

The American Legion Department of Arkansas
Department Convention

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No.:

Title: To Establish Quarterly Meetings of the Department Executive Committee.

Origin: Past Department Commanders: Kevin Caldwell, Marie Wilbanks, William Sheets

Type: Department

Assigned To: Judge Advocate and Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1 of the By-Laws of The American Legion, Department of Arkansas, presently requires only two meetings of the Department Executive Committee (DEC) each year, one following the Department Convention and one immediately preceding the next Department Convention; and

WHEREAS, the administrative, financial, and operational responsibilities of the Department have increased substantially, requiring more frequent oversight, coordination, and timely decision-making; and WHEREAS, Article I, Section 6 of the By-Laws authorizes the use of Internet meeting services for DEC meetings, thereby enabling efficient, cost-effective participation by Department leadership; and

WHEREAS, the period between the Mid-Winter Conference in January and the Department Convention in June is a critical operational window in which Department programs, membership efforts, and administrative actions require consistent monitoring and guidance; and

WHEREAS, holding two of the quarterly meetings via virtual meetings on such platforms as Microsoft Teams or other such platforms for Virtual Meetings and the D.E.C. shall then determine the best times to conduct such added meetings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Department Convention of The American Legion, Department of Arkansas, assembled in regular session in June 2026, that Article I, Section 1 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows: "The Department Executive Committee shall meet quarterly, with one meeting held within twenty-two (22) days after adjournment of the Department Convention, one meeting held immediately preceding the succeeding Department Convention, and two additional meetings conducted via Microsoft Teams. These virtual meetings shall be scheduled on a Saturday at approximately 10:00 AM, with reasonable notice provided by the Department Commander."

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this amendment shall take effect upon adjournment of this Department Convention, in accordance with Article XVIII of the Constitution and Article X of the By-Laws.

Resolutions Subcommittee Recommendations

Committee/Commission Chairman Signature and Name

- Approve
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Title: To Clarify the Role of District Commanders at Such Meetings being Added to D.E.C.

Origin: Past Department Commanders: Kevin Caldwell, Marie Wilbanks, William Sheets

Type: Department

Assigned To: Judge Advocate and Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Arkansas, provides that District Commanders may attend meetings of the Department Executive Committee (DEC) and may serve as alternates for their District Executive Committeemen, but they are not voting members unless acting in that alternate capacity; and

WHEREAS, District Commanders are the primary operational leaders within their districts and regularly participate in DEC meetings to provide updates, coordinate programs, and support Department initiatives; and

WHEREAS, District Commanders frequently serve as the Alternate representative on the DEC when the elected District Executive Committeeman is unable to attend, and while they do not possess a permanent vote, they may be granted voice when recognized by the Chair; and

WHEREAS, District Commanders are responsible for implementing Department programs, supporting Posts, coordinating membership and training, and ensuring compliance within their districts, and therefore must remain fully informed of Department Executive Committee deliberations in order to effectively execute Department policy and maintain continuity of operations; be it

RESOLVED, by the Department Convention of The American Legion, Department of Arkansas, assembled in regular session in June 2026, that Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution be amended to clarify the role of District Commanders as follows:

"District Commanders shall be recognized as attending members of the Department Executive Committee with voice when recognized by the Chair, but without vote except when serving as the alternate for their District Executive Committeeman as provided in this Article."

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this amendment shall take effect upon adjournment of this Department Convention, in accordance with Article XVIII of the Constitution and Article X of the By-Laws.

Resolutions Subcommittee Recommendations

Committee/Commission Chairman Signature and Name

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