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Dear Adjutant Wallman:

The Constitution and Bylaws for Washtenaw County Chapter #13, Department of Michigan, is hereby approved as of this date, with the following change.

Article XI, Section 7 of the Chapter Bylaws must be amended to delete the phrase, *"...and agrees not to bring any action in any court of law or equity relating to his/her rights or privileges as a member or officer until all remedies provided by this Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws and those of the Department and National Organization have been exhausted."* Similar language was removed from the National Bylaws during the National Convention several years ago. As such, the chapter must also remove such language as to not conflict with the Bylaws of the National Organization.

A copy of this document is being returned to Washtenaw County Chapter #13, 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,

  
MICHAEL E. DOBMEIER  
National Judge Advocate

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These By-Laws Supersede the approved By-Laws of  
November 30, 1995 and All approved amendments  
thereto

By-Laws of  
Washtenaw County Chapter No. 13  
Disabled American Veterans

Approved by the members present at  
Chapter meeting 16 September 2014  
Washtenaw County Chapter No. 13  
Disabled American Veterans  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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## Article I - Name and Authority

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be, Washtenaw County Chapter 13, Disabled American Veterans

Section 2. Authority; Under the authority of article IV of the National Constitution of the Disabled American Veterans, a Federal Corporation, There has been and is hereby established the "Washtenaw County Chapter 13 Disabled American Veterans," Located in the County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan. Meeting to be held at VFW 423 on Wagner Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Unless otherwise notified.

## Article II - Allegiance

Section 1. The "Washtenaw County Chapter No. 13, Disabled American Veterans, organized and existing under provisions of Article 9 in the National Constitution & By-Laws of the Veterans service organization known as Disabled American Veterans, incorporated and chartered by act of Congress, hereby acknowledges its allegiance to and affiliation according to decisions made in conformance with its National Constitution and By-laws, and regulations legally adopted by vote of a National Convention or by majority vote of the National Executive Committee and agrees to abide and be bound by the National Constitution and By-laws, as now in Force Hereafter amended.

## Article III - Membership

Section 1. Eligibility for membership in this chapter shall be as provided for in article III of the National Constitution of the Disabled American Veterans, as now existing or hereafter amended.

Article III. (continued)

Section 2. There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership as herein provided. Honorary and "standby" memberships are prohibited.

Section 3. The amount of membership dues for this Chapter shall be \$40.00 Dollars until Life Membership is paid off. Effective 2014 - 2015 membership year. Dues Payable for life members shall be governed by the National By-law and mandates.

Section 4. The membership and fiscal year shall commence on July 1 and expire at midnight of the following June 30.

Section 5. A membership transfer may be made from another chapter to this chapter by the petitioning member and upon the acceptance by this chapter of their application. Such membership application should then be sent to National Headquarters and may be accompanied with notification that the transfer has been accepted by the chapter.

Section 6. No member shall, by virtue of membership acquire any property which this chapter may now have, or hereafter acquire any member agrees they shall not be entitled to any refund of dues or other payment upon resignation, transfer or expulsion or other termination of membership. Upon voluntary dissolution of this chapter, or upon revocation of its charter as provided in the National By-laws of the Disabled American Veterans, its assets remaining after payment of its indebtedness, if any shall revert in accordance with the National By-laws.

Article III. (continued)

Section 7. Each member agrees they shall not receive any money or other things of value because of any service rendered or to be rendered the chapter as a member or officer unless the same is expressly authorized by the chapter.

Article IV Meeting

Section 1. The meeting of this chapter shall be held third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at a place in the county mentioned in article I, Section 2, as designated by the chapter.

Section 2. One regular meeting must be held each calendar month, except for the month of December and August or any other month with the approval of the majority of members present at a regular meeting. Normally no meeting of this chapter, will be held in December due to the Christmas season.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the commander whenever deemed necessary or when requested in writing to do so by (10) or more members in good standing in the chapter.

Section 4. The call of any such special meeting shall state the precise purpose for which it is called, and no other business than that specified in the call, shall be transacted at the special meeting.

Section 5. Notice of any such special meeting shall be published so as to arrive, at each member in good standing at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. Stating the time and place and purpose of the meeting.

