

Veterans of Foreign Wars  
of  
The United States  
Department of Arkansas  
Bylaws

Article 1- Name

Section 1: This organization shall be known as Department of Arkansas, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Section 2: The territorial composition of this Department shall extend and include the State of Arkansas.

Article 2- Objects

The objectives of this organization shall be the same as contained in the Congressional Charter of the National Organization of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Article 3- Membership

Membership status in this organization shall be the same in accordance with and governed by the Congressional Charter, Bylaws and Manual of Procedure as contained in Sections 101 to 111 inclusive.

Article 4- Posts

Post status in this Department shall be in accordance with and governed by the Congressional Charter, Bylaws and Manual of Procedure as contained in Sections 201 to 222. Delegates and alternates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Post in April, with one delegate and one alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of March 31<sup>st</sup>. A delegate registration fee of \$5.00 for each Post delegate shall be forwarded to the Department Quartermaster not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention and the delegate strength of each Post shall be based on the Post membership as reported to Department Headquarters on March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Article 5- County Councils

County Council status in this Department shall be in accordance with and governed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure as contained in Section 301 inclusive.

Article 6- Districts

Section 1: District status in this Department shall be in accordance with and governed by the Congressional Charter, Bylaws and Manual of Procedure as contained in Sections 401 to 421 inclusive.

Section 2: The Department of Arkansas shall be divided into Districts as follows:

District #1 (North West Arkansas): Post 77, Post 300, Post 1674, Post 2722, Post 2952, Post 3031, Post 4675, Post 7518, Post 8109, Post 9063, Post 9834, and Post 10021.

Total- 12 Posts

District #2 (North Arkansas): Post 1341, Post 2881, Post 3246, Post 3252, Post 4687, Post 4772, Post 5742, Post 7730, Post 7831, Post 8042, Post 9777, and Post 10417.

Total- 12 Posts

District #4 (Eastern Arkansas): Post 1991, Post 2242, Post 2869, Post 4449, Post 4517, Post 4556, Post 4566, Post 4679, Post 5225, Post 8347, and Post 10480.

Total- 11 Posts

District #5 (North Central Arkansas): Post 2330, Post 3543, Post 4501, Post 4683, Post 4766, Post 7514, Post 7769, and Post 10007.

Total- 8 Posts

District #6 (Central North West Arkansas): Post 2259, Post 2283, Post 3141, Post 4453, Post 4513, Post 4764, Post 8525, and Post 12127.

Total- 8 Posts

District #7 (Western Arkansas River Valley): Post 1322, Post 1345, Post 3431, Post 6527, Post 8245, Post 8383, Post 8532, Post 8845, and Post 8855.

Total- 9 Posts

District #9 (South Central Arkansas): Post 2256, Post 2278, Post 2586, Post 4451, Post 4521, Post 10483 and Post 10484.

Total- 7 Posts

District #10 (South Arkansas): Post 2413, Post 2746, Post 4455, Post 4515, Post 4554, Post 4562, Post 4564, Post 8124, Post 8671, and Post 9360.

Total- 10 Posts

District #13 (Central Arkansas): Post 1316, Post 2935, Post 4548, Post 9095, Post 10442, and Post 11474.

Total- 6 Posts

#### Article 7- Department

Section 1: The Department of Arkansas shall be governed by a Department Convention subordinate to the National Convention.

Section 2: The Bylaws of this Department shall be those enumerated herein from the Congressional Charter, Bylaws and Manual of Procedure as contained in Sections 501 to 522 inclusive, and as they may be supplemented by the annual Department Convention.

A) Section 516 – Elected and Appointed Officers: Chairmen and Committees, to read as follows:

- 1) The elected officers of the Department of Arkansas shall be a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Quartermaster and Chaplain.
- 2) The Department Commander shall appoint a Chief of Staff, Adjutant, Inspector and Service Officer.
- 3) The Judge Advocate and Surgeon shall also serve as members of the Council of Administration.

Section 3: Department dues shall be assessed at the Department Convention, and shall be \$5.50 per annum each member in good standing in each and every Post in this Department commencing with the 1998 annual dues. The Department dues shall be credited to funds as follows:

A.) General Funds.....	\$2.00
B.) Dues Reserve Fund.....	\$1.50
C.) Building & Operation Fund.....	\$1.50
D.) Service & Rehab Fund.....	\$ .20
E.) Conference & Convention.....	\$ .30

Article 8- Miscellaneous

The miscellaneous provisions contained in the Congressional Charter, Bylaws and Manual of Procedure as contained in Sections 701 to 720 inclusive shall stand as the Government of this Department and its subordinate units.

Article 9- Uniforms, Badges, Etc.

The provisions contained in the Congressional Charter, Bylaws and Manual of Procedure as enumerated in Sections 801 and 805 inclusive, shall stand as the Government of this Department and its subordinate units.

Article 10- Discipline

The provisions contained in the Congressional Charter, Bylaws and Manual of Procedure as enumerated in Sections 901 and 908 inclusive shall stand as the Government of this Department and its subordinate units.

Article 11- Rules of Order

The provisions contained in the Congressional Charter, Bylaws and Manual of Procedure as enumerated in Sections 1001 to 1005 inclusive shall stand as the Government of this Department and its subordinate units.

Article 12- Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

The provisions contained in the Congressional Charter, Bylaws and Manual of Procedure as enumerated in Sections 1101 to 1104 inclusive shall stand as the Government of this Department and its subordinate units.

Article 13- Military Order of the Cootie

The provisions contained in the Congressional Charter, Bylaws and Manual of Procedure as enumerated in Sections 1201 to 1204 inclusive shall stand as the Government of this Department and its subordinate units.

Article 14- Amendments

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended by the Department Convention as provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Bylaws, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided that such amendment has been forwarded through channels, has been properly approved and has been proposed by a Post, County Council, a District Convention, a Department Officer or a Department Committee Chairman and notice thereof, together with a copy of the proposed amendment has been given notice to each unit in the Department by the Department Adjutant by special notice or publication, at least fifteen (15) days before the Department Convention.

Section 2: Wherever there is any conflict between the Department of Arkansas Bylaws and the Congressional Charter and Bylaws, the Congressional Charter and Bylaws will govern.

Section 3: One copy of the Department Bylaws together with one copy of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Congressional Charter, Bylaws and Manual of Procedure shall be furnished to each Department Officer immediately following their publication year.

Section 4: These Bylaws become effective upon approval by the Commander-in-Chief, and all prior Bylaws are declared cancelled and of no further force or effect.

Approved as Amended last by the Commander-in-Chief, June 20, 2018

Department of Arkansas  
Veterans of Foreign Wars

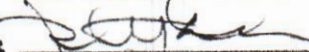
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