

**CONSTITUTION
OF
SEVENTH DISTRICT
THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MINNSOTA**

ARTICLE 1

NAME

The name of this organization is The Seventh District of The American Legion, Department of Minnesota.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The American Legion is a civilian organization composed of persons who have service honorably in the armed forces of the United States of America. Membership in The American Legion does not obligate a person to perform military or police service. Military rank held by a member is not recognized in The American Legion. No member of the American Legion may be addressed in any convention or meeting of The American Legion by military rank.

Section 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 III

AUTHORIZATION & BOUNDARIES

Section 1. The Seventh District of The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, is authorized by and is subject to the jurisdiction of The American Legion and The American Legion, Department of Minnesota.

Section 2. The Territorial boundaries of The Seventh District of The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, are the same as the boundaries of the Seventh Congressional District, State of Minnesota, established by the United States Congress prior to the Congressional Reapportionment Act of 1930.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Seventh District of The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, is composed of the Posts Chartered by The American Legion which are located within the District boundaries and members in good standing.

Section 2. Eligibility for membership in this District shall be governed by the provisions of the Constitution of the American Legion.

Section 3. Membership may be active membership only as provided by the Constitution of The American Legion.

Section 4. The transfer of membership between Post shall be governed by the Constitutions, By-Laws, and regulations of The American Legion and The American Legion, Department of Minnesota.

Section 5. Each Post member shall be required to pay annual District membership dues.

ARTICLE V

REGULATION

The Constitution, By-Laws, and regulations of The American Legion; The American Legion Department of Minnesota, and this District, shall govern the activities and affairs of this District and the activities, affairs, and discipline of the District's Posts and the Post members.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. There shall be a District Executive Committee which shall be composed of the District Officers. A Department Officer Elected from the District shall be an ex-Aficio member of the District Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be organized, governed, and have the powers set forth in the District By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS

Section 1. The District shall have the following Officers: A District Commander, Four (4) Vice Commander – Elected from the Areas A, B, C, & D and one (1) Vice Commander at Large, an Adjutant, a Finance Officer, a Chaplain, a Historian, a Judge Advocate, Sergeant At Arms, and the Membership Director.

Section 2. All of the District Officers, except the Adjutant, Judge Advocate, and Membership Director, shall be elected annually at the District Convention to serve until their successors are duly elected and installed.

Section 3. The Adjutant, Judge Advocate and Membership Director shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the District Commander.

Section 4. All District Officers shall be members of the District and in good standing.

Section 5. Members who hold elective or appointed political office may not be elected officers of the District.

Section 6. Elected District Officers shall be installed before the close of the District Convention at which they are elected to office.

Section 7. The term of office of an elected District Officer shall commence at the close of the Department of Minnesota convention held in the year in which the Officer is elected to District office and terminated at the at the close of the Department of Minnesota convention which is held in the year following the year in which the Officer's term of office commences.

ARTICLE VIII

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS AND DELEGATES

Section 1. A District convention shall be held annually within the District not more than 60 nor less than 15 days before the annual Department convention.

Section 2. Delegates to the District convention shall be elected by each of the District's Posts from the Post memberships as prescribed by The American Legion, Department of Minnesota and the District Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX

NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

Section 1. District delegates to the annual Convention of The American Legion shall be: the District Commander, the District Commander elected at the District convention immediately preceding the National Convention (Incoming Commander), the Adjutant, and an additional number of Delegates, elected at the District convention, to equal the total number of National Delegates authorized by The American Legion.

Section 2. Except for the District Commander, in-coming District Commander, and Adjutant, the delegates to the National Convention shall be elected according to the rules of The American Legion and the District's Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE X

AUXILIARY

Section 1. The Seventh District American Legion Auxiliary is established

Section 2. The Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota shall govern eligibility for membership in The Seventh District American Legion Auxiliary.

Section 3. The Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of The American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota shall govern the activities and affairs of The Seventh District American Legion Auxiliary.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENT

Section 1. This Constitution shall be amended, if required, by any amendment of the Constitution of The American Legion and The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, without further action.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended as follows:

- (a) By the Unanimous vote of the District Convention delegates present and voting. Prior notice need not be given to the Posts or members of the Executive Committee if there is a unanimous Convention vote to adopt the amendment.
- (b) By a majority vote of the delegates present and voting at a District convention provided the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Posts and members of the Executive Committee, in writing more than 30 days prior to the first day of the District convention at which it is to be voted upon.
A resolution to amend this Constitution may be submitted only by a District Post, The Executive Committee, or a Committee established by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. A proposed amendment of this Constitution submitted under Section 2(b) may be amended on the floor of the Convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting provided the proposed floor amendment has been submitted to and approved by the majority vote of the members of the Convention Constitution and By-Laws committee present and voting prior to the vote on the proposed amendment by the Convention Delegates.

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