



National District III Constitution & Bylaws

AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS)

POST CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS - COVER SHEET

TO: MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING
AMVETS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

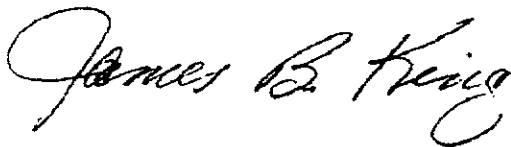
SUBJECT: CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
NATIONAL DISTRICT III

REGARDING: REVISED CBL

Within the scope of my duties and responsibilities as National Judge Advocate, and on behalf of the above identified National District I respectfully submit the attached Post Constitution and Bylaws. My recommendations for approval are certified by my signature in the appropriate section identified herein. I attest the attached document has been reviewed and is forwarded for placement in the permanent files at AMVETS National Headquarters.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

As National Judge Advocate, I hereby certify that the above cited National District Constitution and Bylaws is in compliance with the National Constitution and Bylaws.



J. B. KING PNC
NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE
AMVETS (AMERICAN Veterans)

2/25/2022

AMVETS National Third District Constitution & Bylaws

Preamble

We, the American Veterans who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States during and since World War II, fully realizing our responsibility to our community, to our state and to our nation, associate ourselves for the following purposes; to uphold and defend the constitution of the United states; to safeguard the principles of freedom, liberty and justice for all; to promote the cause of peace and goodwill among nations; to maintain inviolate the freedom of our country; to preserve the fundamentals of democracy; to perpetuate the friendship and associations of these veterans; and to dedicate ourselves to the cause of mutual assistance, this by the grace of God.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be AMVETS (American Veterans) National Third District and shall be hereinafter referred to as National Third District.

ARTICLE II: AIMS

The National Third District shall further the aims and purposes of our National Organization as set for in the Article II of the National Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE III: Organization

Section 1. The AMVETS National Third District shall be organized in accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the National Constitution. The headquarters of this District shall be in the hometown and state of the presiding National Third District Commander.

Section 2. The National Third District shall be comprised of the following Departments Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Any member in good standing in AMVETS who holds membership in a post, or is a Member- at- large, of any Department that constitutes this district, shall be a member of the National Third District.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the organization shall be held at the same time and place as, and in conjunction with, the annual AMVETS National Convention.

Section 2. The annual meeting shall be comprised of the following delegates:

- (a) Each post delegate registered at the National Convention from the National Third District shall have one vote. In the event the Post Delegate is absent, the Post Alternate Delegate shall have this 1 vote.
- (b) Each Department within the District shall be entitled to 1 delegate and one alternate delegate.
- (c) Each National Executive Committeeman within the District shall be a Delegate and shall have one vote. The National Executive Committeeman is entitled to have an alternate.

Section 3. Each Department Delegate in good standing shall be prescribed as set forth by the National Constitution based on membership from the past National Convention.

Section 4. A quorum shall be declared as present when no less than fifty (50) percent plus 1 of the National Third District Officers, Department Commanders and National Executive Committeemen are present and voting.

ARTICLE VI: DISTRICT OFFICERS

Section 1. At the annual meeting the delegates shall elect a District Commander and a District First Vice Commander and Second Vice Commander. The newly elected District Commander shall appoint an Adjutant/Finance Officer and other officers, as necessary subject to the approval of the District Executive Committee. In the event the Commander should be unable to serve the 1st Vice Commander will succeed to that position and the 2nd Vice commander will succeed to the 1st Vice Commander. The vacant 2ND Vice commander will be elected at the next regularly scheduled national district three meeting.

Section 2. The National District III Commander shall normally be elected on a rotating basis from among the Departments comprising the National District III. This rotation shall be alphabetically by state. The District III 1st Vice and 2nd Vice Commanders shall normally be elected from the states which would follow in rotation to succeed the District commander and the 1st Vice commander.

- (a) Nominations shall be made from within the Department for the office specified in Section 2. If that office is contested that office will be decided by all National Third District Delegates present at the National Third District Annual Meeting. All offices will be decided by the District Delegates at the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. In the event that a State Department who is in line of succession as National Third District Commander or National Third District Vice Commander indicates a desire to forgo their year then that Department will rotate to the bottom of the list and will be required to move upwards toward eligibility again.

Section 4. Any AMVET within the National Third District who is a member-at-large shall not be eligible to hold a District office

ARTICLE VII: DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The administrative power between meetings shall be vested in the District Executive Committee which shall be composed of the District Commander, 1st and 2nd Vice Commander, all appointed District Officers, the Department Commanders (or their alternate) and the National Executive Committeemen (or their alternate) from each Department within the District and the immediate past District Commander.

