

1- Constitution Article III: Organization, Section 2(a)

Submitted by Larry Jasper, Department of Florida

As it appears now:

a) A Ladies Auxiliary (“JWVA”);

Proposed Change:

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2- Constitution Article IV: Membership, Section 3 (b)

Submitted by Barry Lischinsky, Department of Massachusetts

As it appears now:

Section 3. (b) Who, having served in the armed forces of the United States of America (including the National Guard and Reserves), on active duty during a time other than as provided for in the eligibility period provisions of the National Bylaws, provided however, that no person discharged or released under conditions other than honorable from any such service, shall be eligible to membership. (Amended 8/97)

Proposed Change:

Section 3. (b) Who, having served in the armed forces of the United States of America (including the National Guard and Reserves, U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)), on active duty during a time other than as provided for in the eligibility period provisions of the National Bylaws, provided however, that no person discharged or released under conditions other than honorable from any such service, shall be eligible to membership.

Rationale for the Change (extended explanation):

In conjunction with previous amendment of August 2019 of **Section 2. Active Membership**.

3- Constitution Article IV: Membership, Section 4(c)

Submitted by Barry Lischinsky, Department of Massachusetts

As it appears now:

It does not appear

Proposed Change:

Section 4 (c) Centenarian Life Members. All members that are 100/+ years of age, are eligible to receive the JWV Centenarian Membership Certificate. All Centenarian Life Members shall be considered life members, for all purposes, without the obligation for payment of dues.

Rationale for the Change (extended explanation):

1. If accepted into the JWV Constitution it will be an established standard with conditions.
2. An added benefit granted to our JWV Members that are 100/+ years of age.

4- Constitution Articles: V and VII

Submitted by Sheldon Goldberg, Ph.D., NEC, Department of Maryland

As it appears now:

Does not appear in either the Constitution or Bylaws.

Proposed Change:

Dissolve the unelected “Coordinating Committee”

Rationale: The Constitution and Bylaws of the Jewish War Veterans explicitly names the various committees need to fulfill the needs of the organization and authorizes the National Commander to create any committee he deems necessary. There is no mention whatsoever in either the Constitution or Bylaws for a “Coordinating Committee.” This committee was enacted by a Memorandum of Understanding between the then National Commander of the JWV and the then President of the NMI in 1985. It was established to “carry out the aims and goals of the document...” but the only aim or goal was to “review those program activities and administrative operations which are of common interest to JWV and NMI and, where deemed appropriate, arrange for their coordination.”

In fact, what this document did was to put the absolute control of both organization under then PNC Robert Zweiman which, despite his passing, still exists despite the explicit statement in the Constitution that “The supreme power of this Organization shall be lodged in the National Convention” (Art. V, Section 1) and in Art. VII, Section 1, and further that “Between National Conventions, this Organization shall be governed by the National Executive Committee...” Thus the “Coordinating Committee” and its unelected members make the two articles above meaningless. If the National Constitution is to have meaning, then this illegal and unelected committee must be dissolved.

5- Constitution Article V : National Convention, Section : 2, 3, 4

Submitted by Sheldon Goldberg, Ph.D., NEC, Department of Maryland

As it appears now:

Section 2. The National Convention shall be held at such time and place as shall have been determined by the National Executive Committee; and membership at a National Convention of this Organization shall be restricted to the following:

- a) Voting members of the National Executive Committee who shall vote at the same time with their Posts;
- b) Delegates.

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- ~~a) Voting members of the National Executive Committee who shall vote at the same time with their Posts;~~
- ~~b) Delegates.~~

Section 2. To facilitate the election of a National Commander and National Vice Commander from candidates put forward at the National Convention and to allow all JWV members in good standing to vote, the National Executive Committee shall authorize the publishing and distribution of a “Convention” issue of *The Jewish Veteran* to be received by the membership no later than forty five (45) days prior to the convening of a National Convention, to include biographies, qualifications and position statements of candidates for National Commander, National Vice Commander, and all proposed changes and amendments to the constitution and/or Bylaws.

As it appears now:

Section 3. Every voting member of the National Executive Committee, who is present at such Convention, except the delegates of a Post, shall be entitled to one vote. No person who is a full-time paid employee of any Echelon of the Organization shall vote at any Convention or meeting of any Echelon of this Organization.

Proposed change:

Section 3. ~~Every voting member of the National Executive Committee, who is present at such Convention, except the delegates of a Post, shall be entitled to one vote. No person who is a full-time paid employee of any Echelon of the Organization shall vote at any Convention or meeting of any Echelon of this Organization.~~ To facilitate voting, National Headquarters shall establish a secure, password protected link on the JWV National website that contains a ballot with the names of all the candidates for National office upon which members having access to the internet can cast their votes and/or include in the “Convention” issue of *The Jewish Veteran* a “pull-out” self-addressed ballot with the same information as contained in Section 2 above to allow those members who are unable to attend the National Convention or do not have access to the internet or computer skills that would enable them to use the internet to cast their ballot and mail it to National Headquarters by a date certain.

As it appears now:

Section 4. Delegates. Each Post shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) Members, or major fraction thereof. A Post with less than ten (10) members in good standing shall be deprived of all representation and shall have no vote at the National Convention or of any Echelon. Six (6) or more delegates shall constitute a major fraction thereof, based upon the numerical strength of members in said Post not less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the National Convention. Each Post may select from its membership such delegates and alternates at a meeting, and shall forward delegates and alternates names, certified by the Post Commander and Post Adjutant, to the National Executive Committee not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the commencement of the National Convention. In the absence of such certification, a member in good standing of any Post registered at the National Convention, shall be considered a delegate from a Post.

Proposed change:

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Rationale: The Jewish War Veterans of the USA should be an all-inclusive organization that seeks the involvement of every one of its members. While it is understood that the purpose of a convention is to have members attend and participate, many members, due to age, medical or other infirmities, and lack of funds are unable to attend. The current voting procedures, outlined in this Article limits the participation of its membership to a “delegate” of a Post “in good standing” and members of the National Executive Committee, thereby excluding a large body of members in good standing who reasons outlined above are unable to attend the convention. Every member of JWV should have the right to vote for his/her national officers.

6- Constitution Article VI: National Officers, Section 1(a)

Submitted by Sheldon Goldberg, Ph.D., NEC, Department of Maryland

As it appears now:

Section 1(a). When a vacancy occurs in the office of National Commander, it shall be filled by election by the National Executive Committee; the Chairman of the National Executive Committee will act as National Commander until such election; the election to be held at the next National Executive Committee meeting or within sixty (60) days, whichever occurs first. No person elected at a National Convention shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself to the office of National Commander except at a time when the United States of America is at war.

Proposed Change:

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Rationale: Art. VI Sect. 1 establishing the position of National Vice Commander obviates the need for the Chairman of the National Executive Committee to fill any vacancy in the Office of the National Commander. The organization has functioned for years with one individual in the Office of the National Commander and can continue to function with one until the next National convention.

7- Constitution Article VII: National Executive Committee, Section 2

Submitted by the Department of TALO

As it appears now:

Section 2. Members of the National Executive Committee shall assume their duties immediately upon their installation by the respective Departments. The National Executive Committee shall convene within the seven (7) days next preceding the opening of the National Convention, and the first order of business shall be to elect, from its membership, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman, who shall serve in such capacity until their successors have been elected. The National Adjutant shall serve as the Secretary of the National Executive Committee.

