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EIN: 31-0948108

Dear Adjutant Rider:

The Constitution and Bylaws for M. R. Sarge Warehime Chapter #33, Department of Maryland is hereby approved as of this date, with the following change.

Article X, Section 5 of the Chapter Bylaws must be amended to comply with Article 9, Section 9.2, Para. 1 of the National Bylaws. The Chapter's Bylaws should read: "*Members may participate virtually in general membership meetings of the Chapter. The active membership status of any member participating virtually must be validated at the beginning of each meeting and documented in the Chapter's meeting minutes. Voting during the election of Chapter officers is limited to in-person participation and will not permit virtual participation by members. There shall be no form of voting by proxy or by absentee ballot. Members who experience difficulty, or who are unable to connect virtually, for whatever reason, will not have any recourse to challenge prior decisions made during the Chapter meeting.*" The Chapter will also need to identify which virtual platform (Zoom, GoTo Meeting, Microsoft Teams etc.) it will use to host the virtual participation of its members and document such in the Chapter's Bylaws. The Chapter itself will be responsible for purchasing equipment necessary to facilitate virtual participation by members at the Chapter meeting and shall not purchase equipment, services, and subscriptions for individual members to use.

A copy of this document is being returned to Chapter #33 along with a copy to the Department. A copy is also being retained in our permanent files here at National Headquarters for future reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael E. Dobmeier'.

Michael E. Dobmeier
National Judge Advocate

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c: Department of Maryland Adjutant Chandler



**KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO
AMERICA'S VETERANS**



CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS CHAPTER #33

ODENTON, MD

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Organization shall be "Disabled American Veterans. The name of this Chapter shall be M.R. "Sarge" Warehime, Chapter #33, Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

This Chapter recognizes the National Organization known as Disabled American Veterans, incorporated by Act of Congress, and affirms its allegiance, and subordination, to the National Organization, its Constitution, Bylaws and all Rules, Mandates and Regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Upon dissolution of the Chapter, the assets remaining after the payment of its debts shall be distributed as provided in Article 6, Section 6.4, Paras. 5, 6, and 8 of the National Bylaws

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Chapter is to fulfill our promises to veterans who served, and in furtherance of that purpose, to support the programs of the Disabled American Veterans as provided in the National Constitution and By-Laws, and Regulations of the National Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Chapter is open to all Disabled American Veterans, who shall conform to the requirements as outlined in the National Constitution and Bylaws. There shall be no associate, special, or honorary memberships in this Chapter.

ARTICLE IV – ADMINISTRATION

Section 1: The administrative affairs of this Chapter shall be vested in the Chapter Executive Committee in emergencies only, and a two-thirds majority must ratify all other actions of the Chapter Executive Committee; 2/3 majority vote by the Chapter membership present and voting at the next regular Chapter meeting.

Section 2: The Chapter Executive Committee shall be composed of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander (s), Treasurer, Chaplain, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Sergeant at Arms, and Officer of the Day.

Section 3: At the time specified in the Chapter Bylaws, the Chapter shall elect every 2 years a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander (s) and Treasurer, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Sergeant at Arms, and Officer of the Day.

ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE

The executive power of this Chapter shall be vested in the Chapter Commander.

ARTICLE VI – AUXILIARY

This Chapter recognizes DAV Auxiliary, subject only to such supervision as conforms with the National and Department Constitution and Bylaws of both organizations.

ARTICLE VII. – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any Chapter meeting by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those Chapter members present and voting, subject to approval of the Department and National Judge Advocate, and effective only after the date of said approval, provided that any such amendment is read at two (2) meetings and that Chapter members were notified of the proposed changes before each of the two (2) meetings.

BY LAWS

ARTICLE I – ORGANIZATION

Section 1: This Chapter recognizes the National Organization known as (DAV) (Disabled American Veterans), Incorporated by an Act of Congress, and affirms its allegiance and subordination to the National Organization, its Constitution, Bylaws, and all rules, mandates, and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Upon dissolution of the Chapter, the assets remaining after payment of its debts shall be distributed as provided in Article 6 Section 6.4, Paras. 5, 6, and 8 of the National Bylaws

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Section 2: The governing body of this Chapter shall be the Chapter in session, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 3: Minutes of the meetings of the Chapter, including the Chapter Executive Committee, shall be kept and be available for inspection by any Chapter member in good standing.

