



April 14, 2023

Charles M. Pickett, Commander
New Haven Post No. 12150, VFW
130 Pelham Ave
Hamden, CT 06518-2525

Re: Proposed Bylaws

Dear Comrade Pickett:

Receipt is acknowledged of the proposed Bylaws for Post No. 12150, VFW, submitted through channels for the review of the Commander-in-Chief in accordance with Section 202 of the Manual of Procedure.

A review of the proposed Bylaws discloses that they are in compliance with the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure, Ritual, and laws and usages of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

A copy of the reviewed Bylaws has been retained for our files, another forwarded to your Department Headquarters, and two sets herewith returned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnathan R. Duncan", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Johnathan R. Duncan, Director
Administrative Operations

JRD: af
Enc: Bylaws (2)
cc: Department Adjutant (1)

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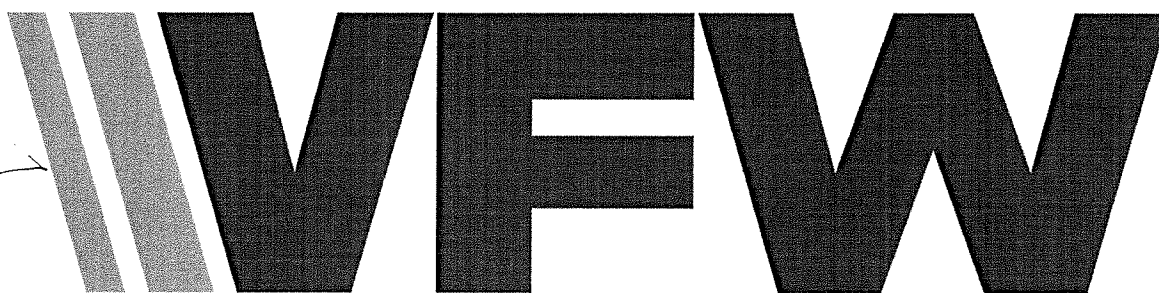
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***ARTICLE I
NAME AND LOCATION***

Sec. 1. By virtue of charter granted, this Post shall be known as New Haven Post 12150.

Sec. 2. The location of this Post shall be in the City of New Haven, County of New Haven, State of Connecticut.

***ARTICLE II
SUBORDINATION***

Sec. 1. The supreme power of this association is vested in the National Convention and this Post shall be at all times governed by the Congressional Charter and Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the Bylaws of the Department, orders issued by authority of the National Convention, National Council of Administration, the Commander-in-Chief, the Department Convention, Department Council of Administration and the Department Commander. Resolutions adopted by the National Convention are held to be lawful orders.

***ARTICLE III
MEETINGS***

Sec. 1. Place: The regular meeting place of this Post shall be at the Knights of St. Patrick (1533 State Street, New Haven, CT).

Sec. 2. Time: The regular meetings of the Post shall be held on the second Thursday of each month, to be called to order at 7:10 p.m.

- Sec. 3. The Post may, after at least fourteen (14) days written notice to the Department Commander and the members of the Post, change its meeting place, appointed day or time upon a majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting called for such purpose.
- Sec. 4. Special meetings may be called in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws.
- Sec. 5. Quorum: Five members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP

- Sec. 1. Membership in this Post, eligibility to, application for, acquiring and maintenance of, loss of and discipline shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws.
- Sec. 2. The admission fee of this Post shall be payable in accordance with the National Bylaws.
- Sec. 3. The annual dues of this Post shall never be less than the amount required to cover Department and National dues.

ARTICLE V
OFFICERS

- Sec. 1. Eligibility to, nomination, election or appointment, installation and term of office shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws.
- Sec. 2. The Post shall elect the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, and three Trustees.
- Sec. 3. The Commander shall appoint an Adjutant, Chaplain, and Service Officer. The Commander shall appoint a Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Officer of the Day and/or Guard.
- Sec. 4. The duties of all officers shall be those prescribed by Department and National Bylaws, lawful orders as the Post may direct and as these Bylaws may provide.

ARTICLE VI
COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

- Sec. 1. All Committees and their chairmen, unless otherwise provided, shall be appointed by the Commander as promptly as possible after election to office, and as such shall serve at his/her will and pleasure. The Post Quartermaster, by virtue of office, shall be treasurer of all committees handling funds.
- Sec. 2. The Standing Committees of the Post shall be as follows:
- (a) Community Service
 - (b) Social
 - (c) Youth & Education

ARTICLE VII
CONTROL OF SUBSIDIARY UNITS

- Sec. 1. Any activity, unit or clubrooms sponsored, conducted or operated by the Post, incorporated separately from the Post or unincorporated, shall be at all times under the direct control of the Post.
- Sec. 2. All funds derived from any of the above shall be in the custody of the Post Quartermaster.
- Sec. 3. All money, property and assets of every kind as well as all records in connection therewith used, held and owned by any of the above activities is the property of the Post and must be placed in the care and custody of the Post Quartermaster.
- Sec. 4. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Military Order of the Cootie are governed by Articles XI and XII respectively of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective Bylaws, rules and regulations.

