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Re: Proposed Amended By-Laws

Dear Comrade Frisby-Griffin:

Receipt is acknowledged of the proposed revised By-Laws for the Department of South Dakota VFW, submitted for review of the Commander-in-Chief in accordance with Section 502 of the Manual of Procedure.

These documents have been designated amended By-Laws to reflect their replacement of previously reviewed By-Laws.

A review of the proposed amended By-Laws discloses that they are in compliance with the Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure, Ritual, and laws and usages of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

A copy of the reviewed amended By-Laws has been retained for our files and two sets herewith returned.

Sincerely,

David E. Prohaska, Director Administrative Operations

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Enc: Revised By-Laws (2) cc: Department Adjutant (1)

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Thanks for the hand

Please let me know what is the right way to do this as my mentor is not available

We are updating the by-laws as attached

Thanks Darwin

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# DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

## BY-LAWS

"Unless otherwise stated, whenever the masculine or feminine gender is used, both men and women are included."

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## BY-LAWS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

#### AS AMENDED TO

June 1993; June 2002; June 2003; June 2004; June 2005; June 2006; June 2007; June 2008; June 2009; June 2014; June 2015; June 2016; June 2017; June 2018

## ARTICLE 1 NAME AND JURISDICTION

- SECTION 1. This Subdivision of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall be known as the Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, hereinafter referred to as "Department."
- SECTION 2. The Jurisdiction of this Department shall conform to the territorial limits of the State of South Dakota.

## ARTICLE 2 OBJECTS

SECTION 1. The Objects of this Department shall be as set forth in the Congressional Charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

## ARTICLE 3 AUTHORITY

- SECTION 1. The Supreme Power of this Department shall be vested in the National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and shall at all times be governed by the Congressional Charter and By-Laws adopted by said National Convention, mandates of the National Council of Administration and orders of the Commander-in-Chief.
- SECTION 2. Subject to the provisions of the Congressional Charter and By-Laws the Government of this Department shall be vested in the Department Convention, Department Council of Administration and lawful orders of the State Commander.
- SECTION 3. The Department Headquarters office shall be located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

## ARTICLE 4 COMPOSITION

SECTION 1. The Composition of the Department of South Dakota shall consist of all Posts and Districts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States now chartered in the

State of South Dakota and such other as may hereafter be chartered in accordance with the Congressional Charter and By-Laws.

## ARTICLE 5 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

- SECTION 1. The Annual Conventions of this Department shall be held within the dates as provided for in the National By-Laws and on such specific dates and at such places as may be decreed by the Convention in session or by the Department Council of Administration.
- SECTION 2. The Delegate and alternate voting strength of each Post in the Department shall be based upon one (1) of each for every thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing at the time of election and they shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of the Congressional Charter and National By-Laws.
- SECTION 3. The Membership of the Department Convention shall be as prescribed by the National By-Laws.
- SECTION 4. The State Surgeon, in coordination with the State Adjutant, shall present in writing, to include all Credentials/Time and Place Committee requirements, to the current Convention the proposed Department site for the following fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) year.
- SECTION 5. The Host Post of the city designated to entertain the following year's Convention shall submit a member registration fee, a complete convention schedule and a complete detailed report of the program to the Department Council of Administration for its consideration and approval not later than the Legislative Conference preceding that Convention.
- SECTION 6. A Fee of one dollar (\$1.00) is required by the Department for each voting delegate. The delegate's fee should be submitted no later than fifteen (15) days before the convening of the Department Convention. Failure to submit said fee shall deprive individual delegates and Post delegates all representation at the Department Convention and be considered delinquent and in arrears until said fee is submitted.

#### ARTICLE 6 PER CAPITA TAX

SECTION 1. The annual Per Capita Tax of the Department of South Dakota shall be the sum of Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and payable in advance in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws. (Effective with collection of all dues paid on or after January 1, 2007.)

## ARTICLE 7 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Officers of this Department, their nomination, election or appointment and installation shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Congressional Charter and National By-Laws.

- SECTION 2. The Title of the Officers and Committee Members of this Department shall have their office or title designated as "State" rather than Department.
- SECTION 3. The Election of State Officers shall be by roll call, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. In the event there is only one (1) candidate for a particular position, the By-Laws may be suspended, and a unanimous vote cast for that candidate.

## ARTICLE 8 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- SECTION 1. The Duties of all Officers shall be those prescribed in the National By-Laws and such others as these By-Laws may provide and/or as the Department Convention, Department Council of Administration or State Commander may direct.
- SECTION 2. (a) The State Commander shall within thirty (30) days following the adjournment of the Department Convention, unless otherwise provided, appoint all Standing Committees and Activity Chairmen who shall serve at the Commander's discretion.
- (b) Immediately following the election, or as soon thereafter as possible and practical, the State Commander shall designate all Appointive Officers.

## ARTICLE 9 COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

- SECTION 1. In accordance with Section 522 of the National By-Laws the Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Surgeon, Chaplain, District Commanders and the Immediate Past State Commander. District Commanders shall, in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws, each be elected from and represent a District as hereinafter provided. In the absence of a District Commander the District Senior Vice Commander and in the absence of the District Senior Vice Commander, the District Junior Vice Commander may function as a member of the Council of Administration.
- SECTION 2. The Department Council of Administration Districts shall be numbered and constituted as follows:
- District #1: Post #628, Sioux Falls; #791, Yankton; #915, Elk Point; #2821, Parker; #2975, Beresford; #3061, Vermillion; #3164, Canton; #3728, Freeman; #4726, Brandon; #5770, Crooks; #6149, Alcester.
- District #4: Post #750, Watertown; #2118, Brookings; #2638, Madison; #3342, Sisseton; #3351, Flandreau; #3486, Milbank; #3507, Britton; #4690, Webster; #5022, Summit; #6361, Goodwin; #10632, Dell Rapids.

- District #6: Post #17, Aberdeen; #1776, Huron; #2038, Pierre; #2741, Mobridge; #2755, Redfield; #3179, Faulkton; #3214, Miller; #5126, Eureka; #5548, Wessington Springs; #6481, Turton; #8530, Gettysburg.
- District #7: Post #1353, Marty; #2750, Mitchell; #2966, Scotland; #3239, Lake Andes; #3298, Parkston; #4674, Winner; #6436, Chamberlain; #6554, Plankinton; #6895, Tyndall; #6897, Armour; #7319, Wagner; #9950, Burke.
- District #10: Post #1273, Rapid City; #2730, Sturgis; #2969, Lemmon; #3312, Belle Fourche; #3342, Custer; #5751, Faith; #5807, Newell; #5860, Spearfish; #5969, Deadwood; #9120, Quinn.
- SECTION 3. Future Posts shall be assigned to a District by the State Commander, subject to the approval of the following Department Convention.
- SECTION 4. The meetings of the Council of Administration shall never be less than the minimum number required by the National By-Laws and such additional meetings as may be believed necessary by the State Commander or upon petition of a majority of the members of the Council of Administration.
- SECTION 5. All District Commanders shall be installed with the State Commander at the annual Department Convention as members of the Department Council of Administration.

#### ARTICLE 10 STANDING COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

SECTION 1. The Standing Committees of the Department shall be as follows:

(a) Legislative (g) Hospital

(b) Auditing (h) Veterans Council

(c) Membership (i) Memorial Park and Chapel

(d) Convention (j) Budget (e) Service and Rehabilitation (k) Baseball

(f) Publications

- SECTION 2. The State Commander shall appoint a Committee on Legislation, consisting of not less than five (5) members, including the State Judge Advocate, State Adjutant, State Lobbyist, State Legislative Chairman and State Service Officer. The duties of this Committee shall be to prepare and advocate legislation of benefit to veterans honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or their dependents and such other duties as may be assigned by competent authority or Convention enactment.
- SECTION 3. The State Commander shall appoint a Committee on Auditing, consisting of the second, third and fourth Past State Commanders, or other VFW members if a Past State Commander cannot fulfill this duty. They shall in addition to the quarterly audit make an annual audit immediately preceding the Convention and shall make a report of same to the Department

Convention. The State Commander and/or any three (3) members of the Council of Administration may at their pleasure demand an audit at any time other than set out in this Section.

