereafter amended or adopted, this instrument shall be deemed amended so as conform thereto.

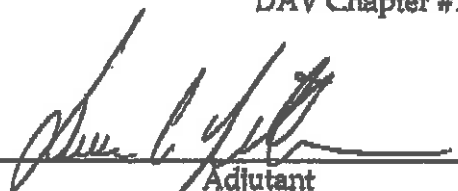
Section 2. All disciplinary actions will be handled in accordance with Article XVI of the National Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII - Allegiance

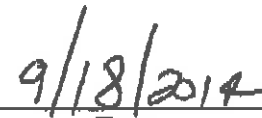
Section 1. This Chapter recognizes the National Organization known as DAV, incorporated by Act of Congress, and affirms its allegiance, and subordination, to the National Organization, its Constitution, Bylaws and all rules, mandates and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Upon dissolution of the Chapter, the assets remaining after the payment of its debts shall be distributed as provided in Article 6, Section 6.4, Paragraphs 5 and 6, of the National Bylaws.

Adopted after this third and final reading on,

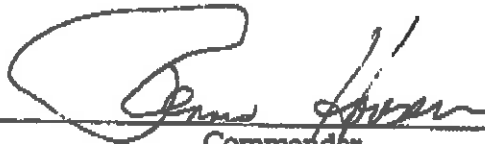
DAV Chapter #119, "St. Clair Shores"



Adjutant
DAV Chapter #119, "St. Clair Shores"



Date



Commander
DAV Chapter #119, "St. Clair Shores"

9/18/14

Date



Judge Advocate
DAV Department of Michigan

12-11-14

Date



Judge Advocate
DAV National

1-2-15

Date

I CERTIFY that this constitution and/or by-laws does not conflict with those of the National Organization, and to that extent, is approved. Subject to my letter of

DATE: 1-2-15

DAV National Judge Advocate