## Article IV (Continued)

Section 6. A quorum shall consist of 10% percent of the total membership or three (3) members in good standing. Whichever is the smaller.

Section 7. Any member in good standing of another Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans may attend any meeting of this Chapter, without the rights to VOTE; excepting for election and installed Department or National Officers, no visiting member shall speak on any subject under debate without the permission of the commander or the approval of the Chapter by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

## Article V Officers and their duties

Section 1. The elective officers of this chapter shall consist of Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Treasurer, Chaplain, who shall be elected annually.

Section 2. The appointive officers of this chapter may consist of an Adjutant, Historian, Service Officer, Assistant Service Officer, Judge Advocate, Sergeant-at-Arms, Officer of the Day, and two color guards, who shall be appointed by the commander with the approval of the chapter, by the majority of members present at a regular or special meeting. The Adjutant may also hold the office as Treasurer.

Section 3. The Commander, or in absence, the highest officer shall preside at all regular meetings of the chapter. The Commander shall maintain order and dispatch such business as may legally come before the chapter. All checks issued by the chapter treasurer must be counter-signed by the Commander or other elected officers on the bank signature card. The Commander shall perform all

Article V Section 3 (continued)

Other duties that may be reasonably be assumed to be incidental to the office, including in these By-laws and in the Official DAV Ritual and such other duties as may be lawfully delegated by the chapter.

Section 4. The Senior Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Treasurer and Chaplain, in the order named shall perform the duties of the Command in the event of absence or if Command should die, resign or be removed, until successor is elected.

Section 5. The Adjutant shall keep a true and complete record of all business conducted by the chapter, including the minutes of each chapter meeting. The Adjutant shall conduct all necessary correspondence; keep an up-to-date list of the membership in good standing; collect moneys, remit all such sums, without deduction of offset to the treasurer. The Chapter minutes shall be typewritten and recorded on the official DAV form.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive and immediately deposit all revenue and moneys in depositories designated by the finance committee and approved by the majority present at a regular or special meeting; and such deposits shall be in the name of the chapter, without any deductions or offsets, shall make authorized disbursements only by check, sign by treasurer and countersigned by the Commander and/or the Senior Vice-Commander or those officers as authorized on the signature card at the financial institute. In the event the treasurer is indisposed the Commander and/or the Senior Vice-Commander or those officers as authorized on the signature card at the financial institute are authorized to sign the checks. Treasurer shall keep a system of accounts approved by the chapter and shall preserve all receipts and



Article V Section 6 (Continued)

checks, and payments made. The treasurer shall render a monthly report of receipts and expenditures to the chapter at each chapter meeting, and the report may be audited and approved by the auditing committee. The chapter finance records shall be kept in official DAV record forms.

Section 7. The Senior Vice-Commander shall encourage friendship among the members of this organization, discourage discord, and promote harmony. Subject to the direction of the chapter, shall act as chairman of the membership solicitation activities to the end that every eligible person may become a member, and with the approval of the chapter, may appoint one or more members to assist in such membership activities.

Section 8. The Junior Vice-Commander shall see that every member is given a resemble opportunity to state their view on any subject under discussion in a meeting of this chapter, not inconsistent with these By-laws or Roberts Rules of Order. The Junior Vice-Commander shall at all times encourage loyalty to the United States of America, to the DAV and to the members of this chapter, subject to the direction of the chapter. Shall act ass chairman of the Americanism activities of this chapter and with the approval of the chapter, may appoint one or more members to assist as chairman.

Section 9. The Junior Vice-Commander shall perform the duties of chairman, of the chapter finance committee, shall perform the duties of the Senior Vice-Commander if said should die, resign or be removed from office, until successor is elected.

Article V (Continued)

Section 10. The Chaplain shall visit the sick and comfort the families of those chapter members, who from time to time are called to the great beyond. The Chaplain shall be responsible for encouraging attendance at DAV conducted funerals and the proper conduct thereof, subject to the direction of the chapter. The Chaplain shall act as hospital visitation chairman, and with the approval of the chapter, may appoint one or more members to assist.