- SECTION 4. Within thirty (30) days of assuming office, the State Commander shall appoint a Committee on Membership consisting of not less than six (6) members, including the State Adjutant, State Quartermaster, State Junior Vice Commander and four (4) other members who shall serve a two-year (2) rotating term unless appointment is terminated by the State Commander. The Committee Chairman will be designated by the State Commander. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to devise ways and means to increase membership of the Department and to effectuate its objects as may meet with the approval of the State Commander. A report in writing shall be made by this Committee to the Department Convention, showing in detail the work accomplished during its term of service and offer such recommendations as may be deemed of assistance in the advancement of the work of this Organization throughout the Department of South Dakota.
- SECTION 5. The State Commander shall, from members of the Department Council of Administration, appoint up to a four-member (4) Convention Committee, which shall include the State Quartermaster, except that he may at his discretion appoint as Department Convention Chairman one (1) not a member of the Council of Administration, whose duties shall be to cooperate with, supervise and assist the General Chairman and the host Post committees. The Committee shall work under the authority and direction of the Council of Administration and all decisions thereof shall be mandatory and can be appealed only in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws.
- SECTION 6. The State Commander shall appoint a Department Service and Rehabilitation Committee that consists of the immediate Past State Commander, State Senior Vice Commander, State Surgeon, State Quartermaster and two (2) members to be appointed by the State Commander. The Committee Chairman will be designated by the State Commander. The Committee shall recommend functions and prescribe duties for the State Service Office and submit them to the Council of Administration for approval.
- SECTION 7. The State Commander shall appoint a Committee on Department Publications consisting of five (5) members including the State Quartermaster, of which no more than two (2) may be from the same Post. It shall be the duty of this Committee, subject to the approval of the Council of Administration, to name an Editor and recommend his salary. A Comrade must have been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for at least a period of three (3) years to be considered for this appointment. This Committee shall recommend advertising rates and perform such other duties as are required in the performance of their duties. The Editor shall be responsible for the Publication and shall make a report at each Council of Administration meeting and the annual Convention and shall be a member of the Committee on Department Publications.
- SECTION 8. The State Commander shall appoint a Hospital Committee that consists of the State Surgeon and all Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representatives. The

purpose of the Committee is to communicate with Veterans Administration (VA) Centers to help provide needed voluntary goods and services for Veterans and their families.

- SECTION 9. The State Commander shall appoint a Veterans Council Committee that consists of the State Commander, the State Senior Vice Commander and one (1) other member who is appointed by the State Commander. The purpose of this Committee is to sit on the South Dakota Veterans Council as a member representing the Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars and to join with other veterans organizations to provide services that benefit South Dakota Veterans and their families.
- SECTION 10. The State Commander shall appoint a Memorial Park and Chapel Committee of six (6) members which will include State Quartermaster, Committee Chairman, Grounds Keeper of the Park and the Appointed Representative who sits on the Black Hills National Cemetery Support Council. All Post Commanders of District #10 and the District #10 Commander will be Deputy Members of this Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to oversee the operations of the Park, provide fund-raisers and to bring any recommendations that require funds to the Council of Administration for approval.
- SECTION 11. The State Commander shall appoint a Budget Committee of not less than five (5) members whose duty it shall be to review the State Quartermaster's budget and report to the Council of Administration at its first (1<sup>st</sup>) meeting following the adjournment of the Convention. The Committee shall receive a detailed report from the State Quartermaster of the financial operations of the Department during the year covering all receipts and expenditures. This report will be studied and compared with the proposed Budget.
- SECTION 12. The State Commander shall appoint a Baseball Advisory Committee that consists of the State Commander, State Adjutant, State Quartermaster, SD VFW Baseball Chairman, SD VFW Director of Baseball Operations, At-Large member of the Council of Administration and a Representative from each Class (A, B, and AA) as appropriate. The Baseball Chairman and Director of Operations will recommend the Representatives for each Class to the Commander. The Committee will have a minimum of five (5) members. The purpose of this Committee is to oversee the operations of the Baseball Program and provide a written status report to the Council of Administration not-later-than the Fall Council of Administration Conference following each baseball season.
- SECTION 13. The State Commander has the authority to remove any Appointed Officer or Committee Member for cause or, for any other reason, as those members serve at the pleasure of the Commander.

