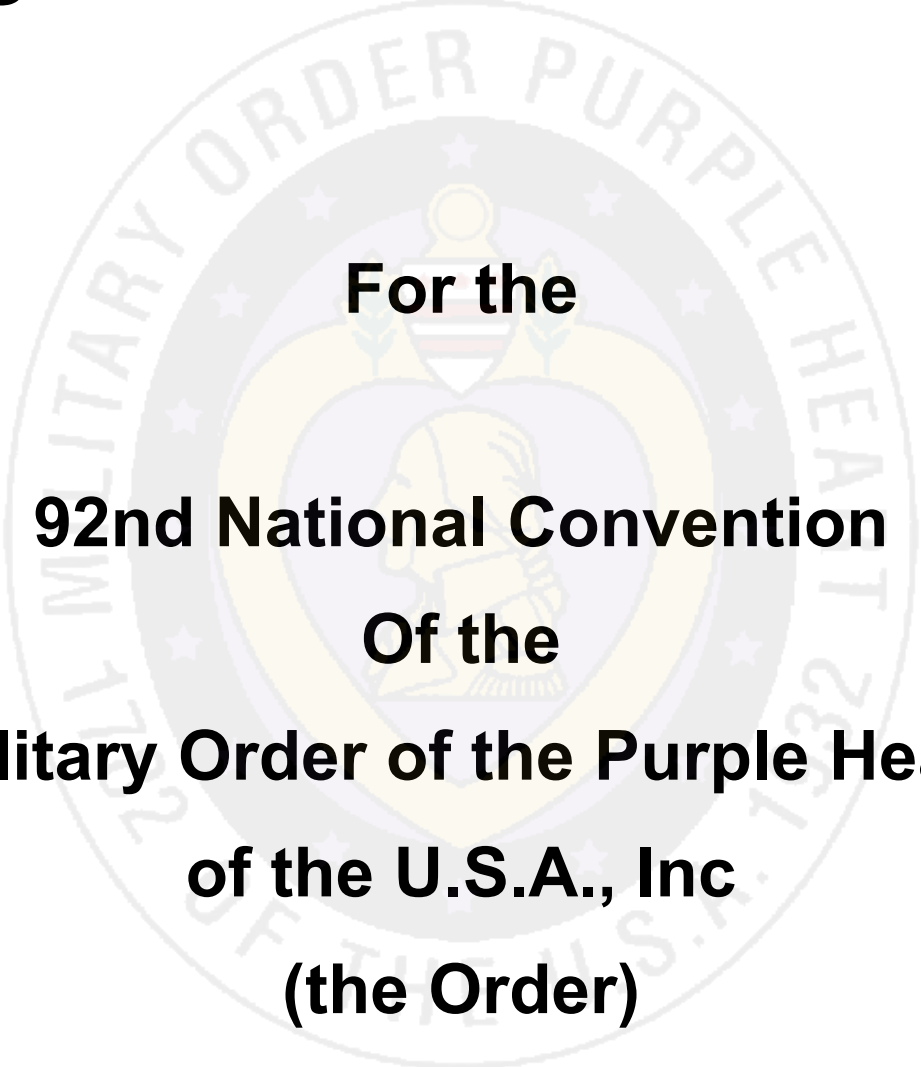


Bylaw Resolutions



**For the
92nd National Convention
Of the
Military Order of the Purple Heart
of the U.S.A., Inc
(the Order)**

In

Sparks, NV

July 14 to 18th, 2025

From: National Bylaws Committee

To: Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc.

Subject: Resolutions that are being presented to the 92nd National Convention, of the Order, July 14th to the 18th, 2025, in Sparks, NV.

Summary of the Resolutions

2025-001 Article XI, Section 22

This resolution will add a Chaplain at the Regional level: to perform such duties as may be required by the National Chaplain and the Region Commander. The Bylaws Committee recommends approval of this resolution, and it has been reviewed by the National Judge Advocate

2025-002 Article II, Section 5, and Article XII, Section 2

This resolution clarifies how the “@purpleheart.org” email address should be used for official mail only and members shall not send spam or other unwarranted or unsolicited degrading or harmful correspondence to the members personal email addresses. Any member who has received a request to stop sending spam or other unwarranted or unsolicited degrading or harmful correspondence including email(s) and fails to do so, shall be subject to grievance under Article 15, Section 12 and/or charges under Article 15, Section 13. The Bylaws Committee recommends approval of this resolution, and it has been reviewed by the National Judge Advocate.

2025-003 Article XII, Section 4

This resolution increases the duties of the Finance Committee to include **preparing and presenting the annual budget**. Supervise and control all expenditures, have the authority to approve expenditures beyond budgetary limits by up to ten (10%) percent of the individual line item. They **shall be responsible for the annual audit of all funds** and shall audit on specifically designated dates.

