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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 1  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (7.2)  
Proposed by David McMahon

REVISION AND RATIONALE

7.2 Meetings. The Executive Council shall meet at the place of the Division Convention. The Division Commander may call other meetings as he deems necessary or upon written request **(ADD) by Certified US Postal Mail, return receipt requested,** of **(Delete) the three (3) (Add) five (5)** members of said Council. The Division Commanders shall be the Chairman of the Division Executive Council.

**Rationale:** To bring in compliance with 7.7.2 and clarify the method of notification of the written requests.  
*Submitted by: David McMahon*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

7.2 Meetings. The Executive Council shall meet at the place of the Division Convention. The Division Commander may call other meetings as he deems necessary or upon written request by Certified US Postal Mail, return receipt requested, of five (5) members of said Council. The Division Commanders shall be the Chairman of the Division Executive Council.

**CURRENT CONSTITUTION**

**7.2 Meetings. The Executive Council shall meet at the place of the Division Convention. The Division Commander may call other meetings as he deems necessary or upon written request of the three (3) members of said Council. The Division Commanders shall be the Chairman of the Division Executive Council.**

**Comments:** See the attached, Comments on Proposed Constitution Changes 2018 document

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 2  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (7.2)  
Proposed by David McMahon

REVISION AND RATIONALE

7.7.2 The Division Commander shall convene the Executive Council in a special meeting upon the **(Add) individual written petitions (Add) by Certified US Postal Mail, return receipt requested**, of five (5) of the voting members of the Division Executive Council.

**Rationale:** To clarify the method of notification of the written individual requests.  
*Submitted by: David McMahon*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

7.7.2 The Division Commander shall convene the Executive Council in a special meeting upon the individual written petitions by Certified US Postal Mail, return receipt requested, of five (5) of the voting members of the Division Executive Council.

**CURRENT CONSTITUTION**

**7.7.2 The Division Commander shall convene the Executive Council in a special meeting upon the petitions of five (5) of the voting members of the Division Executive Council.**

**Comments:** See the attached, *Comments on Proposed Constitution Changes 2018 document*

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 3  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (7.7.3)  
Proposed by David McMahon

*REVISION AND RATIONALE*

7.7.3 Such petition shall specify the reason(s) necessitating such a meeting, the specific purposes for which the meeting is called, and a suggested time and place of the meeting. After receiving a sufficient number of qualified petitions **(add) as specified in 7.7.2**, the Division Commander must call a special meeting of the Division Executive Council at a reasonable time and place of his choosing to be held within fourteen (14) **(Add) business days. (Add) The fourteen (14) business days begins counting the day after receipt of the Certified US Postal Mail, return receipt requested.**

**Rationale:** To clarify the time frame and method of notification.  
*Submitted by: David McMahon*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

7.7.3 Such petition shall specify the reason(s) necessitating such a meeting, the specific purposes for which the meeting is called, and a suggested time and place of the meeting. After receiving a sufficient number of qualified petitions as specified in 7.7.2, the Division Commander must call a special meeting of the Division Executive Council at a reasonable time and place of his choosing to be held within fourteen (14) business days. The fourteen (14) business days begins counting the day after receipt of the Certified US Postal Mail, return receipt requested.

**CURRENT CONSTITUTION**

**7.7.3 Such petition shall specify the reason(s) necessitating such a meeting, the specific purposes for which the meeting is called, and a suggested time and place of the meeting. After receiving a sufficient number of qualified petitions, the Division Commander must call a special meeting of the Division Executive Council at a reasonable time and place of his choosing to be held within fourteen (14) days.**

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 4  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (7.7.4)  
Proposed by David McMahon

REVISION AND RATIONALE

7.7.4 If, after four (4) **(Add) business days from receiving the (Delete) petitions (Add) return receipt requested Certified US Postal Mail**, the Division Commander has refused to call a special meeting, the petitioners may order that the special meeting be held at the time and place specified in their petition.