ARTICLE VIII
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

- Sec. 1. Expenditure of funds shall be made only after prior authorization by the Post in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws.

**ARTICLE IX
COMPENSATION**

Sec. 1. No compensation shall be paid to any officer of this Post.

**ARTICLE X
FUNDRAISING PROMOTIONS/SOLICITATIONS**

- Sec. 1. This Post shall solicit funds or donations only by prior vote of the members agreeing to the proposition. It shall not solicit funds or donations or otherwise engage in fundraising activities or projects outside the immediate geographical area or community of the Post.
- Sec. 2. This Post shall not enter into any agreement with a promoter for the purpose of raising funds unless the said promoter shall have first furnished a good and sufficient surety bond in a principal sum sufficient to give the Post ample protection in the particular circumstances. The said bond shall be subject to the approval of the Post Advocate, bear the endorsement of the Post Commander and be kept in the possession of the Post Quartermaster. The bond will be conditioned on the payment to the Post Quartermaster of all monies due the Post as a result of the solicitation within thirty (30) days of the close of the campaign. If the promoter has made satisfactory settlement within the thirty day period, then surety will be determined to be discharged, otherwise the bond will remain in full force and effect.
- Sec. 3. If the bond cannot be furnished, then all collections shall be made by the members of the Post sponsoring the campaign or entertainment and said funds shall be paid to a bonded officer of the Post who shall hold the funds in their custody pending proper pro rata distribution.
- Sec. 4. Fundraising organizations or individuals conducting solicitations, activities or projects for a profit shall not be engaged or used by the Post for such purpose unless such engagement is made by written agreement between the Post and the organization or individuals providing those services. The form of any such written agreement must be submitted to the Department Commander for review at least thirty (30) days prior to any Post entering into any such agreement.

Sec. 5. No solicitations or ticket sales shall be permitted in the Post quarters or at socials or meetings unless such solicitations or ticket sales shall have been approved by the Post.

***ARTICLE XI
MISCELLANEOUS***

Sec. 1. Every member of this Post shall keep the Post Adjutant and Quartermaster advised of their current address by promptly reporting any change of same.

Sec. 2. Electronic copies of these Bylaws shall be issued to each elected and appointed officer of this Post.

Sec. 3. In all Post procedures not provided for by the Congressional Charter and Bylaws or these Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the authority, and it shall be the duty of the Judge Advocate, in an advisory way, when called upon to do so by the Post Commander to advise the Post Commander on the proper rule(s).

Sec. 4. Balloting for Post officers shall be conducted by open vote.

***ARTICLE XII
SPEECHES***

Sec. 1. No member will be permitted to speak on any one subject (Pro or Con) more than twice; and the first time no longer than five (5) minutes, and the second time no longer than three (3) minutes, with the exception of a committee report and recommendations and visiting guests who have a message to impart.

***ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS***

Sec. 1. These Bylaws shall become effective after adoption by this Post and after review by the Commander of the Department and Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Sec. 2. These Bylaws may be amended by the Post by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a meeting, provided each member had been notified at

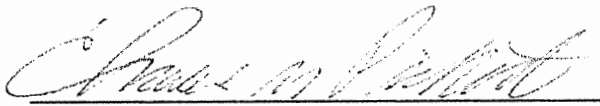
least twenty (20) days in advance and upon request provided a copy of the proposed amendments.

Sec. 3. Wherever these Bylaws or subsequent amendments may be found to be in conflict with the present or any future Department or National Bylaws, the latter shall prevail and be binding upon this Post as though written herein.

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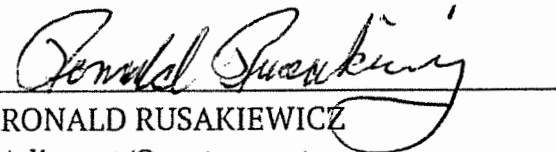
These Bylaws were adopted, subject to the review of the Department Commander and the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, on the ninth day of March 2023 at a regular meeting of this Post.

ATTEST:



CHARLES M. PICKETT
Commander/Adjutant
New Haven Post No. 12150
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Approved for the Commander 3-12-23



RONALD RUSAKIEWICZ
Adjutant/Quartermaster
Department of Connecticut



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FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



BRIAN K. WALKER
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