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April 12, 1996

Mr. Kendrick Pilkenton, Adjutant  
Jack Johnston Chapter #88  
Disabled American Veterans  
1106 Oakwood Dr.  
Sturgis, MI 49091

Dear Mr. Pilkenton:

The Constitution and Bylaws for Jack Johnston Chapter #88, Department of Michigan, is hereby approved as of this date.

A copy of this document is being forwarded 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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EDWARD G. GALIAN  
National Judge Advocate

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CONSTITUTION

AND

BYLAWS

JACK JOHNSTON  
CHAPTER NUMBER 88

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN



STURGIS, MICHIGAN

CONSTITUTION  
AND  
BY-LAWS  
OF  
JACK JOHNSTON CHAPTER NUMBER 88  
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS-DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
Sturgis, Michigan

Adopted by this Chapter on  
May 29, 1946

For God and Country, and for our Commonwealth, we former members of the armed forces of the United States having aided in maintaining the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our country, holding in remembrance the sacrifices in common made and drawn together by strong bonds of respect and mutual suffering, solemnly and firmly associate ourselves together in creating the Disabled American Veterans, the principles and purposes of which shall be supreme allegiance to the United States of America, fidelity to its Constitution and Laws; to hold aloft the torch of true patriotism; to strive for a better understanding between nations that peace and goodwill may prevail; to cherish and preserve the memories of our military association; and to aid and assist worthy wartime disabled veterans, their widows, their orphans and their dependents.

CONSTITUTION  
OF  
JACK JOHNSTON CHAPTER NUMBER 88  
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS-DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

ARTICLE I-NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be JACK JOHNSTON, CHAPTER NUMBER 88 DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS-DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

ARTICLE II-MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility for membership in this chapter shall be prescribed by Zone, Department and National constitutions of the Disabled American Veterans.

ARTICLE III-NATURE

Section 1. This chapter is a civilian organization and membership therein does not affect nor increase liability for military or police service.

#### ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS

Section 1. All officers shall be elected annually and they shall hold office until their successors are duly installed, or as otherwise provided.

Section 2. Every member of the chapter in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in this chapter unless otherwise provided within.

Section 3. The duties of the officers shall be those usually pertaining to such officers and as further provided in the by-laws.

Section 4. No officer shall be removed from office unless a personal resignation is submitted or when two-thirds of the members present at a following meeting vote to remove an officer for legitimate reasons.

#### ARTICLE V-FINANCE

Section 1. The revenue of this chapter shall be derived from annual dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the chapter.

Section 2. The ~~finance officer~~ <sup>TREASURER L.J.L.</sup> shall pay to National and Department, dues for every member of the chapter.

Section 3. All orders drawn on local funds shall be signed by the ~~finance officer~~ <sup>TREASURER L.J.L.</sup> and counter signed by the chapter commander. In the absence of either the chapter commander or the ~~finance officer~~ <sup>TREASURER L.J.L.</sup>, the senior vice commander may sign the order in place of the absent officer.

BY-LAWS OF JACK JOHNSTON, CHAPTER 88  
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

ARTICLE I-NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1. The chapter existing under these by-laws is to be known as, JACK JOHNSTON, CHAPTER NUMBER 88, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Section 2. The objects of this chapter are set forth in the Constitution

ARTICLE II-DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. Duties of the chapter Commander. It shall be the duty of the chapter Commander to preside at all meetings of the chapter and to have general supervision over the business and affairs of the chapter. He shall appoint the Judge Advocate who shall serve the same term as the Commander. He shall approve with the consent of the chapter membership directing disbursement of funds. He shall perform such other duties as are directed by the chapter.

Section 2. Duties of the Senior Vice Commander. The Senior Vice Commander shall assume the duties of the Commander during the absence of the Commander, and will be the membership chairman.

Section 3. Duties of the Junior Vice Commander. The Junior Vice Commander shall assume the duties of Commander and the Senior Vice Commander when they are absent, and will be in charge of chapter activities.

Section 4. Duties of the chapter Adjutant. The chapter Adjutant shall have charge of and keep a full and complete list of all proceedings of all meetings and shall keep such records as the department and national organization shall require, and handle all correspondence of the chapter.

Section 5. Duties of the ~~Finance Officer~~ <sup>Treasurer A.J.</sup>. The Finance Officer of the chapter has charge of all of the finances of the chapter and shall see that they are safely deposited in a local bank and shall report at every chapter meeting the condition of the finances. He shall sign checks disbursing the moneys of the chapter.

Section 6. Duties of the chapter Chaplain. The chapter Chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the chapter and will offer divine but nonsectarian service in the event of public functions, and adhere to such ceremonial rituals as are recommended by the national or department headquarters from time to time.

Section 7. Duties of the Judge Advocate. The chapter Judge Advocate shall supply legal service or procure proper counsel for the chapter in the conduct of chapter business. He shall supply to the Commander and the chapter officers information of a legal nature.

Section 8. Duties of the Service Officer. The chapter Service Officer shall supervise all matters pertaining to the prosecution of all just claims against the United States or state government, employment and relief.

Section 9. Duties of the Executive Committeeman. The Executive Committeeman shall represent the chapter at department and zone meetings. He will also carry out directives from the Department and Zone Commanders.

Section 10. The elected officers of this chapter shall be;

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| a. Commander             | e. <del>Finance Officer</del> |
| b. Senior Vice Commander | f. Chaplain                   |
| c. Junior Vice Commander | g. Service Officer            |
| d. Adjutant              | h. Sgt at Arms                |

#### ARTICLE III-MEETINGS


Section 1. Regular Meetings of this chapter shall be held at 7:30 p.m. on the second wednesday of every month at the designated meeting place. At these meetings properly brought up business may be transacted.

Section 2. The chapter Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander shall have the power to call a special meeting at any time, provided that no special meeting shall be held unless the members of the chapter are notified at least two days prior to the date of the proposed meeting.

Section 3. Upon the written request of twenty or more members, the chapter Commander shall call a special meeting of the chapter and shall cause written notice of such special meeting to be sent to all members of the chapter at least two days prior to the date of the proposed meeting.

#### ARTICLE IV-CONSTITUTION OF QUORUM

Section 1. Nine members being present shall constitute a quorum



ARTICLE V-DELEGATES

Section 1. Delegates to a department convention shall be the chapter Commander, who will be Delegation Chairman and such others the department will authorize./

Section 2. Reimbursement for attending a department convention shall be made accordingly: the chapter Commander and the Executive Committeeman shall receive one-half of their expenses, also, the Service Officer shall receive one-half of his or her expenses for attending service officer school, if available. Expenses not to exceed \$150.00

COMMITTEE FOR DRAFTING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Chester Cone, Chairman  
Harold R. Davis  
Frank A. Ecker

THE ABOVE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF JACK JOHNSTON  
CHAPTER #88, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, as amended  
on October 16, 1995

COMMITTEE FOR AMENDING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS


Therman Woods, Chairman  
Howard Diller  
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Bill Milliman

APPROVED BY:



2/15/96  
Date

I CERTIFY that the within constitution and/or  
by-laws of the [redacted] of the  
National [redacted] is  
approved

DATE:   
4/12/96 DAV National Judge Advocate

National Judge Advocate

Date