Section 11. Department Executive committee person; has been discontinued by the membership of the Department of Michigan.

Section 12. The Historian shall keep a brief history of the activities of the chapter during their term of office, to be kept as a permanent record of the chapter, shall also act as publicity officer of the chapter and regularly furnish proper publicity materials to local newspapers, radio stations, TV stations, and the official DAV National and Department Publications, WITH the approval of the Commander. No other member shall cause any publicity to be given to any Chapter activity or concerning the Chapter without the approval of the chapter.

Section 13. The Service officer shall advise and assist Disabled Veterans and their Dependents, in the technical preparation and prosecution of their equitable claims for benefits from any governmental agency, and in securing suitable and gainful employment.

Section 14. The Judge Advocate, upon the request of the commander of the chapter, shall render an opinion upon all parliamentary questions, upon any

Article V Section 14 (continued).

question arising out of any dispute upon the floor of the assembly, or concerning the interpretation of these By-laws, or the Constitution or By-laws of the National or Department organization. Upon receipt of opinion, the commander (or the presiding officer, if the commander is not in the chair) shall announce a ruling or decision, which need not be in accordance with the opinion of the Judge Advocate, and such decision shall be final and binding upon the chapter, unless (1) over-ruled by two-thirds (2/3) vote upon an appeal from such decision, or (2) taken to the next higher governing body within (30) days after such a decision is made known.

Section 15. The Office of the Day shall welcome all members and visitors; and see that each is properly introduced. The Officer of the Day shall perform the duties of the office as set forth in the official DAV ritual.

Section 16. The Sergeant-at-Arms and the color guard shall perform the duties of their respective offices as set forth in the official DAV ritual.

Section 17. In addition to the foregoing, the respective Chapter Officers shall faithfully perform and carry out such other additional duties as may be properly assigned to them.

Section 18. Only one member can hold one elective chapter office at one time. A delegate to a National or Department convention; holding a chapter elective office, within the meaning of these By-laws, except as otherwise provided herein; an elective officer may also hold an appointed office, and vice-versa.

Article V (continued)

Section 19. The office of Adjutant and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The Service Officer may hold any other elective or appointed office. The Commander or any Vice-commander shall not hold the office of Adjutant or Treasurer.

Section 20. By Accepting any elective or appointed office, each member agrees that services shall be rendered gratuitously and that they shall not be entitled to reimbursement for any sums advanced, incurred or spent unless expressly authorized by the chapter at a regular chapter meeting; and no chairman, committeeperson or authority to incur any expense or obligation or bind this chapter, unless by prior expressed present at a regular or special meeting.

Section 21. Each member, by accepting an elective or appointed office or position, promises and agrees to perform the duties of such office, position or appointment to the best of their ability to act and conduct oneself in such a manner, at all times and places, as will only effect the good of the organization; to enforce and sustain these By-laws, and the Constitution and By-laws of the National and Department Organization, and when their successor has been duly elected or appointed, to surrender, without notice or demand, all the records, and other property of this chapter in possession or under their control.

Article VI - Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The regular annual election of officers shall be held at the regular meeting of the chapter on the third Tuesday in March of each year.

Article VI continued.

Section 2. All nominations must be submitted from the floor at the regular meeting in February, preceding the meeting for the elections. Nominations and elections of officers or positions shall be made in order of officers mentioned in Article V, Section 1 of these By-laws. April: Installation at regular meeting.

Section 3. All voting for officers, positions or delegates may be voice or written ballot; whichever is approved by the majority vote of members present at a regular or special meeting.

Section 4. It shall require a majority of votes cast to elect a candidate for chapter officers. A majority vote will be required to elect a State or National Convention delegate or alternate, provided however, and if there are less candidates for delegates and alternates allowed the chapter, all candidates will be automatically elected.

Section 5. In the event of a vacancy of any elective office or position, nominations and elections to fill such vacancy shall be made at the same meeting for which vacancy is known.

Section 6. All nominations for either State or National convention delegates shall be made at the regular meeting next preceding the meeting at which they are to be elected. Election for National Convention delegates shall be made not more than 60 days, not less than 30 days, preceding the opening date of such convention. Election for Department convention delegates shall be held not more than 45 days, not less than 20 days preceding the opening date of such convention.