The NFC shall ensure that the reports of the National Finance Officer and the independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) are in compliance with all requirements as set forth in the Congressional Charter, Public Law 761, 85th Congress as amended by 36 USC Subtitle II Chapter 1405.

The NFC shall act as custodian of the Life Membership Fund

The NFC Chair, shall assign each Committee member a duty, or set of duties, to ensure proper financial responsibility is maintained throughout the fiscal year. These duties are, but are not limited to oversight of:

1) All Contracts and Rental of Building C.

2) Restricted Funds Accounts (i.e. VAVSO, Scholarship, Youth Leadership Program, Disaster Relief, and etc).

2025-004 Article XII, Section 5, paragraph B

This resolution amends to conduct quarterly reviews of investment policies and accounts and provide the minutes of the reviews to the NEC. The Bylaws Committee recommends approval of this resolution, and it has been reviewed by the National Judge Advocate

2025-005 Article X National Officers and Article XI Duties of National Officers

This resolution adds the **National Information Technology Officer their duties and when they can be appointed.** The Bylaws Committee recommends approval of this resolution, and it has been reviewed by the National Judge Advocate

2025-006 Article XIII Dues Section 2 Life Member Rebates

This resolution extends the current Life Member rebates disbursements thru year 2030 to ensure the National Headquarters continues to be staffed and operate at its current level thru the year 2030, recommend that Article XIII Dues Section 2 Life Member Rebates paragraph B be amended to read: "The per capita payment will be sixty (60%) percent to the National Headquarters, twenty (20%) percent to the Chapters, and twenty (20%) percent to Departments and the Life Member Rebate distribution shall return to fifty (50%) percent to the Departments and fifty (50%) percent to the Chapters in the year 2030." The Bylaws Committee recommends approval of this resolution, and it has been reviewed by the National Judge Advocate.

2025-007 Article XIV Uniform and Supplies Section 2 Caps and Section 4 Uniforms

This resolution clarifies the restrictions of what can be placed on the Overseas Cap such as member's former **rank or rates, military service, or military unit designation** shall not be worn on the MOPH Overseas Cap, or any other part of the MOPH Uniform, designation on the MOPH Regulation Overseas Cap. As a Purple Beret is acceptable headgear (as a substitute for the CAP) for all MOPH functions the same shall apply. It does not apply to a member's personal headgear if said headgear is not worn with the MOPH formal uniform. The

Bylaws Committee recommends approval of this resolution, and it has been reviewed by the National Judge Advocate

2025-008 Article V – Meetings of Chapter Section 1. C.

This resolution adds the word elected to the 3 required members for the quorum. At least one of the three Patriots shall be a required elected officer of the Chapter. The Bylaws Committee recommends approval of this resolution, and it has been reviewed by the National Judge Advocate

2025-009 Article XVIII Section 1 A Amendments Section 1 A and 1 A 1).

This resolution adds 2/3 vote of the NEC to vote or amend Bylaws in case of **dire emergency**. Any required changes to any resolutions must be addressed at the National Convention

It also outlines the chain of custody of the bylaw resolution to first be proposed by a Department Convention, Department Executive Committee, or the NEC. **An amendment emanating from the National Bylaws Committee can only be considered at the National Convention**, therefore be it further

The Bylaws Committee will not be allowed to propose an amendment for passage to the NEC. Any Bylaws Committee Amendment must be heard and discussed at the National Convention. The Bylaws Committee recommends disapproval of this resolution, and it has been reviewed by the National Judge Advocate.

2025-010 ARTICLE XII- Section 8 A 1 & 3

This resolution changes who can become the Chairman of the bylaws committee and the make-up of the committee to being any member with knowledge of the Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee recommends disapproval of this resolution, and it has been reviewed by the National Judge Advocate.

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-001

COMMITTEE Bylaws

Committee's Recommendation
Approved 8 Yea of 8 Members
Present

Convention Action

Re: Establish the office of Region Chaplain

WHEREAS: There should be a Region Chaplain to have a connection between the National Chaplain and Department Chaplains for effective communications.

RESOLVED: Therefore, be it resolved that the Office of Region Chaplain be established
Under Article XI, duties of National Officers, section 22 Region Chaplain to
perform
Such duties as may be required by the National Chaplain and the Region
Commander.

Submitted by: Department of Oregon

Signed: Lawrence Rupp
Lawrence Rupp
Department Commander or Adjutant
Original Signature on File.

