

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be, "Disabled American Veterans, Department of Virginia, Incorporated."

ARTICLE II - AFFILIATION

The Disabled American Veterans, Department of Virginia, Incorporated, recognizes the National Organization, known as Disabled American Veterans, incorporated by Act of Congress, and affirms its allegiance, and subordination, to the National Organization, its Constitution, Bylaws and all rules, mandates and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Upon dissolution of the Department of Virginia, Inc., the assets remaining after payment of debts shall be distributed as provided in Article 6, Section 6.4. Paragraphs 5 and 6, of the National Bylaws.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

To uphold and maintain the Constitution and Laws of the United States; to realize the true American ideals and aims for which those eligible for membership fought; to advance the interests and work for the betterment of all wounded, gassed, injured and disabled veterans; to cooperate with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and all other public and private agencies devoted to the cause of improving and advancing the condition, health and interest of all wounded, gassed, injured and disabled veterans; to stimulate a feeling of mutual devotion, helpfulness and comradeship among all wounded, gassed, injured and disabled veterans; to serve our comrades, our communities and our country; and to encourage in all people that spirit of understanding which will guard against future wars.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Eligibility for membership in this organization shall be as prescribed by ARTICLE 11, National Constitution of the Disabled American Veterans.

ARTICLE V - POWERS

The Department of Virginia shall have perpetual succession so long as it remains a part of the National Organization, with the power to sue and be sued in the courts of law and equity; to receive, hold, own, use and dispose of such real estate and personal property as shall be necessary for the efficient and economical operation of the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Virginia, Inc.; to establish local chapters throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia in accordance with the directives of the National Organization; to publish a newspaper or other publications devoted to the purpose of the Disabled American Veterans and generally do all such acts and things as may be necessary and proper in carrying into effect the purpose of this organization.

ARTICLE VI - ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 1. The administrative affairs of this organization shall be vested in the Department Executive Committee comprised of the Department Commander, the Senior Vice Commander, the First and Second Junior Vice Commanders, the Judge Advocate, the Chaplain, one Department Executive Committee person from each Chapter within the Commonwealth of Virginia, and each Past Department Commander.

SECTION 2. All members of the Disabled American Veterans in good standing may attend meetings of the Department Executive Committee, without the right to vote; except when the Executive Committee considers matters pertaining only to personal problems or bonding claims; at which time the executive committee may declare itself in executive session. At no time during meetings of the Department Executive Committee shall any member of the Disabled American Veterans in good standing be asked to leave except for disruptive acts unbecoming a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

SECTION 3. Each annual Department Convention shall elect a Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, First Junior Vice Commander, Second Junior Vice Commander, Judge Advocate and Chaplain.

SECTION 4. The Department Commander shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE VII - LEGISLATION

The supreme legislative powers of this organization shall be vested in the annual Department Convention which shall be comprised of the Department Executive Committee and the accredited delegates or alternates representing the chapters under the jurisdiction of the Department of Virginia.

ARTICLE VIII - AUXILIARIES

The Department of Virginia recognizes an Auxiliary subject only to such supervision as conforms with the National Constitution and Bylaws and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Department of Virginia.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. This Constitution may be amended at any Department of Virginia Annual Convention by a three-fourths majority vote of the Convention in session provided that the proposed amendments have been read to the Convention at a prior business session before being voted on by the body.

SECTION 2. Should it ever be shown that an Article or Section of this Constitution is in conflict with an Article or Section of the National Constitution, then that Article or Section of the National Constitution shall supercede and govern without changing the force and effect of the remaining Articles and Sections of this Constitution.

SECTION 3. No revision or amendments to this Constitution shall be effective until approved by the National Judge Advocate.