Proposed Change:

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8- Constitution Article VII: National Executive Committee, Section 1

Submitted by Sheldon Goldberg, Ph.D., NEC, Department of Maryland

As it appears now:

Section 1. Between National Conventions, this Organization shall be governed by the National Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the following: (1) the National Commander; (2) the elected National Executive Committeemen as provided in the Bylaws; (3) Department Commanders, or in their absence, Department Senior Vice Commanders, if the said Department Commander is the sole representative of said Department on the National Executive Committee; (4) the National Judge Advocate; (5) the National Adjutant; (6) the National Quartermaster, (7) the National Inspector; (8) the National Editor; (9) all Past National Commanders. Each shall have but one (1) vote.

Proposed change:

Section 1. Between National Conventions, this Organization shall be governed by the National Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the following: (1) the National Commander; ~~(2) the elected National Executive Committeemen as provided in the Bylaws~~ the National Vice Commander, (3) ~~Department Commanders, or in their absence, Department Senior Vice Commanders, if the said Department Commander is the sole representative of said Department on the National Executive Committee~~ the elected National Executive Committeemen as provided in the Bylaws;) the elected National Executive Committeemen as provided in the Bylaws; (4) ~~the National Judge Advocate;~~ Department Commanders, or in their absence, Department Senior Vice Commanders, if the said

Department Commander is the sole representative of said Department on the National Executive Committee; (5) the National Adjutant; the National Judge Advocate (6) the National Quartermaster the National Adjutant, (7) the National Inspector the National Quartermaster; (8) the National Editor the National Inspector; (9) all Past National Commanders. Each shall have but one (1) vote. the National Editor; (10) the Immediate Past National Commander; and (11) the President of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History. Each shall have but one (1) vote.

Rationale: With the exception of John Quincy Adams, no former President of the United States ever served in Congress after leaving the highest office in the land. It follows that after serving in the highest office of the Jewish War Veterans, there is absolutely no rational reason for all Past National Commanders to be members of the National Executive Committee, every element of the Jewish War Veterans, as provided by the Bylaws elects a representative to this body. Including all Past National Commanders only adds to the size and unwieldiness of this committee. If the sitting National Commander wishes to seek the advice of one or more Past National Commanders, that is his (or her) prerogative. He (or she) may even establish an advisory committee of Past National Commanders to that end, but there is no need for them in the National Executive Committee. Adds the position of National Vice Commander and that of the President of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History.

9- Constitution Article VII: National Executive Committee, Section 1

Submitted by PNC Norman Rosenshein

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Proposed Change:

Section 1. Between National Conventions, this Organization shall be governed by the National Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the following: (1) the National Commander; (2) National Vice-Commander; ~~(2)~~ (3) the elected National Executive Committeemen as provided in the Bylaws; ~~(3)~~ (4) Department Commanders, or in their absence, Department Senior Vice Commanders, if the said Department Commander is the sole representative of said Department on the National Executive Committee; ~~(4)~~ (5) the National Judge Advocate; ~~(5)~~ (6) the National Adjutant; ~~(6)~~ (7) the National Quartermaster, ~~(7)~~ (8) the National Inspector; ~~(8)~~ (9) the National Editor; ~~(9)~~ (10) all Past National Commanders. Each shall have but one (1) vote.

10- Constitution Article XII: Subsidiary Organizations, Section 1

Submitted by Larry Jasper, Department of Florida

As it appears now:

Section 1. There is hereby recognized a Subsidiary Organization known as the Ladies Auxiliary to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, whose program shall be coordinated with the National JWV Program and which shall be governed by this National Constitution and Bylaws, Manual of Ceremonies and such Rules, Regulations and Policies as may be prescribed by this Organization from time to time. Membership therein shall be limited to: mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, granddaughters, mothers in law, daughters in law and sisters in law of a person eligible to active or associate membership in the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America; and to those similarly related to all men or women who are otherwise eligible to active or associate membership in the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America or had died in the line of duty, or after discharge or release under honorable conditions; and to the women, who, of their own right, are eligible to membership in the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.

Proposed Change:

Section 1. There is hereby recognized a Subsidiary Organization known as the ~~Ladies~~-Auxiliary to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, whose program shall be coordinated with the National JWV Program and which shall be governed by this National Constitution and Bylaws, Manual of Ceremonies and such Rules, Regulations and Policies as may be prescribed by this Organization from time to time. Membership therein shall be limited to: ~~mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, granddaughters, mothers in law, daughters in law and sisters in law~~ the second degree of consanguinity (spouses, siblings (to include siblings in law), children (to include children in law), parents, parents in law, grandparents, grandchildren of a person eligible to active or associate membership in the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America; and to those similarly related to all men or women who are otherwise eligible to active or associate membership in the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America or had died in the line of duty, or after discharge or release under honorable conditions; and to the women, who, of their own right, are eligible to membership in the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.

Rational: to re-designate the National Ladies Auxiliary (currently the JWVA) as the National Auxiliary (JWVA), to eliminate the reference to the Subsidiary Organizations being under the supervision and control of the JWV, as re-defined in Article XII, Section 3 of the National Constitution, and to be in compliance with a previous court decision on this matter.

Reasons:

1. To eliminate gender discrimination from this organization. There are female members of Posts, Departments, and NEC, some of whom have spouses and they should be allowed to be a part of the JWV Auxiliary.
2. Approximately 30% of active duty members are female. If we wish to gain these active duty personnel as members, we need to have an organization that is welcoming to the spouses and families, regardless of gender.
3. The Auxiliary is known in the Constitution and Bylaws as the JWVA, not the JWVLA. We need to honor that designation and open it to all members as re-defined in Article XII, Section I of the National Constitution.

11- Constitution Article XII: Subsidiary Organizations, Section 3

Submitted by Larry Jasper, Department of Florida

As it appears now:

Section 3. All Subsidiary Organizations and all members, units or Echelons of this organization and all Subsidiary Organizations shall, at all times, be under the general supervision and control of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, subject to this National Constitution and Bylaws, Manual of Ceremonies, Rules, Regulations and Policies of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.

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12- ByLaws Article I: Membership, Section 2(a)

Submitted by the Department of TALO

As it appears now:

Section 2(a). Such service shall include, but not be limited to:

- i) Civil War Campaign Medal. For service between April 15, 1861 and April 9, 1865, and for service in Texas up to August 20, 1866.
- ii) Indian Campaign Medal. For service in campaigns between 1865 and 1891, and in any action not occurring in one of the campaigns, but against hostile Indians, in which there were idled or wounded on the side of the United States troops.
- iii) Spanish Campaign Medal. For service ashore in, or on the high seas en route to-
 - (a) Cuba, between May 11, 1898 and July 17, 1898.
 - (b) Puerto Rico, between July 24, 1898 and August 13, 1898.
 - (c) Philippine Islands, between June 30, 1898 and August 16, 1898.
- iv) Army of Cuban Occupation Medal. For service in Cuba between July 18, 1898 and May 20, 1902.
- v) Army of Puerto Rico Occupation Medal. For service in Puerto Rico between August 14, 1898 and December 10, 1898.
- vi) Philippine Campaign Medal. For service-
 - (a) Ashore in the Philippine Islands between February 4, 1899 and July 4, 1902.
 - (b) Ashore in the Department of Mindanao, P. I., between February 4, 1899 and December 31, 1904.
 - (c) In the field in the operations against Pulajanes, on the island of Leyte, from July 20, 1906 to June 30, 1907; on the island of Samar from, on or about, August 2, 1904 to June 30, 1907.
 - (d) In the following expeditions:
 - (1) Against Pala and his followers, Jolo, P.L, April and May, 1905;
 - (2) Against Dalu Ali and his followers, Mindanao, P. L, October, 1905;

- (3) Against hostile Moos on Mount Bud-Daja, Jolo, P.L, March, 1906;
- (4) Against hostile Moros on Mount Bagsac, Joto, P.L, January to July, 1913;
- (5) In Mindanao and Jolo as members of any authorized expedition against hostile Moros, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913.

