Proposed Bylaws – Significant Changes

Section 100 – Dept name changed to match S.O.S. registered name

Section 300 – Changed “Divisions” to “Districts” (reflected throughout the document)

Section 410 – Changed quorum requirements for Convention

• Majority of properly registered and approved Delegates in good standing who are present at the convention.

Section 420 – Changed scheduling window for Convention

• Between April 1 and June 30 (allows more flexibility)

Section 600 – Department Board of Trustees

• Changed composition to elected Dept Officer, plus Jr Past Commandant, plus the elected Trustees-at-Large (2)

Section 610 – Department Elected Officers

• Removed District Vice Commandants
  o Department Commandant.
  o Department Senior Vice Commandant
  o Department Junior Vice Commandant
  o Department Judge Advocate
  o Department Paymaster
  o Department Trustee-at-Large

Section 625 – Duties of Dept Board of Trustees Members

• Department Commandant
  o Appoints District Vice Commandants (with approval of BOT)
  o Defined as CEO to conform with IRS requirements

• Department Sr Vice Commandant
  o Oversee & supervises District Vice Commandants
  o Defined as Corporate Secretary to conform with IRS requirements

• Department Paymaster
  o Defined as Corporate Treasurer to conform with IRS requirements

• District Vice Commandants
  o Appointed by Department Commandant (with Dept BOT approval)
  o Overseen by Dept Sr Vice Commandant

• Department Jr Past Commandant
  o Full voting member of BOT
If current Jr Past Commandant cannot / will not serve, the Dept Commandant submits name of another Past Dept Commandant for approval

Department Board of Trustees
- Shall meet immediately prior to Dept Convention, immediately after adjournment of Dept Convention, and in January, March and October
- Shall meet at the call of the Dept Commandant, or at the call of at least 1/3 of the BOT members
- Meetings are authorized by email, telephone or teleconferencing

Recording of minutes
- Must include:
  - Date, time, location of meeting
  - Purpose of meeting
  - Members present
  - Confirmation that a quorum was present
  - Issues discussed
  - Actions taken
- Minutes maintained by Dept Adjutant
  - Available for viewing on the Dept website

Section 705 – Department Staff Officers

- Now includes District Vice Commandants
  - Paymaster
  - Chaplain
  - Adjutant
  - Sergeant-at-Arms
  - Chief of Staff
  - Editor, Buckeye Marine
  - District Vice Commandants

Section 710 – Department Staff Powers

- Same power and authority as Dept BOT,
  - No voting power
  - Not considered in determining a quorum for Dept BOT meetings

Section 720 – Vacancies

- Filled by Dept Commandant with BOT approval
- Adjutant of Chief of Staff authorized to call for a vote via email, telephone or teleconferencing

Section 835 – Quorum for Dept Staff Meetings

- Shall be the majority of the Board of Trustee members – excluding any vacant positions