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Dear Commander:

Enclosed please find the Constitution and By-Laws for the American Legion 22<sup>nd</sup> District. The American Legion, Department of Texas, as approved by the Department Executive Committee on July 11, 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

"Still Serving America"

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Enclosure: Approved Constitution & By-Laws



CONSTITUTION  
AND  
BY-LAWS  
OF  
THE TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

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CONSTITUTION  
**OF**  
**THE TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT**  
**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS**

PREAMBLE

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in All Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

ARTICLE I - NAME

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be The Twenty-Second District, THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS.

Section 2. FRANCHISEMENT. The Twenty-Second District, The American Legion, Department of Texas, is a non-profit organization, which is an integral part of the Department of Texas as provided by the BYLAWS of the CONSTITUTION of the Department of Texas.

ARTICLE II- MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** All American Legion Posts in good standing with The American Legion, Department of Texas, Twenty-Second District, shall comprise the membership of the Twenty-Second District Executive Committee, The American Legion, Department of Texas.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

**Section 1.** The objectives and purposes of this District shall be to promote the principles and policies set forth in the foregoing Preamble, with the Department of Texas Constitution and Bylaws and with the National Constitution of The American Legion.

**Section 2.** The Twenty-second District of The American Legion, Department of Texas, shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

**Section 3.** Rank does not exist in The American Legion; no member shall be addressed by his/her military or naval title in any meeting of this District.

#### ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The elective officers of the Twenty-Second District shall consist of a District Commander, a Vice Commander, an Adjutant, a Finance Officer, a Judge Advocate, a Historian, and a Sergeant at Arms.

**Section 2.** The following officers shall be appointed by the District Commander and must be approved by a majority of the District Executive Committee: Chaplain, Service Officer, Public Relations Officer, Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms, District Hubmaster, District Webmaster, and any other Officers as may be recommended by the Commander and approved by the District Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE V – CONVENTIONS

**Section 1.** The District shall hold at least one (1) convention each year in the spring or at the call of the District Commander. The exact time shall be fixed by the District Commander not less than 30 days in advance of the convention. The place shall be fixed by the proceeding convention of the District after the Convention City committee has made its recommendations. If the preceding convention cannot fix the place for the next convention, then the place shall be selected by the District Commander. In case of an emergency, the District Commander may change the date or the place of the convention.

#### ARTICLE VI - BY-LAWS

**Section 1.** This organization shall be governed according to By-Laws adopted at Conventions, and shall not conflict with the provisions of this Constitution nor the provisions of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Texas, nor the provisions of the National Constitution of The American Legion.

#### ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

**Section 1.** This Constitution is adopted subject to the provisions of the National Constitution of The American Legion and of the Department of Texas. Any amendment to said National Constitution or Department Constitution, which is in conflict with any provisions hereof, shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of this Constitution to the extent of the conflict.

**Section 2.** This Constitution may be amended at any District Convention by a favorable roll call vote of the Posts resulting in approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the allocated delegates present on the floor.

**Section 3.** It is further provided that the proposed amendments shall have been read at such convention at least two (2) hours before being voted upon; and further provided that a record of the vote and the amendments shall be preserved.

**Section 4.** All proposed amendments to the Twenty-Second District Constitution must be presented to the Chairman of the Twenty-Second District Constitution and By-Laws Committee no later than two (2) hours after the start of the Convention.

## ARTICLE VIII – SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE INTERNET

**Section 1.** All members of this District and participants in the programs of this District are required to adhere to the Social Media Guidelines promulgated by the Department of Texas.

### **Section 2. Ownership of Domain Names and Social Media Accounts**

Applicants for social media accounts and registrants of domain names for this District or its programs are serving as agents of this District and ownership of these accounts and domain names are vested in the District. Applicants or registrants should obtain approval from the District Executive Committee to establish a domain name or social media account. Applicants or registrants shall, upon demand, transfer the account or domain name to another individual designated by the District Executive Committee.

**Section 3.** Applicants for online accounts to aid in performing business of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District (e.g. Amazon or other vendors) are serving as agents of this District and ownership of these accounts are vested in the District. The e-mail account used to register the online account should be an email address controlled by the District. The user id and password should be provided to the owner of the email account and the District Finance Officer for keeping.

