

Hamilton County VFW Post 4993

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Article IX – Section 3

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Section 3 – State and National Convention Reimbursement

Any member elected or appointed to represent the Post as a delegate or alternate delegate at a Department (State) Convention or National Convention shall be eligible for reimbursement as provided herein.

A. National Convention

Each authorized delegate attending the National Convention on behalf of the Post shall receive a reimbursement for their hotel room in the amount of the difference between what the National VFW pays in stipend, and what the hotel actually costs the delegate. Payment shall be made upon the delegate's return from the convention, verification of attendance, and proof of hotel receipt.

B. Department (State) Convention

When a delegate(s) is/are selected to attend the Department (State) Convention the Post shall pay for the hotel accommodation of all authorized delegates for the duration of the convention. All hotel accommodations shall be arranged by the Post Quartermaster and paid for in accordance with Post financial procedures. No reimbursement shall be made for lodging accommodations not approved and arranged by the Post Quartermaster.

C. Eligibility

To qualify for reimbursement under this section, a delegate must be duly elected or appointed by the Post and must attend and participate in the convention as the Post's official representative.

D. Additional Expenses

Any reimbursement or payment of expenses beyond those specifically authorized in this section must be approved by a majority vote of the membership at a regular or special meeting.

Article V – Section 4

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Section 4 – Trustees

The Post shall elect three (3) Trustees who shall serve staggered three-year terms, with one Trustee elected annually.

The duties of the Trustees shall be limited to those prescribed by the National Bylaws, Manual of Procedure, and any additional duties specifically assigned by the Post that do not conflict with National Bylaws.

Trustees shall not have authority over the management or operation of the Post home, nor over any property held in the name of an incorporated Post.

Trustees shall not serve on any committee responsible for the receipt, handling, disbursement, or control of Post funds. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, House Committees, Bingo Committees, Gaming Committees, or any similar committee that manages Post finances.

Trustees shall not be authorized signers on any Post bank account, nor shall they exercise control over Post financial accounts or financial transactions.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit a Trustee from serving as a volunteer worker or in an appointive capacity, provided such service does not involve the handling, receipt, disbursement, or control of Post funds and does not otherwise conflict with the duties of the office of Trustee.

Article VIII – Section 1, Subsection A

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Section 1

Subsection A. – Post Bank Account Signatories

To protect the Post and its funds, the only persons authorized to serve as signatories on any Post checking account, savings account, certificate of deposit (CD), bond, investment account, or any other financial account held by the Post shall be the Post Commander and the Post Quartermaster, unless another member has been specifically authorized by a vote of the membership and is properly bonded in accordance with applicable National and Department requirements.

No other elected or appointed officer, Trustee, committee member, or Post member shall be authorized as a signer or have signatory authority on any Post financial account.

This restriction is established because the Post Commander and Post Quartermaster are the officers bonded in accordance with National Bylaws and are accountable for the proper management and safeguarding of Post funds.

Any change to the signatories of a Post financial account shall be approved by the membership and recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which such approval is granted.

Article XIII – Section 2

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Section 2 – Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by the Post by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at a regular meeting, provided the notice requirements set forth in this section have been satisfied.

All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing and shall clearly identify the Article and Section to be amended, added, or repealed. Proposed amendments shall be read at a regular meeting of the Post prior to being considered for adoption.

A copy of all proposed amendments shall be posted on the Post's official website no less than twenty (20) days prior to the regular meeting at which the amendments will be voted upon. The Post shall make a reasonable effort to notify all members that the proposed amendments have been posted and are available for review. Notification may be made by electronic mail from the Post Commander, Adjutant, or Quartermaster, or through official Post social media and meeting notices.

Upon request, any member shall be provided a copy of the proposed amendments prior to the vote.

Following approval by the membership, all amendments shall be forwarded to the Department Commander or other appropriate Department authority for review and final approval as required by the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure.

Upon final approval, the Quartermaster shall maintain the official copy of the Post Bylaws and amendments. A current copy of the approved Bylaws shall be provided to each elected and appointed officer of the Post, and each officer shall familiarize themselves with and maintain a copy of the Bylaws during their term of office.