

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

OF THE UNITED STATES



DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

Office of
LARRY DANIELSON
Adjutant Quartermaster

December 1, 1993

Leroy Mendell, Commander
VFW Post 2260
1722 N Sawyer Rd
Oconomowoc WI 53066

Dear Commander Mendell:

Enclosed is one copy of the Proposed By-Laws, with corrections noted thereon, for Solveson-Moos-Abrahamson Post No. 2260 which has been reviewed by the National Commander-in-Chief. It is accompanied by a letter from Adjutant General Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr., on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief.

One copy of the Proposed By-Laws were retained by National Headquarters, one copy retained by Department Headquarters and the third copy is herewith returned to you for the Post files.

Please let us know if there is anything further we can do to assist.

Yours in Comradeship,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. K. Danielson".

Larry K. Danielson
State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Enclosure

cc: Robert Munro, State Commander
Dale Swenson, Post Adjutant

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THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

November 22, 1993

Leroy Mendell, Commander
Solveson-Moos-Abrahamson Post No. 2260
1722 North Sawyer Road
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066

Through Channels

Re: Proposed By-Laws
Solveson-Moos-Abrahamson
Post No. 2260
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
(Reviewed with corrections
and additions noted thereon)

Dear Commander Mendell:

Receipt is acknowledged of the proposed By-Laws of Post No. 2260 submitted through channels for the review of the Commander-in-Chief in accordance with Section 202 of the Manual of Procedure.

All references in the documents to "Constitution" have been corrected to read "Congressional Charter" to reflect current terminology.

In order to preclude any misunderstanding as to the scope of the laws and usages of the organization, the following has been added to Article II, Section 1:

"For the purposes of this Article and Section, resolutions adopted by the National Convention are held to be lawful orders."

In order to preclude any misunderstanding and be in compliance with Sections 203 and 206 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, Article III, Section 5 has been corrected to read:

"A change in the regular meeting place may be made by authority of the Department Commander, having first been approved at the instance of a majority vote of the members present at any meeting provided the entire Post membership has previously been given written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to such contemplated action. The appointed day and time for the Post meeting may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the mem-

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bers present at any regular meeting. The Post members and the Department Commander shall be notified of any change of regular meeting."

The following sentence has been added to Article VI, Section 1 in accordance with the provisions of Section 218 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure:

"The Post Quartermaster, by virtue of his office, shall be treasurer of all committees handling funds."

Also, in accordance with the above, the following has been added to Article VI, Section 3 subparagraph (f):

"The Post Quartermaster, by virtue of his office, shall be treasurer of the House Committee."

In order to preclude any misunderstanding and be in compliance with Section 214 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, the last sentence of Article X, Section 1 (a) has been corrected to read:

"The Post shall not solicit funds or donations or otherwise engage in fund-raising activities or projects outside the immediate geographical area or community of the Post."

In order to be in full compliance with Section 214 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure, the following has been added to Article X as Section 1 (d):

"Fund-raising organizations or individuals conducting solicitations, activities or projects for a profit shall not be engaged or used by the Post for such purpose unless such engagement is made by written agreement between the Post and the organization or individuals providing those services. The form of any such written agreement must be submitted to the Department Commander for review at least thirty (30) days prior to any Post entering into any such agreement."

In order to preclude any misunderstanding, Article XII, Section 3 has been corrected to read:

"In all Post procedure not provided for by the Congressional Charter and By-Laws or these By-Laws, Demeter's Manual shall be the Authority, and it shall be the duty of the Post Advocate, in an advisory way, when called upon to do so by the Post Commander to advise the Post Commander on the proper rule or rules."

In order to preclude any misunderstanding and be in compliance with the National By-Laws, the word "approved" in Article XIII, Sections 1 and 2 has been corrected to read "reviewed."

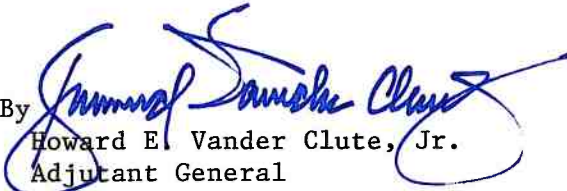
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A review of the proposed By-Laws discloses that with the corrections and additions noted above, the proposed By-Laws appear to be in substantial compliance with the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure, Ritual or laws and usages of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

A copy of the reviewed By-Laws with the corrections and additions noted thereon has been retained for our files, the other(s) herewith returned.