**Section 4.** Any social media accounts referencing the 22<sup>nd</sup> District shall obtain prior written approval from the District Executive Committee. The admin for the site shall provide access and an admin password to the account. All items on the site shall comply with the Social Media Guidelines promulgated by the Department of Texas.

**BY-LAWS  
OF  
THE TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT  
THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS**

ARTICLE 1 DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

**Section 1.** The District Headquarters shall be in the City of Houston Metropolitan area, unless changed by the District Convention.

ARTICLE II- DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Section 1.** The Twenty-Second District Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers set out in Article IV, Section 1, of the District Constitution, the immediate Past District Commander, and the Post Commander (or appointed alternate) and one member from each Post of the Twenty-Second District; all of whom shall have voice and vote. The appointed officers set out in Article IV, Section 2, of the District Constitution shall have voice but not vote.

**Section 2.** All vacancies of elected District Officers, appointed District Officers and District Committee Chairs, except District Commander, for any cause may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the District Executive Committee present at the District Executive Committee or District Convention.

**Section 3.** The new appointee for Officers and Committee Chairs shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member of the Committee or Officer who they succeed. The new appointee for an elected Officer position shall hold office until the next District Convention at which time the Convention shall hold an election to fulfill any remaining term. A vacancy shall exist when a member or Officer is absent from their District duties for a continuous period, not to be less than three (3) months considered detrimental to the interest of the District by the Executive Committee.

**Section 4.** Any elected officer, except the District Commander, may be removed or suspended at an Executive Committee meeting by two-thirds vote of the members, provided that the officer shall have been served with a written statement of the complaint at least fifteen (15) days before such vote shall be taken, and shall have the opportunity to be heard at the Executive Committee meeting. The District Commander, on recommendation of a majority of the Post Commanders in the District, may be suspended, pending a hearing by the Department Executive Committee.

**Section 5.** Any appointment approved by the Executive Committee may be terminated by the Committee, by majority vote.



**Section 6.** All Posts in the Twenty-Second District must be members of the Twenty-Second District Executive Committee as provided by the Department of Texas Constitution.

**Section 7.** It shall be the responsibility of each Post Commander in the District to see to it that their Post is represented at each regular or called meeting of the District. Posts not providing representatives at 3 consecutive Executive Committee Meetings will be sent a letter signed by the District Commander stating they are in non-compliance to the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Constitution and By-laws. Posts in non-compliance shall not be counted in the District when determining if a quorum of Posts are present for District Executive Committee meetings or District Conventions.

**Section 8.** A quorum for transaction of business at any 22<sup>nd</sup> District Executive Committee meeting shall consist of the representation of a majority of the member posts and a majority of the district officers with both voice and vote. Quorum count does not include Posts that have not certified Officer Elections or missed more than 3 consecutive District Executive Committee meetings.

### ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

#### **Section 1. Duties of The District Commander**

- a. The District Commander shall be the executive head of the District.
- b. It shall be the duty of the District Commander to see that the Constitution and By-Laws of the District, the Department and the National Organization are strictly observed and that the District Officers properly execute their duties. The District Commander shall have full power to enforce the provisions of the District Constitution and By-Laws and mandates of the District Convention(s).
- c. It shall be the duty of the District Commander to make a report of their activities to the membership at each District Convention.
- d. The District Commander shall be a member of the District Executive Committee.
- e. The District Commander shall notify all elected Officers, appointed Officers, District Committee Chairs, Post Commanders and Post Adjutants of the time, place, and format (in person, virtual, etc.) of all regular and called meetings at least five days prior to such meetings. This notification includes utilization of social media such as the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Website and Facebook page and an email to all District Officers, District Committee Chairs, Post Commanders and Post Adjutants. The District Commander must inform members of the reason for the called meetings and subjects to be discussed at the time of the call. The District Commander shall preside over meetings of the District Executive Committee.

**Section 2. The District Vice Commander:**

- a. The District Vice Commander shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of Commander in the absence or disability of, or when called upon by the District Commander. The District Vice Commander shall be a member of the Executive Committee and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee and/or the District Commander. The District Vice Commander shall be Chair of the District Membership Committee.

