

May 3, 2021

Randall Black, Commander
John Wiley Brock Post No. 6683, VFW
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Re: Proposed Amended Bylaws

Dear Comrade Black:

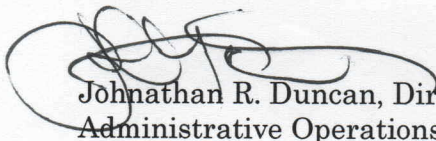
Receipt is acknowledged of the proposed revised Bylaws for Post No. 6683 submitted through channels for the review of the Commander-in-Chief in accordance with Section 202 of the Manual of Procedure.

These documents have been designated amended Bylaws to reflect their replacement of previously reviewed Bylaws.

A review of the proposed amended Bylaws discloses that they are in compliance with the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure, Ritual, and laws and usages of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

A copy of the reviewed amended Bylaws has been retained for our files, another forwarded to your Department Headquarters, and two sets herewith returned.

Sincerely,


Johnathan R. Duncan, Director
Administrative Operations

JRD: cl
Enc: Revised Bylaws (2)
cc: Department Adjutant (1)

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BYLAWS

JOHN WILEY BROCK POST NO. 6683

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 John Wiley Brock Post No. 6683 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- Sec. 2. The location of this Post shall be in the City of Enterprise, County of Coffee, State of Alabama.

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 Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the Bylaws of the Department of Alabama, 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 Alabama. 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 2615 County Rd. 537, Enterprise, Alabama.
- Sec. 2. Time: The regular meetings of the Post shall be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, to be called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Sec. 3. The Post may, after at least fourteen (14) days written notice to the Department Commander and the members of the Post, change its meeting place, appointed day or time upon a majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting called for such purpose.
- Sec. 4. Special meetings may be called in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws and must be sent to all members of the Post, and posted on the Post 6683 Website, Facebook Page and Calendar at least twenty (20) days in advance.

Sec. 5. Quorum: Five members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Membership in this Post, eligibility to, application for, acquiring and maintenance of, loss of and discipline shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws.

Sec. 2. There is no admission fee for this Post.

Sec. 3. The dues of this Post shall never be less than the amount required to cover Department and National dues.

Sec. 4. No eligible veteran may be denied membership on the basis of Gender, Race, Branch of Service, Religion, or Eligibility Campaign.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Sec. 1. Eligibility to, nomination, election or appointment, installation and term of office shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws.

Sec. 2. The duties of all officers shall be those prescribed by Department and National Bylaws, lawful orders as the Post may direct and as these Bylaws may provide.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

Sec. 1. All Committees and their chairmen, unless otherwise provided shall be appointed by the Commander as promptly as possible after election to office, and as such shall serve at his/her will and pleasure. The Post Quartermaster, by virtue of office shall be treasurer of all committees handling funds. The Post Commander, by virtue of office shall be a member of all committees.

Sec. 2. The standing committees of the Post shall be as follows:

(a) Membership

(1) The Post Commander shall appoint a Membership Chairperson.

(2) The Membership Chairperson will establish a Membership Committee. It shall consist of no less than three (3) members.

(3) The Membership Committee shall be responsible for recruiting, vetting members for qualification of membership and ensuring continued payments of annual dues.

(b) Poppy

- (1) The Post Commander shall appoint a Poppy Chairperson.
- (2) The Poppy Chairperson will establish a Poppy Committee. It shall consist of not less than three (3) members.
- (3) The Poppy Chairperson shall be responsible for the annual Buddy Poppy distribution. He/she shall obtain the necessary permits and coordinate all activities for a successful distribution.

(c) Youth Activities

- (1) The Post Commander shall appoint a Youth Activities Chairperson.
- (2) The Chairperson will establish a committee if they desire.
- (3) The Youth Activities Chairperson shall be responsible for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs. The Chairperson shall conduct promotion of the events in a timely manner to meet National deadlines and ensure participation involvement.

(d) House

- (1) The House Committee shall be elected by the Post members to manage certain matters related to the Post property including the operation of Post rooms and grounds. It shall consist of not less than three members, one each of whom shall be elected annually for a three-year term. Trustees shall not serve on the House Committee. In addition, the Post Commander, immediate Past Commander and Post Quartermaster by virtue of their offices shall be members of the House Committee.
- (2) A majority of the House Committee members must be present for the transaction of business at a regular or special meeting. The House Committee will hold at least one (1) scheduled meeting each month and special meetings may be held giving at least forty-eight (48) hours notice to all members of the House Committee.
- (3) The Committee shall be responsible for the cleanliness and upkeep of the quarters and the equipment therein. The Committee shall be in charge of the sub-rental of the Post's quarters and shall exercise such supervision over sub-renters as will ensure the protection of the Post's name and property.
- (4) The Committee may authorize such expenditures 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.
- (5) All monies received by the Committee through the sub-rental of the Post's quarters or other sources shall be deposited with the Post Quartermaster.
- (6) All expenditures of the Committee shall be made only by regular voucher and drawn by the Quartermaster in accordance to these Bylaws.
- (7) 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.

