

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION OF THE TWENTY-NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

To perpetuate the friendships we cherish; to keep alive the spirit that never knew defeat; to glorify our dead; and to further keep before our Country the record of the 29th Division in all wars; we associate ourselves in an organization known as the 29th Division Association.

Article I – Name

The name of this Association shall be the **THE TWENTY-NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.**; also known as The 29th Division Association

Article II – Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this Association shall be: The promotion of friendships among its members; the perpetuation of the record of the 29th Division in all Wars; and the memory of our honored dead; to comfort their survivors; the promotion of the welfare of its members; their families; and the families of members of the Division who lost their lives in service of our Country; to assist disabled and needy war veterans; and members of the U.S. Armed Forces; and to sponsor and participate in activities of a patriotic nature; the consideration of questions concerning the military policy of the United States of America; and to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

Section 2. At the opening of all Post and National meetings of the Association, immediately after the salute to the colors and the opening prayer, the members will remain standing and repeat with the Commander, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the preamble to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

Article III – Organization

Section 1. The governing and legislative bodies of this Association shall be the National Executive Committee and the National Convention.

Section 2. This Association shall be organized into Geographic Regions that include active Posts. Such regions shall from time to time be adjusted by the National Executive Committee as it deems appropriate to recognize shifts in membership so that all members shall receive relatively equal representation on the National Executive Committee.

Article IV – Membership

Section 1. Any person who is, or has been a member of the 29th Infantry Division, or those units with lineage to the 29th shall be eligible for membership.

- a. Any person who served in any of the units while attached to the 29th Division shall be eligible for full membership in this Association.
- b. Relatives of members who qualify for membership under Article IV Membership, Section 1, shall be eligible for full membership in the association and may hold any office at the post, region and national level except the positions of Commander and Vice-Commander at the National level unless they have also served honorably in the 29th Division. These offices shall be reserved for those who have served with the 29th Infantry Division.
- c. No member may hold any office at the national, region or post level until they reach their 18th birthday.
- d. Any person who has falsified their membership form, or any person that has falsified their military service, is not eligible for membership in the Association.

Section 2. A person eligible for membership may make application with any Post that he or she may elect. It is desirable that the person joins the nearest Post to the person's home. But it is not mandatory that the person do so.

Section 3. In the event that there is no Post in the State in which the candidate resides, the candidate will be assigned a post by the National Executive Director or their assistant.

Section 4. Except as provided in Sections 4A, 4B, and 4C below, there shall be no class of membership other than active membership. Nor shall there be any distinction of rank other than Comrades, except in the case of Officers of the Association.

- a. Paid-up or Life Membership may be established by the Association when deemed feasible.
- b. Associate membership may be granted by a Post of the Association when deemed advisable to do so. A Post may enroll such an applicant who may not be eligible for active membership in the Association, or its National Auxiliary. Such person must adhere to the purpose of the Association. Associate members may not hold key leadership offices in any National Meeting or Convention. Key leadership offices are defined as the offices of Commander and Vice-Commanders. This section shall not operate to affect the membership of any person recognized as an associate member prior to its enactment.

Section 5. No person who has been expelled from a Post shall become a member of any other Post unless he has the consent of the expelling Post. He may appeal such expulsion to the National Executive Committee. If honorably acquitted of the charge leading to his expulsion, he may be reinstated into that Post, or admitted to membership in any other Post to which he may be elected.

Article V – National Convention

Section 1. The legislative body of this Association shall be the National Convention. Said Convention shall be held annually at the time and place to be fixed at the preceding National Convention. In the event that the said National Convention adjourns without setting the time and place of the next annual Convention, it shall be the duty of the National Executive Committee to do so. Notification of Convention date must be made to all Posts at least sixty days prior to the Convention.

Section 2. Convention Delegates – any member in good standing shall have voting privileges at the National Convention.