(e) Philippines Congressional Medal. To those who, having entered the service under a call of the President for the war with Spain, served beyond the date on which they were entitled to their discharge, to help suppress the Philippines insurrection, and were subsequently honorably discharged from the Army or died prior to such discharge. Service as an enlisted man in the Regular Army, to count, must have been under an enlistment entered into between April 21 and October 26, 1898.

- vii) China Campaign Medal. For service ashore in China with the Peking relief expedition between June 20, 1900 and May 27, 1901.
- viii) Army of Cuban Pacification Medal. For service in Cuba between October 6, 1906 and April 1, 1909.
- ix) Mexican Service Medal. For service-
 - (a) In Mexico, afloat or ashore, as members of the Vera Cruz expedition between April 24, 1914 and November 26, 1914;
 - (b) In Mexico as members of the punitive or other authorized expedition between March 14, 1916 and February 7, 1917;
 - (c) In any engagement against Mexicans between April 12, 1911 and February 7, 1917, in which there were casualties on the side of the United States troops;
 - (d) By those who were present as members of the Mexican border patrol between April 12, 1911 and February 7, 1917, in proximity to an engagement between Mexicans which resulted in casualties among their own company, troop, battery, or detachment.
 - (e) By those who participated in or who were in close proximity to either of the following named engagements against Mexicans:
 - 1) Nor Buena Vista, Mexico, on December 1, 1917;
 - 2) In San Bernardino Canyon, Mexico, on December 26, 1917;
 - 3) Near La Grula, TX, January 8 and 9, 1918;
 - 4) At Pilares, Mexico, on or about March 28, 1918;
 - 5) At Nogales, AZ, on August 27, 1918;
 - 6) Near El Paso, TX, and Juarez, Mexico, June 15-16, 1919
 - (f) Mexican Border Service Medal. For service
 - 1) In the National Guard, on the Mexican Border, or elsewhere in the field, in 1916 or 1917, under a call of the President for Mexican border duty
 - 2) In the Regular Army, as a member of the Mexican border patrol, between January 1, 1916 and April 16, 1917. Service as an actual member of the Mexican border patrol is required; service at a station on the Mexican border is not sufficient.
- x) **World War I**
 - (a) On active duty at any time between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918.
 - (b) As a member of the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia or European Russia, after having entered the service subsequent to November 11, 1918.
- xi) Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal. For service performed by the personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps during operations in Nicaragua, between August 27, 1926 and January 2, 1933

- xii) Yangtze Service Medal. For service by the personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps during the operation in the valley of Yangtze River, September 3, 1926 to October 21, 1927 and March 1, 1930 to December 31, 1932
- xiii) Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal. For service in China during the period September 9, 1924 to September 24, 1934, with the exception of the period already covered by the Yangtze Service Medal above.
- xiv) **World War II.** On active duty at any time from September 16, 1940 to July 26, 1947. Service in the Merchant Marine may be considered service in the Armed Forces. Also, active duty in the:
- (a) Army of Occupation in Italy from May 9, 1945 to September 15, 1947
 - (b) Army of Occupation in Germany (except West Berlin) from May 9, 1945 to May 5, 1956
 - (c) Army of Occupation in Germany (West Berlin) from May 9, 1945 to October 2, 1990
 - (d) Army of Occupation in Austria from May 9, 1945 to July 27, 1956
 - (e) Army of Occupation in Korea from September 3, 1945 to June 29, 1949
 - (f) Army of Occupation in Japan from September 3, 1945 to April 27, 1952
 - (g) Navy Occupation Service in Italy from May 8, 1945 to December 15, 1947
 - (h) Navy Occupation Service in Trieste from May 8, 1945 to October 26, 1954
 - (i) Navy Occupation Service in Germany (except West Berlin) from May 8, 1945 to May 5, 1955.
 - (j) Navy Occupation Service in Austria from May 8, 1945 to October 25, 1955.
 - (k) Navy Occupation Service in the Asia Pacific from September 2, 1945 to April 27, 1952.
- xv) **Korean Conflict** . For active duty performed during the period of June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955, or, who, as a member of the armed Forces of the United States, as defined by U.S.C. Title 10, served honorably in Korea from February 1, 1955 to a date yet to be determined.
- (a) Served in Korea from October 1, 1966 to June 30, 1974.
- xvi) **Vietnam.** For active duty during the period January 1, 1959 to May 7, 1975, or in the Indochina Theater irrespective of time of service.
- (a) Served in Vietnam from July 1, 1956 to July 3, 1965.
 - (b) Served in Laos from April 19, 1961 to October 7, 1962.
 - (c) Served in Cambodia from March 29, 1973 to August 15, 1973.
 - (d) Served in Thailand in direct support of Cambodia operation from March 29, 1973 to August 15, 1973.
 - (e) Served in the evacuation of Cambodia from April 11 to April 13, 1975.
 - (f) Served in the evacuation of Vietnam from April 29 to April 30, 1975.
 - (g) Served in the Thailand Military Operation from May 16, 1962 to August 10, 1962.
- xvii) Military Service 1948-to date. Personnel in the armed forces of the United States of America who were awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, or who:
- (a) Served in Berlin airlift from June 26, 1948 to September 30, 1949;
 - (b) Served in Lebanon from July 1, 1958 to November 1, 1958;
 - (c) Served in the Islands of Quemoy and Matsu from August 23, 1958 to June 1, 1963;
 - (d) Served in the Taiwan Straits between August 23, 1958 and January 1, 1959;
 - (e) Participated in the United States operations in direct support of the United Nations in the Congo from July 14, 1960 through September 1, 1962; and a second Congo military operation from November 23 through November 27, 1964;
 - (f) Served in Cuba from October 24, 1962 to June 1, 1963.
 - (g) Served in the Dominican Republic from April 28, 1965 to September 21, 1966.
 - (h) Served in the Mayaguez Operation on May 15, 1975.

- (i) Served in the Libyan Operation in the El Dorado Canyon from April 12-April 17, 1986. For service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America from December 31, 1960 to May 17, 1975, or at such other times as may be designated by the Secretary of Defense for the award of the National Defense Service Medal;
- (k) Served in Grenada from October 23, 1983 to November 21, 1983;
- (l) Served in Lebanon from June 6, 1983 to December 1, 1987.
- (m) Served in the Cuban Military Operation from January 3, 1961 to October 23, 1962.
- (n) Served in the Iranian, Yemen and Indian Ocean Operation from December 8, 1978 to June 6, 1979; and from November 21, 1979 to October 20, 1981.
- (o) Served in Lebanon from August 20, 1982 to December 31, 1983.
- (p) Served in the Libyan Expedition from January 20, 1986 to June 27, 1986.
- (q) Served in the Persian Gulf from February 1, 1987 to July 23, 1987.
- (r) Served in the Persian Gulf - Operation Earnest Will from July 24, 1987 to August 2, 1990.
- (s) Served in Panama - Operation Just Cause from December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990.
- (t) Served in Somalia - Operation Restore Hope from December 5, 1992 to a date indeterminate.
- (u) Served in Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Shield/Operation Desert Storm from August 2, 1990 to a date yet to be determined.
- (v) Served in support units in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, and Jordan from January 17, 1991 to a date to be determined.
- (w) Served in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Yugoslavia, Croatia or Hungary from December 1995 to a date yet to be determined.
- (x) Operation Desert Shield, aka Defense of Saudi Arabia, August 2, 1990-January 16, 1991. (8/07)
- (y) Operation Desert Storm, aka Defense and Liberation of Kuwait, January 17, 1991-April 11, 1991. (8/07)
- (z) Cease Fire Campaign, August 12, 1991-November 30, 1995. (8/07)
 - (aa) Operation Provide Comfort, June 1, 1992-November 30, 1995. (8/07)
 - (bb) Operation Iraqi Freedom, March 19, 2003-Present. (8/07)
 - (cc) Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan Campaign. (8/07)
 - (dd) Global War on Terrorism, September 11, 2001. (8/07)

