



**The American Legion  
Great Eighth District  
Department Of Illinois**

**CONSTITUTION**

**PREAMBLE**

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of this Organization shall be The Great Eighth District Council, Department of Illinois, The American Legion, Inc.

**ARTICLE II**

**OBJECT, NATURE AND PURPOSE**

- Section 1. The object of this organization shall be to furnish a vehicle for the co-operation of the members of The American Legion, constituting the several Posts within the territorial limits of this District Council through which they may consecrate themselves more fully to and may more effectively make their contribution to the carrying out and perpetuating the high purposes expressed in the Preamble of This Constitution.
- Section 2. The American Legion is a civil body. Membership shall not increase nor decrease liability to military or police service. Former service rank shall not exist in the American Legion.
- Section 3. The American Legion, Great Eighth District Council, Department of Illinois as an Organization may participate in bringing about the correct solution of public policies in a non-political manner and shall not disseminate, partisan political principles or promote the candidacy of any person seeking public office, nor participate as an organization in any controversy between labor organizations and employers, nor in any dispute, questions or matters, except such as are defined in The Preamble of This Constitution.

**ARTICLE III  
JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES**

- Section 1. The American Legion, Great Eighth District Council, Department of Illinois is that jurisdiction of The American Legion lying within the boundaries of the Eighth District Council of the Department of Illinois, The American Legion as outlined in The Department of Illinois and First Division Council Constitution By-Laws. Units of This District Council shall be Posts identified by name and number.
  
- Section 2. Boundaries of The Great Eighth District Council as outlined in Article III, Section 1 of The Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Illinois are as follows: The Townships of Lemont, Palos, Worth, Orland, Bremen, Thornton, Rich, Bloom and Calumet, except that part of Calumet Township lying within the Corporate Limits of The City of Chicago.

**ARTICLE IV  
MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. Eligibility for membership in This District Council shall be governed by the provisions of The National Constitution of The American Legion and The Department of Illinois Constitution and By-Laws.
  
- Section 2. There shall be no form of membership except active membership as provided in Article IV, Section 2 of the National Constitution of The American Legion.

**ARTICLE V  
LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION**

- Section 1. The legislative power of This District Council shall be vested in This District Council.
  
- Section 2. This District Council shall have power to legislate on all matters pertaining and concerning This District Council not inconsistent with the National Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Illinois Constitution of The American Legion and The Division Council of The American Legion and this Constitution.
  
- Section 3. This District Council shall consist of the following: The District Commander, the Senior Vice Commander, the Junior Vice Commander, District Finance Officer, District Adjutant and Delegates from each Post of The District Council. Each Post shall entitled to as many Delegates as it's Paid up membership as certified by the Department Adjutant would entitle it to have under the rules for representation in the Department Convention. The District Officers, aforementioned and Delegates from Post Present and Past Commanders of this District Council shall be entitled to one vote each.

- Section 3A. Should a new Post be chartered (temporary or permanent) said Post shall be entitled to as many Delegates and Alternate Delegates as its paid up membership as certified by The Department Adjutant, as it would have been entitled to at the immediate past Department Convention.
- Section 4. Any American Legion Member in good standing shall have the right to be heard on any matter coming before the District Council but shall not be entitled to vote except as provided in Section 3 of this Article.
- Section 5. This District Council shall have general supervisory powers of the affairs of The American Legion Posts within This District Council subject however to the supervisory powers vested in The Department Executive Committee. The District Commander shall be the Presiding Officer for the District Council.
- Section 6. This District Council shall hold not less than ten (10) regular meetings each year and such other special meetings as may be called pursuant to the Constitution of the Eighth District Council. No regular meeting will be held in the month of December or in the month in which the Department Convention is held.
- Section 7. This Council shall levy and collect as Delegate dues from each Post for its administrative expenses fifty cents (\$.50) for the Legion year 2003/04, seventy five cents (\$.75) for the Legion year 2004/05, One Dollar (\$1.00) for the Legion year 2005/06 and to remain as such until further changes to this Section by this Council by proper procedures per member of each Post per year as of the Post membership total as of the date of the previous Department Convention. Failure to comply with this provision shall deprive non-complying Post of a vote in the District Council until such time as the current and/or past levy is paid.
- Section 8. Each Delegate present at any District Council Meeting shall have one vote. Each Post may elect on Alternate for each Delegate to which such Post is entitled except as provided in Section 7 of Article V above. Any Alternate Delegate present may vote in lieu of any Delegate from his or her Post who is absent, but the Posts having more than one Delegate shall designate and certify to the District Adjutant the priority in which their Alternate Delegates shall act and that designation shall determine which Alternate Delegate shall vote from a Post when more Alternates are present than there are Delegates absent from that Post.
- Section 9. Each Post must report the names of its Delegates and Alternate Delegates to The District Council Adjutant within one month after the Department Convention. Post Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be elected by the Post which they represent and must be members of that Post.
- Section 10. A quorum for a District Council meeting shall be constituted of a Delegate or Delegates from such number of Post as the District Council shall determine, but never less than one third of the Posts within the District Council.

- Section 11. Notice of all meetings of The District Council shall be mailed to all members of the Council at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date except that special meetings may be called on such shorter notice as The District Council shall determine, but at such meetings a quorum shall consist of one half of the eligible votes of the District Council representing one half of the Post in the District Council.
- Section 12. The District Council shall make Its own rules of procedure not inconsistent with the National Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, This Constitution and where not so provided, Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised – latest edition.

## **ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE**

- Section 1. The executive functions of The Eighth District Council shall be lodged in a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Service Officer, Medical Officer, Chaplain, Sargent at Arms and an Executive Committee.
- Section 2. The Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, and Finance Officer shall be elected by a majority of the votes of the Delegates and other officers of the District Council entitled to vote, being present and voting at a meeting, notice of which meeting shall have been given to persons eligible to vote, thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting. All other officers provided for in Section 1 of this Article shall be appointed by the Commander of This District Council for a term of one (1) year, except that vacancies may be filled for the unexpired term of a prior incumbent and further provided that all appointments shall be approved by the District Council Delegates in meeting duly convened.
- Section 3. The District Council may provide for such additional officers and such standing committees as it shall be deemed necessary and may provide the method of selection of same.
- Section 4. All elective Officers shall be elected at the Regular Meeting next preceding the Department Convention for the Department of Illinois, each year and shall hold office for one (1) Legion year beginning with the close of the Department Convention after their election and ending at the close of the next succeeding Department Convention.
- Section 5. The District Council elective and appointive Officers shall be installed within forty five (45) days after closing of the Department Convention.
- Section 6. A Commander who shall faithfully and conscientiously discharge the duties of his office shall be designated as “Past Commander” and shall receive a Past Commander’s lapel emblem from the District Council as provided in the District Council budget.

