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Mr. Morris G. Cole, Adjutant  
Delta County Chapter #24  
Disabled American Veterans  
P.O. Box 276  
Escanaba, MI 49829

Dear Mr. Cole:

The Constitution and Bylaws for Delta County Chapter #24, Department of Michigan, is hereby approved as of this date.

A copy of this document is being returned to Chapter #24, 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 TWENTY FOUR ESCANABA, MI  
CONSTITUTIONS  
ARTICLE I -NAME

The name of this chapter shall be Delta County Chapter # 24, Department of Michigan, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS.

**ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Chapter is to support the programs of the Disabled American Veterans as provided in the National Constitution and Bylaws and Regulations of the National Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this Chapter shall conform to the requirements as set forth in the National constitution and Bylaws. There shall be no associate, special or honorary membership in this Chapter.

1. All eligible Disabled American Veterans of Chapter 24 are eligible for appointments to the Disable American Veterans, Delta County Chapter 24.
2. By a vote of the members if the corporation (D.A.V. Delta County Chapter 24) at an authorized meeting with a minimum of six of the members present.
3. Members to be voted on the corporate board will be screened by a committee appointed by the Commander
4. If a member is found to be disloyal by an act or acts detrimental to the future of the organization, will be reprimanded according to National By-Laws see page 76 N.B.L.

**SECTION 1** The administration affairs of this chapter will be vested in the Executive Committee in emergencies only and all other actions of the Chapter Excusive Committee must be ratified by a majority vote of those Chapter members present.

**SECTION 2** The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Commander, Senior-Vice Commander, Junior-Vice Commander, and all other elected Chapter Officers.

**SECTION 3** At the time specified, the Chapter shall elect a Commander, Senior-Vice Commander, Junior-Vice Commander, E. C. and; such other officers as may be necessary to operate the Chapter.

**ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE**

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

**ARTICLE VI- AUXILIARY**

This chapter recognizes that an Auxiliary, subject only to such supervision as conforms to 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 read at three meeting and that all members were notified of the proposed change prior to each of the three meetings.

**BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION**

**SECTION 1** This Chapter recognizes the Nation Organization know as Disabled American Veterans, incorporated by Act of Congress, and affirms its allegiance and subordination to the National Organization, its Constitution, Bylaws and all rules, mandates and regulation promulgated pursuant thereto.

**Section 2** Governing body of this Chapter shall be the Chapter in session, except as provided in the Constitution Bylaws.

**Section 3** 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 display behind the Commander's station at all regular meetings.

### ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Section 1** The Chapter Executive Committee shall be composed of the Commander, Senior, and Junior Vice Commander, and any other elected Chapter officer.

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

**Section 3** Appointed officers, Committee Chairperson and Lay Members may attend the Executive Committee meetings of the Chapter Executive Committee, but without the right to vote.

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

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

### ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

**Section 1 Para. 1** Any Chapter shall elect a Commander, Senior, and Junior Vice Commander, E. C. and such other officers, as may be necessary to operate the Chapter. Neither of the Chapter Commander or the Chapter Vice Commander may serve as Chapter Adjutant or Treasurer.

**Paragraph 2** The Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, Treasurer, Committee Chairpersons, and such other officers as are necessary to carry out the business of the Chapter.

**Section 2 Para. 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 or the Commanders designee shall be the Membership Chairperson and as such is responsible for campaigns to increase membership.

**Paragraph 3** The Treasurer or other designated officer shall keep an accurate record of all money received and disbursed and shall deposit and money received as soon as possible. He / She shall make a report on finances at each meeting and records shall be open to any member when a request is made in writing Executive Committee. A financial report, shall be sent to the Department and National Adjutant, not later than (90) days after the close of the accounting year.

### ARTICLE V - QUALIFICATIOINS

**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 March, April, or May.

**Section 2** Elected and appointed officers shall be installed within (30) days of their election or appointment. They shall serve for one (1) year until newly elected or appointed officers have been installed.

**Section 3 Pars.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 of the office 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 an 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 that to which the Chapter is entitled, then all such candidates nominated for delegates 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.

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

**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 they meet the eligibility requirements as set forth in the National Constitution and Bylaws.

**Section 5** Members of another chapter 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 money in the name of the Chapter and shall co-sign with the Commander or one other officer on all checks.

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

**Section 3** Membership dues shall be as provided in the National Constitution Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

**Section 1** Chapter meetings shall be held 1AW National Constitution and Bylaws. Meeting dates to be set by a majority vote of the chapter in session.

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

**Section 3** Rules of Chapter meeting shall be as follow: (See next page)

**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 committee will meet at the call of the chairperson or Commander.

**Section 2** Committees shall consist of not less than Three, no more than Five members (except as otherwise herein provided) including the chairperson, and shall be appointed by the Commander with approval of the Chapter.

**Section 3** The Chapter Commander shall be a member ex officer of all committees.

**Section 4** The Chapter shall have an Audit Committee composed of at least Three (3) members of the chapter, excluding Commander Senior Vice Commander, Treasurer, Adjutant, and Finance Committee Chairperson. The Audit Committee shall conduct an annual audit in accordance with the requirements of the National Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XI - MISCELLANEOUS

**Section 1 Para. 1** All amendments shall be subject to approval of the Department and National Judge Advocate and effective only after date of such approval.

**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 Constitutions and lawful mandates, decisions and regulations of either the State or National Departments, is now in forced or as hereafter amend or adopted, the instrument shall be deemed amended so as to conform thereto.

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

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS  
DELTA COUNTY CHAPTER 24  
ESCANABA, MICHIGAN  
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

Attest: 25 March 2010

*Monika Gene Cole*  
08 June 2010  
Adjutant

*Ronald R. Schrieber*  
7/16/2010

Department Judge Advocate

Adopted after this Third and final  
Reading on the 02 day of  
November, 2009

*[Signature]* 6/8/10  
Commander (Chapter)

*Michael E. Quinn*

National Judge Advocate

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

DATE: 7-16-10

DAV National Judge Advocate