Yours in comradeship,

George R. Cramer
Commander-in-Chief

By 
Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr.
Adjutant General

HVC:S:bf
Enc: By-Laws (2)
cc: Department Adjutant

BY LAWS

Solveson-Moos-Abrahamson Post No. 2260, Veterans of Foreign Wars
of The United States.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION

Sec. 1. By virtue of charter granted, this post shall be known as
Solveson-Moos-Abrahamson Post No. 2260, Veterans Of Foreign
Wars of the United States.

Sec. 2. The location of this post shall be in the city of Oconomowoc,
County of Waukesha, State of Wisconsin.

ARTICLE II

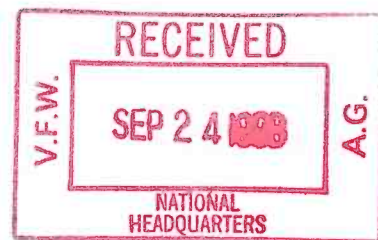
SUBORDINATION

Sec 1. The supreme power of this association is vested in the
National Convention and this post shall be at all times
governed by **the Congressional Charter** and By-Laws of the Veterans
of Foreign wars of The United States, the By-Laws of the
Department of Wisconsin, orders issued by authority of the
National Convention, National Council of Administration,
the Commander-in-Chief, the Department Convention, Department
Council of Administration and the Commander of the Department
of Wisconsin. **For the purposes of this Article and Section, resolutions adopted by the
National Convention are held to be lawful orders.**

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

Sec. 1. Place: The Regular meeting place of this post shall be at
the VFW Clubhouse, 830 E. Wisconsin Ave. Oconomowoc,
Wisconsin, 53066



ARTICLE III-MEETINGS (Continued)

Sec. 2. Time: The stated meeting of the Post shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month, to be called to order at 8:00 PM.

Sec. 3. Special meetings may be called in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws. (Sec.204)

Sec. 4. Quorum: Ten (10) active members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 5. A change in the regular meeting place may be made by authority of the Department Commander, having first been approved at the instance of a majority vote of the members present at any meeting provided the entire Post membership has previously been given written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to such contemplated action. The appointed day and time for the Post meeting may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting. The Post members and the Department Commander shall be notified of any change of regular meeting.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Membership in this post, eligibility to, application for, acquiring and maintenance of, loss of discipline shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws.
(Sec. 101, 102)

Sec. 2. The admission fee of this post shall be \$1.00 payable in accordance with the National By-Laws. (Sec. 101, 102)

Sec. 3. The dues of this post shall be \$2.50 over and above National and Department per capita per year, to be paid in accordance with the National By-Laws and lawful orders.

Per capita tax increases by either the National or State organizations should be considered at the next post meeting following the official announcement of such increase in the National VFW Magazine or Department of Wisconsin VFW News in order that post dues may reflect such increase. The National and Department Headquarters will immediately be advised of such change.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

- Sec. 1. The officers of this Post, eligibility to, nomination, election or appointment, installation and term of office shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws.
(Sec. 215, 216, 217)
- Sec. 2. The duties of all officers shall be those prescribed by National and Department By-Laws, lawful orders, as the post may direct, and as these By-Laws in this article may hereafter provide. (Sec. 218)
- Sec. 3. When this post is the occupant of quarters of which it is the owner or lessee, the Post shall at the regular spring election, elect a "House Committee: of six (6) members, one of which shall be designated as chairman by majority vote of House Committee members. House Committee members shall be on rotating terms of 1, 2, and 3 year terms.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

- Sec. 1. All committees and their chairman, unless otherwise provided, shall, as promptly as possible after installation in office, be appointed by the Commander and serve at his will and pleasure. **The Post Quartermaster, by virtue of his office, shall be treasurer of all committees handling funds.**
- Sec. 2. The standing Committees of the Post shall be as follows:

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| (a) Membership & Life Membership | (f) Community Activities |
| (b) Buddy Poppy | (g) Americanism |
| (c) Publicity | (h) Color Guard |
| (d) Youth Activities | (i) Safety |
| (e) Voice of Democracy | (j) Entertainment |

The Junior Vice Commander shall be in charge of the Entertainment Committee.

The Sr. Vice Commander shall be in charge of the Membership Committee.

ARTICLE VI (CONTINUED)

Sec. 3. HOUSE COMMITTEE:

(a) The House Committee shall be responsible for the cleanliness and upkeep of the quarters and the equipment therein.

(b) The Committee shall be in charge of all use of the Post's quarters and shall exercise such supervision over all users to insure the protection of the Post's name and property.

(d) The committee may authorize such expenditure for minor emergency repairs and janitor supplies as may be necessary for the preservation and protection of the Post's quarters and its equipment, provided that the total amount so expended between any two regular meetings shall not exceed \$300.00. Any and all expenditures must be approved on the post floor, but this amount can be spent before approval.

(e) All monies received by the Committee through donations for use of Post quarters or other sources shall be deposited with the Post Quartermaster.

(f) All expenditures of the Committee shall be made by regular voucher and check drawn by the Quartermaster, and approved by Post floor action. **The Post Quartermaster, by virtue of this office, shall be treasurer of the House Committee.**

(g) The house Committee shall keep a record of all its receipts and expenditures and shall, at every meeting of the Post, report all monies received and all expenditures made since the last meeting.

(h) The House Committee shall employ such personnel, including club manager, as shall be necessary. No member of the house Committee shall serve as club manager.

ARTICLE VI (CONTIUED)

(i) The House Committee shall have authority to suspend all club privileges of any member for misconduct on club premises for whatever time shall be deemed proper subject to appeal to membership.

(j) All actions of the House Committee shall be subject to ratification by the Post by regular vote at Post meeting.

(k) The manager shall be responsible to the House Committee and the Post Commander for conduct of all patrons. He shall deny club privileges to any member or guest violating club rules, state laws or these regulations.

(l) The club manager and House Committee shall be held responsible by the Post Commander and the Post membership for strict enforcement of club regulations, local ordinances, and state laws applicable to the operation of clubs.

(m) The Post Quartermaster by virtue of his office, shall be treasurer of the House Committee.

ARTICLE VII

CONTROL OF POST CANTEEN

Sec. 1. The club manager:

(a) The club manager shall keep an accurate, approved set of records and accounts.

(b) All income and profits shall be held or deposited in the name of the post, and in no other name.

(c) The club manager shall turn over to the post Quartermaster, at least quarterly all net profits and property aquired over and above \$4,000 , and \$4,000 shall be retained for current club expenditures.

(d) At least once each month the club manager shall furnish

ARTICLE VII (CONTINUED)

the Post Quartermaster a complete written profit and loss statement to be read to the Post membership and placed in the Post minutes, and all expenditures to be supported by bills and vouchers.

(e) All club books and records shall be subject to quarterly audit by the Post trustees or qualified accountants approved by them.

ARTICLE VIII

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

Sec. 1. Expenditure of funds shall be made only on proper voucher drawn by the adjutant and approved by the commander and at least two trustees. All checks for the expenditure of funds shall be numbered in sequence, the number of each check to correspond with the voucher authorizing the same, and in addition to the signature of the Quartermaster, shall be countersigned by the Post Commander only after the check is drawn.

Sec. 2. The adoption of this article shall constitute authorization by the post for the payment of bills, when and as due, for monthly rental, public utility service, postage, janitorial service, and for janitors supplies and minor emergency repairs authorized by the House Committee, provided the amounts to be paid for monthly rental and for janitor service shall have been previously established by the post and changes only after approval by the Post.

Sec. 3. No other payment or expenditures shall be made except on the specific authorization of the post in each and every case.

ARTICLE IX

COMPENSATION

Sec. 1. No compensation shall be paid to any officer of this Post for his or her services as such officer, except as hereafter may be provided.

Sec. 2. For services rendered the Post shall pay:

Post Commander -	\$200.00 per year
Post Quartermaster--	\$300.00 per year
Post Adjutant -	\$100.00 per year
Club Manager -	\$ 60.00 per month

Delegates to the Department Convention shall receive \$50.00, Provided they attend regular meetings.