- Section 7. In the case of a vacancy in an elective office, a successor shall be elected at the next regular District Council meeting in a manner prescribed for his election, except in the case of a vacancy in the office of Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander or Adjutant, which vacancies shall be filled as provided for in Sections 2, 3 and 5 of Article VIII hereof. In the case of a vacancy in an appointive office, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as provided for such office.
- Section 8. No District Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander or Adjutant shall succeed himself/herself in that office unless he has served less than one full term in that capacity. One full term to be defined as serving as Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander or Adjutant of this District for a period of nine (9) months and one (1) day starting the year on August, 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- Section 9. The District Caucus shall elect at the Department Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Convention as follows: One (1) Delegate and one Alternate Delegate for each one thousand (1000) members as of a date prescribed by the Department Commander.
- Section 9a. There shall not be more than one (1) Delegate from each Post in the District elected to be a National Convention Delegate from this District providing there are more candidates for the position than allowed by the Department. This excludes the outgoing Commander. Further no member shall be allowed to represent the District unless they have attended a minimum of six (6) District meetings per Legion year.
- Section 10. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** At the regular meeting next preceding the holding of any election, the District Commander shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of seven (7) members of The District Council, not less than four (4) of whom shall be Past District Commanders and no two members of such Committee shall be members of the same Post. This Committee shall consider all candidates for elective office and if there shall be no candidate declared for an elective office vacant, or become vacant, the Committee shall attempt to secure a suitable candidate for such office. The Committee shall by a majority vote thereof select candidates to be nominated by the Committee, one candidate for each office. The Committee shall report it's recommendations of candidates to the District Council at the time of the election and It's Chairman or other spokesman for the Committee in the absence of the Chairman, shall nominate each candidate recommended by the Committee. After the Committee's recommendations of Candidates have been nominated, the roll shall be called for further nominations and any qualified person present who is entitled to vote in The District Council may make his nominations from the floor for any office or offices to be filled.  
Not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days before the first day of The Department Convention, The District Commander shall appoint a nominating committee, membership requirement on which Committee shall be the same as that of the Nominating Committee for the District Election. This Committee shall select, recommend and nominate at the District Caucus, candidates for Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Convention in like manner as is provided therein for nominating District Officers. Any qualified Delegate from any Post in the Eighth District to The Department Convention may make additional nominations for National Delegates and Alternate Delegates from the floor.

## **ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of seven (7) members and the six (6) District Officers named in Section 2 of this Article.
- Section 2. The Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate and the Adjutant shall be ex-officio members of The Executive Committee.
- Section 3. The seven (7) members of The Executive Committee other than District Officers (Section 2 of this Article) shall be appointed by the Commander, subject to confirmation by The District Council at the first regular meeting thereof after the appointment shall be made and shall hold office for one (1) year or until their respective successors are appointed and confirmed.
- Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to advise and counsel the Commander and to formulate policies of administration between meetings of the District Council.
- Section 5. The Senior Vice Commander shall be the Chairman of The Executive Committee.
- Section 6. The Executive Committee shall meet on call of the Commander or on a written call signed by not less than three (3) of the members thereof and notification shall be made to all committee members and the Commander.
- Section 7. The Executive Committee may on reasonable notice require a report from the Chairman of any or all-standing committees.

## **ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- Section 1. The Commander shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the District Council. He shall preside at all meetings of the District Council.
- Section 2. The Senior Vice Commander shall be the presiding officer of the Executive Committee. He shall have direction of membership in the District Council, subject to the supervision of the Commander. He shall perform the duties of the Commander in the absence of that officer and in case the Office of Commander shall become vacant, the Senior Vice Commander shall succeed to the unexpired term of that office.
- Section 3. The Junior Vice Commander shall assist the Senior Vice Commander in his duties and shall act in place of the Senior Vice Commander in the absence of that officer. He shall succeed to the unexpired term of the Senior Vice Commander in the event of a vacancy in that office. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Commander.

- Section 4. The Finance Officer shall receive, hold and expend, only with the approval of the Executive Committee, all monies of the District Council except the Commander's allowance from the Department of Illinois and shall keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements with vouchers for the latter and submit monthly and annual financial reports to the Commander, Executive Committee and District Council. He shall be bonded by a reputable Fidelity Bonding Firm conditioned on his faithful accounting for all monies coming into his hands, in such sum and with such sureties as The District Council shall prescribe.
- Section 5. The Adjutant shall have charge of the records of the District Council. He or she shall keep a full record of all proceedings of all meetings of the District Council and shall keep such other records as the Department and National Officials or the District Council may require and shall act as ex-officio Secretary of the Executive Committee. He or she shall succeed to the unexpired term of the Junior Vice Commander in the event of a vacancy in that office.
- Section 6. The Sargent at Arms shall preserve order at all meetings, and shall be Chairman of The Colors Committee and shall have charge of the Colors. Shall be charged with the custody and care of all District Council property not otherwise provided for and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Commander.
- Section 7. The Judge Advocate shall be the legal advisor of the Commander and of the Executive Committee with regard to District Council activities and shall upon request of the Commander render opinions interpreting the National Constitution, Department of Illinois Constitution and By laws of this District Council. His decision shall be final and controlling with respect to the National Judge Advocate, controlling with respect to the National and Department Constitution. He shall prepare in proper form and present all charges coming before the District Council under Article XI hereof and shall act as the prosecuting officer in The District Council on all such charges.
- Section 8. The Chaplain, Medical Officer and Service Officer and such other Officers as may be appointed shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the District Council.

