

# **Reports and Resolutions**

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## **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**



**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA**

at

REDWOOD FALLS, MINNESOTA

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## FOREWORD

These are the Department Convention Committee reports and resolutions adopted by the delegates at the Department Convention held in Redwood Falls, Minnesota, July 13-15, 2023 and which constitute the recommendations upon which the 2023-2024 programs of The American Legion, Department of Minnesota will be formulated.

The Department's Constitution and By-Laws are printed in Appendix "A" of this book and correctly represent all amendments adopted through the 104th Annual Department Convention.

This booklet has been prepared for the information of the membership of The American Legion; therefore, it should be filed among your permanent records for convenient use and reference in the future.

MICHAEL MAXA  
Department Adjutant

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## 2022-23 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER	Jennifer Havlick, Two Harbors
VICE COMMANDER	Duane Anderson, Elysian
VICE COMMANDER	Ryan Hill, Brewster
VICE COMMANDER	Randy Bastyr, Oakdale
VICE COMMANDER	Gary H. Olson, Moorhead
VICE COMMANDER	Paul Orson, Circle Pines
CHAPLAIN	Rev Kelley Adelsman, Pine Island
NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN	William Barbknecht, Battle Lake
ALTERNATE COMMITTEEMAN	Peggy Moon, Walker
JUDGE ADVOCATE	Greg Colby, Northfield
TREASURER	William Goede, Plainview
HISTORIAN	Teresa Ash, St. Paul
SERGEANT AT ARMS	Carla Tappainer, Apple Valley
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	Linda Dvorak, LeCenter
SERVICE OFFICER	Ray Kane, Cottage Grove
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT	Michael Maxa, LeCenter

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

District	(District Representatives)
First	Mary Hanson, Austin Mike Parry, Waseka
Second	Pam Krill, Blue Earth Steve Fosness, Fairmont
Third	Gary Richardson, Mahtomedi Robert Hart, Oak Park Heights
Fourth	David Dahl, St. Paul Joe Jansen, New Brighton
Fifth	Lynne Nottage, Minneapolis Wade Larson, Prior Lake
Sixth	Karen O'Bar, Verndale Jim Lucas, Pine River
Seventh	Karen Welander, Sunburg David "Chip" Manson, Sunburg
Eighth	Larry Pocrnich, Hibbing D. Marvin Hill, Virginia
Ninth	Terry Buraas, Grand Forks, ND Arlo Rude, Thief River Falls
Tenth	William Gordon, Albertville Tom Allen, Clearwater

## AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

The Americanism Committee met at 1:00 P.M. in Crossed Arrows A of Jackpot Junction on July 13, 2023.

Tess Davis was elected Chairman and Dennis DeLong was elected Secretary.

All Districts were present.

Resolution 2023-14 was assigned to the Committee. This resolution was ruled out of order and sent back to the originator for rewrite and better clarification of the programs affected.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 P.M.

Tess Davis, Chairman

Dennis DeLong, Secretary

### THE COMMITTEE (MEMBERS PRESENT)

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>POST</u>
FIRST	Mary Hanson	Austin	570
SECOND	Michael Schaffer	Fulda	322
THIRD	Robert Hart	Oak Park Heights	48
FOURTH	Lou Michaels	St. Paul	599
FIFTH	Dennis DeLong	Bloomington	435
SIXTH	Ken Meyer	Pequot Lakes	49
SEVENTH	Rueben Nathe	Litchfield	104
EIGHTH	Larry Pocrnich	Hibbing	222
NINTH	Arlo Rude	Thief River Falls	117
TENTH	Tess Davis	Princeton	216

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Children and Youth Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

## CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS COMMITTEE

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM in Salon B at Jackpot Junction in Redwood Falls, MN, on July 13, 2023.

Paul Orson was elected Chairman and Randy Bastyr was elected Secretary.

All districts were present except the eighth.

Resolutions 5 and 10 were assigned to the committee.

Resolution 5 was approved.

Resolution 10 was discussed and it was decided it would need to be sent back for revision.

No other business was brought before the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 PM.

Paul Orson, Chairman  
Randy Bastyr, Secretary

### Resolution 5

WHEREAS, Department employees are paid staff in the Department of Minnesota are under the direct authority of the Department Adjutant, and

WHEREAS, The Department Adjutant is solely responsible for completing and filing the necessary grant paperwork for funding the Department Service Officer, Assistant Department Service Officer, and the Department Adjutant, and

WHEREAS, The Department Adjutant for the Department of Minnesota is responsible for interviewing and selecting Department employees, working in unison with the appropriate department committee and obtaining final approval from the Department Executive Committee, and

WHEREAS, The Department Service Officer and Assistant Department Service Officer are members of the staff as is; the Communications Director, Comptroller, Membership Administrator, and Programs Administrator all within the Department of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, Per Article 7 (Department Officers), Section 7, Sentence 5 of the Constitution of the Department of Minnesota states: "...The Department Service Officer shall be selected by the Standing Department Rehabilitation Committee and shall be paid such salary and expenses as may be determined by said committee with the approval of the Department Executive Committee....", and

WHEREAS, The Rehabilitation mandate passed in 1948 reads: "The Department Rehabilitation Committee has the power to hire such employees as may be necessary and to recommend the salaries of such employees to the Finance Committee to obtain necessary funds." and

WHEREAS, No other department committee, other than the Department Executive Committee, the governing authority of the organization, has the power to hire or fire department paid employees as most committee members are volunteers and serve terms of one year and no greater than five years, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Article 7 (Department Officers), Section 7, Sentence 5 of the Constitution of the Department of Minnesota be removed, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rehabilitation mandate passed in 1948 be rescinded and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department Convention in Redwood Falls, Minnesota July 13, 14, and 15, 2023 for concurring action, and be it finally,

, That these changes to the Constitution and Mandates become effective at the close of this 104<sup>th</sup> Department of Minnesota Convention.