Article VI (continued)

Section 7. Installation of Officer elected at the regular annual meeting shall be made on a date desired by the members present at the meeting, but not later than the next succeeding regular meeting. The installation of officers to fill vacancies shall be made at the same time at which they are elected.

Section 8. The term of office for chapter elected or appointed officers or positions shall commence on July 1, and expire at midnight of the following June 30; providing they are members in good standing for the period of time.

Section 9. On installation of officers or positions, the Adjutant shall have an accounting made on a required form "installation of Officers" obtained from the Adjutant, Department of Michigan, DAV, and shall submit this form annually to the Department Headquarters. Upon completion of installation, the installing officer shall sign this completed report of installation of officers for the forthcoming year to assure that the officers have been duly installed.

Article VII - Chapter Finance Committee

Section 1. The chapter finance committee shall be composed of the chapter Junior Vice-commander (chairman) and three chapter members the latter to be appointed by the chapter commander from chapter members in good standing and in accordance with these By-laws.

Section 2. The finance committee shall be an advisory committee only, and may be called on by the commander and chapter for advice only in financial matters that may from time to time be

Section 2. continued

brought before the chapter. This shall be limited to investments, fund raising and banking facilities.

Section 3. This committee shall be an advisory committee only and its recommendations shall in no way infringe on the vote of the chapter members in a regular or special meeting.

Article VIII - Chapter Finances

Section 1. Depositories: The chapter shall designate one or more depositories for all funds and all revenues of this chapter, which shall be located in the County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, having banking facilities adequate to handle the chapter accounts.

Section 2. Methods of Account. The chapter shall establish three methods for the accounting of chapter funds and revenue; and for the transaction of chapter financial business. Separate accounts shall be established as follows:

a. General Account. Checking account, Savings Account, Time savings certificate deposit programs, Money market savings certificate, and U.S. savings bonds.

b. Welfare Account. Checking account, Savings Account, Time savings certificate deposit programs, Money market savings certificate, and U.S. savings bonds.

c. Building Account. Checking account, Savings Account, Time savings certificate deposit programs,

Article VIII, 2, c (continued)

Money market savings certificates, and U.S. savings bonds.

Section 3. Deposit and Investment. All moneys received, funds and revenue shall be deposited in the name of the chapter and will be deposited in the depositories designated by the chapter.

a. All moneys received in the payment of membership, General funds and general revenue shall be deposited in the general account.

b. All moneys, funds and revenue received for welfare and hospital programs shall be deposited in the welfare account.

c. All moneys, funds and revenue received for building purpose shall be deposited in the building account.

d. There shall be on file with the depositories, the signature of the current Commander current Senior Vice-commander and Treasurer.

e. Investments of chapter moneys, funds and revenue may be accomplished with deposits to checking accounts with interest, deposits to savings accounts; purchase of time saving certificates or adding onto current purchase time savings certificates, purchase of money market savings certificates, purchase of U.S. savings bonds; and investments in other sound financial methods.

f. All investments of chapter moneys, funds and revenue shall be made in the name of the chapter.



Article VIII, Section 3, g (continued)

g. All time savings certificates, money market certificates, U.S. saving bonds, and any other financial investment documents owned by the chapter, in the name of the chapter shall be stored in the chapter's safety deposit box, in a depository designated by the chapter and approved by the majority present at a regular or special chapter meeting. The Chapters safety deposit box shall be in the name of the chapter and shall require the names of the current Commander, Senior Vice-Commander and the current Treasurer, as persons authorized access thereto.

h. Time savings certificates, money market savings certificates, U. S. savings bonds, other financial investment documents owned by the chapter and in the name of the chapter may be converted into cash or other types of investments by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present at a regular or special meetings.

i. Interest, dividends and other financial accumulations of an account shall remain in the account. Only moneys, funds, and revenue of the chapter general account may be transferred to the chapter welfare account. Funds and revenue in the chapter welfare account shall not be transferred to any other chapter account.

j. Funds in excess of \$1000.00 in any of the chapter checking accounts and savings accounts may be placed into or added into time savings certificates and money market certificates but must be within the account from which accumulated or with the approval of a majority vote of the members present at a regular or special chapter meeting.