## **ARTICLE IX ORGANIZATION OF POSTS**

- Section 1. The organization of any Post in This District Council shall be conducted in accordance with provisions of Article IX of The American Legion, Department of Illinois.
- Section 2. Each Post may prescribe it's own By Laws but the same shall not conflict with the National and Department Constitutions nor with this Constitution.

**ARTICLE X  
FINANCE**

- Section 1. The fiscal and operating year shall be beginning September 1 of each year thru August 31 of the succeeding year.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee shall examine and pass upon the Bond of the Finance Officer and the sureties thereto must be approved by the Executive Committee before said Bond is accepted. The premium cost on such Bond to be paid by the District Council.

**ARTICLE XI  
DISCIPLINE**

- Section 1. Upon proof of disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty or conduct unbecoming a member of the American Legion, a member may be temporarily or permanently expelled from the American Legion or the Charter of a Post may be suspended or revoked as provided in the National Constitution and By Laws of the American Legion. All charges under this Article shall be in writing and under oath and may be made against a member either before His Post or before the District Council or before the Cook County Council. Charges seeking suspension or revocation of The Charter of a Post shall be in writing and under oath and shall be presented to The District Council or to The Cook County Council or to The Department Executive Committee. An appeal shall lie to any Post from any order of suspension or revocation to The National Executive Committee. In all cases no hearing may be had on any charges presented under this Article unless a copy of the charges shall have first been given to the defendant member or Post and a hearing granted to such defendant member or Post and notice of the time and place of the hearing furnished to such defendant member or Post not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date thereof and all defendant members or Posts charged under this Article shall be permitted council of his or it's own selection at all hearings held hereunder and shall be confronted with the witnesses offered and any evidence in support of such charges and shall have the right of cross examination. In the case of a member, such cross examination to be at his option either by himself or his council.
- Section 2. All charges lodged with The District Council shall be acted upon within sixty (60) days from the date that they shall be properly filed with the District Council.
- Section 3. The method of filing charges with The District Council shall be to file said charges in writing and under oath with The District Council Adjutant, who shall forthwith report same to The District Commander and if the charges are in proper form, The District Commander shall thereupon fix a date for the hearing and give due notice to the party accused.

**ARTICLE XII  
AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES**

- Section 1. No elected officer or appointed officer, no committee chairperson or member of The Eighth District Council of The American Legion, Department of Illinois shall make the

District Council liable nor have the power to contract any obligation binding on the District without the prior authorization by the District Council. Nor shall the District Council be liable for any financial obligations contracted, except those mentioned in this Section.

Section 2. At the second regular meeting of each Legion year, the Budget and Finance Committee shall submit to The District Council a balanced budget for Its approval. No District Officer or Committee Chairperson or member of a committee of The Eighth District Council shall be permitted to use District monies in excess of the budgeted line item amount without the approval of The Eighth District meeting assembled. A request for additional expenditure must be made in writing and must indicate the amount and need for the additional expenditure and must be submitted to the Executive Committee for their recommendation and then to the Council assembled for its action.

### **ARTICLE XIII AUXILIARIES**

Section 1. The American Legion recognizes an Auxiliary Organization known as “The American Legion Auxiliary”.

Section 2. The American Legion recognizes an Organization known as “The Sons of The American Legion (SAL) as an affiliated organization.

### **ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. Amendments to This Constitution may be proposed by Resolution by any Delegate at any District Council meeting and shall automatically be referred to The Constitution and By Laws Committee for their recommendation.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended by vote of a majority of those Posts present and entitled of voting at a meeting of The District Council at the next succeeding meeting after the meeting at which proposed amendment is presented.

