

# AMVETS Department of New Jersey

## Permanent Convention Rules

1. The Department Commander is empowered to appoint the following Convention Committees:
  - a. Registration and Credentials: To supervise the registration of delegates, alternates, members and guests and to certify to the Convention Secretary the number of delegates and alternates to which each Post is entitled. Report periodically during the course of the Convention as to the number of delegates and alternates in attendance who are entitled to participate in the affairs of the Convention. The registration of delegates shall close on date/time determined by Committee.
  - b. Resolutions: To receive and study all resolutions and submit them to the Convention with or without recommendations.
2. The business of the Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the official program of the Convention, copies of which will be distributed to delegates and alternates.
3. When a delegate desires to make a motion or address the Convention, he or she shall rise, speak into the microphone, address the Chair and state his name and number of his Post before proceeding.
4. Debate on any subject shall be limited to three [3] minutes for each speaker for the question and three [3] minutes for each speaker against the question. Any speaker who has spoken in favor a question shall be allotted one [1] minute of rebuttal. The floor will be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one subject unless by consent of two-thirds [2/3] of the voting strength present. Not more than a total of twenty [20] minutes shall be allotted for the discussion of any one subject.
5. All resolutions shall be in writing, bearing the name and number of the Post and signed by a Post Officer or delegate giving name and title. Automatically and without reading, all resolutions shall be referred to the Resolutions Committee for proper consideration. The Resolutions Committee shall report on all resolutions submitted.
6. The Resolutions Committee shall have the power to offer to the Convention any resolution whether sponsored by a Post or not, and shall have the power to alter a resolution submitted.
7. All resolutions will bear the number assigned it by the Convention Secretary, Department Adjutant or Executive Director.
8. Voting at the Convention shall be conducted by a roll call of Posts in numerical order, of Past Department Commanders, and Department Officers eligible to vote. The first numbered Post to be called shall be determined by lot, with the drawing for such determination to be made at the opening session of the Convention. All Posts shall be called in numerical order subsequent to the first Post drawn and shall proceed to the end of the Posts, then to the head of the list, down through the various Post numbers until the beginning point. The Chairman of each Post delegation shall announce the vote of the Post. Upon Request of any one delegate from the Post, the delegation of said Post shall be polled individually.
9. Only duly registered delegates and alternates will be allowed on the Convention floor. Any non-delegate guest shall be required to be seated at the head table. Voting shall be restricted as provided in the Constitution.
10. Any candidate for any office must receive a majority of the votes cast to be elected. Successive ballots shall be held until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.

11. The consent of three-fourths [3/4] of the voting strength present at any particular session shall be necessary for the suspension of any of the Convention Rules.
12. Any person who shall conduct himself or herself in a disorderly manner during the Convention sessions may be removed from the meeting or session by the Provost Marshall.
13. No Post, delegate or alternate thereof, shall be seated at a Department Convention or have voting privileges of said Convention, unless all debts due owing to the Department or National Headquarters by said Post, delegate or alternate shall have been paid including the registration fees for such delegates and alternates due at the time of registration.
14. No ballot shall be taken for any office until such time as a report of the qualifications of all candidates for such office has been submitted to the Convention by the Credentials Committee.
15. Nominations for all officers shall be in the following order:
  1. Convention Corporation Trustees [2]
  2. Service Foundation Trustees [3]
  3. Provost Marshall
  4. Judge Advocate
  5. Finance Officer
  6. 3rd Vice Commander
  7. 2nd Vice Commander
  8. 1st Vice Commander
  9. Alternate National Executive Committeeman [Odd numbered years]
  10. National Executive Committeeman [Odd numbered years]
  11. 1st District Commander [Department Nomination when appropriate]
  12. Commander
16. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall prevail with reference to any matter concerning the proceedings of this Convention not specifically covered by the Convention Rules.
17. The words "he" or "him" wherever they appear in the Rules, shall be constructed as referring to both Sexes.
18. Member in good standing may be nominated for State office without being present.