Proposed Change:

- i) ~~Civil War Campaign Medal. For service between April 15, 1861 and April 9, 1865, and for service in Texas up to August 20, 1866.~~
- ii) ~~Indian Campaign Medal. For service in campaigns between 1865 and 1891, and in any action not occurring in one of the campaigns, but against hostile Indians, in which there were killed or wounded on the side of the United States troops.~~
- iii) ~~Spanish Campaign Medal. For service ashore in, or on the high seas en route to-~~
 - ~~(a) Cuba, between May 11, 1898 and July 17, 1898.~~
 - ~~(b) Puerto Rico, between July 24, 1898 and August 13, 1898.~~
 - ~~(c) Philippine Islands, between June 30, 1898 and August 16, 1898.~~
- iv) ~~Army of Cuban Occupation Medal. For service in Cuba between July 18, 1898 and May 20, 1902.~~
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- vi) ~~Philippine Campaign Medal. For service-~~
 - ~~(a) Ashore in the Philippine Islands between February 4, 1899 and July 4, 1902.~~

~~(b) Ashore in the Department of Mindanao, P. I., between February 4, 1899 and December 31, 1904.~~

~~(c) In the field in the operations against Pulajanes, on the island of Leyte, from July 20, 1906 to June 30, 1907; on the island of Samar from, on or about, August 2, 1904 to June 30, 1907.~~

~~(d) In the following expeditions:~~

~~(1) Against Pala and his followers, Jolo, P.I., April and May, 1905;~~

~~(2) Against Dalu Ali and his followers, Mindanao, P. I., October, 1905;~~

~~(3) Against hostile Moos on Mount Bud Daja, Jolo, P.I., March, 1906;~~

~~(4) Against hostile Moros on Mount Bagsac, Jolo, P.I., January to July, 1913;~~

~~(5) In Mindanao and Jolo as members of any authorized expedition against hostile Moros, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913.~~

~~(e) Philippines Congressional Medal. To those who, having entered the service under a call of the President for the war with Spain, served beyond the date on which they were entitled to their discharge, to help suppress the Philippines insurrection, and were subsequently honorably discharged from the Army or died prior to such discharge. Service as an enlisted man in the Regular Army, to count, must have been under an enlistment entered into between April 21 and October 26, 1898.~~

~~vii) China Campaign Medal. For service ashore in China with the Peking relief expedition between June 20, 1900 and May 27, 1901.~~

~~viii) Army of Cuban Pacification Medal. For service in Cuba between October 6, 1906 and April 1, 1909.~~

~~ix) Mexican Service Medal. For service—~~

~~(a) In Mexico, afloat or ashore, as members of the Vera Cruz expedition between April 24, 1914 and November 26, 1914;~~

~~(b) In Mexico as members of the punitive or other authorized expedition between March 14, 1916 and February 7, 1917;~~

~~(c) In any engagement against Mexicans between April 12, 1911 and February 7, 1917, in which there were casualties on the side of the United States troops;~~

~~(d) By those who were present as members of the Mexican border patrol between April 12, 1911 and February 7, 1917, in proximity to an engagement between Mexicans which resulted in casualties among their own company, troop, battery, or detachment.~~

~~(e) By those who participated in or who were in close proximity to either of the following named engagements against Mexicans:~~

~~1) Nor Buena Vista, Mexico, on December 1, 1917;~~

~~2) In San Bernardino Canyon, Mexico, on December 26, 1917;~~

~~3) Near La Grulla, TX, January 8 and 9, 1918;~~

~~4) At Pilares, Mexico, on or about March 28, 1918;~~

~~5) At Nogales, AZ, on August 27, 1918;~~

~~6) Near El Paso, TX, and Juarez, Mexico, June 15-16, 1919~~

~~(f) Mexican Border Service Medal. For service~~

~~1) In the National Guard, on the Mexican Border, or elsewhere in the field, in 1916 or 1917, under a call of the President for Mexican border duty~~

~~2) In the Regular Army, as a member of the Mexican border patrol, between January 1, 1916 and April 16, 1917. Service as an actual member of the Mexican border patrol is required; service at a station on the Mexican border is not sufficient.~~

✕) i) **World War I**

(a) On active duty at any time between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918.

(b) As a member of the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia or European Russia, after having entered the service subsequent to November 11, 1918.

✕) ii) Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal. For service performed by the personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps during operations in Nicaragua, between August 27, 1926 and January 2, 1933

✕) iii) Yangtze Service Medal. For service by the personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps during the operation in the valley of Yangtze River, September 3, 1926 to October 21, 1927 and March 1, 1930 to December 31, 1932

✕) iv) Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal. For service in China during the period September 9, 1924 to September 24, 1934, with the exception of the period already covered by the Yangtze Service Medal above.

v) Any individual who served on active duty in any one of the uniformed services of the United States of any of their components and has received an Honorable Discharge from the period September 1940 to present.

13- Bylaw Change: Article I, Section: 2, 2(a)

Submitted by Sheldon Goldberg, Ph.D., NEC, Department of Maryland

As it appears now:

Section 2. Eligibility to Active Membership. Service with the armed forces of the United States of America in any of its wars, campaigns, conflicts or expeditions, shall embrace service including, but not limited to, that for which medals have been awarded or in the field in a foreign country in action in which there were killed or wounded on the side of the United States troops participating. Further, the National Commander, by proclamation, upon advice and consent of the Chairman of the National Executive Committee and the National Executive Director, may declare any circumstances of arms, and any person therein, eligible for active membership, subject to other membership criteria.

Proposed Change:

Section 2. Eligibility to Active Membership. Service with the armed forces of the United States of America (including the National Guard, Reserves, U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)), in or during any of its wars, campaigns, conflicts or expeditions whether declared or not, shall embrace all service including, but not limited to, that for which medals have been awarded. Further, the National Commander, by proclamation, upon advice and consent of the Chairman of the National Executive Committee and the National Executive Director, may declare any circumstances of arms, and any person therein, eligible for active membership, subject to other membership criteria.

As it appears now:

Section 2(a). Such service shall include, but not be limited to:

i) Civil War Campaign Medal. For service between April 15, 1861 and April 9, 1865, and for service in Texas up to August 20, 1866.