Section 3. Any provision of The National Constitution and By Laws of The American Legion or The Constitution and By Laws of the American Legion, Department of Illinois which conflicts with any provision of this Constitution shall be deemed to take precedence over the same to the extent of such confliction and any amendment made to The National Constitution or By Laws of The American Legion, and or The Constitution and By Laws of The Department of Illinois, shall if it conflicts with any provision of This Constitution, be deemed to be an amendment to This Constitution to the extent of such confliction without further action thereon.

Arnold M. Duran  
Adjutant

Richard J. Rickey  
Eighth District Commander

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee - Thomas Coe, Past 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander (1995/96) - Chairman  
Edward Milkint, Past 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander (1989/90), Lorin Schlinger, Past 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander (1994/95),  
Ronald W. Line, Past 8<sup>th</sup> District Commander (1998/99)

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
EIGHTH DISTRICT COUNCIL  
BY-LAWS**

**Section 1 – MEETINGS**

- (a) The time of regular meetings of the District Council shall be the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Thursday in each month in which a regular meeting is held and shall be at 8:00 PM, provided however that the Commander may designate another date in any given month, giving ten (10) days notice of same to all members of The District Council.
- (b) The place of meeting of the District Council shall be designated by the District Commander.

**Section 2 – NOTICE**

- (a) Notice of all regular meetings of The District Council shall be mailed to all Delegates and other members of the District Council one (1) week before the meeting date, such notice shall contain notice of any unusual or important questions that are known by the Commander to be on the agenda for consideration at the District Council meeting.

**Section 3 – ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The order of business in the District Council meetings and in the Executive Committee meetings shall be:

- (a) Roll Call
- (b) Reading of Minutes
- (c) Report of Officers
- (d) Reports of Committees
- (e) Unfinished Business
- (f) New Business
- (g) Matters in general for the Good of the American Legion

The Commander may dispense with the reading of the Minutes and other items of business as he deems expedient unless some member objects and moves the regular order of business will be proceeded with the except that the question as to regular order of business may be submitted to the Council, either by a motion seconded by the floor, or by the Commander, in which case the vote to the Council shall control. A majority vote of all eligible voters present is necessary to change the order of business or suspend the rules over objection.

**Section 4 – PROCEDURE**

Procedure in all business of the District Council shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order (latest Edition), except as specifically covered in the Constitution for the Eighth District Council, The American Legion or by these By Laws.

## Section 5 – COMMITTEES

In addition to the Executive Committee provided by the Eighth District Council Constitution, there shall be appointed by the Commander, the following Committees:

Americanism (School Medal Awards)	Child Welfare (Children & Youth)
American Legion Baseball & Commissioners	Community Service
American Legion Birthday	Constitution & By Laws
American Legion Leadership	Countersubversive
Athletics	Drill Teams & Uniformed Groups
Auditing, Finance & Budget	Economics (Employment)
Bowling & Golf	Education & Scholarships
Boy Scouts	Energy Conservation
Boys State & Police Academy	Foreign Relations
Ceremonials & Rituals	Gifts Hospitalized War Veterans
Girl Scouts	Public Relations & Publicity
Graves Registration	Religious Emphasis
Hospitals	Resolutions
Hospital Service Committee	ROTC & National Guard
Hospitalized Veterans Transportation	Safety & Law & Order
Insurance	Sons of the American Legion
Internal Affairs	State Fair Veteran's Day
Legislative	Veterans Day
Membership & Membership Stabilization	Veterans Rehabilitation & Service
National Security	Ways & Means
New Posts & Mergers	Women's Hospital
Parades	Blood Bank
Poppy Day	Commander's Advisory
Post Relations	

- (a) The Commander may from time to time appoint such other special committees as may be deemed necessary. The number of members appointed for the respective committee shall be determined by the Commander subject to the approval of the Executive Committee but any committee membership shall not exceed five (5) members with not more than one (1) member from any one Post except for Constitution & By Laws, Membership Stabilization and Ways & Means Committee.
- (b) It shall be the duty of each committee chairperson to render a complete record of the proceedings before the respective committee, from time to time and render to the District Commander at or before the close of his term such report of committee proceedings.
- (c) Any Committee Chairperson or member thereof who is lax in the performance of duties will be subject to removal from any committee by the Commander with the approval of the Executive Committee.