## ARTICLE 11 CONVENTION COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

SECTION 1. The State Commander shall, prior to the convening of the Department Convention, appoint a Credentials/Time and Place Committee consisting of the State Adjutant, State Quartermaster and three (3) other members entitled to vote at the said Convention. Duties of this Committee shall include examination and reporting to the Department Convention upon

the Credentials of members present and entitled to participate in the Convention and to consider all bids and requests for the next four (4) Department Conventions, Fall Council of Administration and Legislative Conference sites. The Committee shall make a written report to the Council and Convention of their findings and recommendations.

- SECTION 2. Prior to the convening of each Department Convention, the State Commander shall appoint a Committee on Resolutions and By-Laws. This Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to recommend pass or rejection and report on all Resolutions, By-Laws and matters that may be referred to it by the Department Convention.
- SECTION 3. The State Commander has the authority to remove any Appointed Officer or Committee Member for cause or, for any other reason, as those members serve at the pleasure of the Commander.

#### ARTICLE 12 FUNDS AND RECEIPTS

- SECTION 1. The State Quartermaster shall, in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws receive and account for all monies. To no other member or Officer shall this authority be delegated.
- SECTION 2. All monies received from whatever source not raised or solicited for a specific purpose shall constitute the General Fund. Revenues not foreseen at the time of the Budget was approved and or not assigned to an income account under the General Fund shall be placed in the Non-Scheduled income under Miscellaneous receipts.
- SECTION 3. The Department Convention may from time to time establish Special Funds for specific purposes. A Special Fund may be either permanent or temporary and shall consist of all monies received with the understanding expressed or implied that they are to be devoted to the purpose indicated together with any amounts that may be transferred by appropriation to such Special Funds from the General Fund.
- SECTION 4. Separate accounts shall be maintained in the Quartermaster's records of all funds: General, Special and District.
- SECTION 5. Savings accounts may be maintained for such funds as constitute reserves and from which expenditures or withdrawals are not active.
- SECTION 6. Two (2) commercial or checking accounts shall be maintained in accordance with the uniform system of Department Records and Accounts. One (1) will be for General Ledger Accounts and one (1) for the Baseball Account.
- SECTION 7. The depositories for all monies and securities shall be named by the Council of Administration, or the State Quartermaster, with approval of the State Commander, who shall use their discretion.