THE COMMITTEE (MEMBERS PRESENT)

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>POST</u>
FIRST	Chuck Kruger	Byron	119
SECOND	James Olson	Amboy	11
THIRD	Don Walsler	Hutchinson	96
FOURTH	Randy Bastyr	Oakdale	39
FIFTH	Richard Ward	Minneapolis	548
SIXTH	Lloyd Ricker	Paynesville	254
SEVENTH	Victor Gades	Morris	1998
EIGHTH			
NINTH	Steve NaSalle	Fergus Falls	489
TENTH	Paul Orson	Circle Pines	303

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

The Credentials Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

**EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE**

The Employment Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

**ENERGY AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

The Energy and Conservation Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee was called to order at 1:00 P.M. at Jackpot Junction, Tatanka 1 on July 13, 2023.

Randy Olson, Winnebago, was elected Chairman, and John Weiss, Newport was elected Secretary.

All Districts were present.

Resolution 2023-13 and Resolution 2023-17 were assigned to this committee.

Resolution 2023-13 was recommended for adoption.

Resolution 2023-17 was recommended for adoption.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 P.M.

Randy Olson, Winnebago

John Weiss, Newport

### Resolution 13

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a Congressionally Chartered organization directed to safeguard the interests and welfare of Servicemen and veterans; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is only open to membership by qualified Veterans of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is mindful of protecting all private information of Servicemembers and Veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Lewiston American Legion, Post 90, assembled in Lewiston Minnesota on September 30th, 2022, That the American Legion requests the Congress of the United States, in its next session, pass a bill requiring all active duty that are retiring or ending their term of service be given paperwork at the time of their out-processing that allows them to volunteer their contact information to the National Office of the American Legion and further,

RESOLVED, this resolution approved and submitted to the first district for action on 9/30/2022 be forwarded to the First District American Legion Convention assembled on May 20th, 2023, at Kasson American Legion Post 333 in Kasson, MN for concurring action and upon their approval be forwarded to the American Legion Department of Minnesota Convention assembled in Redwood Falls, MN on July 12-15, 2023 for concurring action, and be it finally

RESOLVED, upon concurring action by the Department be it forwarded to the National American Legion Convention to be assembled on August 25 - 31, 2023 in Charlotte, North Carolina for consideration.

### Resolution 17

WHEREAS, the existing law governing VA loans restricts eligibility to only single veterans or married couples, excluding non-married partners, boyfriends, girlfriends, and co-habitants from benefiting from this program; and

WHEREAS, many veterans who are in committed relationships or share a residence with a non-married partner, boyfriend, girlfriend, or co-habitant are effectively denied the opportunity to access VA loans due to the current eligibility criteria; and

WHEREAS, the exclusion of non-married partners, boyfriends, girlfriends, and co-habitants from VA loans can create significant financial burdens for veterans, limiting their ability to secure affordable housing and impeding their successful reintegration into civilian life; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the changing nature of relationships and households, it is necessary to revise the existing law to accommodate diverse domestic arrangements and ensure fair access to VA loans for all veterans; now, therefore be it



RESOLVED, that The American Legion support an amendment to the existing law governing VA loans, expanding eligibility to include non-married partners, boyfriends, girlfriends, and co-habitants; and be it further RESOLVED, that the revised eligibility criteria shall include the following provisions:

Non-married partners, boyfriends, girlfriends, and co-habitants who share a residence with a veteran for a minimum period of one year shall be eligible to apply for a VA loan jointly with the veteran.

The income of non-married partners, boyfriends, girlfriends, and co-habitants shall be considered in the loan application process, allowing for a more accurate assessment of the household's financial capacity to repay the loan.

Documentation requirements for non-married partners, boyfriends, girlfriends, and co-habitants shall be established to verify their relationship with the veteran and the shared residence, ensuring the integrity of the program.

Any reference to "spouse" within the existing law shall be expanded to include non-married partners, boyfriends, girlfriends, and co-habitants; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded for Presentation to the Department of Minnesota Convention July 12-15, 2023 in Redwood Falls, MN. for adoption and upon adoption and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded for presentation to the American Legion National Convention on August 25-31, 2023, in Charlotte, North Carolina for consideration and adoption.

#### THE COMMITTEE (MEMBERS PRESENT)

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>POST</u>
FIRST	Mike Parry	Waseca	228
SECOND	Randy Olson	Winnebago	89
THIRD	Barrett Kirchenwitz	Montrose	594
FOURTH	John Weiss	Newport	577
FIFTH	Joseph Bayer	Minneapolis	99
SIXTH	Robert Albright	Hackensack	202
SEVENTH	Carol Jackson	New London	537
EIGHTH	Dave Nephew	Duluth	71
NINTH	Dennis Henkemeyer	Bagley	16
TENTH	George Hunt	Brooklyn Park	630

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

## NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The National Security/Foreign Relations Committee was called to order at 1:00 P.M. at Jackpot Junction, Salon C on July 13, 2023.

Pat Logan was elected Chairman and Robert Schmidt was elected Secretary.

Nine Districts were present. District Eight was not present.

Resolution 2023-2 and Resolution 2023-9 were assigned to this committee.

Resolution 2023-2 was passed with an amendment. After discussion, it was decided to amend the resolution and make the award for Corrections Officer of the Year a separate category. This will be in addition to the Law Officer of the Year. Motion and second approved the resolution as amended.

Resolution 2023-9 was referred to the Department Standing Committee for review, however, it is unclear as to which committee that is.

The National Security/Foreign Relations meeting will be held at Camp Ripley on September 15, 16, 17, 2023. Additional information and schedule will be sent to members. All District Commanders will be invited. Members will be asked to assist in manning the open house tent on September 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 P.M.