- (d) In the event of any controversy as to the duty or performance of any committee, the Executive Committee shall have authority to determine and define the duties of any committee unless there exists such an advice within the District Council defining the duties of any committee.

**Section 6 – EXPENDITURES**

- (a) No elected officer or appointed officer, no committee chairperson or member of a committee or member of the Eighth District Council of the American Legion, Department of Illinois shall make the District Council liable nor have the power to contract any obligation binding on the District without the prior authorization by the District Council. Nor shall the District Council be liable for any financial obligations contracted, except those mentioned in this Section.
- (b) At the second regular meeting of each Legion year the Budget and Finance Committee shall submit to the District Council a balanced budget for its approval. No District Officer or Committee Chairperson or member of a committee of the Eighth District Council shall be permitted to use District monies in excess of the budgeted line item amount without the approval of the Eighth District Meeting assembled. A request for additional expenditure must be made in writing and must indicate the amount and need for the additional expenditure and must be submitted to the Executive Committee for their recommendation and then to the Council assembled for its action.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall be empowered to expend District Funds in an emergency such as “Act” of God, not to exceed a total amount of \$500.00 for any one emergency. A written report shall be filed with the District Council at the next regular meeting following such expenditure.
- (d) All elected and appointed officers with the exception of the Commander’s Fund must furnish bills to the Finance Officer for payment thereof. All committees expending any money shall require all statements to be rendered to the Chairperson of the Committee. The Chairperson of the respective committee shall settle all bills. If the activity is for profit, the bills shall be settled and a complete report made to the Council and all net monies realized shall be paid over to the Finance Officer no later than thirty (30) days from the function held. If it is a nonprofit enterprise, the Committee Chairperson shall approve all bills and render a full and detailed report of the expenditures to the Finance Officer at the first regular meeting of the Council following the holding of any function.

**Section 7 – RESOLUTIONS**

- (a) All resolutions must be presented in writing on Post or District Stationery or on official resolution forms in four (4) copies and may be presented by any member of the District Council or by the Chairperson of any standing committee upon showing that the same has been approved by a Post within the jurisdiction of the District or by standing committee of the District Council.
- (b) A Resolution may be introduced from the floor but when introduced from the floor must be delivered forthwith to the District Adjutant in writing and the Commander may in his

discretion refer such resolution introduced from the floor to the appropriate committee without debate or may appoint a committee for the consideration of such resolution in the event that it does not fall within the scope of the functions of any existing committee. Resolutions presented in writing to the Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee five (5) days prior to the District Meeting may be acted upon at the next succeeding District Meeting after opportunity has been given for debate on same. Resolutions will be submitted for debate and for action by the District Council upon such committee reporting the resolution or by Its Chairperson or Vice Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson. The District Council may by two-thirds vote at any time discharge any pending resolution from a standing committee and bring about an immediate debate on such proposed resolution and may vote upon same.

**Section 8 – AMENDMENTS**

- (a) Amendments to these By Laws may be proposed by Resolution by any Delegate at any District Council Meeting and shall automatically be referred to the Constitution and By Laws Committee for their recommendation.
- (b) The By Laws may be amended by vote of a majority of those Post present and entitled of voting at a meeting of the District Council at the next succeeding meeting after the meeting at which proposed amendment is presented.

**Section 9 –** The By Laws shall be effective when approved by the District Council of The Eighth District, The American Legion by a majority vote of all Posts present and entitled to vote.

These By Laws presented by the Eighth District Constitution and By Laws Committee for consideration at the Eighth District Council Meeting scheduled for June 24, 2004 at East Hazel Crest Post #1139.

**The Constitution and By-Laws Committee:**

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