**Section 3. Duties of the District Adjutant:**

- a. All proceedings of the District Conventions, District regular meetings or called meetings are to be drawn up in proper form and permanently recorded by the District Adjutant. All proceedings of the District Convention shall be forwarded to the Department Adjutant by the District Adjutant within 10 days after said convention.
- b. All petitions, reports, appeals, returns, and other communications at the Conventions, regular meetings, or called meetings are to be delivered to the District Adjutant and the District Adjutant shall see that they are filed in an orderly manner and carefully preserved.
- c. The District Adjutant is to distribute the documents referred to committees or other officers, according to the orders of the District Commander, and to notify them of their appointment to any duty.
- d. The District Adjutant shall keep an accurate list of all Posts and Officers of the same, and shall supply all District Officers with this list.
- e. The District Adjutant shall correspond with Posts and members in the District and perform such other duties incidental to this office as the District Commander may direct.
- f. The District Adjutant shall attend all 22<sup>nd</sup> District meetings.

**Section 4. Duties of the District Finance Officer:**

- a. The District Finance Officer shall receive all monies due the District from any source, giving their receipt therefor, and shall enter same in regular accounts with the purpose for which intended.

- b. The District Finance Officer shall make distributions only on legal orders from the District Executive Committee, on checks to bear their signature. In case of a documented emergency, the District Commander may sign for the Finance Officer.
- c. The District Finance Officer shall make a report at Conventions and all regular meetings or as requested by the District Commander or the Executive Committee. A written copy of their report to include bank statements must be provided to the District Adjutant as an enclosure to the meeting minutes.
- d. The District Finance Officer shall assure the District is bonded by a reputable bonding agency to cover a minimum of twice the financial assets of the Twenty-Second District.
- e. The District Finance Officer shall perform such duties, in addition to those stated above, as may be required by the Twenty-Second District Executive Committee.
- f. Upon election of a new or temporary Finance Officer due to the normal election process or due to unforeseen circumstances, illness or death, a District Executive Committee approved financial review committee, chaired by the District Judge Advocate, will conduct a review of the District finances within 14 days of the newly elected or temporarily appointed Finance Officer taking office. A copy of the review will be presented to the District Executive Committee for action, if any.

**Section 5. The District Sergeant at Arms** shall be present at all conventions, regular meetings and called meetings and it shall be the District Sergeant at Arms duty to carry all messages from the District Commander to any other officers or members, or vice versa, and to maintain order and decorum in the meetings as provided in the District Constitution and By-Laws, and as directed by the District Commander. The District Sergeant at Arms is in charge of the District Colors.

**Section 6. The District Chaplain** shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the District, attending all District meetings and Conventions which shall be opened and closed with Divine, but nonsectarian prayer. The District Chaplain shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the District Commander.

**Section 7. The District Judge Advocate's** duty is to supply professional advice in the conduct of the District business or procure counsel when needed by the District. The District Judge Advocate will be the Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, and will assist in external audits of the District Finances.

**Section 8. The District Service Officer** shall perform all of his duties of office as they pertain to the Twenty-Second District. The District Service Officer shall offer their services and advice to Service Officers of the Posts within the District. If at all possible

the Service Officer should be nationally certified. The District Service Officer shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the District Commander.

**Section 9. The Public Relations Officer** shall disseminate news, publicity, and information to the various news media in the District to the end that the image of The American Legion is kept on a high plane in the general public's view. The Public Relations Officer shall release all official news of the District's activities through their office at the direction of the District Commander and/or District Executive Committee.

**Section 10. The District Historian** shall keep an accurate history of the principal events pertaining to the District, and members thereof, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the District Commander and/or the Executive Committee.

**Section 11. The District Hubmaster** shall distribute appropriate electronic communications from Department, Division, and the 22<sup>nd</sup> District to Post Hubmasters, Post Adjutants, and Post Commanders in the District. The District Hubmaster shall also send out appropriate communications received from posts to the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Commander, Division, or Department.

**Section 12. The District Webmaster** shall establish and maintain a current District Web page. The District Webmaster is authorized to place information that affect our membership; district meeting minutes; current officers, current information of 22<sup>nd</sup> District Posts, and other information approved by the District Commander.

#### ARTICLE IV – ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS

**Section 1.** Between 22<sup>nd</sup> District Conventions, the administrative powers of the District shall be vested in the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Executive Committee.