ARTICLE II – CHARTER

The Charter of this Chapter, issued by the National Executive Committee, is its authority to function and shall be displayed behind the Commander's station at all regular meetings.

ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Chapter Executive Committee shall be composed of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander (s), Treasurer, Adjutant, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Sergeant at Arms, and the Officer of the Day. The Commander shall be the presiding Officer at the Executive Committee meeting.

Section 2: Meetings of the Chapter Executive Committee will be called by the Commander or at the request of a majority of its members, made in writing to the Commander.

Section 3: Any members in good standing may attend the Chapter Executive Committee meetings, but without the right to vote.

Section 4: A majority of the members of the Chapter Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. A quorum will consist of no less than five (6) chapter officers.

Section 5: The Chapter Executive Committee may act for the Chapter only in emergencies and at all other times shall recommend courses of action to the Chapter in session.

Section 6: The CEC, as long as it continues to function, no expenditures shall be voted upon or authorized by the Chapter over \$50.00 unless first referred to the Executive Committee for its recommendations, except by a three-fourths Chapter vote. All fundraising projects and all agreements and contracts must be referred to the Executive Committee for its recommendations before being acted upon by the Chapter.

Section 7: The Executive Committee shall make recommendations to the Chapter, from time to time, which it believes will be of benefit to the Chapter.

Section 8: The minutes of each meeting of the Executive Committee shall be read at the next following regular Chapter meeting by the Adjutant. The approval of the minutes by the Chapter shall constitute an approval of the recommendations and actions taken by the Executive Committee as reported in such minutes. When the minutes are read, any Chapter member may request that any part thereof be discussed or voted upon separately.

Section 9: The Executive Committee shall hold one regular meeting each month on the (example: "first Tuesday") at (time) and may hold special meetings upon the call of the Chairman or the Commander, or any three (3) members of the Committee who may request the same in writing. The Commander will also call special meetings upon the written request of four chapters.

Section 10: Notice of the time and place of each special meeting shall be given in writing to each member of the Committee not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the holding thereof, except with the unanimous consent of all members of the Committee. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 11: The purpose for the creation and continuance of the Executive Committee shall be to provide a means for the consideration and discussion of routine or other business affairs of the Chapter and to make recommendations to the Chapter of desired action.

Section 12: This will serve to reduce the time that might otherwise be consumed during Chapter meetings, streamlining Chapter meetings to provide for earlier adjournment and time for entertainment and social activities. However, the sole power to approve or disapprove such recommendations or to act, in whole or in part, contrary thereto, shall remain in the hands of the Chapter.

ARTICLE IV– NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: All voting for Officers shall be by written ballot, except by unanimous consent.

Section 2: In the event of a vacancy of any elected office, nominations and elections to fill such vacancy may be made at the same meeting.

Section 3: All nominations for the State or National Convention delegates/alternates will cover the entire fiscal year, and nominations to be held again for the next fiscal year. The delegates' and alternate delegates' names shall be identified to the State DAV not less than sixty (60) days preceding the opening date of such conventions.

Section 4: Installation of Chapter officers shall take place within thirty (30) days of their election or appointment. Officers elected or appointed to fill vacancies shall be installed at the meeting at which they are elected or appointed.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1: Paragraph 1. The Chapter shall elect every 2 years a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander(s), Treasurer, Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms, Judge advocate and Officer of the Day. The elections will be in the month of April. The Commander, or in their absence the next highest officer, shall preside at all regular or special meetings of the Chapter.

Paragraph 2: The Commander, with the approval of the Chapter, shall appoint the Adjutant and Chapter Committees, except the Nomination Committee, which shall be elected by the Chapter.

Paragraph 3. The Commander shall maintain order and dispatch such business as may legally come before them. They shall perform all other duties that may reasonably be assumed to be incidental to their office, including those outlined in this Constitution and Bylaws and in the Official DAV Officer Guide and such other duties as may be lawfully delegated to them by the Chapter.

Section 2, Paragraph 1: The Senior Vice Commander shall perform the duties of their station as outlined in the Official DAV Officer Guide. They shall encourage friendship among the members of this Organization, discourage discord, and promote harmony. Subject to the direction of the Chapter, they shall be the Chairperson of the membership committee.