Section 4, Expenditures and Disbursements: All expenditures and disbursements of the chapter funds be by check against the funds of the appropriate account of the chapter for the purpose in which the funds were accumulated. All checks MUST be signed by either the current Commander, current Senior Vice-Commander and the current Treasurer and the depositories in which the funds are deposited must be given to the Adjutant.

a. Expenditures and disbursements of funds from the chapter general account shall be approved by the majority of members present at a regular or special chapter meeting.

b. Expenditures and disbursements of funds from chapter welfare account in single amounts of up to \$50.00 with accumulations of no more that \$400.00 within a 30 day period may be approved by the chapter commander for emergency welfare assistance, purchase of flowers for the sick and purchase of flowers for those members and their immediate dependents who from time to time may be called to the great beyond. The commander must account for such transactions to the chapter at the next regular or special meeting.

c. The expenditures and disbursements of funds from the chapter welfare account shall be voted upon and authorized by the chapter in excess of \$400.00 at a regular or special chapter meeting.

d. No expenditure or disbursements of funds from the chapter building account shall be made until approved by the majority of members present at a regular or special chapter meeting.

Section 5 Travel expenses: The chapter may pay travel and per-diem expenses to elected and appointed officers of this chapter as outlined below for their appearance at official functions and approved by majority present at a regular or special chapter meeting.

a. Travel expenses and per-diem expense for the Department Commanders testimonial dinner shall be limited to chapter commander or appointed representative.

b. Travel expenses and per-diem for District 2 meetings shall be limited to the chapter commander, senior Vice-commander, chapter Adjutant or their appointed representative.

c. Expense and per-diem expense for the Department service officer conference shall be limited to the chapter commander, service officer or their appointed representative.

d. Travel expense and per-diem for the National 10<sup>th</sup> district conference shall be limited to the commander and spouse, or appointed representative.

e. Travel expenses and per-diem for the State Department convention shall be limited to the commander, adjutant, or appointed representatives and two (2) other elected delegates.

f. Travel expenses per-diem for National convention shall be limited to the Commander or appointed representative.

Section 5 continued

g. If funds are available, amounts of each expense for travel and per-diem, shall be set by vote of members at a regular or special meeting.

Section 6 Chapter Budget. This chapter shall operate under a budget which shall be set up by the Commander in the month of June each year for the budget of the forthcoming fiscal year, (July 1 - June 30)

a. Each elected and appointed officer committeeperson and chairperson of this chapter shall submit their proposed budgets to the Chapter Commander in the month of March each year for their budget of the forthcoming fiscal year, (July 1 - June 30.)

b. The Chapter Commander shall submit the chapter's consolidated budget to the chapter in the month of April each year for the chapter budget of the forthcoming fiscal year, (July 1 - June 30.)

c. The commander shall submit the chapter budget to the members present at the regular meeting in July of each year for adoption or rejection as a whole.

d. In the event the budget so submitted is rejected it shall be returned to the commander with directions and be submitted to the members present

Article VIII, Section 6, d. (continued)

at the next regular or special chapter meeting for approval or rejection. Any rejections shall be considered by the rejected budget item and all budget items shall be considered to be effective for chapter expenditures and disbursements.

## Article IX - Chapter Hospital Committee.

Section 1. The chapter commander shall appoint three members in good standing to this committee, the chapter commander shall designate the chairperson thereof.

Section 2. The hospital committee is the advisory council of the chapter on matters of financial and fiscal policy, concerning the programs of the chapter as pertaining to the needs of the V.A. Medical Centers, or V.A. Out Patient Clinics located in the State of Michigan.

Section 3. The chapter Hospital committee is charged with the duties and responsibilities for carrying out all the programs established by the chapter at the V.A. Medical Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan. All members of this chapter are expected to give assistance in the chapter programs at the V.A. Medical Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Section 4. The chairperson of the chapter Hospital committee shall submit a proposed budget on the needs of the hospital programs to the chapter Commander as outlined in Article VIII, Section 6 a, of these By-laws.

## Article X - Committees

Section 1. The standing committee of the chapter, in addition to those otherwise provided for in these By-laws may be: Welfare, Auditing and such other committees as may be authorized by the chapter.

Section 2. The Commander, except as otherwise expressly provided in these By-laws, shall appoint the membership of each committee and designate the

Article X Section 2 continued

chairperson, with the approval of the chapter, and may serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. Welfare Committee: It shall be the duties of this committee to keep informed as to public and private agencies and organizations with can offer temporary or permanent assistance to disabled veterans or their dependents and to assist such persons in securing proper and adequate aid and assistance. The Welfare committee shall refer requests by individuals for emergency grants of no more the \$50.00, to the chapter Commander. Emergency assistance of more that \$50.00, shall be referred to the chapter finance committee.

Section 4. Auditing Committee. This committee may make an audit of the monthly report of the Treasure, and if found true and correct, approve the same: if the committee does not approve the report, it shall advise the chapter as to the reason therefore. The committee may also make examination of the records and files of the Adjutant and make a report thereon to the chapter. This committee shall make an annual audit each June 30, and report at the regular meeting each July. This annual audit when approved by the chapter will be rendered to the Department of Michigan. Neither the Treasurer or Adjutant shall be a member of this committee.

Section 5. Entertainment Committee. This committee may secure speakers, other than partisan, political or concerning sectarian or labor disputes, and entertainers for chapter meetings and other chapter affairs, by and with prior approval of the Commander, subject to Article V, Section 18, of these By-laws.

Article X (continued)

Section 6. Forget-Me-Not Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to conduct the chapter annual Forget-Me-Not campaign. The Forget-Me-Not campaign will be conducted during the first week after Labor Day in September of each year. The committee over the signature of the Commander shall first advise the Department of Michigan of the dates which this fund raising campaign will be conducted. This communication will be submitted at least three months prior to the month of the Forget-Me-Not campaign. This committee shall send appropriate letters to community officials business establishments, banks, shopping centers, and factories within Washtenaw County requesting their permission to conduct our annual Forget-Me-Not campaign, in their respective building or area. These letters will be mailed at least 90 days prior to the date of the campaign. This committee shall procure sufficient materials for the campaign, from National Headquarters with the prior approval of the chapter at least 90 days in advance of the scheduled campaign. This committee shall recruit sufficient members from this chapter within Washtenaw County. All funds shall be immediately submitted to the Treasurer for deposit to the chapter's Welfare account.

Section 7. Flag Day Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to conduct the chapters annual Flag campaign. The Flag campaign will be conducted on Flag Day (June 14) or during or during the first week prior to Flag Day, whichever is appropriate for each year. The committee over the signature of the Commander shall first obtain the approval of the Department of Michigan to conduct this fund campaign and this request for approval will be submitted at least three months prior to the campaign date. This committee shall send

Article X Section 7. (continued)

appropriate letters to community officials, business establishments, Banks Shopping Centers, Factories within Washtenaw County, requesting their permission to conduct our annual Flag Day campaign in their respective areas. These letters shall be mailed at least 90 days prior to the date of the campaign. This committee shall procure sufficient

Section 7. Flag Day Committee (continued)

materials for the Flag Day campaign with the prior approval of the chapter at least 90 days in advance of the scheduled campaign. This committee shall recruit sufficient members from this chapter to carry out this annual fund raising project. All funds shall be immediately submitted to the Treasurer for deposit to the chapter's General account.

Article XI - Restrictions and Miscellaneous.

Section 1. The chapter may direct that notice be sent to any elective or appointed officer who has failed to attend three consecutive meeting of the chapter without excuse, or who in the opinion of the chapter, does not appear to be fulfilling the duties of the office stating that at the next regular meeting (giving time and place), the matter of recall from office will be considered. At the meeting set forth in such notice, the chapter, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at that meeting may declare such office vacant and such officer recalled. If an elective officer, the office shall be filled by nomination and election at the same meeting. If an appointed office, the Commander shall appoint another member to fill such vacancy with the approval of the chapter.



Article XI (continued)

Section 2. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws, the National Constitution and By-laws, and the Department of Michigan Constitution and By-laws.

Section 3. The order of business at any regular meeting shall be as prescribed in the official DAV ritual and as the needs of the chapter may necessitate.

Section 4. There shall be no voting by proxy. Only members in good standing shall be entitled to vote on any question.

Section 5. The presiding officer shall be entitled to vote only in cases of a tie or where the voting is by written ballot.

Section 6. Any member in arrears in payment of dues shall automatically cease to be a member in good standing. Each membership expires at midnight on June 30 each year. If a person tenders a payment on his dues between July 1 and December 1, they shall be automatically reinstated in good standing.

Section 7. Each member accepting or retaining membership in this chapter agree to be bound by these B-laws and the DAV National and Department constitutions and By-laws now in force or hereafter adopted or amended, ~~and agrees not to bring any action in any court of law or equity relating to rights or privileges as a member or officer until all remedies provided by this chapter's By-laws and the State and National constitutions and By laws and lawful mandates have been exhausted.~~ MED

Article XI (continued)

Section 8. All disciplinary action taken or commenced against members or officers shall be in accordance with Article XVI of the National By-laws.

Section 9. Except as other wise expressly provided in the National By-law this chapter shall not sponsor or engage directly or indirectly in any fund-raising or finance project without the prior approval of the Department of Michigan or the National Headquarters as required by the National By-laws.

Section 10. The officer's having custody of the funds of this chapter shall at all times be bonded through National Headquarters and bond premium paid in accordance with the National By-laws.

Section 11. This chapter shall not conduct a fund-raising drive or project in the territory of any other chapter unless the prior written approval of the chapter's concerned is first obtained in addition to securing the approval mentioned in Section 9 above. The chapter shall at all times strictly comply with all provisions of the National and Department Constitution and By-laws concerning fund-raising, drives or projects and shall neither sponsor nor conduct directly or indirectly any lottery in the name of or using any part of the name of the DAV or its initials.

Article XI (continued)

Section 12. The full official DAV ritual shall be observed at all chapter meetings when the number of members present will permit this order of opening ceremony and business. All members shall be encouraged to purchase and wear the official DAV cap.

Article XI (continued)

Section 13. This chapter shall be non-political and non-sectarian and the name of this Chapter or the Disabled American Veterans shall not be used in representing the desires or wishes of its membership in any political, sectarian or labor dispute provided however that the foregoing shall not prevent this chapter from participating in issues which have a direct bearing upon the welfare of America's Disabled Veterans.

Section 14. Whenever used in these By-laws and the context the initials "DAV" refers to "Disabled American Veterans." All gender has been removed.

Section 15. Any mention of membership voting, in these By-laws refer to members in good standing in attendance at a regular or special meeting.

Article XII - Effective date and amendments:

Section 1. These By-laws shall not be or become effective, until adoption by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting and approved by the Department of Michigan and the National Judge Advocate.

Section 2. These By-laws may be amended only by having the proposed amendments submitted and read and adopted by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting. No amendment shall become effective until approved.

Section 3. The adoption of these By-laws and amendments thereto shall be entered into the minutes of the chapter and may be examined by any member in good standing on request to the Adjutant.

Article XII (continued)

Section 4. To the extent to which the provisions of these By-laws may at any time be or become inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws and lawful mandates, decisions and regulations of either the Department of Michigan or National Headquarters, as now in force as hereafter amended. These By-laws shall be deemed amended as to conform thereto.

Certification of Adoption

These By-law as amended 16 September 2014, were adopted by the Washtenaw County, Chapter No. 13, Disabled American Veterans at a regular Chapter Meeting, held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 0423 Wagner Road, P.O Box 732, Willis, Michigan 48191 this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.

Subject to the approval of the Department of Michigan and National Headquarters Judge Advocate.

*Gary Bourdeau*

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Commander Chapter No. 13

Attested:

*August Wallman*

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Adjutant, Chapter No. 13

Approved:

*Ray D. Foster* 12-14-14

Department of Michigan  
Judge Advocate

Approved:

*Michael E. Quinn*

National Headquarters

Advocate CERTIFY that the within 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