Date: October 19, 2024

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-002

COMMITTEE: Bylaws

Committee's Recommendation

Approved 8 Yea of 8 Members Present

Convention Action

**Amend Article II Membership Section 5 Membership Code of Conduct and Article XII National Committees Section 2 Duties of the National Executive Committee
ARTICLE XII - NATIONAL COMMITTEES Section 2 Duties of National Executive Committee, Subsection I, 1), d) (3) and ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP Section 5**

WHEREAS, ARTICLE XII - NATIONAL COMMITTEES Section 2 Duties of National Executive Committee, Subsection I, 1), d) (3): The National Adjutant, other MOPH officers, or members shall not spam an NEC member's designated voting e-mail address and

WHEREAS, Webster's Dictionary defines Spam as "unsolicited usually commercial messages (such as e-mails, text messages, or Internet postings) sent to a large number of recipients or posted in a large number of spaces. When any member of the Order who sends, by means of a computer resource or other communication device,

(a) any information that is grossly offensive or has menacing character; or
(b) any information which he/she knowingly know(s) to be false, but for the purpose of intently causing annoyance, inconvenience, danger, obstruction, insult, injury, criminal intimidation, enmity, hatred or ill will, persistently by making use of such computer resource or a communication device,
(c) any electronic mail or electronic mail message for the purpose of causing annoyance or inconvenience or to deceive or to mislead the addressee or recipient about the origin of such messages, is in violation of Section 66A of the Information Technology Act of 2000 as amended in 2008 which is punishable by imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and with fine. and

WHEREAS, Protection from spam or other unwarranted or unsolicited degrading or harmful correspondence including email(s) should apply to all members, associate members or affiliates of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA, Inc. (the Order) and not just the Members of the NEC as the Bylaws are currently written. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that **ARTICLE XII - NATIONAL COMMITTEES, Section 2 - Duties of National Executive Committee, Subsection I, 1), d)** be amended by deleting paragraph (3): "The National Adjutant, other MOPH officers, or members shall not spam an NEC member's designated voting e-mail address" and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Article II Membership Section 5 Membership Code of Conduct shall be amended to read by adding:

E. Members having a “@purpleheart.org” email address shall only use it for official MOPH business.

F. “Members, associate members or affiliates of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA, Inc. (the Order) shall not send spam or other unwarranted or unsolicited degrading or harmful correspondence including email(s), to any members of the Order’s purpleheart.org or personal email addresses and any member, who has received a request to stop sending spam or other unwarranted or unsolicited degrading or harmful correspondence including email(s) and fails to do so, shall be subject to a grievance under Article 15, Section 12 and/or charges under Article 15, Section 13. (**Merriam-Wester definition “Spam”**; unsolicited usually commercial messages (such as e-mails, text messages, or Internet postings) sent to a large number of recipients or posted in a large number of places).”

Submitted by Department of Arkansas

Signed: 
CHARLES W. ADKINS, JR.
Commander, Department of Arkansas

Date: 12 April 2025

RESOLUTION NO: 2025—003

COMMITTEE Bylaws

Committee's Recommendation

Approved 8 Yea of 8 Members
Present

Convention Action

RE: Duties of the National Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Article XII – National Committees Section 4 Duties of the National Finance Committee (NFC) currently reads:

A. Be responsible for the preparation and review of the annual budgets of the **National Corporation** after receipt of budgetary requests from officers and committees.

B. It shall supervise and control all expenditures and the handling of regular funds and those of all income-producing programs of the National Corporation.

C. Present all budgets within 30 calendar days after the close of each national convention, or adjustments thereto, to the NEC for its final action.

1) The National Finance Committee shall have the power-subject to the approval of the NEC-to allocate for budgetary purposes all funds received from any source within the limitation prescribed in these Articles.

2) It shall have authority to approve expenditures beyond budgetary limits by the ten (10%) percent of the individual item. Requests for the expenditures in excess of this allowance must be submitted to the NEC for approval.

D. Exercise unquestioned fiscal responsibility.

E. Any person or persons approving warrants, vouchers and/or checks in an amount exceeding the approved or amended budget line items shall be personally liable for this overdraft.

1) Such person(s) shall reimburse the Corporation the amount of the overdraft.

2) The National Adjutant, National Commander, and National Finance Officer shall each be jointly and severally liable for such repayment to this Corporation.

F. Contracts for employment of employees, rental or purchase of new office space, or other high-priced capital expenditures will be reviewed by the **[National]** Judge Advocate for correctness prior to submission to the National Finance Committee.

G. The National Finance Committee meeting held after the **National** Convention will set "high priced capital expenditure" criteria.

H. Be charged with the investigating and the reporting to the NEC on all contracts submitted to MOPH.

I. It shall render advice to the NEC on all financial questions.

J. Not allow any Chapter, Department, Auxiliary, or other unit of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA, Inc., to raise or acquire any monies, funds, or other things of value with the help or assistance of a paid or otherwise compensated person, employee, individual, or company without approval.

1) Such entity must submit written notification to the National Commander, National

Adjutant, National Judge Advocate, and the Chairman of the National Finance Committee as to all the details of the fund-raising project.

a) The Chapter, Unit, Department, or any subsidiary of the Corporation requesting permission for such fund-raising activities shall comply with all local ordinances, codes, or laws; and federal ordinances, codes, laws, or regulations covering the various fund- raising activities. Event insurance is recommended.

b) Determine that funds raised by such fund-raising activities or programs shall be used only for such purpose or purposes as are advertised in the solicitation for which approval has been granted by the National Finance Committee.

c) Institute such additional regulations for the licensing, fees, and overall supervision of all fund-raising activities by all subsidiaries of this Corporation, as may be determined and promulgated by the National Finance Committee. It shall determine that the regulations are fully complied with by all concerned.

2) It shall be the duty of the National Commander, the National Adjutant, and the National Judge Advocate, within 30 calendar days of receipt of such request, to make a recommendation to all the National Finance Committee members regarding such a fund-raising project.

3) The National Commander or the Chairman of the National Finance Committee shall forthwith call for a vote of the National Finance Committee.

4) A majority of the National Finance Committee must approve such a fund-raising project.

K. The National Commander will have the National Adjutant certify approval or rejection for the fund-raising project by the National Finance Committee. Define for the National Finance Officer in detail:

1) The accounting system to be used by the Corporation.

2) The form and frequency of regular and special reports that it may require of him or her covering all funds, offices, officer's expenditures, and similar items.

L. Be responsible for the annual audit of all funds of the National Corporation by an independent Certified Public Accountant and shall audit on specifically designated dates.

M. Determine that the reports of the National Finance Officer and the independent Certified Public Accountant shall comply in every respect with the requirements as set forth in the Congressional Charter, Public Law 761, 85th Congress as amended by 36 USC Subtitle II Chapter 1405.

N. Will act as custodian of the Life Membership Fund and as such will review any consideration for withdrawal of any part of the principal from this account and submit its recommendation to the National Executive Committee for approval. Approval to withdraw funds will require two thirds of the votes received from the National Executive Committee by ballot or at a National Convention. Recommendation to withdraw funds must include a plan for repayment over a specific period of time and

WHEREAS, this resolution corrects errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation and omissions, contained in the current language of Article XII Section 4 Duties of the National Finance Committee and

WHEREAS, the words will or must are changed to “shall” and the word “shall” be added where applicable in order to enforce the Bylaws responsibilities of the NFC and

WHEREAS, this Resolution adds language that directs the Chair, NFC to assigned specific duties to each of the elected NFC members. **Therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that Article XII – National Committees Section 4 Duties of the National Finance Committee (NFC) be changed to read

A. The NFC shall be solely responsible for the preparation and review of the annual budgets of the National Corporation after receipt of budgetary requests from officers and committees. The NFC shall consider input from those Patriots seeking election as National Commander without relinquishing its authority and responsibility for the preparation and review of annual budgets.

B. The NFC shall supervise and control all expenditures and the handling of regular funds and those of all income-producing programs of the National Corporation to ensure the budget is kept within the approved limits for the fiscal year.

C. The NFC shall present all budgets within 30 calendar days after the close of each national convention, or adjustments thereto, to the NEC for its final action.

1) The National Finance Committee shall have the authority, subject to the approval of the NEC, to allocate for budgetary purposes all funds received from any source within the limitations prescribed in these Articles.

2) The NFC shall have the authority to approve expenditures beyond budgetary limits by up to ten (10%) percent of the individual line item. Requests for the expenditures in excess of the 10% allowance shall be submitted to the NEC for approval. It shall require a majority of NEC votes received by ballot or at a National Convention to approve expenditures greater than 10%.

D. The NFC shall exercise unquestioned fiscal responsibility. Unquestioned does not mean that members of the Order cannot ask the NFC questions regarding the budget. It is defined by the Cambridge Dictionary as “accepted as true or right by everyone”.

E. Any person or persons approving warrants, vouchers and/or checks in an amount exceeding the approved or amended budget line items, without approval of the NFC or NEC (see paragraph C2) above), shall be personally liable for this overdraft.

1) Such person(s) shall reimburse the Corporation the amount of the overdraft.

2) The National Adjutant, National Commander, and National Finance Officer shall each be jointly and severally liable for such repayment to this Corporation.

F. Contracts for employment of employees, rental or purchase of new office space, or other high-priced capital expenditures shall be reviewed by the National Judge Advocate for correctness prior to submission to the National Finance Committee.

G. The National Finance Committee meeting held after the National Convention will set "high priced capital expenditure" criteria.

H. The NFC shall be charged with the investigating and the reporting to the NEC on all contracts submitted to MOPH.

I. The NFC shall render advice to the NEC on all financial questions.

J. The NFC shall not allow any Chapter, Department, Auxiliary, or other **Units** of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA, Inc., to raise or acquire any monies, funds, or other things of value with the help or assistance of a paid or otherwise compensated person, employee, individual, or company without approval.

1) Chapters, Departments, the Auxiliary and its Units, and/or other subsidiaries of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA, Inc., shall submit written notification to the National Commander, National Adjutant, National Judge Advocate, and the Chairman of the National Finance Committee as to all the details of the fund-raising project.

a) The Chapter, Unit, Department, the Auxiliary and its Units, or any subsidiary of the Corporation requesting permission for such fund-raising activities shall comply with all local ordinances, codes, or laws; and federal ordinances, codes, laws, or regulations covering the various fund- raising activities. Event insurance is recommended.

b) The NFC shall ensure that funds raised by such fund-raising activities or programs shall be used only for the purpose or purposes that are advertised in the solicitation for which approval has been granted.

c) The NFC shall institute, as required, additional policies and procedures for the licensing, fees, and overall supervision of all fund-raising activities by all subsidiaries of this Corporation. It shall ensure that the policies and procedures are fully complied with by all concerned and updated as needed.

2) It shall be the duty of the National Commander, the National Adjutant, and the National

Judge Advocate, within 30 calendar days of receipt of such request, to make a recommendation to all the National Finance Committee members regarding such a fund- raising project.

3) The National Commander or the NFC Chair, shall forthwith call for a vote of the National Finance Committee to approve or disapprove a fundraising project or seek additional information from the entity making the request if there is not enough information or there are questions concerning the information contained in the request.

4) A majority of the National Finance Committee shall approve such a fund-raising project.

K. The National Commander shall have the National Adjutant certify approval or rejection for the fundraising project(s) by the NFC and define for the National Finance Officer in detail:

1) The accounting system to be used by the Corporation.

2) The form and frequency of regular and special reports that it may require of the NFO covering all funds, offices, officer's expenditures, and similar items.

L. The NFC shall be responsible for the annual audit of all funds of the National Corporation by an independent Certified Public Accountant and shall audit on specifically designated dates.

M. The NFC shall ensure that the reports of the National Finance Officer and the independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) are in compliance with all requirements as set forth in the Congressional Charter, Public Law 761, 85th Congress as amended by 36 USC Subtitle II Chapter 1405.

N. The NFC shall act as custodian of the Life Membership Fund and as such, shall review any consideration for withdrawal of any part of the principal from this account, and submit its recommendation to the NEC for approval. Approval to withdraw funds shall require two thirds (2/3) of the votes received from the NEC ballot or at a National Convention. All recommendations to withdraw funds shall include a plan for repayment over a specific period of time.

O. The NFC Chair, shall assign each Committee member a duty, or set of duties, to ensure proper financial responsibility is maintained throughout the fiscal year. These duties are, but are not limited to oversight of:

1) Contracts and Rental of Building C.

2) Restricted Funds Accounts (i.e. VAVSO, Scholarship, Youth Leadership Program, Disaster Relief, and etc).

- 3) General Operating Fund Accounts (i.e. Headquarters Expenditures to include payroll, utilities, supplies and equipment not requiring contracts, National Conventions, Travel and etc.).

Submitted by Department of Arkansas

Signed: _____
CHARLES W. ADKINS, JR.
Commander, Department of Arkansas

Date: 12 April 2025

RESOLUTION NO: 2025--004

COMMITTEE Bylaws

Committee’s Recommendation

Approved 8 Yea of 8 Members Present

Convention Action

Regarding National Investment Committee Reviews

WHEREAS, Article XII – National Committees Section 5 Investment Committee paragraph B currently reads:

B. Conduct periodic reviews of investment policies. These reviews will be done at least annually, but preferably more often and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that one review per year is insufficient to make informed decisions regarding the Order’s investments and the impacts the investments have on the annual budget and Life Member Funds. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that National Committees Section 5 Investment Committee paragraph B be amended to read:

B. The Investment Committee shall conduct quarterly reviews of investment policies and accounts and provide the minutes of the reviews to the NEC.

Submitted by Department of Arkansas



Signed: _____ Date: 12 April 2025
CHARLES W. ADKINS, JR.
Commander, Department of Arkansas

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-005

COMMITTEE Bylaws

Committee's Recommendation

Approved 8 Yea of 8 Members
Present

Convention Action

RE: Amendment to Article X National Officers and Article XI Duties of National Officers

WHEREAS, until June 2020 the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH or aka The Order) National Headquarters had paid staff to operate and maintain computers, the website, servers, and other information technology (IT) equipment/assets, and

WHEREAS, after June 2020, the operation and maintenance of the National Headquarters maintain computers, the website, servers, and other IT equipment/assets fell to the National Adjutant, National Leadership Team (National Commander (NC), National Senior Vice Commander (NSVC), or National Junior Vice Commander (NJVC) , and others who volunteered to assist but may not have been the best qualified and

WHEREAS, in November 2020, a Patriot who owns his own software development company volunteered to assist the National Headquarters in fixing issues with the MOPH website but in 2023 stepped back in order to focus on building his business and

WHEREAS, many of our past and current leadership were/are not versed in modern security or technology concerns to effectively manage our IT assets and.

WHEREAS, during the 2023-2024 year, the National Commander "hired" aWebmaster who has also been effectively acting as our IT administrator. Our other current administrators are members of the organization's leadership (Adjutant, Commander, and etc.). We have not vetted whether all our IT needs are met using this structure and

WHEREAS, members of the National Leadership team or the National Adjutant should not be an IT administrator for separation-of-duties reasons. Oversight can be done by leadership, but this should not be their primary responsibility. Current unofficial structure has the Webmaster fall under the purview of the National Senior Vice Commander, **Therefore, be it**

RESOLVED, that Article X National Officers Section 2 Officers be amended to read:

"The National Officers of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA, Inc., shall be a National Commander, National Senior Vice Commander, National Junior Vice Commander, six (6) National Region Commanders, National Adjutant, National Finance Officer, National Judge Advocate, National Inspector, National Sergeant-at-Arms, National Service Director, National Legislative Director, National Chaplain, National Americanism Officer, National Surgeon, National Historian, National Public Relations Director, National Women's Veterans Coordinator,

and National VAVS Director, **National Information Technology Officer**, the Department Commanders of each Department, and the National Chiefs of Staff" and **be it further**

RESOLVED, that Article XI Duties of National Officers be amended by adding the following:

SECTION 1 – National Commander E (6) The National Commander shall appoint a National Information Technology Officer (NITO) at the start of their term during the post- convention NEC meeting. The National Commander may retain the previous NITO.

The current Section 1 E 6) becomes E (7).

SECTION 22- National Information Technology Officer (NITO)

- A. The NITO shall be the primary individual responsible the Order's IT systems, assets, and platforms, except for financial IT systems/assets/platforms, which will be managed by the National Finance Officer (NFO).
- B. The NITO shall work with the national leadership team to develop and maintain the Order's IT strategic plan.
- C. The NITO shall be a qualified IT professional who is current with and capable of managing modern IT systems. IT systems may include computers, websites, servers, other IT platforms, and IT-related services.
- D. The NITO shall not be the National Commander, the National Senior Vice Commander, the National Junior Vice Commander, or the National Adjutant.
- E. The NITO shall be familiar with our current IT structure to include the brands of our IT assets and services, support needed for our current IT structure, and the strategic plan for IT assets under the control of the NITO.
- F. The NITO should maintain relevant industry certifications for IT and websites.
- G. The NITO is the organization's primary administrator for all IT systems. The NITO shall work with
- H. the National Commander to appoint a primary deputy NITO to be the organization's backup administrator. The NITO and primary deputy NITO will work together to track and maintain central control of all IT administrative controls within the organization.
- I. The NITO shall work with the National Commander to appoint a Webmaster, who shall not be the NITO.
- J. The National Commander may appoint additional deputy NITOs upon request by the NITO to handle other functions as required to maintain the Order's IT assets.
- K. The NITO may recommend hiring or contracting outside IT support to maintain or repair National Headquarters IT systems/assets when their expertise or ability to travel is insufficient.
- L. The NITO and his or her deputies may be required to travel to the National Headquarters to conduct required operational maintenance and repairs. The NITO may have a travel budget to support this function.
- M. The NITO may be compensated if approved by through the Order's budget process.
- N. The NITO may be required to assist with IT systems at National Conventions and other events. The NITO may have a travel budget to support this function.
- O. The NITO shall develop and submit an annual budget to the National Finance

Committee, covering costs for:

1. Operating and maintaining the MOPH website.
2. When needed training National Headquarters staff on IT systems/assets/platforms operations.
3. If needed travel to the National Headquarters for IT maintenance/repair and support for MOPH National Conventions.
4. Hiring or contracting outside IT support for IT systems maintenance/repair when needed.
5. When needed replacing outdated or non-repairable IT systems/assets.

Submitted by Department of Arkansas

Signed: _____ Date: 12 April 2025
CHARLES W. ADKINS, JR.
Commander, Department of Arkansas



RESOLUTION NO: 2025-006

Committee Bylaws

Committee's Recommendation

Approved 8 Yea of 8 Members
Present

Convention Action

RE: Amendment to Article XIII Dues Section 2 Life Member Rebates

WHEREAS, during the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) 2021 National Convention the Supreme. Body adopted the current language in Article XIII Dues Section 2 Life Member Rebates paragraph B that reads:

"The per capita payment will be sixty (60%) percent to the National Headquarters, twenty (20%) percent to the Chapters, and twenty (20%) percent to Departments and the Life Member Rebate distribution shall return to fifty (50%) percent to the Departments and fifty (50%) percent to the Chapters after five years ending (2026)" and

WHEREAS, unless sufficient funding streams are identified and utilized, the MOPH will face a potential \$300,000 (+ or -) shortfall in its operating budgets for 2026-2027 and going forward and

WHEREAS, it is uncertain if the current National leadership, the National Finance Committee, and those who will seek to hold future National elected leadership positions, specifically the National Commander, have considered the potential budget shortfall and the adverse impacts it will have on the National Headquarters operations and, more importantly, staffing. **Therefore be it**

RESOLVED, to ensure the National Headquarters continues to be staffed and operate at its current level thru the year 2030, recommend that Article XIII Dues Section 2 Life Member Rebates paragraph B be amended to read:

"The per capita payment will be sixty (60%) percent to the National Headquarters, twenty (20%) percent to the Chapters, and twenty (20%) percent to Departments and the Life Member Rebate distribution shall return to fifty (50%) percent to the Departments and fifty (50%) percent to the Chapters in the year 2030."

Submitted by Department of Arkansas

Signed: 

Date: 12 April 2025

CHARLES W. ADKINS, JR.

Commander, Department of Arkansas

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-007Committee Bylaws

Committee's Recommendation

Approved 8 Yea of 8 Members Present

Convention Action:

RE: Article XIV Uniform and Supplies Section 2 Caps and Section 4 Uniforms

WHEREAS, membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) is considered a membership of equals and,

WHEREAS, elected and appointed positions are designated by titles and not rank and,

WHEREAS, it was by Patriots' agreement during the 2018 National Convention that members shall not wear their former military ranks on any part of the MOPH uniform, in particular the MOPH Cap and,

WHEREAS, on page 104 of the MOPH Procedures Manual (updated 09 August 2024) governing the MOPH Regulation Overseas Cap it states: "**Do not add rank or rates, military service, or military unit designation.**".

WHEREAS, many Patriots are still wearing their former rank or rates, military service, or military unit designation on their MOPH Regulation Overseas Cap. Therefore be it

RESOLVED to enforce the prohibition of wearing **rank or rates, military service, or military unit designation** on the MOPH Overseas Cap, or any other part of the MOPH Uniform, Article XIV Uniform and Supplies Section 2 Caps be amended by adding:

F: A member's former rank or rates, military service, or military unit designation shall not be worn on the MOPH Regulation Overseas Cap. As a Purple Beret is acceptable headgear (as a substitute for the CAP) for all MOPH functions the same shall apply. This prohibition does not apply to a member's personal headgear as long as said headgear is not worn with the MOPH formal uniform. Be it further

RESOLVED that Article XIV Uniform and Supplies Section 4 Uniforms shall be amended by adding:

E: A member's former rank or rates, military service, or military unit designation shall not be worn on the MOPH formal uniform as defined in paragraph A above.

Submitted by Department of Arkansas

Signed:  Date: 12 April 2025

CHARLES W. ADKINS, JR.

Commander, Department of Arkansas

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-008

Committee Bylaws

Committee's Recommendation

Approved 6 Yea of 6 Members
Present

Convention Action

Amendment to Article V – Meetings of Chapter Section 1. C

WHEREAS Article V – REGULAR MEETINGS, Paragraph C currently reads: The Quorum of a regular meeting shall be five members consisting of at least three (3) or more active Patriots of the Chapter and the balance being Associate members. At least one of the three Patriots shall be Required Officer of the Chapter to ensure/enforce the strict observance of the Bylaws and usage of the Corporation, and all orders from proper authority.

WHEREAS it has been noted and asked as to whether at least one of the three Patriots of a regular or special meeting should be an *Elected Officer* of the Chapter to ensure /enforce the strict observance of the bylaws and usage of the Corporation, and all orders from proper authority.

RESOLVED ARTICLE V – MEETING OF CHAPTERS, Section 1 REGULAR MEETINGS, Paragraph C be changed to read: The quorum of a regular meeting of the Chapter shall be five members consisting of at least (3) or more active Patriots of the Chapter and the balance may be Associate members. At least one of the three Patriots shall be a required elected officer of the Chapter in order to ensure/enforce the strict observance of the Bylaws and usage of the Corporation, all orders from proper authority.

Signed: Lou Zayas
Commander, Department of Geogia

Date: April 26, 2025

RESOLUTION 2025-009

ARTICLE XVIII Sec. 1A, 1A1; with ARTICLE XII Sec.8, (4)

COMMITTEE Bylaws Amendments

Committee's Recommendation

Disapproved

1 Yea 5 No of 6 Members Present

Convention Action

RE: Change to ARTICLE XVIII SECTION 1 A 1 A 1)
Change to ARTICLE XII SECTION 8, 4)

WHEREAS: Change to ARTICLE XVIII - SECTION 1 A and 1 A 1) provides
WHEREAS: 1) The proposed amendment shall have been first proposed by a

Department Convention, Department Executive Committee, the National
Bylaws Committee, or the NEC, and

WHEREAS: In Fiscal Year 2022, the National Bylaws Committee proposed seven (7) Bylaws
amendments to the NEC for a vote without providing the NEC and all Patriots an
opportunity to voice opinions at a hearing, and

WHEREAS: More often than not, the issues being addressed would not have had little or any
adverse consequences had the amendments been held until the National
Convention, and

WHEREAS: The intention of the Bylaws Committee that revised the 2017 Bylaws was to
allow the Bylaws Committee to submit an amendment of such importance that the
consequences of waiting to have it voted on at the National Convention would be
detrimental to the Order, and

WHEREAS: Two of the Kentucky Patriots who worked on this bylaw amendment that the
Kentucky Department Convention passed were members of the 2017 Bylaws
Committee, so they are aware of the intents mentioned above; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That ART. XVIII SECTION 1 A and SECTION 1 A, 1) be changed to read:
SECTION 1 AMENDMENTS

A. These Bylaws may be amended by a roll call of two-thirds (2/3) vote of
the votes cast by the National Executive Committee members, only in
the case of a dire emergency. A dire emergency is defined as a severe
or terrible situation or event that, left unaddressed, would have a
detrimental effect on the Order.

1) The proposed amendment will first be proposed by the

Department Convention, the Department Executive Committee of the NEC. An amendment emanating from the National Bylaws Committee can only be considered at the National Convention; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED: That ARTICLE XII, Sec.8 amend with addition of a subparagraph 4

4) The Bylaws Committee will not be allowed to propose an amendment for passage by the NEC except in the event of a dire emergency. Any Bylaws Committee Amendment must be heard and discussed at the National Convention.

Committee's Recommendation: Convention's Actions:

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Signed cmSMRT, Adjutant

RESOLUTION 2025-010 ARTICLE XII Section 8 A 1&3

COMMITTEE Bylaws

Committee's Recommendation

Disapproved 3 Yea 3 No of
6 Members Present

Convention Action

RE: Change to **ARTICLE XII Section 8 A 1&3**

WHEREAS: ARTICLE XV Section 18 A, 1&3 states

A. This will be a standing committee of nine (9) members.

1) The National Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, or Region Commander may serve as the chairman, and

WHEREAS: ARTICLE XII Section 8 A 3) states:

3) There will be a diverse geographic and conflict demographics, and

WHEREAS: Limiting the Chairmanship to only eight (8) national officers does not necessarily guarantee having a bylaws-experienced Chairman who knows and understands the correct interpretation of the bylaws, and

WHEREAS: This limitation of potential chairmen restricts all of the other Military Order of the Purple Heart Patriots from contributing to the Order, and

WHEREAS: ARTICLE XII Section 8 A 3) states:

3) "There will be a diverse geographic and conflict demographics."

WHEREAS: The provision of choosing Bylaws Committee Members by quotas (Geographic and Conflict) has, in some years, kept two qualified Patriots from the same geographical region from being able to utilize their bylaws expertise for the benefit of the Order; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That **ARTICLE XII SECTION 8 A, 1 & 3** be changed to read:

Section 8 - NATIONAL BYLAWS COMMITTEE

A. This will be a standing committee of nine (9) members.

1) Any member of the Order may serve as the Chairman.

3) The make-up of the committee will not be determined by anything other than knowledge and understanding of the bylaws.

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-Signed cmSMRT, Adjutant