

CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



THE FOURTH DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

We, the undersigned, for the purpose of amending the certificate of incorporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota relating to social and charitable corporations, do hereby associate ourselves as a body corporate, and do hereby adopt the following:

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be "Fourth District, Department of Minnesota, The American Legion.

ARTICLE II.

The general purpose of this corporation shall be to foster and advance in community, patriotic, moral benevolent and charitable impulses, principles and ideals; to care for sick, disabled and aged Veterans as defined by Congress and their families; to provide comfort and recreation for all classes; to promote, advance and administer charitable and benevolent aims in its own behalf and as agent of others; to provide, erect, own, lease, furnish and manage any building, hall or apartments, in whole or in part, for the furtherance of the general purposes of its organization and its members.

ARTICLE III.

The plan of operation of the corporation shall be to carry on its various activities by direct contact through its officers, committees, and members, by means of funds derived from annual membership dues, voluntary popular subscription, donations, and remunerative activities engaged in by the corporation for its benefit.

ARTICLE IV.

The corporation shall be located in the Fourth District of the Minnesota Department American Legion, and shall have its principal place of business and shall conduct its affairs generally in the City of St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

ARTICLE V.

Any qualified member of a post of the American Legion, located in the Fourth District of the Minnesota Department American Legion, shall be eligible for membership in the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

The annual meeting of the corporation shall be a convention thereof held not later than 30 days prior to the Department convention, or at such other time as the last previous convention may fix, at a place in the district selected at such convention. In the event the annual convention for any ensuing year is not fixed by the corporation at its convention, the time and place thereof may be fixed in a manner provided by the by-laws. The first convention of the corporation was held on June 13, 1931, at North St. Paul, Minnesota.

ARTICLE VII.

The management of the corporation shall be vested in a body or committee to be called the "Ramsey County Central Committee" (RCCC), the members of which shall be delegates from and elected by the American Legion posts of the district whose personnel have membership in the corporation, two delegates from each post. Members of the Executive Committee shall be at large members of the RCCC and additional delegates of the posts of which they are from. During the first year the RCCC consisted of 46 members.

ARTICLE VIII.

The officers of the corporation shall be a Commander, two Vice-Commanders, an Adjutant, a Treasurer a Judge Advocate, and the Chaplain, all of whom shall be members of the corporation. The Commander and Vice Commanders shall be elected at the annual convention by a majority of the delegates (or alternates) present, and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The Adjutant, the Treasurer, the Judge Advocate and the Chaplain shall be appointed as provided in the by-laws. Any vacancy in the office of Commander or any Vice-Commander shall be filled as provided in the by-laws.

The RCCC may remove any officer for cause as provided in the by-laws.

ARTICLE IX.

The Commander, two Vice-Commanders, the Adjutant, the Treasurer, the Chaplain, the immediate Past Commander, the Judge Advocate, and the Membership Director and the Finance Committee Chairman shall be an Executive Committee which committee shall have such powers and to perform such duties as are provided in the by-laws, but such committees shall be subject and subordinate to the RCCC.

ARTICLE X .

There shall be no capital stock.

ARTICLE XI

The certificate of incorporation may be amended in accordance with law, provided the proposed amendment shall have been first approved at the annual convention of the corporation. All proposed amendments shall be presented in writing and filed with the adjutant at least 30 days prior to any convention at

which it is proposed that they be acted upon, and notice of such proposed amendment shall be mailed to the commander and adjutant of each post at least 15 days before such convention.

Original attestation:

IN TESTIMONY WHEHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands, this 12th day of January, A.D. 1931.

WILLIAM H FALLON
HENRY B. ANDERSON
HERMAN C. BALSTER

Amended:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands, this 12th day of April, A.D. 2023.

LARRY RYAN
MICHAEL ASH
DAVID DAHL

Larry Ryan

(Adjutant)

Michael Ash

(Judge Advocate)

David Dahl

(Commander)