#### ARTICLE 13 EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

- SECTION 1. All expenditures authorized or payments made shall, at all times, be made within and governed by the provisions of the Department Budget. The Budget of the Department shall be created and maintained in accordance with the National By-Laws.
- SECTION 2. The State Commander shall have the authority to order and direct expenditures to be made from the General Fund, in accordance with the approved expenditure Budget of the Department, for the following purposes if included in said Budget:
  - (a) For all necessary current expenses of the Department Headquarters incurred in the ordinary course of business, including all supplies
  - (b) For the State Commander's personal travel expenses on such trips deemed to be in the interest and welfare of the Department, according to the Standard Operating Procedures.
  - (c) For the purpose of attending the annual National Convention.
  - (d) For the traveling expenses of State Officers or Committees on such trips as may be necessary in discharging the duties of their Offices as directed by the State Commander. All expenditures will be in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures.
- SECTION 3. Non-Scheduled Expenses under Miscellaneous Disbursements shall be included in the Department Budget for expenditures to take care of such obligations or to offset revenues that have been deposited in Non-Scheduled Incomes under Miscellaneous Receipts that could not reasonably be foreseen at the time the Budget was approved.
- SECTION 4. Payment from Special Funds shall be made strictly in accordance with the Budget Appropriation covering same and the provisions set forth in the Enactments of the Department Convention establishing such funds. The power to direct expenditures from Special Funds shall be conferred by Enactment creating it upon the State Commander, the Council of Administration, the Committee or the Officer as the case may be, which is charged thereby with carrying out the object or purpose of the Enactment. The unexpended balance of a Special Fund, when the object for which it was established shall have been fully accomplished, shall revert to the General Fund unless the Enactment which created said Special Fund otherwise provides.
- SECTION 5. The expenditure of Department Funds shall be made on such forms and in such manner as prescribed by the National By-Laws. No monies shall be expended by the State Quartermaster unless same are properly provided for by Budget appropriation and sufficient fund balance to provide for same.

#### ARTICLE 14 CONVENTION ENACTMENTS

- SECTION 1. Department Legislation (except Amendments of these By-Laws), Special Laws or Resolutions, shall require for Enactment a majority vote of all members present and voting at the annual session of the Department Convention.
- SECTION 2. The Permanent Laws of this Department shall be embodied in these By-Laws and all Amendments thereof which shall hereafter be enacted by the Department Convention.
- SECTION 3. The State Commander shall cause these By-Laws to include amended copies to be printed and digitized for distribution via electronic means by email and/or posted on the Department website (<a href="www.sdvfw.org">www.sdvfw.org</a>). Up-to-date copies of the By-Laws are to be obtained within ninety (90) days following the Convention.
- SECTION 4. Enactments passed by the Department Convention that shall be limited as to time or application shall be classified as Special Laws and shall have the force of Permanent Laws so far as their provisions extend. Special Enactments shall not be printed unless so ordered by Department Conventions or the State Commander in his discretion causes them to be published in whole or part.
- SECTION 5. An Enactment is defined to be a proposal which if adopted will constitute a new law, either permanent or temporary, for the government of the Department. A Resolution shall consist of a formal expression by the Department Convention of its wishes, opinion or sentiment as to matters other than Permanent or Special Laws.
- SECTION 6. The original copies of Enactments and Resolutions shall be properly attested by the State Adjutant.
- SECTION 7. An Enactment or Resolution shall take effect upon its passage unless otherwise provided therein, or by the National By-Laws. Enactments upon taking effect shall become binding upon all Officers and members affected thereby who shall be conclusively presumed to have notice of same and shall not be allowed to plead ignorance thereof in excuse or failure to comply with their requirements.
- SECTION 8. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the Department are set for State Officers, Council of Administration, Appointed Officers, Committee Chairmen and Members, Baseball Commissioners, State Service Officer Staff, County Service Officers and Funded Employees. The specific Procedures are presented as guidelines to be followed in situations addressed by these Procedures. In those situations not specifically addressed by these Procedures, the action to be taken shall be determined by the Line Officers of the Organization. Procedures shall not alter or set aside any requirements contained in the National and Department By-Laws. The State Commander shall cause these Department Standard Operating Procedures to include Amended copies to be printed and distributed. SOP will be made available upon request from Department of SD VFW Headquarters.

