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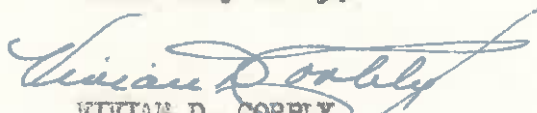
Mr. Ormen C. Wilson, Commander  
Monroe Chapter No. 42  
Disabled American Veterans  
Route 2  
Petersburg, Michigan

Dear Comrade Wilson:

We are returning copy of the Constitution adopted by your Chapter which has been approved by the National Judge Advocate.

A copy of this Constitution is being forwarded to your State Department for their records, and a copy is being placed in the Permanent files at National Headquarters.

Yours very truly,

  
VIVIAN D. CORBLY  
National Adjutant

FRB:ma

Encl.

✓cc: Dept. of Mich.

# CONSTITUTION

## Monroe Chapter No. 42

### Article 1. AUTHORITY

Section 1. Under the authority of Article IV of the National Constitution of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, there has been, and is hereby established the "Monroe County Chapter #42, Disabled American Veterans of the World War", located in the city of Dundee, State of Michigan.

### Section 1. ARTICLE II.

The "Monroe County Chapter no. 42, Disabled American Veterans of the World War", organized and existing under the provisions of Article IV of the National Constitution of the national veterans service organization known as the "Disabled American Veterans of the World War", incorporated and chartered by Act of Congress, June 17, 1932, hereby acknowledges its allegiance to and affiliation therewith, and submits itself to the control of the National Organization, 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 or 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 of the World War, as now existing or hereafter amended.

Section 2. This chapter may admit or reject any applicant for any reason satisfactory to the chapter, provided, however, that all applicants admitted to membership must be eligible for membership under the provisions of Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3. There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership as herein provided. Honorary and "stand-by" memberships are prohibited.

Section 4. The amount of the annual membership dues for this chapter shall be \$4.00 per year; provided that each new member shall pay an initiation fee of \$1.00. Dues payable by life members shall be governed by the National by-laws and mandates.

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

Section 6. No member shall, by virtue of his or her membership, acquire any property rights or any present or existing right in or to the property which this chapter may now have, or hereafter acquire. Each member agrees that he shall not be entitled to any refund on dues or other payment upon resignation, transfer or expulsion, or other termination of his membership. Upon voluntary dissolution of this chapter, except because of revocation of its charter as provided in the National Constitution and by-laws of the DAV?

Section 6. (cont.)

its assets remaining after payment of its indebtedness, if any, shall be reduced to cash and contributed to National Headquarters, DAV of WW, where it will be held in trust for 18 months, after which it becomes the property of the National Department in the event the chapter fails to reorganize within such period. Each member agrees that he shall not receive any money or other thing of value because of any services rendered or to be rendered the chapter, as a member, officer or other wise, unless the same is expressly authorized by this chapter.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

Section 1. The regular meeting of this chapter shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month at eight o'clock P.M. at a place in the city mentioned in Article 1, Section 1, suitable to the membership of this chapter.

Section 2. Special meeting may be called by the Commander whenever he may deem it necessary, or when requested in writing to do so by 25% members of the chapter in good standing.

Section 3. The call of any such special meeting shall state specifically the purpose for which it is called, and no other business than that specified in the call shall be transacted at such meeting.

Section 4. Notices of any such special meeting shall be mailed to each resident member in good standing at least three (3) days prior thereto, stating the time and place thereof.

Section 5. A quorum shall consist of 10% of the total membership, or 6 members in good standing, whichever ever is the smaller.

Article V.

Officers and their Duties

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

Section 2. The appointive officers of this chapter shall consist of an Adjutant, Historian, 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. The adjutant may also hold office as Treasurer, if so elected.

Section 3. The commander, or in his absence the next highest officer, shall preside at all regular or special meetings of the chapter. He shall maintain order and dispatch such business as may legally come before him. All checks or vouchers issued by the chapter treasurer must be countersigned by Commander. He shall perform all other duties that may reasonably be assumed to be incidental to his office, or such as are delegated to him by the chapter.

Section 4. The Senior-Vice Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Chaplain Adjutant, Treasurer, Service Officer, and Historian, in the order named, shall, in the event of the absence, death, resignation or the removal of the Commander, perform the duties of the Commander.

Section 5. The Adjutant shall keep a true and complete record of all business conducted by the chapter and its Executive Committee. He shall conduct all necessary correspondence; keep membership lists and lists of all eligibles to membership; promptly collect all funds, fees and dues, and immediately turn them over the Treasurer and, in addition to other duties assigned to him by the chapter, shall render such services and do all things incidental and necessary to increase the membership, activities, and effectiveness of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War. (It is suggested that chapter minutes and finance records be kept in official DAV books which may be purchased from National Headquarters).

