

SONS OF AMVETS
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Sons of AMVETS Department of New York
- Section 2. The Headquarters of the Sons of AMVETS Department of New York shall be the respective city of the current Department Adjutant.

ARTICLE II CONVENTIONS

- Section 1. The Department Convention shall be held at the same time and place as the AMVETS Department of New York for the purpose of electing a Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Financial Officer, Provost Marshal, Judge Advocate.
- Section 2. The Department Convention shall have the further purpose of deliberating matters of policy including changes to the By-Laws and Standing Rules.
- Section 3. All elected and appointed Department Officers shall have a vote at Department Convention. In the event a Department Officer is elected as a delegate from his Squadron, he must resign his Department Office.
- Section 4. The Department Commander may vote only in the case of a tie or when voting by ballot.
- Section 5. Each Past Department Commander in good standing shall have a vote at the Department Convention. Voting members shall consist of Department Officers. Squadron delegates and Past Department Commanders.
- Section 6. Delegates to the Sons of AMVETS State Convention shall be limited to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternate delegates up to the first twenty-five (25) members, plus one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate delegate for each additional fifteen (15) members, based on membership figures recorded with the State first Vice Commander or membership thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention
- Section 7. Sixty percent (60%) of voting delegates shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.
- Section 8. The Department shall elect one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate to attend the National Convention.
- Section 9. There shall be a Post Convention Officer meeting prior to leaving the Convention site. This time and place to be announced by the Commander-elect. The commander-elect shall present his Appointed Officers and shall also be approved by the Executive Board.
- Section 10. The newly elected Officers shall be installed by a Past Department Commander, AMVETS State Officer or National Officer.
- Section 11. All elected and appointed Officers shall hold their office from July 1st to June 30th.

ARTICLE III DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1. The Executive Committee shall hold at least two (2) meetings during the year. These are Spring S.E.C. and Fall S.E.C. to be held at the same time and place called by the AMVETS Department of New York.
- Section 2. A State Executive meeting may be called by the Commander or on written request of three (3) members of the Executive Committee.
- Section 3A. The State Executive Board shall be composed of all elected Officers and the immediate Past Commander.
- Section 3B. The State Executive Committee body shall be composed of all elected and appointed Officers and one (1) delegate from each local Squadron. The Commander voting only in case of a tie or voting be ballot.
- Section 3C. A majority of registered delegates shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III FINANCE

- Section 1. The revenue of the Sons of AMVETS Department of New York shall be derived from the annual and life dues of members and by such means as may be determined by the Department or by the Executive Committee body based on reasonable projections.
- Section 2A. Annual dues of \$22.00 shall be payable to Sons of AMVETS Department of New York. The National portion shall be \$13.00 and the State portion shall be \$9.00.
- Section 2B. The State Finance Committee shall consist of the following seven (7) members: The Finance Officer as Chairman, Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Judge Advocate, Immediate Past Commander, and Immediate Past Finance Officer. In the event of the aforementioned members of the committee are unable to serve on the committee for any reason whatsoever, or one person would occupy multiple seats, the Commander may appoint another member of the Sons of AMVETS to serve in place of said member.
- Section 3. The Finance Committee shall make an annual report to present at annual meeting (Convention) for approval by the Executive Committee.
- Section 4. The financial fiscal year shall be from July 1st through June 30th.

ARTICLE IV AMMENDMENTS

- Section 1A. These By-Laws may be adopted or amended at and Convention by a 2/3 vote of the total authorized voting members present, without prior notice.
- Section 1B. These By-Laws may be amended at any Department Convention by a majority vote of the total authorized voting members present, with prior notice.
- Section 2. The Department By-Laws shall automatically be amended by action taken at the Department Convention of AMVETS Constitution, affecting the By-Laws of Sons of AMVETS.
- Section 3. Sons of AMVETS Department of New York recognizes that the National Constitution and By-Laws is the governing document by which we must abide on all level.

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Standing Rules
Attachment to Constitution & By-laws

Article I: SEC, Convention, Special General Department Meetings

1. No ball caps, shorts, collarless shirts, or vests with any logo are to be worn in meeting rooms.
2. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in meeting rooms.
3. All Department officers are to wear Dress Code uniform: grey slacks, blue shirt, Navy blue sport coat, tie or bola, black shoes, and Dept. Cover. For Friday meetings, a red shirt may be worn in place of blue shirt. (R.E.D. Friday support).
4. All members are encouraged to wear Sons Cover.
5. Members must show current year membership card to be admitted.
6. Minutes of all proceedings will be recorded and distributed according to Constitution/By-laws
7. Voting will be according to current Constitution/By Laws; but under no circumstance can a squadron or its members have more votes than stated under “Delegates” in the uniform Constitution & By Laws. First Vice Commander will report those squadrons not eligible to participate prior to conducting any business. Members may remain in attendance but will not vote.

Article II: (Friday Evening) Executive Meeting

1. Dress is casual.
2. Sign-in and minutes will be recorded and distributed to Executive Committee members only. They will not be an attachment to General Meeting Minutes.
3. If a Squadron Commander is not present, he may delegate, in writing, a substitute. Said substitute must be a member in good standing of that Squadron and not a Department Officer.

Article III: Financial Considerations for Departmental Business

A. The following expenses will be reimbursed by the Department:

1. Annual gift for AMVETS Department Commander and Department Aux President.

2. Travel for approved Sons Department business—it is expected that one would drive if the trip is 10 hours travel or less as projected by MapQuest. Hotel/motel expenses up to \$100 will be reimbursed if the trip is more than 8 hours as projected by MapQuest.
3. Approved Sons Department Business travel expenses will be paid at (.25) cents per mile of driving between the officer's (Post) city of permanent address and the (Post) City where the Business/ meeting is to be held. If a spouse, significant other, relative or traveling friend receives (funds) money for driving, from the AMVETS family (AMVETS, Auxiliary, Riders), that member will not receive any money. Receipts must be submitted no later than one month after SEC's and Convention for reimbursement.
4. Testimonial dinner for Department Commander and/or Department Aux President will be paid (up to \$50) for the Department Commander only. See above for travel issues.
5. Expense money for Department officers excluding Dept. Commander shall be \$ 150 for Spring and Fall SEC and \$175 for annual State Convention. Expense money for Department Commander shall be \$200 for Spring and Fall SEC and \$225 for annual State Convention. All Department officers must have a written report for both SEC meetings and annual State Convention in order to receive their funds. If the Dept. Commander's hotel room is provided by NY AMVETS or NY AMVETS Service Foundation, his expense money will be reduced by \$100 for that meeting.

Any Squadron attending an SEC meeting and/or State Convention, that is not represented by an elected or appointed Department officer, shall be reimbursed \$50.00

6. Money in the Budget Line Item "National Convention" will be divided equally among those members preregistered. Budget Line Item "National Convention" will not exceed \$2000. Any monies received by the NEC representative (or the Alternate), by National Sons of Amvets will be deducted from the \$2000 Budget Line Item.
7. If the SOA-NY Commander wishes to travel to National Convention, he will be reimbursed at .25 cents per mile or air fare with \$400 cap and 2 nights stay with \$300 cap Budget line item will be Commander-National Convention with a cap of \$700

B. Department dues shall be \$9.00 beginning with the 2018 membership year.

C. All Department reimbursement(s) MUST be accompanied by receipt or proof of purchase for disbursement.

Article IV: NEC Representative & Alternate

A. The NEC Representative & alternate will be elected by majority vote of the new Executive Committee immediately following elections at the annual convention. Both may be any Son of AMVET in good standing. Term will be for one year.

B. NEC will have a Budget line item on the Annual Budget for reimbursement of \$1,500.00

Article V: Changes to Standing Rules

1. New standing rules can be adopted at annual convention meeting only by majority vote of delegates.
2. Amendments can be adopted at annual convention meeting only by majority vote of delegates.
3. All changes must be sent to Sons of AMVETS National Headquarters prior to July 15th.

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