Pat Logan, Chairman

Robert Schmidt, Secretary

### Resolution 2 (as amended)

WHEREAS, Current eligibility is for U.S. citizens, male or female and living, active, full-time, and paid, sworn law enforcement officers entrusted with full authority and the powers of arrest, assigned to or fully recognized by municipal, county, district, or state police; highway patrol; sheriff's office or as a sworn federal law enforcement officer (FBI, Secret Service agent, U.S. Marshal, National Park Police, U.S. Capitol Police, etc.) Military police officers or investigators are eligible if they are state law enforcement certified and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 500,000 trained or certified Correction Officers employed by County, State, or Federal Law enforcement agencies, and in many jurisdictions, they are considered Law Enforcement officers, who supervise 2.5 million inmates, and their primary duty is to maintain and control those individuals that have violated the laws of our nation, and secure those individuals that are duly arrested and

WHEREAS, Correction Officers regularly interact with those arrested, some of whom may have severe emotional or mental health problems, by entering their cell, transporting them from point A to B or breaking up fights, all while providing the arrestees basic medical needs, legal rights, spiritual needs, and civil rights, that may have a meaningful impact on the lives of incarcerated people, all while putting their lives on the line every day they go to work generally working unarmed, equipped with communication devices only so they can summon help if needed resulting in thousands of Correction Officers being injured every year, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the 7th District of the Department of Minnesota in a conference assembled at Granite Falls on January 28, 2023, that the requirements for the award for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year be amended to include an additional stand-alone award for Corrections Officer of the Year, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded for Presentation to the Department of Minnesota Convention July 12-15, 2023 in Redwood Falls, MN. for adoption and upon adoption and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded for presentation to the American Legion National Convention on August 25-31, 2023, in Charlotte, North Carolina for consideration and adoption.

THE COMMITTEE (MEMBERS PRESENT)

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>POST</u>
FIRST	Robert Schmidt	Lake City	110
SECOND	Brad Pagel	Slayton	64
THIRD	Pat Logan	Bloomington	491
FOURTH	Kim Elledge	St. Paul	474
FIFTH	Curt Norenberg	Roseville	548
SIXTH	James Blakesley	Aitkin	86
SEVENTH	Carl Wilson	Elbow Lake	278
EIGHTH			
NINTH	Gary Olson	Moorhead	21
TENTH	Jarred Sturgill	Champlin	102

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Public Relations Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

**RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE**

The Recreation and Sports Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

## REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

The Rehabilitation Committee meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM in Crossed Arrows D at Jackpot Junction in Redwood Falls, MN, on July 13, 2023.

Terry Buraas was elected Chairman and Johnathon Haworth was secretary.

All districts were present except the eighth.

Resolutions 15 and 16 were assigned to the Committee.

Both resolutions were discussed and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Terry Buraas, Chairman

Jonathon Haworth, Secretary

### Resolution 15

WHEREAS, Chapter 33 of the GI Bill, also known as the post-9/11 GI Bill, is a vital piece of legislation that provides education benefits to eligible veterans and their dependents, assisting them in their transition to civilian life and supporting their pursuit of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Online education has become increasingly popular and accessible, offering flexible learning options for individuals facing various barriers to attending traditional brick-and-mortar institutions; and

WHEREAS, many veterans, due to their unique circumstances, such as disabilities, family responsibilities, or geographic limitations, find online education particularly suitable for their needs; and

WHEREAS, restricting housing benefits solely to veterans attending in-person classes would place an unnecessary burden on those who opt for online courses, limiting their access to educational opportunities and hindering their ability to make progress toward their academic and career goals; and

WHEREAS, preserving housing benefits for student veterans pursuing online education is crucial for the following reasons:

Flexibility for diverse circumstances: Online education allows student veterans to customize their learning experience around unique challenges such as physical disabilities, mental health concerns, or family obligations, enabling them to balance their education with other responsibilities.

Geographic limitations: Veterans residing in remote areas with limited or no nearby educational institutions can access quality education regardless of their location through online courses, eliminating the need for costly relocations.

Transitioning to civilian life: Pursuing higher education is often a vital part of veterans' reintegration and career transition. Housing benefits for online education support their successful transition by providing necessary financial assistance and reducing potential financial stressors.

Access to specialized programs: Online education offers a wide range of specialized programs that may not be available locally. Veterans with specific career goals or interests that require specialized training can pursue those options through online courses.

Cost savings and efficiency: Online education eliminates expenses related to commuting, housing, and meals, making it a more cost-effective option for veterans. Granting housing benefits for online courses ensures veterans can utilize their education benefits wisely and efficiently. Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, that The American Legion Department of Minnesota strongly advocates for the preservation of housing benefits for student veterans pursuing online education under Chapter 33 of the GI Bill; and be it further**

**RESOLVED that The American Legion Department of Minnesota urges policymakers at the federal level to recognize the importance of inclusive policies that encompass both in-person and online learning, to better support student veterans in achieving their academic and career aspirations, and to remove unnecessary barriers that hinder their educational and professional development, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, this resolution be forwarded to The Department of Minnesota Executive Committee for consideration and approval and be it further**

**RESOLVED, upon Department of Minnesota Executive Committee approval this resolution be forwarded to the Department Convention to be held in Morton, Minnesota July 12-15, 2023 for concurring**

action; and be it finally

**RESOLVED, if approved, this resolution be forwarded to the American Legion National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina August 29-31, 2023 for concurring action.**

#### Resolution 16

**WHEREAS**, anthrax is a potentially lethal infectious disease caused by the Bacillus bacteria, and  
**WHEREAS**, military personnel, including veterans, may be at an increased risk of exposure to anthrax due to their service and occupational duties, and

**WHEREAS**, the anthrax vaccination was a preventive measure employed by the armed forces to protect personnel against the potential threat of anthrax, and

