

PAST COMMANDERS CLUB
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I
NAME AND JURISDICTION

- SEC. 1: This organization shall be known as the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB< DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES.
- SEC. 2: This organization is a subordinate unit of the DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS and shall be governed by the Congressional Charter and By-laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Department of Kansas.

ARTICLE II
OBJECT

- SEC. 1: The Object of the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB shall be:
- a. To support and promote all programs and activities of the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
 - b. To foster and improve the relationship of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States with other Veterans Organizations;
 - c. To formulate and promote matters within the State of Kansas which will preserve and strengthen veterans rights, laws and veterans programs, provided by State and Federal laws; and
 - d. To promote mutual comradeship, friendship and cooperation between the Department, Districts, Posts and individual members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its' Auxiliary.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

- SEC. 1: All past Commanders-in-Chief, Department, District and Post Commanders, who are current members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the Department of Kansas, are eligible for membership in the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB.
- SEC. 2: Honorary membership in the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB may be extended to Past Commanders of other Departments who have contributed or performed an exceptional service in the interest of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Honorary memberships will be recommended and presented to the membership at its' regular meeting for approval. Honorary members shall have all the rights and privileges of membership, except they shall not vote in meetings or hold office in the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB. Membership dues will not be charged for honorary memberships.

ARTICLE IV
DUES AND MONIES

- SEC. 1: Dues of the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for a sustaining (life) membership. In the event a member fails to maintain his/her membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the Department of Kansas, his/her membership shall be suspended until such time as he/she reinstates his/her membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- SEC 2: A Past Commanders Pin may be purchased by members of the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB for the sum of \$2.00.

SEC 3:

- a. Except as otherwise provided by these By-laws, monies received as dues or contributions shall not be spent except by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote approval of the members present at a regular meeting. Interest money received from investments may be spent as needed to promote the activities of the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB as set forth in the Congressional Charter and By-laws.
- b. The Department of Kansas Quartermaster shall serve as the Club Treasurer by virtue of his/her office and shall establish and maintain the necessary bank accounts in the name of the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB, DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS< VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.
- c. Donation of available monies in excess of \$600.00 shall be decided at the convention meeting annually.

ARTICLE V
OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SEC. 1: The Officers of the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB< DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS< shall be:

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| a) President | e) Chaplain |
| b) Vice-President | f) Three Year Trustee |
| c) Secretary | g) Two Year Trustee |
| d) Treasurer | h) One Year Trustee |

SEC. 2: Except as otherwise provided for, all officers shall be elected at the Annual meeting held at the time of the Department of Kansas Annual Convention. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present and shall be sworn into office immediately following the election. Officers shall be elected for a term of one year.

SEC. 3: In the case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall be elevated to the Office of President and he/she, in turn, shall appoint a Vice-President to serve the remainder of the term of office.

SEC. 4: In the case of a vacancy in the office of the Secretary, the President shall appoint a Secretary to serve the remainder of the term of office.

SEC. 5: The Membership of the PAST COMMANDER CLUB shall have the power to remove any Officer for cause in accordance with the provisions provided by the Department and National By-laws.

SEC. 6: The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB, to appoint all Committees, to insure the execution of the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB business and to attend to such other duties as pertain to his/her office.

SEC. 7: The duties of the Vice-President shall be to assist the President or fulfill the duties of the President in his/her absence.

SEC. 8: The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep records and minutes of the meetings, maintain a record of all membership, and make such necessary reports as pertain to his/her office. The Secretary shall be allowed reimbursement for actual office expenses incurred in the discharge of his/her duties.

SEC. 9: The Department Quartermaster, by virtue of his/her office, shall serve as Club Treasurer. He/she shall maintain a record of receipts of all monies for the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB and issue vouchers for the expenditure of such monies. All monies of the Past Commanders Club shall be under the custody of the Department Quartermaster.

SEC. 10: The duties of the Trustees shall be to audit the accounts and records of the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB at least twice each year, and at such other times as directed by the membership.

ARTICLE VI
MEETINGS

- SEC. 1: The PAST COMMANDERS CLUB shall hold at least two (2) meetings annually; one to coincide with the Department of Kansas VFW annual Convention, which will be considered as the annual meeting; and one meeting to coincide with the Department of Kansas VFW Mid-Winter Conference.
- SEC. 2: Special meetings of the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB may be called by the President, providing that the membership has been notified not-later-than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date.
- SEC. 3: At all Regular or Special meetings of the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB, an attendance of fifteen (15) members shall constitute a quorum, unless otherwise specified in the Congressional Charter or By-laws.

ARTICLE VII
OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

- SEC. 1: The official publication of the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB shall be the KANSAS VFW BULLETIN, the official publication of the Department of Kansas, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Publication of any official notice in the KANSAS BULLETIN shall be deemed proper notification to all members of the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB.

ARTICLE VIII
AMMENDMENTS

- SEC. 1: The Congressional Charter and By-Laws of the PAST COMMANDERS CLUB may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the members present at any regular meeting, provided prior written notification and a copy of the proposed change or changes is made available to the membership of the PAST COMMANDER CLUB at least thirty (30) day prior to the meeting date of the regular meeting.

These By-Laws were amended June 18, 2016 at the Annual VFW Department Convention.