- ii) Indian Campaign Medal. For service in campaigns between 1865 and 1891, and in any action not occurring in one of the campaigns, but against hostile Indians, in which there were killed or wounded on the side of the United States troops.
- iii) Spanish Campaign Medal. For service ashore in, or on the high seas en route to-
 - (a) Cuba, between May 11, 1898 and July 17, 1898.
 - (b) Puerto Rico, between July 24, 1898 and August 13, 1898.
 - (c) Philippine Islands, between June 30, 1898 and August 16, 1898.
- iv) Army of Cuban Occupation Medal. For service in Cuba between July 18, 1898 and May 20, 1902.
- v) Army of Puerto Rico Occupation Medal. For service in Puerto Rico between August 14, 1898 and December 10, 1898.
- vi) Philippine Campaign Medal. For service-
 - (a) Ashore in the Philippine Islands between February 4, 1899 and July 4, 1902.
 - (b) Ashore in the Department of Mindanao, P. I., between February 4, 1899 and December 31, 1904.
 - (c) In the field in the operations against Pulajanes, on the island of Leyte, from July 20, 1906 to June 30, 1907; on the island of Samar from, on or about, August 2, 1904 to June 30, 1907.
 - (d) In the following expeditions:
 - (1) Against Pala and his followers, Jolo, P.L, April and May, 1905;
 - (2) Against Dalu Ali and his followers, Mindanao, P. L, October, 1905;
 - (3) Against hostile Moos on Mount Bud-Daja, Jolo, P.L, March, 1906;
 - (4) Against hostile Moros on Mount Bagsac, Joto, P.L, January to July, 1913;
 - (5) In Mindanao and Jolo as members of any authorized expedition against hostile Moros, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913.
 - (e) Philippines Congressional Medal. To those who, having entered the service under a call of the President for the war with Spain, served beyond the date on which they were entitled to their discharge, to help suppress the Philippines insurrection, and were subsequently honorably discharged from the Army or died prior to such discharge. Service as an enlisted man in the Regular Army, to count, must have been under an enlistment entered into between April 21 and October 26, 1898.
- vii) China Campaign Medal. For service ashore in China with the Peking relief expedition between June 20, 1900 and May 27, 1901.
- viii) Army of Cuban Pacification Medal. For service in Cuba between October 6, 1906 and April 1, 1909.
- ix) Mexican Service Medal. For service-
 - (a) In Mexico, afloat or ashore, as members of the Vera Cruz expedition between April 24, 1914 and November 26, 1914;
 - (b) In Mexico as members of the punitive or other authorized expedition between March 14, 1916 and February 7, 1917;
 - (c) In any engagement against Mexicans between April 12, 1911 and February 7, 1917, in which there were casualties on the side of the United States troops;
 - (d) By those who were present as members of the Mexican border patrol between April 12, 1911 and February 7, 1917, in proximity to an engagement between Mexicans which resulted in casualties among their own company, troop, battery, or detachment.
 - (e) By those who participated in or who were in close proximity to either of the following named engagements against Mexicans:
 - 1) Nor Buena Vista, Mexico, on December 1, 1917;

- 2) In San Bernardino Canyon, Mexico, on December 26, 1917;
 - 3) Near La Grula, TX, January 8 and 9, 1918;
 - 4) At Pilares, Mexico, on or about March 28, 1918;
 - 5) At Nogales, AZ, on August 27, 1918;
 - 6) Near El Paso, TX, and Juarez, Mexico, June 15-16, 1919
- (f) Mexican Border Service Medal. For service
- 1) In the National Guard, on the Mexican Border, or elsewhere in the field, in 1916 or 1917, under a call of the President for Mexican border duty
 - 2) In the Regular Army, as a member of the Mexican border patrol, between January 1, 1916 and April 16, 1917. Service as an actual member of the Mexican border patrol is required; service at a station on the Mexican border is not sufficient.
- x) **World War I**
- (a) On active duty at any time between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918.
 - (b) As a member of the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia or European Russia, after having entered the service subsequent to November 11, 1918.
- xi) Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal. For service performed by the personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps during operations in Nicaragua, between August 27, 1926 and January 2, 1933
- xii) Yangtze Service Medal. For service by the personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps during the operation in the valley of Yangtze River, September 3, 1926 to October 21, 1927 and March 1, 1930 to December 31, 1932
- xiii) Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal. For service in China during the period September 9, 1924 to September 24, 1934, with the exception of the period already covered by the Yangtze Service Medal above.
- xiv) **World War II**. On active duty at any time from September 16, 1940 to July 26, 1947. Service in the Merchant Marine may be considered service in the Armed Forces. Also, active duty in the:
- (a) Army of Occupation in Italy from May 9, 1945 to September 15, 1947
 - (b) Army of Occupation in Germany (except West Berlin) from May 9, 1945 to May 5, 1956
 - (c) Army of Occupation in Germany (West Berlin) from May 9, 1945 to October 2, 1990
 - (d) Army of Occupation in Austria from May 9, 1945 to July 27, 1956
 - (e) Army of Occupation in Korea from September 3, 1945 to June 29, 1949
 - (f) Army of Occupation in Japan from September 3, 1945 to April 27, 1952
 - (g) Navy Occupation Service in Italy from May 8, 1945 to December 15, 1947
 - (h) Navy Occupation Service in Trieste from May 8, 1945 to October 26, 1954
 - (i) Navy Occupation Service in Germany (except West Berlin) from May 8, 1945 to May 5, 1955.
 - (j) Navy Occupation Service in Austria from May 8, 1945 to October 25, 1955.
 - (k) Navy Occupation Service in the Asia Pacific from September 2, 1945 to April 27, 1952.
- xv) **Korean Conflict** . For active duty performed during the period of June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955, or, who, as a member of the armed Forces of the United States, as defined by U.S.C. Title 10, served honorably in Korea from February 1, 1955 to a date yet to be determined.
- (a) Served in Korea from October 1, 1966 to June 30, 1974.
- xvi) **Vietnam**. For active duty during the period January 1, 1959 to May 7, 1975, or in the Indochina Theater irrespective of time of service.
- (a) Served in Vietnam from July 1, 1956 to July 3, 1965.
 - (b) Served in Laos from April 19, 1961 to October 7, 1962.
 - (c) Served in Cambodia from March 29, 1973 to August 15, 1973.
 - (d) Served in Thailand in direct support of Cambodia operation from March 29, 1973 to August 15, 1973.

(e) Served in the evacuation of Cambodia from April 11 to April 13, 1975.

(f) Served in the evacuation of Vietnam from April 29 to April 30, 1975.

(g) Served in the Thailand Military Operation from May 16, 1962 to August 10, 1962.

xvii) Military Service 1948-to date. Personnel in the armed forces of the United States of America who were awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, or who:

(a) Served in Berlin airlift from June 26, 1948 to September 30, 1949;

(b) Served in Lebanon from July 1, 1958 to November 1, 1958;

(c) Served in the Islands of Quemoy and Matsu from August 23, 1958 to June 1, 1963;

(d) Served in the Taiwan Straits between August 23, 1958 and January 1, 1959;

(e) Participated in the United States operations in direct support of the United Nations in the Congo from July 14, 1960 through September 1, 1962; and a second Congo military operation from November 23 through November 27, 1964;

(f) Served in Cuba from October 24, 1962 to June 1, 1963.

(g) Served in the Dominican Republic from April 28, 1965 to September 21, 1966.

(h) Served in the Mayaguez Operation on May 15, 1975.

(i) Served in the Libyan Operation in the El Dorado Canyon from April 12-April 17, 1986. For service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America from December 31, 1960 to May 17, 1975, or at such other times as may be designated by the Secretary of Defense for the award of the National Defense Service Medal;

(k) Served in Grenada from October 23, 1983 to November 21, 1983;

(l) Served in Lebanon from June 6, 1983 to December 1, 1987.

(m) Served in the Cuban Military Operation from January 3, 1961 to October 23, 1962.

(n) Served in the Iranian, Yemen and Indian Ocean Operation from December 8, 1978 to June 6, 1979; and from November 21, 1979 to October 20, 1981.

(o) Served in Lebanon from August 20, 1982 to December 31, 1983.

(p) Served in the Libyan Expedition from January 20, 1986 to June 27, 1986.

(q) Served in the Persian Gulf from February 1, 1987 to July 23, 1987.

(r) Served in the Persian Gulf - Operation Earnest Will from July 24, 1987 to August 2, 1990.

(s) Served in Panama - Operation Just Cause from December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990.

(t) Served in Somalia - Operation Restore Hope from December 5, 1992 to a date indeterminate.

(u) Served in Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Shield/Operation Desert Storm from August 2, 1990 to a date yet to be determined.

(v) Served in support units in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, and Jordan from January 17, 1991 to a date to be determined.

(w) Served in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Yugoslavia, Croatia or Hungary from December 1995 to a date yet to be determined.

(x) Operation Desert Shield, aka Defense of Saudi Arabia, August 2, 1990-January 16, 1991. (8/07)

(y) Operation Desert Storm, aka Defense and Liberation of Kuwait, January 17, 1991-April 11, 1991. (8/07)

(z) Cease Fire Campaign, August 12, 1991-November 30, 1995. (8/07)

(aa) Operation Provide Comfort, June 1, 1992-November 30, 1995. (8/07)

(bb) Operation Iraqi Freedom, March 19, 2003-Present. (8/07)

(cc) Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan Campaign. (8/07)

(dd) Global War on Terrorism, September 11, 2001. (8/07)

Proposed change:

Section 2(a). Deleted in its entirety.

Rationale:

- a) Since there is no one alive from World War I or earlier conflicts, there is no rational need to specify individual dates and/or battles that would qualify one for membership, and
- b) the dates from World War II and beyond are contradictory, e.g., numerous specific dates are given yet sub-para xvii states “Military Service 1948-to date.” Making every specified date after 1948 superfluous, and
- c) by virtue of the fact that the National Commander, by proclamation, upon advice and consent of the Chairman of the National executive Committee and the National Executive Director, may declare any circumstances of arms, and any person therein, eligible for active membership, subject to other membership criteria, there is no need to specify any dates whatsoever and simply allow any Jewish individual who has served in any of the seven uniformed services and has been honorably discharged or is currently serving in any of the seven uniformed services to be a member.

14- Bylaws Article 1: Section 10a, 10b

Submitted by Larry Jasper, Department of Florida

As it appears now:

Section 10(a). There shall be associated with, but subordinate thereto and under the general supervision and control of this Organization, the following Subsidiary Organizations:

- 1) A Ladies Auxiliary;
- 2) Posts of other echelons created outside the United States of America;
- 3) Such other Subsidiary Organizations as may be created by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Executive Committee of this Organization;

Proposed Change: Delete entire section

~~Section 10(a). There shall be associated with, but subordinate thereto and under the general supervision and control of this Organization, the following Subsidiary Organizations:~~

- ~~1) A Ladies Auxiliary;~~
- ~~2) Posts of other echelons created outside the United States of America;~~
- ~~3) Such other Subsidiary Organizations as may be created by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the National Executive Committee of this Organization;~~

As it appears now:

Section 10 (b). Except as they may presently exist, all and any charters for a Subsidiary Organization or any of its units or Echelons, shall be separately issued by the National Executive Committee of the Subsidiary Organization. However, none of its units or Echelons may be deemed to exist or to be affiliated with this Organization unless and until a valid charter by JWV is issued to such Subsidiary Organization, unit or Echelon. A Subsidiary Organization and its units and Echelons may issue their own

membership cards. In addition to any other mechanism for revocation of a charter issued to a Subsidiary Organization and its units and Echelons, such a charter may be revoked by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Executive Committee of this Organization.

Proposed Change:

Change section number from 10(b) to 10(a).

15- By-Laws Article II: Per Capita Tax, Dues, and Indebtedness, Section 1(c)

Submitted by Barry Lischinsky, Dept. of MA and Larry Jasper, Dept of FL.

As it appears now:

Section 1(c). No per capita tax or dues need be paid for any member who has been released from active duty with the armed forces of the United States of America, in and during the fiscal year of such release. Provided, however, that such member has been released from active duty after April 1st, per capita tax shall be paid for such member for the subsequent following fiscal year. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all members of the armed forces eligible for membership.

Proposed Change:

Section 1(c). No per capita tax or dues need be paid for any member who has been released from active duty with the armed forces of the United States of America, ~~in and during the fiscal year of such release.~~ Provided, however, that such member has been released from active duty after April 1st, per capita tax shall be paid for such member for the subsequent following fiscal year. for the period of two (2) years following the release date of active duty. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all members of the armed forces eligible for membership.

Rationale for the Change:

1. The current By-Law does not allow the discharged active duty member with a sufficient period of time to reconstitute personal life priorities.
2. Life priorities include such as family, health, spiritual, education, employment, financial, etc.
3. The two (2) year period will provide the discharged member a greater opportunity to focus on life priorities.
4. This change will provide a positive impact of retaining the active duty member at the release of their military date of discharge.
5. Another benefit of joining JWV USA.

16- By-Laws Article II: Per Capita Tax, Dues, and Indebtedness, Section 5, Submitting an Annual Financial Report:

Submitted by Larry Jasper, Department of Florida

As it appears now:

Submitting an Annual Financial Report:

All fund raising activities conducted in the name of any unit of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWV) or any other unit of JWV or any other entity associated in any way with a JWV unit, or any corporation or any other entity organized by or controlled by any unit of the JWV, which includes all subordinate and subsidiary organizations, including but not limited to the National Ladies Auxiliary, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWVA), shall file with the National Finance Board an Annual Financial Report for fund raising projects.

Proposed Change:

Submitting an Annual Financial Report:

All fund raising activities conducted in the name of any unit of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWV) or any other unit of JWV or any other entity associated in any way with a JWV unit, or any corporation or any other entity organized by or controlled by any unit of the JWV, which includes all subordinate and subsidiary organizations, including but not limited to the National Ladies Auxiliary, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWVA), shall file with the National Finance Board an Annual Financial Report for fund raising projects.

17- ByLaws Article III: National Executive Committee, Section 1b

Submitted by the Department of TALO

As it appears now:

It does not appear.

Proposed Change:

Section 1(b). Board of Directors. There shall be a Board of Directors (BOD) which shall advise and govern the daily operation of the organization. The board shall have no more than thirty (30) members. The initial membership shall consist of those members currently on the Steering Committee. Members may serve no more than three, 3-year consecutive terms, with one third of the members nominated from current members of the NEC, being elected by the National membership in convention each year. No more than three members of a single Department may serve on the BOD at the same time, with the exception of the NC and NVC and officers of the Board.

At the first meeting the BOD, after approval of this amendment, they shall among themselves elect a Chairman who shall serve an initial 3-year term. They shall also select among themselves which one third of its members shall serve a 1, 2, or 3-year term. Members of the original BOD may serve no more than 3 consecutive terms. The officers of the Board shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and other officers as determined by the BOD. In the event a member of the BOD becomes unable to complete their term, the BOD shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the concerned Department Commander, a

new member from the same department to serve the remainder of the term. The Chairman of the Board shall report its activities to the NEC.

Rationale for the Change:

All well-regulated organizations need a means to operate effectively. Day to day decisions are made by a Board of Directors (BOD) and the Executive Committee composed of the officers of the board.

Having a revolving board prevents stagnation, allows for new ideas to be brought forward, better representation from the general organization and increased transparency.

While the Steering committee is to be congratulated and honored for their service, committees running the organization **MUST** be recognized in the constitution and bylaws of the organization. They **MUST** be duly elected.

18- ByLaws Article IV: Committees and Commissions, Section 9

Submitted by the Department of TALO

As it appears now:

It does not appear.

Proposed Change:

Section 9: There shall be a National Coordinating Committee, to be a standing committee, which shall include the incumbent National Commander of JWV, the incumbent President of NMI; three members designated by the National Commander of JWV and three members designated by the President of NMI. The Chairman of the Coordinating Committee shall be selected by the National Commander of JWV, in addition to the aforementioned members. Those individuals selected for the Coordinating Committee shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities, except for the National Commander of JWV and the President of NMI, whose terms of office are determined by their respective organizations. The Coordinating Committee shall meet at least once monthly, or more frequently if deemed necessary by the Chairman. The Coordinating Committee shall regularly review those program activities and administrative operations which are of common interest to both the JWV and the NMI and, where deemed appropriate, arrange their coordination. It is the intent that all decisions of the Coordinating Committee shall be final.

RATIONALE for the change:

A committee of this importance to the relationship of the two aforementioned organizations should not be left to chance. Inclusion as a standing committee in the JWV Bylaws ensures both parties operate in coordination and with the intent as described in the Memorandum of Understanding. This has gone on far too long as a committee without status or sanctioned by the membership and should be corrected.

Memorandum is attached.

19- Bylaw Article: V Section: 1(b), 2, 2(a)

Submitted by Sheldon Goldberg, Ph.D., NEC, Department of Maryland

As it appears now:

Section 1(b). To be presented as a candidate for National Commander at the National Convention, the proposed candidate must be endorsed by at least three posts from each of three different Departments and notice thereof given to the National Headquarters at least 30 days prior to the National Convention.

Proposed Change:

Section 1(b). To be presented as a candidate for National Commander and National Vice Commander at the National Convention, the proposed candidates must be endorsed selected by at least three posts from each of three different Departments and notice thereof given to the National Headquarters at least 30 days prior to the National Convention a nominating committee appointed by the sitting National Commander from the several regions of the United States, who shall elect a Chairperson from among them. Each member of the nominating committee shall solicit from the Departments, District or County Councils, and Posts names of members in good standing to be candidates for the various National posts.

As it appears now:

Section 2. At each National Convention, there shall be elected a National Commander. The National Commander shall serve a term commencing with the adjournment of the National Convention, and ending with the adjournment of the next National Convention.

Proposed Change:

~~**Section 2.** At each National Convention, there shall be elected a National Commander. The National Commander shall serve a term commencing with the adjournment of the National Convention, and ending with the adjournment of the next National Convention~~

As it appears now:

Section 2(a). When a vacancy occurs in the office of National Commander, it shall be filled by election by the National Executive Committee; the Chairman of the National Executive Committee will act as National Commander until such election; the election to be held at the next National Executive Committee meeting or within sixty (60) days, whichever occurs first. No person elected at a National Convention shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself to the office of National Commander except at a time when the United States of America is at war.

Proposed Change:

~~**Section 2(a).** When a vacancy occurs in the office of National Commander, it shall be filled by election by the National Executive Committee; the Chairman of the National Executive Committee will act as National Commander until such election; the election to be held at the next National Executive Committee meeting or within sixty (60) days, whichever occurs first. No person elected at a National Convention shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself to the office of National Commander except at a time when the United States of America is at war. (this paragraph is a duplicate of Art VI, Section 1(a) of the Constitution and is therefore not needed here.)~~

As it appears now:
Does not appear.

Proposed Change:

Section 1(c). No later than ninety (90) days before the next National Convention, those echelons desiring to nominate a candidate shall send to the nominating committee the name of that nominee for National Commander and/or National Vice Commander, along with a biography of the individuals, a listing of JWV offices held by the nominees, their contributions to JWV and to their communities, and a statement why these individuals are being nominated.

As it appears now:
Does not appear.

Proposed Change:

Section 1(e). The Chairman of the nominating committee shall ensure that each member of the committee has a complete package of all the nominees in order to vet each candidate and select from them, not less than two qualified for National Commander and National Vice Commander, ensuring that they are not from the same Department, Council, etc.. Upon selection of the candidates for two National offices, and no later than sixty (60) days before the Convention, the nominating committee shall present to the sitting National Commander the names of the selected candidates. Their names, bios and mission statements shall then be published in a “Convention” edition of The Jewish Veteran published and distributed no later than forty-five (45) days before the National Convention and be posted on the JWV website.

Rationale: The current method of “presenting” a candidate for National Commander or Vice Commander is undemocratic and requires only three Posts in each of three different departments to make such a presentation. As written, it does not endorse multiple candidates nor support a contested election. The election of a National Commander and National Vice Commander should be transparent and the result of having several highly qualified individuals nominated from the various regions of the country who then must communicate their vision of how they see the Jewish War Veterans moving into the future to the membership as a whole via *The Jewish Veterans* and the JWV website. Only then will the election be democratic, transparent, and fair.

20- Bylaws Article VI: National Officers, Section 1(a)

Submitted by Harvey Weiner, Department of Massachusetts

As it appears now:

Section 1(a). When a vacancy occurs in the office of National Commander, it shall be filled by election by the National Executive Committee; the Chairman of the National Executive Committee will act as National Commander until such election; the election to be held at the next National Executive Committee meeting or within sixty (60) days, whichever occurs first. No person elected at a National

Convention shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself to the office of National Commander except at a time when the United States of America is at war.

Proposed Change: Delete section

~~**Section 1(a).** When a vacancy occurs in the office of National Commander, it shall be filled by election by the National Executive Committee; the Chairman of the National Executive Committee will act as National Commander until such election; the election to be held at the next National Executive Committee meeting or within sixty (60) days, whichever occurs first. No person elected at a National Convention shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself to the office of National Commander except at a time when the United States of America is at war.~~

21- Bylaws Article VI: National Officers, Section 6

Submitted by Larry Jasper, Department of Florida

As it appears now:

Section 6. National Executive Director. The affairs of this Organization shall be administered by the National Executive Director. He or she shall be employed by the National Executive Committee, and shall be directly responsible thereto and to the National Commander and National Personnel Committee Chairman for the proper execution of his or her duties and responsibilities. He or she shall assist the National Commander in carrying out the mandates of the National Convention and the National Executive Committee, and shall coordinate the activities of all paid personnel in the discharge of their duties. For such purposes he or she is, consistent with National Budget funding availability, empowered to employ and discharge personnel (subject to the provisions of the National Constitution and Bylaws and Personnel codes or agreements); is directly responsible for operation of the Veterans Service Program, the National Ladies Auxiliary, and any other Subsidiary Organization, and the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America; shall coordinate activities of this Organization and any other Subsidiary Organization with other civic, veteran and patriotic organizations; shall be responsible for the implementation of policies and decisions in all areas, as well as coordination of activities of all appointed National Officers and committees. The National Executive Committee may vest in or delegate to, the National Executive Director, any further powers necessary to carry out the aforementioned responsibilities, or such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the National Executive Committee. The National Executive Director shall make a written report at each National Executive Committee meeting, at each annual Convention, and at such other times, as in his or her judgment shall be deemed appropriate, or as the National Personnel Chairman may require.