Article VI – National Officers

Section 1. Elected Officers of this Association shall be a National Commander, a Senior National Vice-Commander, a Junior National Vice-Commander and one National Vice-Commander for each Region, a Finance Officer, a Chaplain, a Welfare Officer, a Service Officer, a Judge Advocate, a Historian, a Surgeon, a Chairperson of the Futures Committee, and a Sergeant-At-Arms. They shall have one vote each on the National Executive Committee.

Section 2. Appointed Officers - The following are the Appointed Officers: National Adjutant, National Executive Director, Assistant to the National Executive Director, Editor of “The Twenty-Niner”, Assistant to the Editor of “The Twenty-Niner”, National Property Officer. They shall be appointed by the National Commander-Elect and their appointment shall be ratified by the National Executive Committee following the announcement of their appointment by the National Commander-Elect. They shall have one vote each on the National Executive Committee.

Section 3. No person shall be eligible for re-election to the office of National Commander to succeed himself.

Section 4. Nominations for the elected officers of this Association shall be made by a nominating Committee or by direct nomination from the floor of the Convention.

Section 5. All National Officers shall be elected at the annual National Convention.

Section 6. The National Commander may, with the approval of the National Executive Committee, appoint such other officers as may be necessary to properly conduct the business of this Association.

Section 7. The Officers of this Association shall serve in their respective offices for one year, or until the next Annual Convention. Said year to extend from the adjournment of the convention until the election and installation of new officers at the next National Convention.

Section 8. All officers of the Association shall serve without compensation except as noted in By Laws Article II, Section 12. National Executive Director.

Section 9. The National Vice-Commander from each designated Region normally will be the sitting Region Commander. However, if deemed appropriate, the Region in question may nominate another person from that region for the office of National Vice-Commander.

Section 10. Vacancies in the elective offices occurring between Annual National Conventions shall be filled by election by the National Executive Committee. Any member of the Twenty-Ninth Division Association, in good standing, shall be eligible for election to fill any vacancy. Except for a vacancy in the office of National Commander, which shall be filled by the National Senior Vice-Commander; and a vacancy in the office of Senior National Vice-Commander shall be filled by the National Junior Vice-Commander.

Section 11. All Past National Commanders, while in good standing in their respective Posts, shall be members of the National Executive Committee, with a vote, and shall also be delegates-at-large to all Conventions of the Association, with a vote. They must be present in order to vote.

Section 12. All National Officers, both elected and appointed, shall be installed immediately after election or appointment.

Section 13. Any Officer, Member of the National Executive Committee, or Delegate to any Convention of this Association, shall be entitled to cast only one vote on any question at any meeting, regardless of the number of offices he may concurrently hold.

Article VII – National Executive Committee

Section 1. The National Executive Committee shall consist of the National Elected Officers, the National Appointed Officers, and the Past National Commanders who are in good standing with their respective posts.

Section 2. The National Executive Committee shall meet at the close of the National Convention and in January and June of each year. Only National Executive Committee members are authorized to vote on any matters at the National Executive Committee meetings.

Section 3. The National Executive Committee is vested with the power to transact all business of the Association between National Conventions and to disburse funds of the Association, rendering an accounting of said disbursements at the National Convention. They shall employ such help as the National Commander, the National Adjutant and the National Finance Officer may require. They are authorized to incur expenses necessary to transact the business of the Association.

Section 4. The Executive Committee may create, in addition to the offices herein prescribed, such offices as may be necessary for the proper functioning of this Association.

Section 5. Quorum - Twelve (12) qualified members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. (For qualification, see Section 1 above. Also By-Laws, Article I Section 3)

Section 6. The National Commander shall be the Chairperson of this Committee (Also covered in By-Laws Article II, Section 1)

Article VIII – Finance

Section 1. Each member of the Association shall pay annually to the National Headquarters, an amount to be known as the National Per-Capita Dues. The amount of said Per-Capita Dues shall be established by the National Executive Committee at the mid-year meeting prior to the National Convention based on past financial information and projected costs for the new year.

Section 2. The membership year is from January first to December thirty-first of the same year, inclusive. Per-Capita Dues are due at the beginning of the membership year. A member, who has not paid said dues by the end of the membership year, shall be dropped from the National Roster.