Section 2. A mid-term District meeting is to be held on the 1st or 3rd Saturday in February and shall be announced by the District Commander. The District Commander shall also determine the place of the meeting.

Section 3. A quorum shall be declared as present when no less than fifty (50) percent plus 1 National Third District Officers, Department commanders and National Executive Committeeman are present and voting.

ARTICLE VIII: FINANCES

All District finances shall be under the control of the National Third District. The District Adjutant/Finance officer shall make a report of the District Finances at each National District Meeting.

Section 2. Each Department within the National District Three shall be assessed and pay dues as follows:

Department Membership Strength	500 – 1000	\$100.00
Department Membership Strength	1000 -1499	\$200.00
Department Membership Strength	1500 or more	\$300.00

All dues shall be payable to the District Adjutant/Finance Officer prior to the annual District meeting. Any Department not paying its dues shall not have the right of vote on the District level maximum dues for any foes shall not exceed \$300.00

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a simple majority vote of the total authorized Delegates present and voting at any annual or midterm meeting of the District. Proposed amendments may be submitted by any Department in the District, or by the District Executive Committee. Proposed amendments shall be submitted at least 30 days prior to the annual or mid term District meetings and shall be submitted to each Department and to all members of the Executive Committee by ordinary mail for review prior to such meeting this Constitution may however be amended at any National District meeting without notice by a unanimous vote.

Bylaws

ARTICLE 1: DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Meetings of the District Executive Committee shall be held in conjunction with the National Third District meetings. Special meetings may be held up on reasonable notice, at the call of the Third District Commander. The District Commander shall call a meeting of the National Third District upon written request of the Department Commanders from at least one-half (1/2) of the Departments in the District.

Section 2. Meetings shall be held at the time and place designated by the District Commander.

Section 3. The presence of a majority of the active district in the Third District shall constitute a quorum of the National Third district.

Section 4. The District Commander shall name those committees as deemed advisable which shall be subject to the approval of the District Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. District commanders: The National Third District Commander shall be the Executive head of this District with full powers to enforce the provisions of the National Third meetings. The District Commander shall be a National Officer and shall be a member of the National Executive Committee with a voice and vote and shall report in writing to each National Executive Committee meeting. He will be the Chairman of the annual meeting and of the District Executive committee meetings. The District Commander shall appoint all the necessary committees subject to the approval of the district executive committee, and shall perform such duties as our usually incident to the office when called upon by the National Commander, the District Commander should travel within the geographic boundaries of the District for the purposes of representing the organization, investigate or assist in settling disputes, follow up, make recommendations and report activities.

Section 2. District 1st Vice Commander: The National District III 1st Vice commander shall act in the absence of the District Commander. The 1st Vice Commander shall be the membership chairman in the National District III. The 1st Vice Commander shall assist the District Commander in all duties as required and such shall also serve as a liaison officer for the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliaries and National District III.

Section 3. District 2nd Vice Commander: The National District III 2nd Vice Commander shall be the programs chairman in the national district III. He or she will provide assistance to the Department Commanders within National District III to ensure they report 100% in the reporting. The 2ND Vice Commander shall assist the District Commander in all duties as required and shall also serve as liaison officer to the Sons of AMVETS within the National District III.

Section 4. District Adjutant/Finance Officer: The Third District Adjutant/Finance Officer shall be the custodian of the funds of the District. The duly appointed District Adjutant/Finance officer Shall be responsible for:

- (a) Opening a checking account as required to secure all funds and shall sign all checks disbursing of such funds as may be remitted to the District.
- (b) Making reports of the condition of the District treasury when called upon by the District Commander and or the District Executive Committee and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.
- (c) Keeping a record of all the minutes of the annual District meeting and the District Executive Committee meetings and perform such other administrative duties as set out by the District Commander.

ARTICLE III: DEFINITIONS

Section 1. The word he wherever it shall appear in either the Constitution or Bylaws of the AMVETS National Third District shall be construed as referring to both sexes.

Section 2: the word "AMVETS" wherever it shall appear in either the Constitution or the Bylaws of National third District shall be constructed to refer to AMVETS (American Veterans).


ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

All meetings and all matters and proceedings of this organization not otherwise provided for herein shall be conducted pursuant to ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER latest edition.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any District meeting of the National Third District by a majority vote of the total authorized Delegates present.

I certify that the National Third District Constitution was approved as amended by unanimous vote with no changes to the Bylaws at the National Third District Meeting held in Bunnell, Fl at the mid-term meeting on February 5, 2022



**Tom Payton
National District III Commander**



**Doug Furgeson
National District III judge advocate**