Section 3, Paragraph 1: The Junior Vice Commander(s) shall perform the duties of their station as outlined in the Official DAV Officer Guide. They shall see that every member is given a reasonable opportunity to state their views on any subject under discussion in a meeting of the Chapter, not inconsistent with this Constitution and Bylaws or Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Paragraph 2: They shall, at all times, encourage loyalty to the United States of America, to the DAV, and the members of the Chapter. Subject to the direction of the Chapter, they shall act as Chairperson of the Americanism activities of the Chapter and, with the approval of the Chapter, may appoint one or more members to assist him/her as such Chairperson.

Section 4: The Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander (s), in the order named, shall perform the duties of the Commander in the event of their absence. If the Commander should die, resign, or be removed, the same order of succession would be in effect until a new commander is elected.

Section 5: Paragraph 1. The Adjutant is responsible for keeping the Chapter's records and conducting the Chapter's official correspondence. They must keep detailed records of the Chapter's meetings and business affairs. All motions passed by the Chapter should be recorded along with the names of the members who make, second, or speak on motions. The Adjutant is responsible for the membership records and should make certain they are kept up to date. Robert Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th Edition will be the source used for chapter business meetings.

Paragraph 2: At each business meeting, the Adjutant should read the minutes of the preceding meeting.

Paragraph 3: At each Chapter meeting, the Adjutant should read all correspondence received between meetings and see that all matters which require action by the Chapter are properly disposed of. They should answer all correspondence promptly and file copies of his responses with the Chapter record.

Paragraph 4: The Adjutant shall work closely with the Commander, Treasurer, and other Chapter officers to efficiently carry out the duties of their office.

Section 6, Paragraph 1: The Chaplain shall perform the duties of their station as outlined in the Official DAV Officer Guide. They shall visit the sick and comfort the families of those members who pass away.

Paragraph 2: They shall be responsible for encouraging attendance at DAV-conducted funerals and the proper conduct thereof. Subject to the direction of the Chapter, they shall act as Hospital Visitation Chairperson and, with the approval of the Chapter, may appoint one or more members to assist them as such Chairperson.

Section 7: The Service Officers shall advise and assist veterans disabled in the line of duty during time of war, and their dependents, in the preparation and processing of their claims for benefits from any governmental agency.

Section 8: The Officer-of-the-Day shall perform the duties of their office as outlined in the Official DAV Officer Guide. They shall welcome all visitors and see that each is properly introduced.

Section 9: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall perform the duties of their respective office as outlined in the Official DAV Officer Guide.

Section 10, Paragraph 1: The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all money received or disbursed, and all money that the chapter collects shall be deposited as soon as possible. The Treasurer shall receive and immediately deposit all Chapter funds in a bank account in the name of the Chapter without any deductions or offsets.

Paragraph 2: The Treasurer shall make a report of the Chapter's finances at each Chapter meeting, and the Chapter's finance records shall be open for inspection by any member in good standing by submitting a request in writing to the Executive Committee. Chapter without any deductions or offsets. They shall make authorized disbursements only by checks or vouchers signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Commander and anyone else who is on the bank signature card. They shall keep a system of accounts approved by the Chapter and shall preserve all receipts and checks, or vouchers for payments made. They shall render a monthly report of receipts and expenditures to the Chapter not later than the first regular Chapter meeting following the last day of each calendar month. An annual financial report, audited and approved by the Chapter Audit Committee, shall be submitted to the State Department and National Organization within ninety (90)

days after the closing of the accounting year of the Chapter, as required by the National Bylaws.

Paragraph 3: The Treasurer shall fill out the annual finance report and make sure it is reviewed and signed by three (3) members in good standing, not limited by the National Constitution and By-laws, before sending the report to the Department and National Headquarters. The annual finance report covers the time between July 1 and June 30 of the fiscal year. The report is due to the Department and National Headquarters by no later than 30 September, that is, not more than 90 days after the end of the fiscal year (June 30).

Section 11: In addition to the foregoing, the respective Chapter officers shall faithfully perform and carry out such other duties as may be properly assigned to them from time to time by the Chapter.