Section 3. Post Finance Officers shall forward their National Per-Capita Dues to the National Executive Director. The National Executive Director will: (1) Deposit such money received and (2) forward to the National Finance Officer a report of such Per-Capita Dues collected, identifying the Post from which it was received.

Section 4. The National Executive Director is authorized to spend such sums or to contract such obligations in the name of this Association as may be necessary for the Association's operations, provided, however, that such sums shall not exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) without prior approval of the National Executive Committee, or in emergencies, approval of the National Commander's Committee (See By-Laws, Article 1, Section 4). He shall make accurate accounting of such transactions to the National Executive Committee.

Section 5. When, in the discharge of the duties of their offices, it is necessary for the members of the National Executive Committee to incur necessary, reasonable, and pre-approved expenses on behalf of the Association, they shall be reimbursed by the Association upon request and presentation of vouchers or other written evidence of said expenses to the National Executive Director.

Section 6. The National Executive Committee shall pay, upon the receipt of a voucher or other written evidence, the travel and hotel expense, telephone tolls, photocopies, and other supplies used in the performance of the duties of the National Executive Director, National Finance Officer and National Property Officer

Section 7. The fiscal year of the Association shall be from September first to August thirty-first, inclusive. The membership year of the Association shall be from January first to December thirty-first, inclusive.

Article IX – Bonds

Section 1. The National Executive Director, Adjutants, Finance Officers of the National Headquarters and Posts may be bonded for the faithful performance of their duties in such amounts as may be required by their respective Executive Committees.

Section 2. The expense of aforementioned bond or bonds shall be paid by the said respective Executive Committees.

Section 3. Elected and appointed officials of the Association which comprises the NEC, shall be protected from liability claims by an insurance policy maintained in force by the 29th Division Association.

Article X – Region Organization

Section 1. The National Executive Committee shall at least bi-annually review the membership of the Posts and the distribution of the membership geographically and establish not less than three geographic regions.

Section 2. Each Region may elect from the membership in the Region, a Region Commander and a Region Vice-Commander.

Article XI – Posts Organization

Section 1. Those eligible for membership in this Organization, who desire to form a Post, shall make application for a charter to the Commander of the Region in which they reside, said application to be made on regular forms, which will be furnished by the National Executive Director. The Region Commander shall forward the request to the National Executive Director with his/ her recommendation. The charter shall be issued by the National Commander and National Adjutant upon the approval of the National Executive Committee.

Section 2. The National Executive Committee shall monitor Post activities and shall have the power to cancel or revoke the charter of any Post. The findings of a board or committee of five members appointed by the National Executive Committee shall sit as a jury to hear evidence against any Post. The findings of the board or committee may be appealed to the National Executive Committee whose findings shall be final. Any charge against a Post shall be in writing and signed by the complainant or complainants.

Section 3. The minimum membership of a Post in good standing shall be not less than ten paid-up members.

Section 4. No Post shall bear the name of a living person.

Article XII – Adjunct Organizations

Section 1. Deleted.

Section 2. Deleted.

Article XIII – Ratification

All acts performed and charters granted prior to the adoption of this Constitution and By-Laws are hereby ratified and continued.

Article XIV – Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any National Convention by a two-thirds vote of the total authorized delegates present, provided that the proposed amendments shall have been submitted by the National Adjutant to the Posts, and members of the National Executive Committee, by sending a copy of the proposed amendment to them at least thirty days prior to the convening of the National Convention. Publication in the "Twenty-Niner" in an issue circulated at least thirty days prior to the Convention date shall satisfy the above notification requirements. It is further provided that it can be amended without prior notice by a unanimous vote at any Convention.

Article XV – Rules of Order

All meetings of the National Convention and the National Executive Committee shall be in accordance with the parliamentary procedure as outlined in "Robert's Rules of Order."

NATIONAL BY-LAWS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Article I – National Executive Committee

Section 1. In the event of death, resignation or removal by his respective Region of any Region Vice-Commander to the National Executive Committee, his successor when necessary shall be selected by the respective Region and shall serve for the remainder of the term in which the vacancy occurs.