Proposed change:

Section 6. National Executive Director. The affairs of this Organization shall be administered by the National Executive Director. He or she shall be employed by the National Executive Committee, and shall be directly responsible thereto and to the National Commander and National Personnel Committee

Chairman for the proper execution of his or her duties and responsibilities. He or she shall assist the National Commander in carrying out the mandates of the National Convention and the National Executive Committee, and shall coordinate the activities of all paid personnel in the discharge of their duties. For such purposes he or she is, consistent with National Budget funding availability, empowered to employ and discharge personnel (subject to the provisions of the National Constitution and Bylaws and Personnel codes or agreements); is directly responsible for operation of the Veterans Service Program, the National Ladies Auxiliary, and any other Subsidiary Organization, and the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America; shall coordinate activities of this Organization and any other Subsidiary Organization with other civic, veteran and patriotic organizations; shall be responsible for the implementation of policies and decisions in all areas, as well as coordination of activities of all appointed National Officers and committees. The National Executive Committee may vest in or delegate to, the National Executive Director, any further powers necessary to carry out the aforementioned responsibilities, or such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the National Executive Committee. The National Executive Director shall make a written report at each National Executive Committee meeting, at each annual Convention, and at such other times, as in his or her judgment shall be deemed appropriate, or as the National Personnel Chairman may require.

22- BYLAWS Article IX: Posts, Section 11

Submitted by Larry Jasper, Department of Florida

As it appears now:

Section 11. Meetings. Each Post shall hold at least one (1) stated meeting per month, which shall be known as a regular muster. Special meetings may be convened by order of the Post Commander at any time. Upon written notice of seven (7) members in good standing, the Post Commander or the Post Adjutant shall call a special meeting.

Proposed Change:

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23- ByLaws Article IV: Committees and Commissions, Section 9

Submitted by the Department of TALO

As it appears now:

It does not appear.

Proposed Change:

Section 9: There shall be a National Coordinating Committee, to be a standing committee, which shall include the incumbent National Commander of JWV, the incumbent President of NMI; three members designated by the National Commander of JWV and three members designated by the President of NMI. The Chairman of the Coordinating shall be selected by the National Commander of JWV, in addition to the aforementioned members. Those individuals selected for the Coordinating Committee shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities, except for the National Commander of JWV and the President of NMI, whose terms of office are determined by their respective organizations. The Coordinating Committee shall meet at least once monthly, or more frequently if deemed necessary by the Chairman. The Coordinating Committee shall regularly review those program activities and administrative operations which are of common interest to both the JWV and the NMI and, where deemed appropriate, arrange their coordination. It is the intent that all decisions of the Coordinating Committee shall be final.

RATIONALE for the change:

A committee of this importance to the relationship of the two aforementioned organizations should not be left to chance. Inclusion as a standing committee in the JWV Bylaws ensures both parties operate in coordination and with the intent as described in the Memorandum of Understanding. This has gone on far too long as a committee without status or sanctioned by the membership and should be corrected. Memorandum is attached.

24- Constitution Article XII : Section: 1, 2, 3, 4

Submitted by Sheldon Goldberg, Ph.D., NEC, Department of Maryland

As it appears now:

Section 1. A publication known as “The Jewish Veteran” is hereby designated as the official organ of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America. The expense incurred in publishing “The Jewish Veteran” shall be paid out of the National Treasury.

Proposed Change:

Section 1. A publication known as “The Jewish Veteran” is hereby designated as the official organ of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America. The expense incurred in publishing “The Jewish Veteran” shall be paid out of the National Treasury. The Jewish Veteran shall be the official voice of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. It shall be published a minimum of four times per year in a format dictated by the editorial staff and as the finances of the National Treasury permit. Each edition shall be posted on the National organization’s website and it may be sent to individual echelons and members electronically if they so desire.

As it appears now:

Section 2. Notices published in “The Jewish Veteran” shall constitute official notice to all comrades as required by the National Constitution and Bylaws.

Proposed Change:

Section 2. The content of The Jewish Veteran shall be determined by the editorial staff who shall seek input from the membership at large. Editorials, when included, shall be written by knowledgeable individuals on items germane to the membership at large, i.e., on issues pertaining to JWV, to veterans, to the U.S. military establishment. Notices published in “The Jewish Veteran” shall constitute official notice to all comrades as required by the National Constitution and Bylaws.

As it appears now:

Section 3. The National Executive Committee shall adopt a “Manual of Ceremonies” which shall contain official regulations, protocols, policies and ceremonies for the proper conduct of the various Echelons of the Organization. Such Manual, or amendments, modifications or additions thereto, when adopted by the National Executive Committee, shall have the same force and effect as a lawful order issued by proper authority, and may be amended at any meeting of the National Executive Committee...

Proposed change:

Section 3. ~~The National Executive Committee shall adopt a “Manual of Ceremonies” which shall contain official regulations, protocols, policies and ceremonies for the proper conduct of the various Echelons of the Organization. Such Manual, or amendments, modifications or additions thereto, when adopted by the National Executive Committee, shall have the same force and effect as a lawful order issued by proper authority, and may be amended at any meeting of the National Executive Committee.~~ The publishing schedule in Section 1 notwithstanding, The Jewish Veteran shall have one special “Convention” edition published no later than thirty (30) days before the National Convention. This edition shall contain a) The names, biographies, and qualifications of all nominees for National office, and b) To the extent possible, the full content of all Constitutional and Bylaw proposals/amendments that have been properly submitted to be voted on at the National Convention.

As it appears now:

Section 4 does not appear.

Proposed change:

Section 4. This “Convention” edition of The Jewish Veteran will also contain a self-addressed ballot so that every member of JWV who cannot attend the National Convention may vote on the nominees for national office and on the proposals and resolutions that will come before the National Convention. These ballots will be counted providing they arrive at National Headquarters no later than two business days before the election of National Officers.

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Proposed change:

Section 5. The National Executive Committee shall adopt a “Manual of Ceremonies” which shall contain official regulations, protocols, policies and ceremonies for the proper conduct of the various Echelons of the Organization. Such Manual, or amendments, modifications or additions thereto, when adopted by the National Executive Committee, shall have the same force and effect as a lawful order issued by proper authority, and may be amended at any meeting of the National Executive Committee.

25- Manual of Ceremonies: Part I, Reception of Visitors

Submitted by Larry Jasper, Department of Florida

As it appears now:

It is suggested that Introduction of Visitors at a Meeting shall be confined to complimentary introductions of such other visitors by the Commander, or his/her duly constituted delegate, in an informal manner, at the discretion of the echelon Commander, except in cases of visiting elected NATIONAL, STATE, and DISTRICT or COUNTY OFFICERS of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America and of our National Ladies Auxiliary, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Inc. (JWVA), Descendants of the Jewish War Veterans (DJWV) and of National Officers of other recognized veterans' organizations, and State and District Officers thereof.

Proposed Change:

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26- Manual of Ceremonies: Part I, Protocol of Subsidiaries and Affiliates of JWV, b)

Submitted by Larry Jasper, Department of Florida

As it appears now:

b) The National Descendants of the Jewish War Veterans (JWV) and the National Ladies Auxiliary, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Inc. (JWVA), both with their respective echelons, are co-equal subsidiaries of the JWV.

Proposed Change:

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