**WHEREAS**, concerns have been raised regarding the potential effects of the anthrax vaccination on the health and well-being of veterans who have received the vaccine, and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to comprehensively assess and understand the short-term and long-term effects of the anthrax vaccination on veterans in order to provide appropriate medical care and support, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, that the US Department of Veterans Affairs and The Veterans Affairs Health Care shall initiate a thorough and independent investigation to evaluate the effects of anthrax vaccinations on veterans, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the investigation shall aim to assess the short-term and long-term health outcomes associated with the anthrax vaccine in veterans, including any potential side effects or adverse reactions, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the investigation shall consider the medical records, experiences, and testimonies of veterans who have received the anthrax vaccine, as well as relevant scientific research and literature on the subject, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the US Department of Veterans Affairs and The Veterans Affairs Health Care collaborate with veterans' organizations, healthcare professionals, and experts in the field to ensure a comprehensive and objective evaluation of the effects of the anthrax vaccination, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the findings of the investigation shall be made publicly available in a timely manner, ensuring transparency and accessibility for both veterans and the general public, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That based on the investigation's outcomes, the relevant governmental or healthcare authority shall take necessary steps to provide appropriate medical care, support, and guidance to veterans who may have been affected by the anthrax vaccination, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the US Department of Veterans Affairs and The Veterans Affairs Health Care shall consider implementing measures to improve the communication and information dissemination process regarding the anthrax vaccine, ensuring that veterans are fully informed about potential risks and benefits associated with its use, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the US Department of Veterans Affairs and The Veterans Affairs Health Care system continue to monitor and review scientific advancements and research related to anthrax vaccines to ensure that veterans receive the most up-to-date and effective protection against anthrax while minimizing any potential adverse effects, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the US Department of Veterans Affairs and The Veterans Affairs Health Care system reassess the impact and effectiveness of the anthrax vaccination program, making any necessary adjustments or improvements based on emerging evidence and expert recommendations, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, this resolution be forwarded to The Department of Minnesota Executive Committee for consideration and approval and be it further**

**RESOLVED, upon Department of Minnesota Executive Committee approval this resolution be forwarded to the Department Convention to be held in Morton, Minnesota July 12-15, 2023 for concurring action; and be it finally**

**RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to the National Adjutant of the American Legion for presentation to and action by the American Legion Convention assembled at Charlotte, NC, from August 25 through 31, 2023.**

THE COMMITTEE (MEMBERS PRESENT)

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>POST</u>
FIRST	Gary Miller	Stewartville	164
SECOND	Jim Wetzler	Granada	82
THIRD	Robert Roe	Minneapolis	447
FOURTH	John Haworth	Minneapolis	406
FIFTH	Milt Schoen	Prior Lake	1
SIXTH	Frank Grittner	Elk River	560
SEVENTH	Keith Seidler	Spicer	545
EIGHTH			
NINTH	Terry Buraas	Grand Forks, ND	157
TENTH	Douglas Hookom	Anoka	102

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Resolutions Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM in Grand Eagle II, at Jackpot Junction in Redwood Falls, MN on July 13, 2023.

Teresa Ash was elected Chairman and Joe Bares was elected Secretary.

All Districts were present except the eighth.

Resolutions 6, 7, 8, 11, and 12 were assigned to the Committee.

Resolution 6 was approved.

Resolution 11 was recommended to be referred back.

Resolutions 7, 8, and 12 were rejected.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Teresa Ash, Chairman

Joe Bares, Secretary

Resolution 6

WHEREAS, The American Legion is an organization that prides itself on inclusivity and promoting the interests of all veterans; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Flag & Emblem Sales currently some items exclude female sizing specifically the IKE Jacket for Color Guard Ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, The lack of availability of female uniforms and apparel may result in female veterans feeling excluded from the American Legion community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the April 2023 Minnesota American Legion College held at Camp Ripley that The American Legion Flag & Emblem Sales should begin offering female uniforms and apparel for all clothing items currently available only in the male version; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Legion Flag & Emblem Sales should work to ensure that female uniforms and apparel are made available in a range of sizes and styles, so that all female veterans have uniforms that fit their

needs and preferences; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the approved resolution be forwarded to the Department Adjutant and presented at the Department Executive Committee at the Department Convention in Redwood Falls at Jackpot Junction July 12, 2023; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that if passed by The Department of Minnesota Convention in general session July 13-15, 2023, this resolution be forwarded to The National Adjutant for presentation to the National Executive Committee for consideration and adoption.

#### THE COMMITTEE (MEMBERS PRESENT)

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>	<u>POST</u>
FIRST	Sy Fix	La Crescent	595
SECOND	Dennis Strassburg	Magnolia	32
THIRD	Joseph Bares	Jordan	3
FOURTH	Teresa Ash	St Paul	406
FIFTH	Jim Munson	Burnsville	435
SIXTH	Paul Edwards	Brainerd	627
SEVENTH	David Manson	Sunburg	545
EIGHTH			
NINTH	Steve Jacobson	Manvel, ND	157
TENTH	James Hultgren	Osseo	172

#### SCHOOL-SAFETY PATROL COMMITTEE

The School-Safety Patrol Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

#### TIME AND PLACE (CONV CORP) COMMITTEE

The Time and Place Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

## 2023 TROPHIES AND AWARDS

### **Father L.J. Fortin Trophy**

To the Post which contributed the most outstanding record in promotion of The American Legion's "Back To God" movement

No Applicant

### **Lindell Community Service Bell**

To the Post accomplishing the most outstanding single piece of community service work during the year

Austin F. Hanscom Post 167, Willmar

### **Frank J. Ring Boy Scout Trophy**

To the Post with the most outstanding Boy Scout program during the year

Erickson Strom Post 186, Olivia

### **Levi M. Hall School Patrol Trophy**

For outstanding School Patrol activity

No Applicant

### **Joseph W. Finley Trophy**

To the Post with the best all-around program of Post activities

No Applicant

### **Stafford King Conservation Trophy**

To the Post or individual with the best conservation program

No Applicant

### **Americanism Trophy**

To the Post with the best Americanism program

Nelsan-Horton Post 104, Litchfield

### **Lloyd Grossnickle**

To the Post with the most outstanding single Children & Youth project

No Applicant

### **Hanson Education Trophy**

To the Post contributing most to the field of education

Eden Valley Post 381, Eden Valley



## 2023 BLOOD WINNERS

### District

1	Leon J. Wetzel Post 9, Winona
1	Leo Carey Post 56, Albert Lea
1	Meighen-Thompson Post 161, Leroy
2	Brewster Post 464, Brewster
2	Charles Flentji Post 461, Round Lake
2	Colburn Post 286, Sanborn
3	Charles Borak Post 45, New Prague
3	Forest Lake Post 225, Forest Lake
3	Chanhassen Post 580, Chanhassen
4	North St. Paul Post 39, St. Paul
4	St. Paul Post 8, St. Paul
4	3M Post 599, St. Paul
5	Minneapolis Post 1, Minneapolis
5	Northside Post 230, Minneapolis
5	Gopher Post 440, Minneapolis
6	Ben Krueger Post 49, Pequot Lakes
6	Kriesel-Jacobsen Post 560, Zimmerman
6	Billie Brown Post 627, Nisswa
7	Austin F. Hanscom Post 167, Willmar
7	Henderson-Lewis Post 545, Spicer
7	Robert Ihlant Post 537, New London
8	Pratt-Volden-Mickelson-Anderson Post 239, Virginia
8	Carl Anderson Post 262, Cloquet
8	Grand Marais Post 413, Grand Marais
9	Kaleb E. Lindquist Post 24, Roseau
9	Melvin E. Hearl Post 21, Moorhead
9	Hogberg-Gerszewski Post 353, Argyle
10	Edward B. Cutter Post 102, Anoka
10	Woodcock-Herbst Post 216, Princeton
10	Shaddrick & Labeau Post 303, Fridley

**2023 AMERICANISM WINNERS**

CERTIFICATE OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE  
3M Post 599, St. Paul, MN

CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE  
Viking Post 493, Minneapolis, MN

DISTRICT	POST NAME & NUMBER	LOCATION
1	Albert D. Connell Post 422	Claremont
2	Benjamin A. Remelle Post 7	Sleepy Eye
3	Charles Borak Post 45	New Prague
4	North St. Paul Post 39	St. Paul
5	Viking Post 493	Minneapolis
6	James Kobernat Post 340	Hill City
7	Campbell-Williams Post 258	Clinton
8	Lozar-Mrace-Loushin Post 248	Ely
9	Olson-Stitzel Post 219	Parkers Prairie
10	North Branch Post 85	North Branch

**CHILDREN & YOUTH AWARDS**

CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLANCE

Category I	15-99 members	Post 105, Lyle
Category II	100-299 members	Post 36, Fairmont
Category III	300-499 members	Post 303, Fridley
Category IV	500 & over members	Post 71, West Duluth

CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Category I	Post 361, Denham
Category II	Post 627, Nisswa
Category III	Post 46, Little Falls
Category IV	Post 212, Park Rapids

**JIM OLDENBURG WINNER**

Steve Fosness,  
Post 36, Fairmont

**LLOYD GROSSNICKLE AWARD WINNER**

Not Awarded

## 2023 COMMUNITY SERVICE WINNERS

### MOST DOLLARS SPENT PLAQUE WINNERS

Category I	1-100 Members	Erwin March Post 64, Slayton
Category II	101-250 Members	Lee C. Prentice Post 36, Fairmont
Category III	251-700 Members	Hutchinson Post 96, Hutchinson
Category IV	701 plus Members	No Entry

### HIGHEST HOURS AVERAGE VOLUNTEERED PLAQUE WINNERS

Category I	1-100 Members	Hartley M. Robey Post 151, Sandstone
Category II	101-250 Members	Charles Borak Post 45, New Prague
Category III	251-700 Members	Hutchinson Post 96, Hutchinson
Category IV	701 plus Members	No Entry

### DISTRICT      CATEGORY      POST NAME AND LOCATION

First	I	Everett H. Hale Post 68, Spring Valley	II
		Millville Valley Post 579, Millville	III NO ENTRY
Second	I	Kiester Post 454, Kiester	
	II	Benjamin A. Remelle Post 7, Sleepy Eye	
	III	NO ENTRY	
	IV	NO ENTRY	
Third	I	Edward Born Post 343, Norwood	II
		Waconia Post 150, Waconia	III Nelson-Lucking Post 47,
Hastings	IV	NO ENTRY	
	I	NO ENTRY	II
Fourth		NO ENTRY	III North St. Paul Post 39, St.
	IV	NO ENTRY	
Paul		IV      NO ENTRY	
Fifth	I	Viking Post 493, Minneapolis	
	II	Art & Leonard Falldin Post 555, Minneapolis	
	III	NO ENTRY	
	IV	NO ENTRY	
Sixth	I	James Kobernat Post 340, Hill City	II
		Arthur Embretson Post 147, Big Lake	III Silver Star Post 428,
Waite Park		IV      NO ENTRY	
Seventh	I	Erickson Strom Post 186, Olivia	
	II	Eden Valley Post 381, Eden Valley	
	III	Austin F. Hanscom Post 167, Willmar	
	IV	NO ENTRY	
Eighth	I	Walter Riley Post 307, Nashwauk	II      Louis
		Lequier Post 122, Deer River	
	III	NO ENTRY	

	IV	NO ENTRY		
Ninth	I	Olson-Stitzel Post 219, Parkers Prairie	II	Warren
	III	East Grand Forks Post 157, E. Grand Forks		
	IV	NO ENTRY		
Tenth	I	Chisago City Post 272, Chisago City	II	Delano
		III	Shaddrick & Labeau Post 303, Fridley	
	IV	NO ENTRY		

SILVER BRIGADE WINNER

(Receives Certificate, Patch, and Pin)

Dean Londo	Forest Lake Post 225	30 new members
Don Skow	Forest Lake Post 225	27 new members

GOLD BRIGADE WINNER

(Receives jacket, patch, pin and plaque)

No Entry

**APPENDIX "A"**

**CONSTITUTION**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION**

Department of Minnesota

**ARTICLE ONE**

**Name**

The name of this organization shall be "The American Legion, Department of Minnesota." Its principal office shall be maintained in the City of St. Paul.

**ARTICLE TWO**

**Nature**

Section 1. The American Legion is a civilian organization. Membership therein shall not increase or decrease liability for military or police service. Former military or naval rank does not exist in The American Legion. No member shall be addressed by his military or naval title in any convention or meeting of The American Legion.

Sec. 2. The American Legion shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking political office or preferment.

**ARTICLE THREE**

**Organization**

Section 1. The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, is a Department of and subject to the jurisdiction of The American Legion.

Sec. 2. The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, shall be organized in units termed districts, which said districts shall correspond territorially to the Congressional districts of the State of Minnesota, as they were organized immediately prior to the reapportionment act of Congress, 1930, and of local units termed posts, except that all territory included in the present corporate limits of the City of Minneapolis and the Village of Richfield shall be included in the Fifth District of the Department. District organization shall be subject to the jurisdiction of The American Legion, Department of Minnesota. Except for the exceptions listed, the posts within each County of each district shall be organized into County Councils under the jurisdiction of the Department of Minnesota, The American Legion. A staff of officers shall be elected and regular meetings of the Council held, and in all elections and other business transacted, each post shall have an equal vote:

Exceptions:

- (1) The Fourth (4th) and Fifth (5th) Districts' Officers shall preside in their respective Counties instead of

County Officers; and

(2) Rural Hennepin County, now a part of the Tenth (10th) District, shall organize itself into a Rural Hennepin County Council and function as a County Council; and

(3) Present multi-County Organizations of less than District designation now in existence may remain and continue to function as County Councils; and

(4) Counties with three (3) or less posts within them may form a multi-County Council with immediate surrounding Counties, but in no case shall more than three (3) Counties organize into one (1) Council.

No post shall be received into this organization until it shall have received a charter from the national executive committee of The American Legion.

## **ARTICLE FOUR**

### **Eligibility**

Section 1. Eligibility for membership in this Department shall be governed by the provisions of the national constitution of The American Legion relating thereto.

Sec. 2. There shall be no form or class of membership except active membership as provided in the national constitution.

## **ARTICLE FIVE**

### **Legislative Organization**

Section 1. The legislative body of this Department shall be the department convention, which shall be held annually at such time and place as shall be fixed by the preceding convention in accordance with the national constitution. In the event that the time or place shall not be fixed by the preceding convention, it shall be fixed by the department executive committee. Each convention shall adopt its own rules of order. In the event that, due to an emergency, National or State, it is for any reason impossible to convene the annual Department Convention, the Department Executive Committee, if it can be convened, shall be the legislative body for that year-shall elect Department Officers and transact all necessary Department business and legislation.

Sec. 2. The Department Convention shall be composed of delegates from each post, members of the Department Executive Committee, The Department Chaplain, Treasurer, Historian and the District Adjutants, but only delegates from posts shall be entitled to vote at such convention.

Sec. 3. Each post shall be entitled to two delegates and to one additional delegate for each hundred members or major fraction thereof, whose department dues have been received by the Department Treasurer and whose district dues have been paid to their respective district officers 30 days prior to the convention for which they

are chosen. The final voting strength of each post shall be determined 30 days prior to the convention. Each post shall choose its own delegates, who shall be members in good standing of such post. In addition, each post may choose alternate delegates to serve in the absence of the principal delegates. The vote of each post shall be equal to the total number of principal delegates to which it is entitled. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by a majority of the delegates present from that post. Alternates shall have all the privileges of delegates except that of voting. Proxies shall not be allowed. A post not represented by either delegate or alternate shall have no vote. When provided by majority vote, the voting may be by district.

Sec. 4. The convention shall be the final judge of the choice and qualification of the delegates.

Sec. 5. A quorum shall exist at a department convention when ten per cent of the posts are wholly or partially represented by duly chosen delegates or alternates.

## **ARTICLE SIX**

### **Department Executive Committee**

Section 1. The administrative power of the organization shall be vested in the Department Commander and the Department Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Commander and the Vice Commanders, the Department Chaplain, the Department Historian, the Department Sergeant at Arms, the Department members of the National Executive Committee, the immediate past Department Commander and two members from each district, who shall be the District Commander and the immediate past District Commander. A district convention shall be held in each district not more than 60 days and not less than 15 days prior to the holding of the department convention at which district convention each post shall have the representation to which it would then be entitled at a department convention and District Officers shall be selected annually, who shall assume their office at the close of the next Department Convention. In the event of a vacancy in the representation of any district on the Executive Committee, the district, in the manner provided by its constitution and by-laws, shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. In case of the inability of any member on the Executive Committee to attend any meeting he or she may select an alternate who shall have power to vote.

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Department Commander, but in no event more than 22 days after the final adjournment of the convention, and thereafter at the call of the Commander. The Commander shall call a meeting upon the written request of five or more members of the Committee.

Sec. 4. The Executive Committee may select from its membership a sub-committee of three to seven members in addition to the Commander and may delegate its power to said sub-committee. Proceedings of said sub-committee shall, however, be subject to review by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 5. The Executive Committee or the Commander, with the consent of the Executive Committee, may appoint such standing committees as may be necessary.

Sec. 6. A majority of the Executive Committee constitutes a quorum.

Sec. 7. All past National Commanders from the Department of Minnesota, while in good standing in their respective Posts in the Department of Minnesota, while in good standing in their respective Posts in the Department

of Minnesota, shall be ex officio members of the Department Executive committee with vote, and shall also be life delegates to all Department Conventions of the Department of Minnesota of The American Legion, with vote to be exercised by them with their respective Posts.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN**

### **Department Officers**

Section 1. The officers of this department shall be a Commander, five Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Treasurer, Chaplain, Historian, Judge Advocate, Director of Rehabilitation, Sergeant at Arms and Membership Director.

Sec. 2. The Commander, Vice Commanders, Chaplain and Sergeant at Arms shall be elected annually by the convention and said election shall be held on the third day of the convention. The Commander, Vice Commanders, Sergeant at Arms and Chaplain elected by the convention shall not be eligible to succeed themselves in the same office.

Sec. 3. The representative on the National Executive Committee shall be elected by the Department Convention every odd numbered year for a term of two years. The Convention shall also elect an Alternate National Committeeman for the same term, who shall serve in the place of said National Executive Committeeman in case of his death, resignation, or incapacity.

Sec. 4. The Department Historian shall be elected in 1983 for a term of one year, and the Historian shall be elected by the convention each year thereafter.

In the absence of a satisfactory report the Historian shall be subject to recall at any department convention.

Sec. 5. Unless otherwise specially provided, the officers in Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this article shall serve until the adjournment of the next succeeding convention and thereafter until their successors shall have been duly chosen. A majority of all ballots cast shall be necessary for the election of the above named officers. In Elections where there are more than two candidates, the candidate receiving the fewest votes in each round of voting shall be eliminated.

Sec. 6. Except as otherwise provided, in case of a vacancy in any of the offices set forth in Sections 2 and 3, the Adjutant shall forthwith call a meeting of the Department Executive Committee and said committee shall by election fill any such vacancy, provided that a vacancy in the office of Commander shall be filled from one of the Vice-Commanders, and the vacancy thereby created thereupon filled likewise by elections.

Sec. 7. The Adjutant, Treasurer and the Judge Advocate shall be elected by the Executive Committee. In 1998, the Adjutant shall be elected to a three-year term, the Treasurer to a two-year term, and the Judge Advocate to a one-year term. On the expiration of each such initial term, each such officer shall be elected to a three-year term. Said officers may be removed from office by the Executive Committee for failure to perform job duties satisfactorily or for misconduct. The Adjutant shall be paid such sum for salary and expenses as may be determined by the said Executive Committee. The Director of Rehabilitation shall be selected by the Standing Department Rehabilitation Committee and shall be paid such salary and expenses as may be determined by said committee with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Department Membership Director shall be appointed by the Department



Commander."

Sec. 8. No Legionnaire shall hold or be elected by Convention or Executive Committee to more than one elected Department of Minnesota position.

## **ARTICLE EIGHT**

### **National Representation**

Section 1. The delegates-at-large to which the department is entitled in the National Convention shall be elected by the convention and shall include the incoming Commander, the incoming department representative on the National Executive Committee and the outgoing Commander.

Sec. 2. Additional delegates to which the Department is entitled shall be elected by a caucus of the delegates to the Department Convention from each District or at the various District Conventions of the State of Minnesota. The number of delegates to which each District shall be entitled shall be determined by the Department Executive Committee, which shall apportion delegates as nearly as possible on the basis of paid-up members in each district.

Sec. 3. The outgoing Department Commander shall be chairman of the delegation of the department to the National Convention. In the event the outgoing Commander is unable to attend, the chairman of the delegation to the National Convention shall be elected by the majority of the delegation at their first caucus.

## **ARTICLE NINE**

### **Organization**

Section 1 (a). Fifteen or more persons eligible for membership in The American Legion may apply for a charter as a post thereof to the Department Commander. Such application, when approved by the Department Commander or the Executive Committee shall be forwarded to the National Executive Committee of The American Legion. Every post charter shall be countersigned by the Department Commander and Adjutant.

(b). The Department Adjutant may apply for a charter for a Department at Large Post. The Constitution and By-Laws of said Post to be subject to the approval and ratification by the Department Executive Committee and to specifically provide that said post shall not be entitled to representation at any Department Convention or meeting.

Sec. 2. No post charter in the name of any living person shall be approved.

Sec. 3. Each post shall have a Commander, one or more Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Historian, Chaplain, Service Officer, Post Executive Committee, and such other officers as the post may determine and shall select such officers who shall assume office no later than the close of the next Department Convention.

Sec. 4. Each post may prescribe its own constitution and by-laws not in conflict or inconsistent with the National and Department Constitutions.

## **ARTICLE TEN**

### **Finance**

Section 1. The revenue of The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, shall be derived from annual membership dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. The amount of such annual dues shall be determined by the Department Convention and remain in effect until changed by subsequent action of the Convention. The annual dues shall be collected by each post and the portion designated as District, Department and National dues shall be immediately transmitted to Department Headquarters. No post shall be qualified for representation at any district and/or Department Convention until all of said dues have been fully paid.

Sec. 3. The fiscal year of the Department shall be October first through September thirtieth.

Sec. 4. All department and post officers responsible for national or department funds shall furnish adequate bonds conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties.

Sec. 5. The Department Finance Committee shall be composed of seven members. The Department Commander and the Department Treasurer shall be full members of the Department Finance Committee with vote for the term of their office. The Department Commander shall appoint, subject to ratification by the Department Executive Committee, members to fill expiring terms, no two members of said Finance Committee to be appointed from the same district; who shall serve for a full five year term, or until removed by a majority vote of the Department Executive Committee. The Department Adjutant shall be ex-officio secretary of said committee. The appointed member serving their last year on the committee shall automatically become its chairman. The Department Finance Committee shall be charged with preparation and adoption of the annual budget of the Department, the handling and disbursement of funds under that budget, and such other duties as shall be prescribed by the Department Executive Committee.

Sec. 6. The sinking fund of the Department, as set up by previous convention mandate, shall be continued, and from time to time the Finance Committee may add to such fund such amounts as in their discretion may be available therefrom, and shall add to the principal thereof such amounts as may be earned as either interest or income therefrom, to such principal, provided that when such fund reached the total sum of \$200,000.00 no further additions thereto need be made, and all interest or income therefrom shall be transferred to the General Operating Fund. Except as hereinbefore provided, the principal of such fund shall not be expended, except by a two-thirds vote of the Department Convention authorizing such expenditure.

## **ARTICLE ELEVEN**

### **Discipline**

The provision of the National Constitution and By-Laws relating thereto shall govern the discipline of posts and members of this department.

## **ARTICLE TWELVE**

### **Individual Transfers**

Upon application to the Post Adjutant any member of the post desiring to transfer to another post shall be entitled to a transfer card to such other post, provided all dues and assessments have been paid to date. Record of such transfer forthwith shall be transferred to the department headquarters.

## **ARTICLE THIRTEEN**

### **Auxiliary**

Section 1. The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, recognizes an auxiliary organization known as the American Legion Auxiliary.

Sec. 2. Eligibility for membership in the Auxiliary of the Department of Minnesota shall be governed by the provision of the National constitution of the American Legion relating thereto.

Sec. 3. The American Legion Auxiliary in the Department shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE FOURTEEN**

### **American Legion Family Hospital Association**

Section 1. Each member in good standing in this department is a member of the American Legion Family Hospital Association, which is officially sanctioned and supported by The American Legion, Department of Minnesota.

Sec. 2. Each post shall raise 25 cents annually for the American Legion Family Hospital Association for each member in good standing. The money so raised shall be remitted to department headquarters with the state and national dues and by it remitted as speedily as may be to the American Legion Family Hospital Association. No post may be qualified for representation at the department convention or shall have a vote in department affairs while any part of this support of the Hospital Association remains unpaid. The Executive Committee may at any time in its discretion cause payment to the American Legion Family Hospital Association to be suspended and report the matter to the next convention for its action.

## **ARTICLE FIFTEEN**

### **Amendments**

Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any convention by the vote of a majority of the total authorized representation, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been read at such convention at least twelve hours before the vote thereon.

Sec. 2. Insofar as this constitution may at any time be in conflict with the provisions of the National Constitution, the latter shall prevail.

## **BY-LAWS**

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

THE AMERICAN LEGION

ADMINISTRATOR

1. The Department Commander shall be the executive head of the Minnesota Department, with full power to enforce the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws and will of the State Convention. He shall preside over all meetings of the Department, in Convention and meetings of the Executive Committee, and perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary uses require. He shall appoint all necessary committees, except such as are otherwise provided for by the Department Constitution.

2. The Department Vice Commanders shall act as representatives of the Department Commander on all matters referred to them by him and shall, at his request, preside over Conventions or meetings of the Executive Committee and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

3. The Department Adjutant shall keep a record of all activities of the Department and Conventions and meetings of all Executive Committee. He shall at each regular Convention and meeting of the Executive Committee, read the minutes of the preceding meeting and make such corrections as may be directed unless by a majority vote of the Delegates or Executive Committee, the reading shall be dispensed with. He shall have the proceedings of each annual convention prepared and kept in permanent record. He shall cause notice to be given of all meetings of Department or Executive Committee. He shall keep a record of the membership of the local Posts. He shall collect all annual dues and pay the same to the Department Treasurer, taking a receipt therefor. He is charged with the administration of the Department Headquarters, subject to the directions of the Commander or Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as the Executive Committee may direct. He shall engage in no other occupation or profession during his term of office.

4. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Department, and shall deposit the same in its name in such bank or banks as the Executive Committee shall designate. He shall present his books for inspection at any meeting of the Executive Committee or the Convention upon demand of any Delegate or member of the Executive Committee. He shall give bond to the Department in such sum as the Executive Committee shall direct.

5. The Judge Advocate shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the Commander or Executive Committee and shall act in an advisory capacity to the officers and committees of the Department.

5A. The Department Director of Rehabilitation shall have charge and direction of all rehabilitation and service arising in the department and shall be the official advisor of all district and Post Service Officers. He shall perform such other service and rehabilitation duties as may be required by a Department Convention or the Department Rehabilitation Committee. He shall prepare an annual report of the activities of his office, together with recommendations which shall be printed and distributed to all department officers and posts in such manner as the Department Rehabilitation Committee may determine.

5B. The Sergeant at Arms shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the Commander or the Executive Committee.

5C. Members of the Department and national Standing Committees shall be ex-officio members of the similar convention committees.

## DISCIPLINE

6. Each Post of The American Legion shall be the judge of its own membership, subject to the restrictions of the National and Department Constitutions and By-Laws.

6A. Members may be expelled from The American Legion only upon a proper showing of cause and upon one or more of the following grounds, vis.: disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty and conduct unbecoming a member of The American Legion. All charges must be made under oath, in writing by the accusers, and no member in good standing shall lose his membership until given a fair trial after due notice before the Post in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Department Executive Committee.

6B. All questions affecting the election, eligibility and conduct of the national executive committeeman, or of his alternate, or of department officers or members of the Department Executive Committee, shall be referred to and determined by the Department Executive Committee. All questions concerning the election, eligibility and conduct of Post or District officers or members of Post or District Executive Committees, shall be referred to and determined by the Executive Committee of the Post or District involved, which shall be the final authority thereon.

## RULES

7. Any mandate adopted by convention action shall not be changed during the year of its adoption and it shall continue to govern the state policy of the department unless changed by convention action.

7A. Any mandate of the Department or Executive Committee, which establishes a policy of continuing nature and has the effect of governing the actions of the department, shall be set forth in a pamphlet which shall be supplemental to the Constitution and By-Laws and which shall be part of the governing rules and regulations of the department.

7B. The policy mandate pamphlet shall be kept up to date and changed as the mandates are changed.

## RULES OF ORDER

8. At all Department Conventions and meetings of the Executive Committee, Robert's Rules of Order, revised 1915 edition, shall govern except when special rules shall be adopted by the convention or meeting, or wherein the same (Robert's Rules of Order) conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws.

## AMENDMENTS

9. Amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any Convention by the vote of a majority of the delegates present, providing there is a quorum.

# **THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA**

at

REDWOOD FALLS, MINNESOTA

JULY 13,14,15, 2023

# **Reports and Resolutions**

ADOPTED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ANNUAL

## **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**