Section 2. The National Executive Committee shall meet within twenty-four hours after the adjournment of the National Convention and shall also meet in January and June prior to the National Convention. Special meetings may be held upon reasonable notice at the call of the National Commander.

Section 3. Quorum – Twelve (12) qualified members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The National Commander shall name such committees as he may deem necessary to promote the welfare of the Association, said committees to be subject to the ratification of the National Executive Committee. Any expenditure of funds by such committees must first be approved by the National Executive Committee.

Section 5. The National Commander shall appoint, with the concurrence of the National Executive Committee, a National Finance Committee, which shall consist of at least three members, one of which shall not be a member of the National Executive Committee. The National Finance Committee is charged with the preparation of the yearly budget, the monitoring of funds under said budget, and such other duties as the National Executive Committee may prescribe. They shall make a report in writing to the National Convention of its activities in connection with the audit of the receipts and disbursements of the Association.

Section 6. The National Executive Committee shall provide for the election and appointment of such officers and officials as may be needed to properly administer the affairs of this Association. Said Committee shall prescribe the duties of said officers and officials, and shall stipulate what fair and reasonable remuneration (if any) is to be received by said officers or officials.

Section 7. All questions affecting the election, qualification, eligibility, and conduct of the National Officers, both elected and appointed, shall be referred to and determined by the National Executive Committee. All questions affecting the election, qualification, eligibility of the National Vice-Commander from any Region shall be referred to and determined by the National Executive Committee. The said Committee shall be the final authority thereon, unless otherwise provided to in the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association.

Article II – Duties of Officers

Section 1. NATIONAL COMMANDER: The National Commander shall be the Executive Head of the 29th Division Association, with full power to enforce the provisions of the National Constitution and By-Laws and the mandates of the National Convention. He shall be the Chairperson of the Convention and the National Executive Committee. He shall appoint all necessary committees and appointive officers as herein provided, and shall perform all other duties as are usually incident to the office. At the end of his term the office of National Commander may be filled by the Senior National Vice-Commander, provided he is nominated for, and elected to, the office of National Commander.

- a. SENIOR NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER: The Senior National Vice-Commander shall serve as the National Membership Officer during his term of office. He shall act as the representative of the National Commander on all matters referred to him by the National Commander and perform such other duties as are usually incident to this office. In the event of the death, resignation, incapacity or removal of the National Commander, he shall assume the office of National Commander. At the end of his term, the office of Senior National Vice-Commander may be filled by the Junior National Vice-Commander, provided he is nominated for, and elected to, the office of Senior National Vice-Commander.
- b. JUNIOR NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER: The Junior National Vice-Commander shall serve as the Assistant National Membership Officer during his term of office. He shall act as the representative of the Senior National Vice-Commander and of the National Commander on all matters referred to him by the National Commander and the Senior National Vice-Commander. In the event of death, resignation, incapacity or removal of the Senior National Vice-Commander, he shall assume the office of Senior National Vice-Commander. The candidate elected to the office of Junior National Vice-Commander shall serve in that office for one year and may assume the office of Senior National Vice-Commander, provided he is nominated for, and elected to, the office of Senior National Vice-Commander.

Section 2. REGION VICE-COMMANDERS: The Region Vice-Commanders shall act as a representative for their respective Region on all matters referred to them by the National Commander.

Section 3. NATIONAL ADJUTANT: In general, he shall have the duty of assisting the National Commander with the administration of the policies and mandates of the National Convention and the National Executive Committee. In addition, he shall perform such specified duties as are herein prescribed. He shall report or cause to be read all correspondence received by him before scheduled sessions which may be pertinent to the welfare of the Association, and upon request of the National Commander, Convention, or Executive Body, he shall answer same. He shall be responsible for the recording, reporting, and proper distribution of the minutes of all Conventions and Executive Sessions. He shall have in his possession a complete and currently corrected roster of Officers of this Association, and upon request call and record the roll at all scheduled sessions. He shall keep a complete and proper file

covering his term of office, which shall be turned over to his successor. At the option of the Commander, it may become his duty to issue notices for meeting and sessions of the Executive Body. He shall attend all scheduled National Meetings and perform other duties incident to his office. He shall, upon request, be reimbursed for expenses incident to his office.

