

# DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BY-LAWS

No. 1: Submitted by State Quartermaster, Dennis Hamilton

Current Department By-Law: Article III-Department Headquarters-Section 2. Normal Business hours of the Department **Headquarters** will be 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through **Thursday** except as proposed by the Department Adjutant and approved by the Department Commander.

Proposed By-Law Change: Normal Business hours of the Department **Officers and Staff** will be 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through **Friday** except as proposed by the Department Adjutant and approved by the Department Commander. **Onsite visits to Department Headquarters are by Appointment and/or Invitation.**

**The bylaws committee voted not to recommend this proposed amendment. Article III Section 1 defines the Headquarters as a physical building. This proposed amendment does not cover the times the Department Headquarters is open. The Department Adjutant can propose different times the building is open to the Department Commander for his/her approval.**

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No. 2: Submitted by State Quartermaster, Dennis Hamilton

Current Department By-Law: Article III-Department Headquarters-Section 4. Department **Headquarters** will be **closed** on designated published Federal Holidays, the National Convention, the Southern Conference, Department Conferences, Department Convention, or as the Department Commander shall direct.

Proposed By-Law Change: Department **Officers and Staff** will be **unavailable** on designated published Federal Holidays, the National Convention, the Southern Conference, Department Conferences, Department Convention, or as the Department Commander shall direct.

**The bylaws committee voted not to recommend this proposed amendment. The committee does not see a valid distinction between the building being closed and the people who staff it not being there. It stands to reason that if the building is closed there is no one there. This perhaps should be a separate amendment, or language added to the current bylaw to cover the officers and staff. The proposed amendment says nothing about the physical building being closed.**

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No. 3: Submitted by State Quartermaster, Dennis Hamilton

**Current Department By-Law:** Article VI-Voting: District & Department Conventions-Section 7. The Minutes of the Department Convention shall be kept at the Department Headquarters.

**Proposed By-Law Change:** The minutes of the department Convention shall be kept with the Department Headquarters.

The bylaws committee voted not to recommend this proposed amendment.

The committee thinks that the word 'with' has too many connotations. If a line is amended to read: The Minutes of the Department Convention shall be kept at the Department Headquarters, or with the Department Adjutant if approved by a 2/3 vote of the Council of Administration' this committee would recommend adopting the change.

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No. 4: Submitted by State Quartermaster, Dennis Hamilton

**Current Department By-Law:** Article XI-Committees-Section 4b. The final Proposed Balanced Department Budget for the ensuing year shall be approved by the Department Council of Administration not later than 30 June.

**Proposed By-Law Change:** Article XI-Committees-Section 4b. The final Proposed Balanced Department Budget for the ensuing year shall be approved by the Department Council of Administration within 30 days of the conclusion of the Department Convention.

Article XI-Committees-Section c: has covered this for several years.

The bylaws committee suggests that the State Quartermaster answer any or all questions about this proposed amendment change that the comrades may have. We have trouble understanding why this is necessary.

The committee does not take a position on this amendment.

**The committee recommends that the proposed National By-Laws change that was submitted by Post 10804 be adopted because we believe it meets the criteria of the National By-Laws and Congressional Charter Section 23103-Membership item 3.**

**Since April 24<sup>th</sup> 2022, any service member who serves in Ukraine receives imminent danger pay.**

Jim Reed  
Department By-Laws Chairman

**The By-Laws Committee consists of:**

**Jim Reed, Commander Post 8738 (Chairman)**

**Reggie Bell, Commander Post 4262 and District II Surgeon**

**Jeff Henry, Commander Post 8346 and District II Jr. Vice Commander**

**Hugh Gunter, Past State Commander, Post 8738**