Section 12: A member can hold only one elected Chapter office at any one time. A delegate to a National or Department Convention is not holding an "elected office" within the meaning of this Section, except as otherwise provided herein. An elected officer may also hold an appointive office, and vice versa, except as may otherwise be provided in the National Department or these Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 13: The office of the Adjutant and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The Service Officer may hold any other elected or appointed office. Neither the Chapter Commander nor any Chapter Vice-Commander(s) may serve as Chapter Adjutant or Treasurer.

Section 14: By accepting any elected or appointive office, a member agrees that their services shall be rendered gratuitously and that they shall not be entitled to reimbursement for any sums advanced, incurred, or spent unless expressly authorized by the Chapter at a regular Chapter meeting.

Section 15: No chairperson, committee person, Chapter officer, or other Chapter member shall have the power or authority to incur any expense or obligation or bind the Chapter, unless by prior express approval of the Chapter, evidenced by a majority vote at a regular meeting, and the approval is recorded in the minutes. A member, by accepting any elected or appointive office, promises and agrees to perform the duties of such office or appointment to the best of their ability; to act and conduct themselves in such manner, at all times and places, as will only affect the good of the Organization; to enforce and sustain this Constitution and Bylaws,

and the Constitution and Bylaws of the National and Department organizations; and when their successor has been duly elected or appointed, to surrender to them without notice or demand all the records and other property of the Chapter or the Organization in their possession or under their control.

ARTICLE VI- QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1: Any person who is a member of this Chapter in good standing shall be eligible for any ELECTED or APPOINTED office in this Chapter, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII -TENURE OF OFFICE

Section 1: Officers shall be elected every two (2) years in April. The only other time an election will be held is if due for some reason, an officer cannot complete their term of office, a member in good standing will be elected to fill that office for the remainder of that term.

Section 2: Elected and appointed officers shall be installed within thirty (30) days of their election or appointment. They shall serve for two (2) years or until newly elected or appointed officers have been installed.

Section 3, Paragraph 1: Unexcused absence of any officer from three (3) consecutive meetings shall be cause for removal by the Chapter, and the Commander is empowered to appoint a Chapter member to serve the unexpired term, subject to the approval of the Chapter.

Paragraph 2: In the event the office of Commander becomes vacated for any reason, the Senior Vice Commander shall be elevated to Commander, Junior Vice Commander to Senior Vice Commander, and the vacancy filled as outlined in Para. 1 of this Section.

Paragraph 3: It shall require a majority vote of those Chapter members present and voting to elect a candidate for any Chapter office. It shall also require a majority of votes cast to elect delegates or alternates to a State or National Convention.

ARTICLE VIII – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: No new applicant shall be denied Chapter membership if they meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the National Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2: Members of another Chapter may secure a transfer of membership to this Chapter, with the approval of the membership of this Chapter.

ARTICLE IX–FINANCES

Section 1: The Treasurer or other designated officer shall deposit all monies in the name of the Chapter and shall countersign with the Commander or one other designated Chapter officer on all checks. There shall be no “pre-signed” Chapter checks for convenience purposes or otherwise. Signatures must be added only after the payee, date, and amount sections of the check have been completed.

Section 2: The Treasurer or other designated Chapter officer shall be charged with handling normal finances in the operation of the Chapter.

Section 3: Membership dues shall be as provided in the National Bylaws.

Section 4: No member who is on the bank signature card is allowed to sign their own payment/check. The third person on the signature card must be the co-signer approving the payment/ check.

Section 5: Chapter Officers are protected under a commercial bond provided by the DAV Department of Maryland.

ARTICLE X–MEETINGS

Section 1: Chapter meetings shall be held at least once each month. The meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each month.at 10:00 a.m., at a location approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present.

Section 2: The Chapter must hold at least four (4) regular meetings with a quorum present within a membership year.

Section 3: Special meetings of the Chapter may be called by the Commander whenever the Commander may deem it necessary or when the Commander is requested in writing to do so by ten (10) or more Chapter members.

Section 4: The CEC shall meet once a month prior to the regular Chapter business meeting. All members of the chapter can attend this meeting, but cannot place a vote.

Section 5: Members of the chapter wishing to cast a vote during elections must be in person and there shall be no voting by proxy or absentee ballot. All other general membership meetings of a chapter may allow for virtual participation of its members, to include voting, so long as the active membership of anyone participating virtually is validated at the beginning of each meeting and

documented in the chapter minutes. If Chapter 33 wishes to allow for virtual participation of members would be responsible for facilitating such participation.

Section 6: Rules of Chapter meetings shall be as follows:

Rule 1: A quorum shall consist of seven (7) members, of which at least three (3) must be elected Chapter officers. (The Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Treasure.)

Rule 2: *Robert's Rules of Order*, Newly Revised, shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they apply and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution and Bylaws, the Department Constitution and Bylaws, or the National Constitution and Bylaws.

Rule 3: Discussion of personal grievances will not be in order on the floor unless introduced by the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) which having the authority to consider any such matters.

Rule 4: Matters concerning only an individual member, concerning his or her interest, shall not be in order but may be taken before the proper Committee.

Rule 5: Voting shall be by voice unless otherwise requested by at least five (5) members.

ARTICLE XI – COMMITTEES

Section 1: All Chapter committees will meet at the call of the Chairperson or as otherwise provided in this Bylaws.

Section 2: Committees shall consist of not less than three (3), but not more than five (5) members (except as may otherwise be herein provided), including the Chairperson. Committees shall be appointed by the Commander, with the approval of the Chapter, except the Nominating Committee, which shall be elected by the Chapter.

Section 3: The Chapter shall have an Audit Committee composed of at least three (3) members of the Chapter, excluding the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Treasurer, Adjutant, and Finance Committee Chairperson. The Audit Committee shall conduct an annual audit by the requirements of the National Bylaws.

Section 4: The Chapter Commander will appoint the following standing committees: Americanism, Awards, Constitution and Bylaws, Convention, Time and Place, Forget-Me-Not, Legislative, Membership, Public Relations, Joint Veterans Committee Representatives, and such other committees as may be directed or as deemed necessary. The Chapter Commander will be a voting ex-officio member of all committees and commissions except the Nominating Committee.

Section 5: No person may hold the position of chairperson for any chapter committee at the same time they are serving as chairperson of the same committee at the state or national levels.

Section 6: No person shall hold the position of committee chair or co-chair on more than one committee at the same time.

Section 7; No persons shall use their personal credit cards to purchase items needed for any of the chapter fundraisers.

ARTICLE XII -COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AT FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MD

Section 1: All community activities participated in by the Chapter Membership on Fort George G. Meade must meet with all acceptable standards outlined in the Chapter, State, and National Constitution and By-Laws, and as outlined in Army Regulation (AR) 210-22, 22 October 2001.

Section 2: Special consideration and precautions must be taken to ensure absolute security and loyalty to the United States Government when the Department of the Army (Fort George G. Meade) installation is the host for chapter activities. All members of the chapter will abide by all regulations while performing their chapter work on the installation.

Section 3: Neither the installation nor the government will have any liability for the chapter's actions or debts.

Section 4: The installation Commander may at any time revoke permission for the chapter to operate on the installation.

Section 5: The chapter shall reimburse the Army for utility expenses unless use is incidental.

Section 6: This chapter or any member of the chapter will not seek to deprive any individual of civil rights at any time.

Section 7: All Chapter Officers' responsibilities are covered in the Chapter Officer Guide and State department constitutions and bylaws. The treasurer is responsible for all the assets of the Chapter and must report all activities to the Chapter each month. An annual finance report is sent to the State Department and the National by September of each year.

Section 8. No members of the Chapter will be in debt to the Chapter at any time unless they can show just cause for the debt and must show willing intent to remove all debt promptly as stated in all State and Local laws.

Section 9. If the Chapter folds, all its assets will go to the Chapter that it merges with, or the balance of the assets will be turned over to the National organization along with the Chapter Charter.

ARTICLE XIII – RESTRICTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1: The Chapter may direct that notice be sent to any ELECTED or APPOINTED officer who has failed to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Chapter or who, in the opinion of the Chapter, does not appear to be fulfilling the duties of their office, stating that at the next regular meeting (giving the time and place), the matter of their recall from office will be considered.

Section 2: At the meeting outlined in such notice, the Chapter, by a vote of two-thirds of those Chapter members present and voting, may declare such office vacant and such officer recalled. If an APPOINTED officer, they office shall be filled by nomination and election at the same meeting. If an appointive officer's office becomes vacant, the Commander shall appoint another member to fill such vacancy with the approval of the Chapter.

Section 3: The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order*, Newly Revised, shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they apply and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution and Bylaws, the Department Constitution and Bylaws, or the National Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 4: The order of business at any regular Chapter meeting may be as prescribed in the Official DAV Officer Guide and as dictated by the needs of the Chapter. Adherence to the Official DAV Officer Guides is a requirement. There shall be no voting by proxy or by absentee ballot. Only members present shall be

entitled to vote on any question or at any election. The presiding officer shall be entitled to vote only in case of a tie or where the voting is by written ballot.

Section 5: Each member accepting or retaining membership in the Chapter agrees to be bound by this Constitution and Bylaws and the DAV National and Department Constitution and Bylaws, now in force or hereafter adopted or amended. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the National Bylaws, the Chapter shall not sponsor or engage in, directly or indirectly, any fundraising project without the prior approval of the governing State Department or National Executive Committee, where required by the National Bylaws.

Section 6: All fundraising activities will be conducted by Article 15 of the National Bylaws and the Regulations of the National Executive Committee. The name of this Chapter, or the Disabled American Veterans, must not be used in connection with any political, sectarian, or labor dispute, or in any matter not directly related to wartime service-disabled veterans. Nor shall the Chapter enter into or engage in any such activities. However, nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the Chapter from participating in political issues which have a direct bearing upon the welfare of America's disabled veterans.

Section 7, Paragraph 1. Monies raised for any fundraisers must have receipts for it and be turned into the treasurer at the next chapter meeting for accounting and proof of monies collected.

Section 8, Paragraph 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any Chapter meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members present and voting, subject to approval of the Department and National Judge Advocate, and effective only after the date of its approval.

Paragraph 2: A copy of this Constitution and By-Laws shall be properly affixed to the back of the framed Chapter Charter to prevent it from being lost and so that it may always be available for reference.

Paragraph 3. To the extent to which the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws and laws and lawful mandates, decisions and regulations of either State or National Departments, as now in force or as hereafter amended or adopted, this instrument shall be deemed amended to conform thereto.

Section 2. All disciplinary actions will be handled by Article 16 of the national By-Laws and applicable regulations of the National Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XIV TRAVEL – FUNDING AND REIMBURSEMENT

Section 1: The Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, Delegates/ Alternate Delegates will be fully reimbursed for travel to State and National conventions as the budget permits or as the money is available.

Section 2: A travel report with the reason for the travel and notes of what occurred must be submitted within 10 days post-travel to the adjutant.

Section 3. No lodging or per diem is paid for travel for anything within a fifty (50) mile radius from Odenton, Maryland or the location that the chapter meetings are held. Mileage will be paid for attendance for authorized travel to events within the 50-mile radius from Odenton, Maryland.

Section 4. The standing travel guidance for the chapter will be the additional rule and guide for travel and purchase reimbursement.

ARTICLE XV LYFT PROGRAM – RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 1: The chapter will have 3 LYFT coordinators to coordinate the rides with chapter members who need the LYFT Services.

Section 2: The LYFT program will cover a 30-mile radius from Odenton, Maryland. Members in need of the service may only use the service for National, State, or Chapter events. (i.e., Chapter meetings, fundraisers, Department Executive Committee Meetings)

Section 3: All LYFT program rides will be tracked and reported at all chapter meetings for the month.

ARTICLE XVI Chapter 33 – Bequest

Section 1: Financial records and Reports.

Para.1: All bequests and/or other testamentary gifts like IRAs, bank accounts and life insurance policies regardless of size, type, or designation must be submitted to the Bequests Reporting Program (BRP) to ensure distribution is pursuant to the donor's intent. Chapter 33 is required to promptly report bequests upon notification or receipt, by submitting an image of all paperwork received to legaldepartment@dav.org.




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Adopted after this Third and final reading on


Date: December 22, 2025

Name: George E. Ross Signature: 

DAV CHAPTER 33 COMMANDER

NAME: DEBOCCA L. PETER Signature: 

DAV CHAPTER 33 ADJUTANT

Name: John B. Patterson Signature: 

DEPARTMENT of MD JUDGE ADVOCATE

Name: _____ Signature: _____

DAV NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE



I CERTIFY that the within constitution and/or by-laws does not conflict with those of the National Organization, and to that extent, is approved subject to my letter of

Date: 3/3/2020
DAV National Judge Advocate

Date: _____
DAV National Judge Advocate