- (8) The Post may adopt such further rules and regulations governing the conduct of club or canteen as do not conflict with the provisions of this Article. Such rules and regulations shall only become effective upon their approval by a majority vote of members present and voting at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose; at least thirty (30) days' notice in writing having first been given to all members.

ARTICLE VII CONTROL OF SUBSIDIARY UNITS

- Sec. 1. Any activity, unit or clubrooms sponsored, conducted or operated by the Post, incorporated separately from the Post or unincorporated, shall be at all times under the direct control of the Post.
- Sec. 2. All funds derived from any of the above shall be in the custody of the Post Quartermaster.
- Sec. 3. All money, property and assets of every kind as well as all records in connection therewith used, held and owned by any of the above activities is the property of the Post and must be placed in the care and custody of the Post Quartermaster.
- Sec. 4. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Military Order of the Cootie are governed by Articles XI and XII respectively of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective Bylaws, rules and regulations.

ARTICLE VIII EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

- Sec. 1. Expenditure of funds shall be made only after prior authorization by the Post and on proper voucher drawn by the Adjutant and approved by the Commander. All checks for the expenditure of Post funds shall be numbered in sequence, the number of each check to correspond with the voucher authorizing the same, other expenditures may be made using acceptable banking practices. All disbursements of Post funds shall bear the signature of the Quartermaster or other person(s) authorized by the Quartermaster. Such other authorized person(s) shall be bonded in accordance with Section 703 of the National Bylaws.
- Sec. 2. The Post Quartermaster is authorized to pay all ordinary and necessary expenses for the normal operations of the Post, provided that the amounts have been previously established by the Post.

Sec. 3. For any request for fundraising from outside the Post, a written request with the following information must be submitted to the Commander:

- (a) Name of individual, organization, or group.
- (b) Plans for the needs for the funds.
- (c) How this relates to the VFW mission.

If emergent need for a veteran(s) wellness or safety, the Commander, with two-thirds (2/3) of elected officers may authorize an expenditure up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00). This expenditure must be reported at the next Post meeting.

For all other requests, the Commander or the individual, organization, or group, must present the information at the next regularly scheduled Post meeting, allowing for discussion. The distribution of funding will then be voted on by the membership at the next scheduled meeting.

Sec. 4. No other payment or expenditure 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 their services as such officer, except as hereafter may be provided.

ARTICLE X FUNDRAISING, PROMOTIONS, AND SOLICITATIONS

Sec. 1. This Post shall solicit funds or donations only by prior vote of the members agreeing to the proposition. It shall not solicit funds or donations or otherwise engage in fundraising activities or projects outside the immediate geographical area or community of the Post.

Sec. 2. 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 principal 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 (30) days of the close of the campaign. If the promoter has made satisfactory settlement within the thirty day period, then surety will be determined to be discharged, otherwise the bond will remain in full force and effect.

- Sec. 3. 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 a bonded officer of the Post who shall hold the funds in their custody pending proper pro rata distribution.
- Sec. 4. Fundraising 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.
- Sec. 5. Unless previously authorized by a majority vote of the Post, no solicitations or ticket sales shall be permitted in the Post quarters or at socials or meetings unless such solicitations or ticket sales shall have been approved by the Post.

ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS

- Sec. 1. Every member of this Post shall keep the Post Adjutant and Quartermaster advised of their current address by promptly reporting any change of same.
- Sec. 2. One copy of these Bylaws shall be issued to each elected and appointed officer of this Post.
- Sec. 3. In all Post procedures not provided for by the Congressional Charter and Bylaws or these Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the authority, and it shall be the duty of the Judge Advocate, in an advisory way, when called upon to do so by the Post Commander to advise the Post Commander on the proper rule(s).

ARTICLE XII SPEECHES

- Sec. 1. No member will be permitted to speak on any one subject (Pro or Con) more than twice; and the first time no longer than three (3) minutes, and the second time no longer than one (1) minute, with the exception of a committee report and recommendations and visiting guests who have a message to impart.

**ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS**

- Sec. 1. These Bylaws shall become effective after adoption by this Post and after review by the Commander of the Department and Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- Sec. 2. These Bylaws may be amended by the Post by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a meeting, provided each member had been notified at least twenty (20) days in advance and upon request provided a copy of the proposed amendments.
- Sec. 3. Wherever these Bylaws or subsequent amendments may be found to be in conflict with the present or any future Department or National Bylaws, the latter shall prevail and be binding upon this Post as though written herein.


These Bylaws were adopted, subject to the review of the Commander-in-Chief and the Commander of the Department of Alabama, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on this 20th day of April 2021 at a regular meeting of this Post in the City of Enterprise and County of Coffee, State of Alabama.

John Wiley Brock Post No. 6683
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

ATTEST:




Adjutant



Commander
RANDALL BLACK



REVIEWED **MAY 03 2021**
FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



BY JOHNATHAN R. DUNCAN, DIRECTOR
ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS