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To: Department of North Carolina Bylaws Committee
From: Dennis Mathias, Department Southcentral DVC

Subj: Proposed Department Bylaws Amendment – Section 145

In accordance with the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Article Eight, Section 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2022 North Carolina Department Convention.

CURRENT:

SECTION 145 - DEPARTMENT CONVENTION - The Department Convention shall meet once each calendar year between May 1 and June 15. The time and place of each succeeding convention is to be determined by the Delegates present and voting at the Department Convention (2) years in advance, providing that, in an emergency, the present and voting Delegates may assign this duty to the Department Staff.

CHANGE RATIONALE:

The National Bylaws state that, “Each Department shall hold one convention each year between April 1 and prior to the National Convention but no later than June 30th.” The Department is unnecessarily reducing the available time frame to hold the Department Convention with a June 15 date. Also, we had to request a waiver by the National Commandant to have the 2021 Department Convention on June 25-26 because no allowance was contained in the Department Bylaws.

Additionally, an allowance is needed in case a detachment is not awarded to host the convention (bids not acceptable or no bids presented) or the host detachment must cancel after being awarded to host the Department Convention. The below process authorizes the selection of a different host detachment.

PROPOSED VERBAIGE:

SECTION 145 - DEPARTMENT CONVENTION –

- A. The Department Convention shall meet once each calendar year between April 1 and June 30. The date and location for the Department Convention will be voted on by the delegates at a Department Convention two (2) years in advance.

- B. Should any unforeseen circumstance occur and no host detachment is selected two (2) years prior to a convention, presentations can be made during the Department Convention one year prior to the next convention.
- C. Any convention location decision not made one (1) year prior will be selected by a majority vote in a Convention Selection Meeting (in person or a means determined by the Department Commandant) as soon as practical. This Convention Selection Meeting will consist of the Department Executive Board, the detachment(s) making a bid for the Department Convention, and any other parties the Department Commandant deems relevant. The Executive Board members will cast the only votes to decide on the host detachment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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