**Section 2. District Meetings:**

- a. The District Executive Committee shall hold meetings between conventions when the affairs of the District require such meetings. The place, date, time and format of such meetings shall be determined by the District Commander.
- b. The District Executive Committee may be called to meet by order of the District Commander, or on a call for a meeting being duly drawn up and signed by seven members of the Committee, each of whom represents a different post within the District. Upon receipt of such a request, if the Commander refuses to call a meeting of the Executive Committee, then the majority of Post Commanders within the District, acting as a committee, shall be empowered to issue the call for the required meeting following the normal notification procedures.

- c. In calling meetings of the Executive Committee, the District Commander shall notify the membership of the date and place of the meeting at least five (5) days in advance of such meetings and shall also advise the membership of the reason for the call and subjects to be discussed at the meeting.
- d. The 22nd District may conduct its meetings in person, by utilizing a virtual format, or a combination of both.
- e. The District shall use its best efforts to implement any meeting with full regard for the need to maintain, as much as possible, accessibility for all members, including those with disabilities and those who lack the access to sophisticated technology.
- f. Members are responsible for their own technological needs, including installing any required software.
- g. In-Person Meetings: Members unable to attend an in-person meeting may be able to access the meeting utilizing a virtual format. Upon proper verification, members accessing the in-person meeting on line can be counted in establishing a quorum and, if authorized, may vote on meeting actions.
- h. Alternate Meeting Formats:
  - (1) District meetings may use any variety of electronic or hybrid methods necessary to conduct the business of the District. These could include fully virtual meetings, tele-conferences, or software such as Zoom or Webex.
  - (2) The District Adjutant will notify the Commander, District Officers, Committee Chairmen, Post Commanders, and Post Adjutants of access requirements. It is the responsibility of the members to have the equipment and software necessary for the meeting.
  - (3) During a called virtual meeting, the District Adjutant shall ensure that all participants are members in good standing and that a quorum is present.
  - (4) Any action that could be taken at an in-person meeting, including amendment of the Constitution and By-laws, may also be taken at a virtual or hybrid meeting held pursuant to this provision.
  - (5) It is the responsibility of the Post Commander to notify any alternate and other Post members who may wish to participate.

(6) If there is a vote, the District Adjutant must make a record of the vote and ensure that every voter is sufficiently identified and a member of the District in good standing. All votes of members on line or on the telephone shall be taken by roll call.

- i. All meetings of the District Executive Committee shall be open to any Legionnaire who is a member of a Post in the Twenty-Second District, and minutes with attachments, of all proceedings, shall be furnished to all District Officers, Committee Chairs, and Post Commanders on request.

## ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

**Section 1.** The Committees of the Twenty-Second District shall consist of the following:

- a. **District Convention Committees shall be:** Constitution and By-Laws, Convention Credentials & Rule, Convention City, and Resolutions.
- b. **Standing Committees shall be:** Baseball, Boys State, Boy Scouts, Sons of the Legion, Community Service, Disaster Preparedness, Law and Order, Membership, National Security, Oratorical, Training, School Awards, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R), and Veteran Affairs Volunteer Services (VAVS).
- c. **Special Committees:** The Twenty-Second District Commander shall have the authority to appoint such special committees to serve for a period not to exceed their respective term of office, and as may be authorized by the Executive Committee. The District Commander may further appoint such other necessary Committees not otherwise provided.

**Section 2.** All committees shall be appointed by the District Commander and serve for a period not to exceed their term of office. The District Commander shall designate a Chair of each committee. The duties of said committees shall consist of those normally appertaining thereto or as assigned by District Convention and/or District Commander.

**Section 3.** All committees shall cooperate with other respective and like committees and with Department and National Commissions and Committees.

## ARTICLE VI -- SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS

**Section 1.** The "American Legion Erna and Albert Siegmund Child Welfare & Rehabilitation Foundation", and the Trust Agreement creating same, is hereby recognized, ratified and provided for as a subsidiary of the Twenty-Second and Eighth Districts, Department of Texas, The American Legion. In accordance with said subsidiary organization's Trust Agreement, dated June 1, 1967, executed by H.J.

Bernard, Executor of the Estate of Erna Siegmund as Donor, and the original named sixteen (16) Trustees (from both the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Districts) named herein. Article VI, the Foundation's Trust shall be administered by members from the Twenty-Second District and Auxiliary and the Eighth District and Auxiliary, Department of Texas, The American Legion, as appointed under the provisions of Article VI of that certain "Trust Agreement" The 22nd District Commander shall appoint six (6) members thereto as provided in the Trust Agreement. The District Commander, or someone appointed by him/her, shall give a report on the status of the Siegmund Fund at District Conventions.