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive and immediately deposit all the money in a bank account in the name of the chapter, without any deductions or offsets. He shall make authorized disbursements only by checks or vouchers, signed by himself and countersigned by the Commander. He shall keep a system of accounts approved by the chapter and shall preserve all receipts and checks or vouchers for payments made. He shall render a monthly report of receipts and expenditures to the chapter which shall have been audited and approved by the Auditing Committee, and a quarterly report to the National Headquarters.

Section 7. The Officers of this chapter shall perform such duties as are prescribed in the official ritual of the National Constitution; and shall perform all such other duties as might be incumbent upon their offices.

Section 8. The Historian shall be the publicity officer of the chapter and shall regularly furnish proper publicity for the local newspapers and for the National Department, with the approval of the chapter commander.

Section 9. The Service Officer, who may also hold any other elective or appointive office, shall advise and assist deserving disabled men, or their Dependents, in the technical preparation and prosecution of their equitable claims for benefits from any governmental agency and shall assist deserving disabled veterans, or their dependents, in securing suitable gainful employment.

Section 10. The Offices of Treasurer and Adjutant may be held by the same person, but only one member can hold one elective chapter office at one time. A delegate to a national or state convention, is not a "elective officer" within the meaning of this section.

Section 11. The Judge Advocate shall be legal advisor to the chapter. Upon request of the Commander, or the chapter, he shall render his opinion upon all questions of parliamentary procedure, on such questions as may arise concerning the interpretation of the Constitution of this chapter, or the constitution of by-Laws of the State or National Organizations, and upon all questions arising out of any dispute upon the floor of the assembly.

Section 12. In addition to the foregoing, the respective Chapter Officers shall faithfully perform and carry out their respective duties as are designated in the DAV Ritual, and such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Chapter.

Article VI

Committees

Section 1. The Standing Committees of the chapter shall be: Welfare Committee, Auditing Committee, Entertainment Committee, Membership Investigation Committee, and the Public Relations and Publicity Committee, and such other committees as might be authorized by the Chapter, shall be appointed by the Commander, with the approval of the chapter.

Section 2. The Commander shall designate the Chairman of and may serve as ex-officio member of all committees appointed by him.

Article VII

Restrictions and Miscellaneous

Section 1. The Chapter may, by a majority vote, declare vacant the office of any officer who fails, without excuse satisfactory to the chapter, to attend three consecutive meetings of the chapter. The chapter at any regular meeting, may by a two-third vote, declare any office vacant for failure of any member to perform the duties of his office. Such vacancies shall thereupon be filled as hereinafter provided.

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 the constitution, the National Constitution or National by-laws.

Section 3. The order of business at any regular meeting shall be as prescribed in the official ritual of the National Organization 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 case of a tie, where the voting is by written ballot.

Section 6. Any member in arrears for dues or assessments after June 30th, of each year, shall cease to be a member in good standing.

Section 7. Each member accepting or retaining membership in this chapter agrees to be bound by its constitution 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 his rights or privileges as a member or officer until all remedies provided by this chapter's constitution, and the state and national constitutions, by-laws and laws and mandates, have been exhausted.

Article VIII

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The regular annual election of officers shall be held on the second Tuesday of June of each year

Section 2. All nominations must be submitted on the floor, the next regular meeting preceding the meeting for elections. Nominations and election of officers shall be made in the order of the officers mentioned in Section 1 of Article V.

Section 3. All voting for officers or delegates shall be by written ballot, except by unanimous consent.

Section 4. It shall require a majority of votes cast to elect a candidate for any officer or as a State or National Convention delegate or alternate.

Section 5. In the event of a vacancy of any elective office, nominations and election to fill such vacancy may be made at the same meeting.

Section 6. All nominations for either state or National Convention delegates shall be made at the meeting next preceding the meeting at which they are to be elected; election for National Convention delegates shall be held not more than 45 days, no less than 15 days, preceding the opening date of such convention.

Section 7. Installation of officers elected at the regular annual meeting shall be made at the next succeeding regular meeting; installation of officers elected to fill vacancies shall be made at the same time at which they are elected.

Article IX

Section 1. This constitution may be amended only by having the proposed Amendment submitted and read at one meeting and upon a two-thirds majority vote of all votes cast at the next following stated meeting; such amendments to be approved by the National Judge Advocate.

Section 2. This constitution shall become in full force and effect on and after its approval and adoption by this chapter, and its approval by the National Judge Advocate.

Section 3. To the extent to which the provisions of this constitution 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 state or National Departments, as now in force or as hereafter amended, this constitution shall be deemed amended as to conform thereto.

Certificate of Adoption

The above constitution was adopted by the Monroe County Chapter No. 42 Disabled American Veterans of the World War, at Dundee this 10th day of June 1961.

Subject to the approval of the \_\_\_\_\_ State Department and of National Headquarters.

Armen E. Wilson  
(Signed) Chapter Commander

ATTEST:

George W. Bondy  
Chapter Adjutant

APPROVED

Sylvester J. Frazier

APPROVED

National Judge Advocate