**Rationale:** To clarify the time frame and the method of the written request.

*Submitted by: David McMahon*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

7.7.4 If, after four (4) business days from receiving the return receipt requested Certified US Postal Mail, the Division Commander has refused to call a special meeting, the petitioners may order that the special meeting be held at the time and place specified in their petition.

**CURRENT CONSTITUTION**

**7.7.4 If, after four (4) days from receiving the petitions, the Division Commander has refused to call a special meeting, the petitioners may order that the special meeting be held at the time and place specified in their petition.**

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 5  
 PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (13.4.6)  
 Proposed by David McMahon

## REVISION AND RATIONALE

13.4.6 At the Division Executive Council meeting, **(Delete) the (Add) most charges against the accused are only upheld with a (Delete) four-fifths (4/5) (Add) majority vote of those present (Add) and voting (Delete) assuming (Add) providing that a quorum of (Add) one-fourth (1/4) of the elected officers (Add) and the past three (3) Division Commanders is (Delete) available (Add) present.** In this case, only elected officers **(Add) and the past three (3) Division Commanders may be considered in the counting of the quorum.** Appointed officers may not be considered as part of a quorum for any disciplinary meeting. Appointed officers may, however, count towards the **(Delete) four-fifths (4/5) vote on the charges. (Add) For expulsion, a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required.**

**Rationale:** To bring the Constitution's Discipline into agreement with Robert's Rules of Order Current Edition page 668, line 9-19 and 12, and provide clarification.

*Submitted by: David McMahon*

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

13.4.6 At the Division Executive Council meeting, most charges against the accused are only upheld with a majority vote of those present and voting providing that a quorum of one-fourth (1/4) of the elected officers and the past three (3) Division Commanders is present. In this case, only elected officers and the past three (3) Division Commanders may be considered in the counting of the quorum. Appointed officers may not be considered as part of a quorum for any disciplinary meeting. Appointed officers may, however, count towards the vote on the charges. For expulsion of a member, a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required.

**CURRENT CONSTITUTION**

**13.4.6 At the Division Executive Council meeting, the charges against the accused are only upheld with a four-fifths (4/5) vote of those present assuming that a quorum of elected officers is available. In this case, only elected officers may be considered in the counting of the quorum. Appointed officers may not be considered as part of a quorum for any disciplinary meeting. Appointed officers may, however, count towards the four-fifth (4/5) vote on the charges.**

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 6  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (6.4.1.12)  
Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

REVISION AND RATIONALE

**(Add) 6.4.1.12 The Division Commander shall hold membership in the National Association of Parliamentarians prior to entering the office of Division Commander or shall complete requirements for membership no later than ninety (90) days following his election. Cost of meeting this requirement shall be paid out of the Texas Division General Fund.**

**Rationale:** Paragraph 6.4.1.6 require the Division Commander to be the chairman of the Division Convention and the Division Executive Council. Paragraphs 7.8, 7.8.1, 8.5.6, and 8.9.8 require that the Convention and DEC meeting be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. Some former Commanders have demonstrated a lack of knowledge of even the most fundamental requirements of parliamentary procedure. Requirements for membership in the NAP requires the completion of an online study course of approximately ten (10) hours of study and successful completion of an exam. Approximately ten hours of study seems to be a minor requirement for obtaining qualifications for an office a candidate for Division Commander seeks. This amendment will ensure that the Commander is qualified to perform some of his most important duties.

*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

6.4.1.12 The Division Commander shall hold membership in the National Association of Parliamentarians prior to entering the office of Division Commander or shall complete requirements for membership no later than ninety (90) days following his election. Cost of meeting this requirement shall be paid out of the Texas Division General Fund.