**Section 2.** The "Gavel Club of Greater Houston" is hereby recognized, ratified and provided for as a subsidiary of The Twenty-Second District, Department of Texas, and The American Legion. Said subsidiary organization shall be administered by the Officers and Executive Committee as set out in the Constitution of said subsidiary organization.

## ARTICLE VII – AUXILIARY

**Section 1.** The American Legion Auxiliary, organized under the provisions of the National Constitution and By-Laws is a recognized Auxiliary of The American Legion, Department of Texas, Twenty-Second District.

## ARTICLE VIII – CONVENTIONS

**Section 1.** District Conventions shall be composed of:

- a. The District Commander and District Officers, none of whom, except the District Commander, shall be entitled to vote unless duly elected as a delegate to the Convention by their Post, and;
- b. Duly elected delegates from the Posts in the district.

**Section 2. Delegates**

- a. In the District Convention each Post shall be entitled to two delegates for the first fifteen members or less thereof. Each Post shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each twenty-five members or major fraction thereof in excess of fifteen, whose current dues have been received by the Department Headquarters thirty days prior to the date of said convention and one alternate for each delegate.
- b. The Department Adjutant provides the District Commander a verified copy of the voting strength of each Post in the District prior to the District Convention.

- c. Each elected delegate must be a member in good standing of the Post which they represent at the District Convention.
- d. All delegates registered at District Conventions may be required to present their current Paid-up American Legion Membership card before being permitted to register.
- e. Post Credential's Chairs must submit a completed and signed Delegate Certification form containing all elected delegates and alternates from their post to the District Convention Credentials Chair upon arrival to the Convention Site.
- f. The registered and certified delegates present at the District Convention are the only ones eligible to vote with their Post delegation.
- g. The registration fee for delegates at District Conventions held at a Post shall not exceed thirty dollars (\$30.00). The Pre-registration fee for delegates at District Conventions held at a hotel shall not exceed forty dollars (\$40.00). If the said convention is held at a hotel, the on-site registration fee shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00). The exact amount to be charged at each convention shall be as recommended by the Convention Committee and approved by the District Executive Committee. Charges for extra activities other than dinner shall be approved by the District Executive Committee.

**Section 3.** The District Commander, if present, shall preside over the District Conventions, but may call the Vice Commander or delegate to the chair. In case of their absence of the District Commander and the District Vice Commander at the opening of a convention, the convention members will elect a presiding officer.

**Section 4.** Parliamentary procedures of the Conventions and Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised*, when not otherwise covered by this document.

**Section 5.** A quorum for transaction of business at a District Convention shall consist of the representation of a majority of Posts which are members of the Twenty-Second District, The American Legion, Department of Texas.

**Section 6.** The voting strength, on roll call votes, of each Post shall be in accordance with Department Rules for the Department Convention. All voices or standing votes shall be by each 22<sup>nd</sup> District Post member present with voting rights. If requested by any delegate a roll call must be held on any question. Voting may be conducted by written, secret ballot, with each post having the number of votes certified at the convention. Every person voting must be present on the floor of the convention.

**Section 7.** The program of the District Convention shall be limited to two days, including the opening date.



**Section 8.** The election of officers shall be the last order of business at the appropriate District Convention.

**Section 9.** If the appropriate convention shall fail to meet or to elect and install officers at the appointed time, those in office shall continue to exercise full authority until their successors are duly elected and installed.

**Section 10.** The provisions of these By-Laws shall become operative immediately upon adoption by the District Convention and subsequent approval by the Department of Texas. Immediately upon adjournment of the Convention at which these By-Laws are adopted all Posts in the District shall be notified by the District Adjutant of the changes in the Constitution and By-Laws, and shall be mandatory that all member Posts change their respective Constitution and By-Laws to conform thereto.

## ARTICLE IX – ELECTIONS

**Section 1.** The Commander, Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer a Judge Advocate, Historian, and a Sergeant at Arms shall be elected at the appropriate District Convention, and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are elected and installed.

**Section 2.** In case of death or resignation of the District Commander, or in case of continued disability of the District Commander, incapacitating him/her from performing the duties of their office, the Vice Commander shall exercise the duties of District Commander until the next election is held. In case of death, resignation, or continued disability of both the District Commander and the District Vice Commander, a majority of the Post Commanders of the District shall appoint a District Commander to serve until the next District Convention, at which time a District Commander and/or District Vice Commander shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

**Section 3.** The District Commander and the other Officers of the Twenty-Second District, The American Legion, Department of Texas, shall be elected in terms of even numbered years.