#### ARTICLE 15 DISTRICTS

- SECTION 1. All District Commanders, during their term of office, shall be organized into a District Commander's Conference, immediately following their installation or as soon thereafter as possible and practical, and shall elect from said Conference a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Recording Secretary. The duties of the District Commanders Conference shall be to provide for the betterment of the Department by its various programs through close cooperation of the District Commanders and to provide a more firm liaison between subordinate units and the State Commander and his staff of Elective and Appointive Officers. This group shall hold regular meetings at least three (3) times during their term of office; at the Department Convention, at the Fall Conference and at the Legislative Conference or as the Department Council of Administration or the State Commander may direct, and that a copy of the actions taken at these meetings is filed with the State Adjutant.
- SECTION 2. Each member of a District Convention or District meeting are those persons defined in Section 404 of the National By-Laws, except delegates elected by the Posts, present at a District Convention or meeting shall be entitled to one vote, and an individual possessing more than one qualification for membership in the District Convention or meeting shall have no more than one vote. The delegate or delegates of a Post present at a District Convention or meeting shall be entitled to vote the full delegate strength to which the Post is entitled. Should there be a division among the delegates representing the Post, each delegate present shall cast their pro rata share of the total voting strength of the Post. For the purpose of this section, a Post Commander shall be considered a delegate. Delegates must be in good standing.

#### ARTICLE 16 MISCELLANEOUS

- SECTION 1. All General Orders, Special Orders, Memoranda or Bulletins shall be distributed to all Posts, all State Officers and all Past State Commanders via email and posted to the Department Website (<a href="https://www.sdvfw.org">www.sdvfw.org</a>) for all other members of the Department.
- SECTION 2. In the absence of regular members of any Committee, the State Commander may appoint from time to time members to act thereon in their place and instead of the regular members.
- SECTION 3. The State Commander may appoint additional Committees as he may deem to be desirable to carry on and expedite the work of the Organization and also designate such Committees as may be authorized by Convention Enactments.
- SECTION 4. The State Commander, State Quartermaster and State Administrative Secretary shall be bonded in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws. The custody of said Bond shall be vested in the State Commander.

SECTION 5. Provided Electronic Attendance is in compliance and in accordance with the National By-Laws members may be allowed to participate in meetings using technology.

#### ARTICLE 17 BIG TEN CONFERENCE

- SECTION 1. The State Commander, State Senior Vice Commander, State Junior Vice Commander, State Adjutant, State Quartermaster and immediate Past Commander shall be the five (5) voting Delegates to the Big Ten Conference. If a Delegate shall be unable to attend a Big Ten Conference meeting, the State Commander may designate an alternate voting Delegate.
- SECTION 2. The Department Candidate for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief from the Big Ten Conference shall be selected at the Department Convention by roll call vote. The five (5) Department Delegates shall be mandated to cast the Department vote on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) ballot at the Big Ten Conference Meeting for the candidate selected at the Department Convention. Should that candidate be dropped after the first (1<sup>st</sup>) ballot, the State Commander shall poll the Delegates present and vote accordingly.

#### ARTICLE 18 AMENDMENTS

- SECTION 1. These By-Laws may be Amended at any regular session of the Department Convention by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, providing a thirty day (30) notice to the Department is given from those listed in Section 2 of this Article so the Department can give a twenty day (20) notice, including the subject, of the proposed Amendment has been given to the Posts in the call for the meeting. No Amendments shall be effective until the same has been forwarded through channels and approved by the Commander-in-Chief.
- SECTION 2. Amendments to the Department By-Laws may be proposed by any member in good standing, any member of the Council of Administration, the Resolutions and By-Laws Committee or any District or Post chartered by the Department of South Dakota provided the proposal meets the notice requirements outlined in Section 1 of this Article.
- SECTION 3. Wherever these By-Laws or subsequent amendments may be found to be in conflict with the present or any future National By-Laws, the latter shall prevail and be binding upon this Department as though written herein.

These By-Laws were adopted, subject to the review of the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, on this  $15^{th}$  day of June, 2018 at the Department Convention in the City of Sioux Falls and County of Minnehaha, State of South Dakota.

	DATE
ATTEST:	OFFICIAL:
PRINT: <b>DARWIN TOLZIN</b>	RICK WILLIAMSON
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ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL BY DAVID E. PROHASKA, DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS