

REGION I - The MILITARY ORDER of the WORLD WARS

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be "REGION I - The MILITARY ORDER of the WORLD WARS' .

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

The OBJECTIVES of REGION I are those exemplified in the PREAMBLE to the National Constitution of the MILITARY ORDER of the WORLD WARS

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Sec 1 REGION I jurisdiction encompasses the six New England States.

Sec 2 All members of Region I must first be a member of an authorized Chapter or Cadre, MILITARY ORDER of the WORLD WARS.

Sec 3 The membership shall be organized into; Region Staff, Departments, State, Chapters and Cadres.

Sec 4 Honorary Membership in the Order may not be conferred upon any person.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Sec. 1 The General Staff of the National Order is recognized as the governing body, and the Constitution Bylaws of the National Order are recognized and indorsed as the basic law of the Order, to which this Region and these Bylaws shall remain subordinate.

Sec. 2 Region Officers shall consist of the following :

a. Elected

b. Appointed

Commander
General Staff O
Sr. Vice Cmdr
Jr. Vice Cmdr
Judge Advocate
Historian

Adjutant
Treasurer
Chaplain

Sgt-at-Arms

c. The office of Adjutant & Treasurer may be filled by one Companion.

Sec. 3 Region I Officer election procedures:

a. The Nominating Committee consisting of the immediate Past Region Commander, Department, State and Chapter Commanders, shall select a slate of elective Officers and present this slate to the Region and Chapter Adjutants for their information, and distribution to their delegates, at least forty-five days prior to the Convention

b. Any office with 2 or more nominees shall be determined by a secret ballot and a plurality of one vote shall elect, with a tie vote decided by the ballot cast by the Commander.

c. Appointive officers shall be appointed by the Commander-elect subsequent to his election and prior to his installation.

d. Region I officers shall be installed so as to fulfill their offices , without compensation, for a period of one year. The officers so elected and installed at the Regional Convention shall assume the duties of their offices immediately after installation. They shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected or appointed and installed.

Sec. 4 The duties of Region Officers shall be comparable to the duties of National Officers as defined in the National Constitution & Bylaws, adjusted to the Region level.

Sec. 5 Should the office of Commander or Vice Commander be vacated due to death, disability, resignation or removal from office, a Vice Commander shall succeed to the office as determined by the Region Staff.

ARTICLE VI REGION STAFF

Sec. 1 The following shall constitute the Region I staff:

- a. Elected Region Officers
- b. Appointed Region Officers
- c. Two immediate Past Region I Commanders
- d. Members of the Region who are also National, Department and State Commanders
- e. Chapter Commanders

Sec. 2 The Commander shall act as the Chairperson and the Adjutant as the secretary, each with a vote, and the Staff shall meet three times between Conventions at the call of the Commander, seven members constituting a quorum.

Sec. 3 Duties of the Region Staff:

- a. Act as the Executive Committee for the Region.
- b. Consider and recommend courses of action requiring action by the Region.
- c. Recommend nominees to the canvassing Committee.
- d. Remove officers who fail to perform their duties.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

A. GENERAL:

Sec. 1 A Region I and Department Convention shall be held annually no later than the Second Saturday in June, at such place as determined by the Region I Staff."

Sec. 2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the By-Laws, when, because of war or other grave disaster or extraordinary emergency or act of God, or of operation or force of law, the holding of the annual Region I Convention is made impracticable, all the functions, powers and duties of said Convention shall be and are hereby invested in the Region Staff , hereinafter call the "Ruling Body"

Sec 3 In the event of such emergency the Ruling Body may use the mail, telephone and/or any other method of communication to decide appropriate essential functions, or as they may otherwise prescribe.

B. CONVENTION:

Sec. 1 The legislative body of REGION I shall be the annual Region Convention.

Sec. 2 Each Chapter shall be entitled to two (2) delegates at large plus one (1) delegate for every twenty-five members or a major fraction thereof. Members of Regional Staff and National General Staff who are members of a Region Chapter shall not serve as Chapter delegates.

Sec. 3 A member may represent but one Chapter and proxies are not allowed. A duly accredited alternate may attend and vote in the absence of a listed delegate.

Sec. 4 The Region "Convention Rules" shall prescribe the action taken at a Region I Convention.

Sec 5 The order of business at all Region Conventions and Staff Meetings shall follow the Order of Business as established in the National Bylaws Article XI Sections 1 and 2.

Sec 6 The National Colors and Flag of the Order shall be on display at every Region meeting.

ARTICLE VIII FINANCES

Sec. 1 The fiscal year of Region I shall begin on 1 July.

Sec. 2 Each Chapter shall be annually assessed and pay to the Region Treasurer, not later than 1 September, said assessment based on the number of living Members in each Chapter as of 30 June. Further each Chapter shall pay an assessment to their respective Department or State organization the assessment to be determined at the annual Region I and Department Convention.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Sec. 1 The following list represents the Committees utilized to implement the work of the Order, the duties of which are specified in the National Bylaws, Article X, as well as the Handbook of the Order:

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| a. Membership | h. National Security |
| b. Fellowship | i. Patriotic Education |
| c. Budget | j. Youth Leadership |
| d. Policy Planning | k. ROTC |
| e. Program | l. Public Info/Relations |
| f. Liaison-Legislation | m. Nominating |
| g. Awards Competition | n. Bylaws |

Sec. 2 With the exception of Nominating committee these committees shall be comprised of a minimum of three members. The Commander shall appoint the Chairman and the Chairman will select the balance of the committee.

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Sec. 3 Committee Chairmen shall submit written reports at each Region I Convention and may be required to furnish written and/or verbal reports at any time to the Commander and/or Staff.

ARTICLE X CHANNELS of COMMUNICATIONS

Sec. 1 In addition to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 1 of the National Bylaws, matters of internal government of the Region shall be processed through the Department or State Organization where applicable, and thence through the appropriate Regional Officers and/or Staff so that the Officers or Staff concerned may have the opportunity of passing on any matter of policy prior to submission to the National Officers and/or the General Staff.

ARTICLE XI PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Sec. 1 Robert's Rules of Order, revised, shall govern the parliamentary procedure at all meetings, subject to precedence of the National Constitution of the Order.

ARTICLE XII ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT

Sec 1 These Bylaws shall become effective immediately upon their adoption by a majority vote.

Sec. 2 These Bylaws may be amended at any Region I Convention by a 2/3 vote of the delegates present and voting. Provided that the proposed amendments are submitted to the Bylaws committee ninety days prior to the Convention. Said Committee shall inform the Region Staff, Department, State and Chapter Commander of amendments sixty days in advance of Convention.

ARTICLE XIII SAVING CLAUSE

Sec. 1 It is hereby intended that, if for any reason whatsoever a portion of these Bylaws is not adopted or ratified, or is subsequently declared invalid, that the remaining portion of these Bylaws shall not fail as a result of the partial failure. but shall continue in full force and effect unabated, as if no invalidity has occurred.

ADOPTED AT REGION CONVENTION MAY 1992.

INCLUDES CHANGES AT REGION CONVENTION MAY 1994.