**CURRENT CONSTITUTION**

**Paragraph 6.4.1.12 does not presently exist**

**Comments:** See the attached, *Comments on Proposed Constitution Changes 2018 document*

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 7  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (6.4.3.1)  
Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

REVISION AND RATIONALE

**(Add) 6.4.3.1 The Division Chief of Staff shall complete (including obtaining a 90 percent score on the exam) the online course of study offered by the National Association of Parliamentarians concerning the proper method of taking minutes within one year prior to or within ninety (90) days following appointment. Cost of meeting this requirement shall be paid out of the Texas Division General Fund.**

**Rationale:** Paragraph 6.4.3 requires the Chief of Staff to keep records of all meetings. The tax laws dealing with 501(c)3 organizations also require the keeping of accurate records. Robert's Rules of Order specifies exactly how records should be kept. There have been times when no record what so ever was kept of meeting and other times when the record kept bore little similarity to generally excepted record keeping standards. The National Association of Parliamentarians offers an online study course of approximately two (2) hours of study and successful completion of a short exam. Approximately two to three hours of study seems to be a minor requirement for obtaining qualifications for performing such important duties. This amendment will ensure that the Chief of Staff is qualified to perform his duties.

*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

6.4.3.1 The Division Chief of Staff shall complete (including obtaining a 90 percent score on the exam) the online course of study offered by the National Association of Parliamentarians concerning the proper method of taking minutes within one year prior to or within ninety (90) days following appointment. Cost of meeting this requirement shall be paid out of the Texas Division General Fund.

CURRENT CONSTITUTION

Paragraph 6.4.3.1 does not presently exist

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 8  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (7.6)  
Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

#### REVISION AND RATIONALE

7.6 Meetings – Regular. **(Delete) The Division Executive Council shall meet within twenty-four (24) hours after the final adjournment of the Division Convention. Thereafter, the Division Commander shall call a regular meeting at least quarterly.**

**(Add) 7.6.1 The Division Executive Council shall meet within twenty-four (24) hours after the final adjournment of the Division Convention.**

**7.6.2 The Division Executive Council shall meet quarterly on the second Saturday of September, December, and March at a time and place determined by the Division Commander.**

**Rationale:** Requiring the Division Executive Council to meet on a set date allows members ample time to plan their activities to allow full participation in the meeting. It also prevents last minute changes to the meeting date thus preventing some members from attending due to calendar conflicts created prior to the change in meeting date.

*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

#### PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

7.6 Meetings – Regular.

7.6.1 The Division Executive Council shall meet within twenty-four (24) hours after the final adjournment of the Division Convention.

7.6.2 The Division Executive Council shall meet quarterly on the second Saturday of September, December, and March at a time and place determined by the Division Commander.

#### CURRENT CONSTITUTION

7.6 Meetings – Regular. The Division Executive Council shall meet within twenty-four (24) hours after the final adjournment of the Division Convention. Thereafter, the Division Commander shall call a regular meeting at least quarterly.

*Comments: See the attached, Comments on Proposed Constitution Changes 2018 document*



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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 9  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (7.7.2.1)  
Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

REVISION AND RATIONALE

**(Add) 7.7.2.1 No member or members shall be subjected to any type of retaliation, disciplinary action, or harassment based upon a petition for a special meeting provided that the member's actions were following the provisions of this constitution.**

**Rationale:** A member of the Division Executive Council should not feel hesitant to perform his duties because of a threat or fear of any type of retaliation, disciplinary action, or harassment based upon his call for a special meeting when he feels it is in the best interest of the Division. This amendment provides him with some protection from any actions of this type.

*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

7.7.2.1 No member or members shall be subjected to any type of retaliation, disciplinary action, or harassment based upon a petition for a special meeting provided that the member's actions were following the provisions of this constitution.

CURRENT CONSTITUTION

Paragraph 7.7.2.1 does not presently exist

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 10  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (7.10)  
Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

REVISION AND RATIONALE

7.10 Meetings may be held by teleconference or other electronic means so long as the opportunity to hear and participate is available to all eligible members of the Division Executive Council. **(Add) If a single member participating in the meeting held by teleconference or other electronic means states that he cannot hear sufficiently well to understand the proceedings, the meeting must be immediately adjourned until such time that all members can clearly hear the motions and discussions.**

**Rationale:** During a recent meeting held by teleconference, several Division Executive Council members had difficulty hearing and understanding what was being said. They called this matter to the attention of the chairman several times with no correcting action being taken. This led to serious controversy and problems. Afterwards, some members stated they did not fully understand the issue upon which they were asked to vote. It is clearly a poor policy for individuals to vote upon issues they do not understand. It is also blatantly unfair to any member elected by his peers to be placed in a position in which he is unable to properly fulfill his responsibilities. This amendment specifies the exact procedure to be followed in this type of situation.