Section 4. NATIONAL FINANCE OFFICER: The National Finance Officer shall be the custodian of the funds of this Association. He shall record all monies of the Association as deposited in the name of the 29th Division Association as reported to him by the National Executive Director. He and the National Commander, or the National Executive Director, are authorized to sign all checks disbursing the funds of the Association, such disbursements to be supported by bills submitted to him by the National Executive Director. He shall furnish to the National Commander a report of the condition of the treasury upon request at each National Executive Committee Meeting and at the National Convention.

Section 5. NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE: The National Judge Advocate shall be the legal advisor of the National Officers and the National Executive Committee. It shall be his duty to construe and interpret the National Constitution and By-Laws. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be referred to him, and he shall report on the advisability of said amendments to the National Convention. He shall also be the advisor to the By-Laws and Legislative Committees. He shall perform such other duties as are incident to his office.

Section 6. NATIONAL SURGEON: The National Surgeon shall be the medical advisor of the National Officers and the Executive Committee. He shall keep them informed on matters affecting the health of the Association Members

Section 7. NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: The National Chaplain shall perform such divine and non-sectarian service as may be required, which we should constantly render to our Creator, to open and close the meetings of this Association, with prayer. To conduct and take part in Memorial Services for our Deceased Comrades, adhering to such ceremonies and rituals as may be recommended by National Headquarters from time to time.

Section 8. NATIONAL HISTORIAN: The National Historian shall collect from National Headquarters all records and data of value and interest to the National Headquarters of this Association and shall compile a complete history of the activities of this Association during his term in office. He is authorized to enlist the services of the Region National Vice-Commanders and Post Historians in the accomplishment of this task. He shall perform such other duties as are incident to his office.

Section 9. NATIONAL SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: The Sergeant-At-Arms shall be the keeper of the door at all National Conventions or Executive Committee meetings. He shall maintain order while the Convention or Executive Committee meetings are in session, and shall perform such other duties as the Commander may direct.

Section 10. NATIONAL WELFARE OFFICER: The National Welfare Officer shall advise the National Executive Director of the death of Association members & former members.

Section 11. NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER: The National Service Officer shall function as the Chairperson of the Legislative Committee of the Association. He shall assemble and submit to the National Executive Director, for consideration by the National Executive Committee, any pending Governmental Legislation or action of the Veterans Administration, other Governmental agencies and other Veterans Organizations which could be of interest to members of the Association.

Section 12. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The office shall be the National Headquarters and the depository for all files and records of the Association, both past and present. These to be of a nature and extent as may be decided upon by the National Executive Committee. The Director shall accept responsibility as the custodian of the materials therein, in such form and manner that it will be currently correct and accessible upon reasonable request. The Director, although subject to annual reappointment to this office, shall in effect be the sole permanent Officer of this Association. He shall act as liaison between changes of administration and conduct routine business between executive sessions. He shall initiate and respond to all correspondence concerning the Association. He shall receive and record all per-capita funds, all receipts from the sale of supplies, donations, to the "TWENTY-NINER" sustaining fund and all other monies that pertain to the National Headquarters of this Association. All funds, in turn, are to be deposited with notification being given to the National Finance Officer with accompanying documentation as to their source. He shall prepare and submit a list of donations made by members to the Editor of the "TWENTY-NINER" for publication. This document shall also contain the total amount collected for each respective issue. He shall complete and forward the documentation on such things as IRS reports, State Property reports, copyrights and insurance and take necessary steps to keep them in force. He shall be responsible for issuing the proper documents for establishing a new post and preparing the charter for said organization. He shall notify the Assistant to the National Executive Director of deaths, changes of address of current members and any other changes that he receives that affect the mailing list. He shall be responsible for relaying all additions, deletions and other changes to the webmaster for posting on the web site. He shall, at the option of the National Commander, notify all Executive Committee members of proposed meeting dates and send out notices of Executive sessions. He shall schedule all dates and locations for said meetings. When possible, The National Executive Director, or his appointee shall attend the annual meeting of the Army Divisions Association. At all times, he shall be governed by a specified budget, but can request additional funds when required from the National Executive Committee. Emergency funds, in nominal amounts, can be authorized by the National Commander between sessions, these being subject to specified limitations. It is imperative that the Director attend all meetings of the National Executive Committee or designate a fully informed substitute. At the option of the National Commander, he may also be requested to chair or attend other committee meetings. Upon request, he will be reimbursed for normal expenditures to discharge his duties, such as postage, telephone calls, office supplies, copying, etc. The National Executive Director shall be entitled to remuneration as an independent contractor at a rate determined by a committee appointed by the Commander with the approval of the National Executive Committee.

