

**Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary
San Diego Unit 49**

Resolution No. _____

Date rec'd by Nat'l Secretary _____

Bylaw Committee:

_____ Accept _____ Reject

Convention Action

Resolution: One Member – One Vote National Convention

WHEREAS: The Supreme Authority of the Auxiliary is vested in the National Convention, and

WHEREAS: The Auxiliary has long relied on a National Convention delegate voting system to decide business matters and elect National Officers, and

WHEREAS: This system was established during a time when the Auxiliary was a growing organization with annual dues that made it easy to define and confirm Active status, and

WHEREAS: With the delegate voting system each Unit in good standing is entitled to one (1) delegate vote for every ten (10) Active Regular Members on its roster, and

WHEREAS: A fair and effective delegate voting system depends on membership rosters that are current, accurate and verifiable for member status prior to the credentialing of the delegates elected by Unit members to represent their votes, and

WHEREAS: The annual Life Membership Verification Form is intended to confirm member status; however the direct member contact necessary to determine current status is inconsistent in practice, and

WHEREAS: Active status is not defined in our Bylaws and is frequently inaccurate resulting in deceased, unverified or uncontactable members being counted as Active and represented with voice and vote at the National Convention through delegates, and

WHEREAS: Units that try to maintain accurate rosters are effectively penalized with reduced delegate votes while Units that don't actively verify members are rewarded with inflated counts, and

WHEREAS: The National Convention delegate voting system is not followed in accordance with our Bylaws for credentialing and voting, and

WHEREAS: With the decline of Units, Regular Members at Large exceeds the number of members in Units and for the good of the Auxiliary, should be recognized to participate when attending the National Convention, and

WHEREAS: A One Member – One Vote system with provisions for secure electronic participation promotes fairness, practicality, efficiency and increased member awareness and participation in the National Convention with each member in attendance entitled to one (1) vote.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **ARTICLE IX – NATIONAL CONVENTION** be struck in its entirety and be replaced with the following **ARTICLE IX – NATIONAL CONVENTION**, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of One Member – One Vote system to be implemented beginning with the 2027 National Convention, the Bylaws Committee is directed to make conforming amendments to Articles listed on the attached document and any additional revisions necessary to ensure consistency with the new Article.

ARTICLE IX – NATIONAL CONVENTION

Section 1 – SUPREME AUXILIARY BODY

- A. The supreme power of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary shall be vested in an annual National Convention.

Section 2 – COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

- A. The National Convention shall consist of all registered and duly accredited Regular Members of the Auxiliary.
- B. All such members shall have a right to attend, make motions, debate and vote on matters brought before the Convention.
 - 1. At Large Regular Members who are registered and duly accredited shall have the same rights.
- C. Nonmembers and invited guests may be granted the privilege of the floor by the National President but shall not have the right to vote.

Section 3 – CONVENTION QUORUM

- A. The quorum of the National Convention shall be a majority of the Regular Members registered, duly accredited and present at the Convention whether in person or by approved electronic means.
 - 1. Presence shall be determined by the most recent credential report updated at intervals established by the Rules of the Convention.

Section 4 – MEETINGS

- A. The National Convention of the Auxiliary may be held annually at the time and place of the National Convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.
- B. If the National Finance Committee, in conjunction with the National Leadership team, determines that an in-person convention is impractical for financial or other reasons:
 - 1. The National President will call for a meeting of the National Executive Committee.
 - 2. The National Executive Committee, by a majority vote shall determine if the Auxiliary's National Convention shall be held virtually to conduct business and elect officers.
 - 3. The date of the virtual convention will be set by the National Executive Committee and the National President.

No National Convention shall be cancelled without the consent of the National Executive Committee.

- C. In the event a National Convention is not to be held, either in person or virtually:
 - 1. The National Secretary shall notify the membership and allow a thirty (30) calendar day period for candidates to submit a candidate statement.

2. Candidate statements shall be published at least 14 days prior to the electronic vote.
3. A secure electronic ballot for the election of National Officers shall be held no later than September 1st.
- D. A professional parliamentarian may be used at the National Convention if deemed necessary by the National President with written reason and approved by the National Finance Committee.

Section 5 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. The Order of Business shall include:

Opening Of Auxiliary Convention
Call to Order
Credential Report and Establishment of Quorum
Adoption of Rules of the Convention
Approval of previous Convention minutes
Officer Reports
Committee Reports
Unfinished Business
New Business
Nominations
Final Credential Report for Elections
Elections
Installation of Officers
Adjournment

B. The National President and Convention Planning Committee shall finalize the agenda to include additional business and ceremonies within the Rules of the National Convention.

C. The Order of Business may be amended by a majority vote of the convention body.

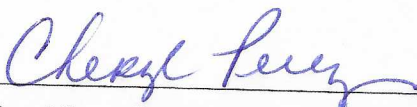
Section 6 – RULES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

A. The National Convention shall adopt rules of procedure at the beginning of each Convention by majority vote. Rules shall be consistent with these Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order newly revised.

B. Rules of the Convention may be amended during the convention by the body with a majority vote.

C. The National Convention Rules of Order shall include but not limited to:

Order of Business
Registration and Credential Procedures
Voting Methods
Electronic Participation and Voting Procedures
Recognition and Debate Procedures
Limits on Debates
Nomination and Election Procedures
Any additional matters necessary for the conduct of business
End of Article



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