**Section 4.** The District Commander and District Vice Commander shall be a member of a Post in the Twenty-Second District, and the only exception being set out in Article IV, Section 6 of the Department Constitution, and shall continue to be active therein during their tenure of office. Failure of the District Commander or District Vice Commander to comply with these provisions shall cause their office to be declared vacant by the Department Commander. If the office of District Commander becomes vacant, the District Vice Commander will assume the office and the duties thereof until the next District Convention, at which time a District Commander shall be elected to fill the unexpired term. If the District Vice Commander fails to qualify, then a majority of the Post Commanders shall appoint a District Commander to serve until the next District Convention, at which time a District Commander and/or District Vice Commander shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

**Section 5.** All elected and appointed officers as well as Committee Chairs must provide the District Commander a copy of their DD-214 or other form of proof of service before being installed in to their respective office or chairmanship.

**Section 6.** All officers of the District shall assume their respective duties immediately following the Department Convention at which time the District Commander and other District Officers present are sworn in. The District Commander will swear in all new 22<sup>nd</sup> District Officers, not present at the Department Convention, at the first District Executive Committee meeting following the Department Convention

#### ARTICLE X ENDORSING OFFICER CANDIDATES ABOVE DISTRICT LEVEL

**Section 1.** The 22<sup>nd</sup> District shall not endorse any candidate for Department office, who is not, at the time of the endorsement, a member of The American Legion, Department of Texas, 22<sup>nd</sup> District.

#### ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

**Section 1.** The 22<sup>nd</sup> District By-laws may be amended at any District Convention by a favorable roll call vote of the Posts resulting in approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the allocated delegates present on the floor.

**Section 2.** It is further provided that the proposed amendments shall have been read at such Convention at least two hours before being voted upon, and further provided that a record of the vote and the amendments shall be preserved.

**Section 3. Section 4.** All proposed amendments to the Twenty-Second District By-Laws must be presented to the Chairman of the Twenty-Second District Constitution and By-Laws Committee no later than two (2) hours after the start of the Convention.

#### ARTICLE XII–BONDS OF OFFICERS

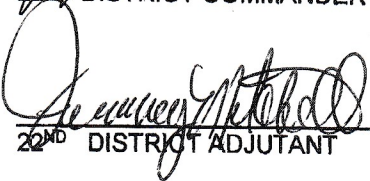
**Section 1.** The Finance Officer shall procure a bond for District Officers from a solvent surety company authorized to do business in Texas, in the sum of a minimum of two times the district monetary assets or a greater sum as directed by the Executive Committee of the Twenty-Second District. The bond is to be paid for by the Twenty-Second District.

PRESENTED FOR ADOPTION AND APPROVED BY THE DELEGATES TO THE TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT CONVENTION, HELD IN KATY, TEXAS, ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2021

ATTEST

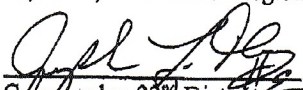
  
22<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT COMMANDER

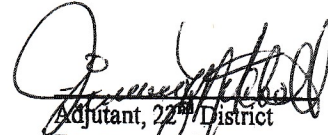
  
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CERTIFICATION

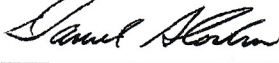
We, the following officers of the Twenty-Second District, The American Legion, Department of Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing Constitution and By-laws, as amended, after due notice was given to all members, and was adopted at the District Convention which was held on May 22, 2021, at American Legion Post 164, Katy, Texas.

  
Commander, 22<sup>nd</sup> District  
Department of Texas

  
Adjutant, 22<sup>nd</sup> District  
Department of Texas

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION

After review, the above amended Constitution of the Twenty Second District, Department of Texas, was approved and passed upon by the Department of Texas Judge Advocate, Dan Corbin, and recommended for approval by Department Executive Committee, on this the 26 day of May, 2021

  
Department Judge Advocate

Be it duly noted that the Department of Texas Executive Committee approved same on the 26 day of May, 2021 at the Texas State American Legion Convention, held in Austin, Texas.

  
William West, Department of Texas Adjutant