ARTICLE X

FUND RAISING PROMOTIONS

Sec. 1. (a) **This post shall solicit funds or donations only by prior vote of the members with the majority agreeing to the proposition. The Post shall not solicit funds or donations or otherwise engage in fund-raising activities or projects outside the immediate geographical area or community of the Post.**

(b) This Post shall not enter into any agreement with a promoter for the purpose of raising funds unless the said promoter shall have first furnished a good and sufficient surety bond in a principle sum sufficient to give the Post ample protection in the particular circumstances. The said bond shall be subject to the approval of the post advocate, bear the endorsement of the Post Commander and be kept in the possession of the Post Quartermaster. The bond will be conditioned on the payment to the Post Quartermaster of all monies due the Post as a result of the solicitation within thirty days of the close of the campaign. If the promoter has made satisfactory settlement within the thirty day period, then the surety bond

ARTICLE X (Continued)

will be determined to be discharged, otherwise the bond will remain in full force and effect.

(c) If the bond cannot be furnished, then all collections shall be made by the members of the post sponsoring the campaign or entertainment and said funds shall be paid to the Quartermaster or his assistant of the post who shall hold the funds in his custody pending proper pro rata distribution.

(d) See below *

ARTICLE XI
SOLICITATIONS-ETC.

Sec. 1. Unless previously authorized by a majority vote of the post, no solicitations, raffles or ticket sales shall be permitted in the post quarters on regular or social meeting nights unless such solicitations, raffles or ticket sales have been previously approved by the post.

Sec. 2. The house committee shall confine its consideration of solicitation, raffles, or ticket sales to stated social and meetings of the post in or around the post quarters and only those solicitations which are legal in Wisconsin.

ARTICLE XII
MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 1. Every member of this post shall keep the post Adjutant and Quartermaster advised of his current address by promptly reporting any change of same.

Sec. 2. One copy of these by-laws shall be issued to every officer of this post and any member who requests one.

Sec. 3. In all Post procedure not provided for by the Congressional Charter and By-Laws or these By-Laws, Demeter's Manual shall be the Authority, and it shall be the duty of the Post Advocate, in an advisory way, when called upon to do so by the Post Commander to advise the Post Commander on the proper rule or rules.

ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. These By-Laws shall become effective after adoption by this post and when, and if reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

ARTICLE X Sec. 1 (d) Fund-raising organizations or individuals conducting solicitations, activities or projects for a profit shall not be engaged or used by the Post for such purpose unless such engagement is made by written agreement between the Post and the organization or individuals providing those services. The form of any such written agreement must be submitted to the Department Commander for review at least thirty (30) days prior to any such agreement.

Article XIII (continued)

- Sec. 2 These By-Laws may be amended by the post by two-thirds vote of the members present at a stated meeting thereof; Provided however, such amendments have been read at the preceding stated meeting and each member notified at least (7) days in advance by post newsletter, of the contents of the amendments and the date on which the proposed amendments are made to be presented for adoption. All amendments shall be forwarded through channels and **reviewed** by the Commander-in Chief before becoming effective.
- Sec. 3 Wherever these By-Laws or subsequent amendments may be found to be in conflict with the present or any future National By-Laws, the latter shall prevail and be binding upon this post as though written therein.

Article XIV

SPEECHES

- Sec. 1 No member of this post will be permitted to speak on any one subject (Pro) or (Con) more than twice, and the first time, no longer than five minutes and the second time no longer than three minutes. With the exception of a committee report and recommendations, and visiting guests who have a message to impart.

These By-Laws were adopted, subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief and the Commander of the Department of Wisconsin, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on this 11 day of AUGUST, 1993, at the regular meeting of this post in the city of Oconomowoc, county of Waukesha, State of Wisconsin

SOLVESON - MOOS - ABRAHAMSON Post No. 2260
(Post Name)

Veterans Of Foreign Wars Of the United States

OFFICIAL:

BY Dale Swensen
ADJUTANT

By LeRoy Mendell
COMMANDER

Approved for the Department of Wisconsin

BY LK Danielson
Larry K. Danielson, State Adjt/QM

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