

The American Legion
Department of Nevada
2nd District

Constitution & Bylaws
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The Constitution

Preamble

For God and country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.
- To maintain law and order.
- To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism.
- To preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great Wars.
- To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation.
- To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses.
- To make right the master of might.
- To provide peace and goodwill on earth.
- To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.
- To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Article I: Name & Location

The name of this organization shall be The American Legion, The 2nd District The Department of Nevada. The administrative office shall be located with the current District Adjutant.

Article II: Objectives

Section 1. The objectives and purpose of the 2nd District shall be to promote the principles and policies of the American legion as set forth in the Preamble and the National and Department of Nevada Constitutions of the American Legion.

Section 2. The 2nd District shall promote and coordinate the activities of the various Posts within the 2nd District and shall communicate fully with them to assist them in any and every manner possible.

Section 3. The American Legion, organized as a civilian organization, shall be absolutely nonpolitical. .

Article III: Organization

The American Legion, Department of Nevada, 2nd District shall be organized to serve all Posts within the 2nd District.

Article IV: Eligibility

Every American Legion member in good standing, as described in Article IV of the Department Constitution, Sections 1 through 5, belonging to an American Legion Post in good standing, located in the 2nd District as determined by the Department of Nevada, shall automatically be a member of the 2nd District.

Article V: Administration and Convention

Section 1. The legislative body of the 2nd District shall be the 2nd District annual Convention, which shall be held at least two weeks prior to the annual Convention of the Department of Nevada. A quorum shall be present when a majority of the Posts in the 2nd District are represented.

Section 2. The scheduled time and place of the annual 2nd District Convention shall be determined by the preceding 2nd District Convention. If a change in the schedule is necessary, the Executive Committee has the authority to change the time and date of the meeting.

Section 3. At the 2nd District Annual Convention, each Post, whose dues have been received by the Department Adjutant at least ten days prior to the meeting of the 2nd District Annual Convention, shall be entitled to two delegates, plus one additional delegate for each ten members or major fraction thereof, and to one alternate for each delegate. The voting strength of each Post shall be equal to the total number of delegates to which the Post is entitled. No Post shall be represented by proxy.

Section 4. Each Post in good standing, shall certify delegates and alternates to the credentials Committee at the time of the 2nd District annual Convention.

Article VI: 2nd District Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1. The District 2 Convention shall elect the Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, and Sergeant At Arms.

Section 2. The Commander, at the conclusion of the elections may appoint an Adjutant, Finance Officer, Service Officer, Chaplain, Historian, Judge Advocate, and Chairpersons of standing Committees. The 2nd District Executive Committee must approve these appointments immediately following the district Convention.

Section 3. The elected and appointed 2nd District Officers shall be installed at the Convention immediately following their election or appointment and shall officially assume their new duties as defined under Article 1: Duties of Officers, in the 2nd District By laws.

Section 4. The elected and appointed 2nd District Officers, together with the Commanders of all Posts in good standing, shall constitute the Executive Committee. All members of the Executive Committee shall have a voice and a vote except the Adjutant, Finance Officer, Service Officer, Chaplain, Historian and Judge Advocate who shall have a voice but no vote.

Article VII: Auxiliary

The 2nd District recognizes an organization known as the American Legion Auxiliary. Membership in the Auxiliary is limited to persons named in Article XIII of the National Constitution of the American Legion.

Article VIII: Adoption and Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at a regular meeting of the 2nd District, by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided the vote includes a majority of the Posts represented. And provided also that notice has been given at the previous meeting of the 2nd District.

Section 2. This Constitution shall be automatically amended to conform to any amendment by a Department Convention, which affects status, policies and functioning of the District.