Section 13. ASSISTANT TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The Assistant to the National Executive Director shall be the chief liaison between the National HQ and the post adjutants regarding membership. As such he shall insure that post adjutants and finance officers are in compliance with membership requirements and per capita dues handling. He shall conduct individual training sessions when needed. He shall be responsible for the accuracy of the National roster and associated mailing lists. He shall receive from the posts lists of those members who have paid current year's dues as well as any other membership changes such as address changes, deaths, transfers etc. and enter such changes in the computer records in a timely manner. He will also receive per capita dues checks which will be forwarded to the National Executive Director. He shall periodically provide post adjutants with National rosters for comparison with post records and resolve any discrepancies. He shall distribute the ensuing year's membership cards and mailing labels to post adjutants during the fourth quarter of the current year. He shall prepare a list of deceased members for inclusion in the *Twenty-Niner* and the National Memorial Service. He shall report the current membership status at all Executive Committee Meetings, and any other duties as assigned by the National Executive Director.

Section 14: NATIONAL PROPERTY OFFICER: The National Property Officer, with the consent of the National Executive Committee shall be responsible for the purchase and sale of distinctive items peculiar to the 29th Division including, but not limited to, such items as insignia, ties, belt buckles, caps, and unit historical books. He is responsible for maintaining adequate stocks to meet membership requirements and the proper security and accounting for all items stocked. He will offer items for sale at National meetings and provide a mail-order service to members of the Association. Proceeds from sales, with itemized list of items sold, will be promptly forwarded to the National Executive Director. The cost value of all unsold supplies will be furnished to the National Finance Officer for inclusion in his report at the National Convention.

Section 15. EDITOR OF THE "TWENTY-NINER": The Editor is responsible for Editorial Policy, the format, content and preparation of the "TWENTY-NINER". His close cooperation with the Assistant Editor of the "TWENTY-NINER" is essential to the production of the "TWENTY-NINER"; however, when opinions concerning news and editorial content conflict, the Editor's decision shall be final.

Section 16. ASSISTANT EDITOR OF THE "TWENTY-NINER". The Assistant Editor will assist the Editor in his efforts to produce and publish the "TWENTY-NINER".

Section 17. CHAIRPERSON – FUTURES COMMITTEE. The Chairperson of the Futures Committee shall be responsible for assisting the posts in recruiting new members into the Association and programs to maintain retention of existing members from a campaign and events perspective; responsible for advising the Webmaster and the National Executive Director on the look and feel of the Association collateral including membership forms, tri-folds and the Association webpage; maintenance of the Association social media accounts including Facebook; responsible to create and assist in executing recruiting campaigns for new members on an ongoing basis. This includes campaigns aimed at former members of the 29th Division and its legacy units, currently serving soldiers in the 29th Division and its lineage units, family members of those that had served in the Division, and anyone who wants to keep the history of the 29th

Division alive; and the creation of collateral and tools to help tell the story of the 29th Division including documentaries (DVDs), traveling displays and other applicable tools.

Section 18. PARLIAMENTARIAN. The Parliamentarian shall advise the commander and Executive Committee on all matters and procedures pertaining to the proper conduct of meetings.

