

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

Department of South Carolina

WHEREAS, The Department of South Carolina By-Laws, adopted at the 1978 Department Convention and approved by the National Organization on August 14, 1978, are severely outdated,

AND WHEREAS, The By-Laws have been unused and unavailable to our members for the last decade.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the current by-Laws be rewritten as follows and brought before the 2026 Department Convention.

By-Laws Committee Chair – Kathleen S Brock

By-Laws Committee Member – Patrice Lamb

By-Laws Committee Member – Audrey Smith

**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary
Department of South Carolina
Proposed Bylaws**

ARTICLE 1- NAME

This organization shall be known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary Department of South Carolina.

ARTICLE II – DISTRICT CONVENTION

- A- Delegates to a District Convention shall be one (1) delegate and one (1) Alternate for every fifteen (15) members, or fraction thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary at the time of election of delegates.
- B- In Districts that have three (3) or more Auxiliaries, no one Auxiliary shall carry more than 40% of the total Delegate votes for the District.
- C- District officer elections shall be held by delegate vote, as outlined in the National Bylaws and can be done by written ballot or roll call.

ARTICLE III – DEPARTMENT DUES

- A- Department Dues shall be set at Ten Dollars and no cents (\$10.00) per annual member, per year and shall be paid in accordance with the National Bylaws.
- B- Department dues for South Carolina Members at Large shall be set at Fifty Dollars and no cents (\$50.00), per annual member, per year and shall be paid in accordance with the National Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – DEPARTMENT CONVENTION and/or DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

- A- Delegates to the Department Convention shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Auxiliary held not less than Thirty 30 Days Prior to the Department Convention.
 - 1. One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each thirty (30) members, or part thereof in good standing in the Auxiliary based upon and as shown by the Department Treasurers' records.
 - 2. This fee must be paid for each member included in the composition of the Department Convention to be allowed to vote.
 - 3. The Auxiliary Secretary shall submit the list of delegates to the Auxiliary Treasurer who shall submit the list of Delegates and Alternates along with the appropriate delegate fees to the Department Treasurer no later than 15 days prior to the Department Convention.
 - 4. If an Auxiliary has more than one Delegate, an elected Alternate is NOT associated with a specific Delegate. A Delegate vacancy that occurs first

shall be filled by an Alternate that is registered at convention or any Department event that requires a Delegate vote.

B- The Department Delegate Fee Shall be Three Dollars (\$3.00) and no cents per elected Delegate regardless of the number of Delegates in attendance, and shall be paid by the Auxiliary based on the delegate strength as outlined in section A.

1. Auxiliaries failing to forward the full delegate registration fee shall be considered delinquent and in arrears. However, all rights shall be restored promptly upon proper adjustment and payment of such deficiencies. This delegate registration fee must also be paid by each member included in the composition of the Department Convention to be allowed to vote.
2. Members entitled to individual votes may pay the delegate fee at the Department Meeting.

C- All Department Delegate and Registration Fees shall be placed in the Department Convention Fund and expended on expenses incurred for the annual convention.

ARTICLE V- AMMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may only be amended or altered at the Department Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Department Composition (as defined in Sec. 602 of the National Bylaws) present, provided no amendment shall be considered unless a copy of the same shall have been forwarded to the Department Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Convention. It shall be the duty of the Department Secretary to distribute a copy of such proposed amendment(s) to the members which compose the Department Composition. No amendment(s) shall become effective until approved by the National President. Should the National President find any amendment(s) to be invalid or unnecessary, the remaining amendments shall stand as approved.