Article III – Charters

Section 1. Charters shall be granted to Posts as provided for in Articles 10 and 11 of the Constitution. Regions and Posts may adopt such rules, regulations, or by-laws for the governing of their respective bodies, as they may deem proper and conducive to the welfare of said Regions or Posts. Provided, however, that said rules, regulations, or bylaws are in conformation with and do not conflict with any provisions in the National Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. DUES: In addition to the National per-capita dues described in Article VII, each Post may stipulate any such amount as they may deem necessary to carry on the work of said Post. The National and Region per-capita dues, together with the dues to the Post, shall constitute the total dues to be paid by Post members, such amount to be known as Post dues.

Section 3. POST OFFICERS: Each Post, except Headquarters Post No. 29, shall install for a term of at least one year, a Post Commander and such other officers as the Post may deem necessary to carry on the work of the Post.

Article IV – Suspension, Revocation of Charters

Section 1. SUSPENSION: Any Post which willfully disobeys or disregards the provisions of the Constitution or By-Laws may have their charter suspended for six months, after a hearing, as a disciplinary measure by order of the National Executive Committee, after proof of such dereliction shall have been placed before said Committee in writing, signed by the complainant or complainants, as the case may be.

Section 2. REVOCATION OR CANCELLATION OF CHARTER: Any Post failing to meet the obligations placed on it by the Constitution and By-Laws, or failing to function as a Post for a period of one year, or failing or refusing to pay the per-capita dues as provided for herein, and due the National Headquarters, shall, upon order of the National Commander, surrender its charter directly to the National Adjutant.

Section 3. APPEAL: Any Post suffering the suspension, revocation, or cancellation of its charter may appeal such action to the National Executive Committee, who shall sit as a board of Appeal to take evidence in said case, and upon the findings of said Committee, shall the case in question be decided. There shall be no appeal from the findings and decision of the Committee. Such decision shall be final.

Section 4. Upon revocation or cancellation of any charter, the Post in question shall immediately cease to function and turn over its charter to the National Adjutant, or National Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee, or its duly authorized agent, is authorized, empowered and directed to take possession, custody and control of all records, property and assets of said Post, provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the National Association to take over or

assume any financial liability as to such property. The National Executive Committee may provide for the transfer of the members of the said Post to other Posts of their choice, subject to the approval of such other Post.

Section 5. DISSOLUTION: In the event the Association dissolves upon the majority action of the NEC, acting at a duly recognized session, any action will be in the best interest of the Association at that time.

Article V – Discipline of Post Members

Section 1. Each Post may prescribe its own set of disciplinary rules, and is empowered to enforce said rules, providing, however, that they shall not in any way conflict with the National Constitution and By-Laws and shall be in conformity therewith.

Section 2. Any member who misrepresents their military service may be expelled from the Association by their respective Post or by the National Executive Director with the concurrence of the National Commander.

Article VI – Association Publication

Section 1. The National Executive Committee is empowered when the Association finances permit, to issue a publication to be known as “THE TWENTY-NINER.” This publication is to contain items of interest to the 29th Division Association, its Regions and its Post and such other material that will add to the welfare and promote the growth of the Association.

Section 2. The publication shall at no time publish any article or editorial that raises or supports any racial, religious, or political issues, nor will it endorse or oppose any legislation in any legislative body, except where such legislation has been supported or opposed through proper resolutions, passed at the National Convention or at National Executive Committee meetings.

Section 3. The National Executive Committee may authorize the selling of advertising in the publication to help defray the cost of production and distribution. Any monies so received shall become a part of the general funds of the Association.

Section 4. The National Commander, with the approval of the National Executive Committee, shall appoint members of the Association as prescribed in Article VI, Section 2, National Constitution to serve as Editor and Assistant Editor of “THE TWENTY-NINER”.

Article VII – Amendments

Amendments may be made to these By-Laws as provided for in Article XIV of the National Constitution.

*As amended and ratified on 30 October 2021
at the National Convention in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.*