*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

7.10 Meetings may be held by teleconference or other electronic means so long as the opportunity to hear and participate is available to all eligible members of the Division Executive Council. If a single member participating in the meeting held by teleconference or other electronic means states that he cannot hear sufficiently well to understand the proceedings, the meeting must be immediately adjourned until such time that all members can clearly hear the motions and discussions.

CURRENT CONSTITUTION

7.10 Meetings may be held by teleconference or other electronic means so long as the opportunity to hear and participate is available to all eligible members of the Division Executive Council

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 11  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (7.11)  
Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

#### REVISION AND RATIONALE

**(Add) 7.11 Accurate and concise minutes of the meeting, including executive session, shall be taken in the format prescribed by the National Association of Parliamentarians including, but not limited to, a word for word record of all motions made, a record of if the motion passed or failed, and the method of the ballot (voice, hand, standing, written or other means).**

**Rationale:** In the past, faulty minutes, and in some cases, no minutes, were taken of meetings. This resulted in many passed motions were never accomplished. This amendment prevents that from occurring in the future, complies with some the requirements of Robert's Rules of Order and 501(c)3 corporation requirements .

*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

#### PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

7.11 Accurate and concise minutes of the meeting, including executive session, shall be taken in the format prescribed by the National Association of Parliamentarians including, but not limited to, a word for word record of all motions made, a record of if the motion passed or failed, and the method of the ballot (voice, hand, standing, written or other means).

#### CURRENT CONSTITUTION

Paragraph 7.11 does not currently exist.

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 12  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (7.7.2.1)  
Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

REVISION AND RATIONALE

**(Add) 7.12 Before a vote is taken on any motion, including those made in executive session, the person taking the minutes of the meeting shall read the motion as it will be recorded in the minutes. The person making the motion may require the recorder to change the wording to clearly reflect the maker's intention.**

**Rationale:** This amendment will ensure that participants in a meeting will understand exactly what the motion states before they vote and allows the maker of the motion an opportunity to ensure that the recorder has recorded the motion exactly as he intended.

*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

7.12 Before a vote is taken on any motion, including those made in executive session, the person taking the minutes of the meeting shall read the motion as it will be recorded in the minutes. The person making the motion may require the recorder to change the wording to clearly reflect the maker's intention.

CURRENT CONSTITUTION

Paragraph 7.12 does not currently exist.

*Comments: See the attached, Comments on Proposed Constitution Changes 2018 document*

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 13  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (7.14)  
Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

REVISION AND RATIONALE

**(Add) 7.14 Executive Session. The Division Executive Council shall go into executive session only to address disciplinary matters or other matters which, if they became general knowledge, would be detrimental to the Division or to individual members. The Division Executive Council may not go into executive session without a motion passed by four-fifths (4/5) of the members present and voting.**

**Rationale:** When a deliberative body goes into executive session, it negates the general membership's fundamental right of knowing what their elected leaders are doing and what decisions are being made that will affect them. Therefore, the executive session should be used only for disciplinary and other extremely sensitive situations. This amendment ensures that executive sessions will only be conducted when necessary and prevent secret meetings called by a small number of individuals.

*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

7.14 Executive Session. The Division Executive Council shall go into executive session only to address disciplinary matters or other matters which, if they became general knowledge, would be detrimental to the Division or to individual members. The Division Executive Council may not go into executive session without a motion passed by four-fifths (4/5) of the members present and voting.

CURRENT CONSTITUTION

Paragraph 7.14 does not currently exist.

*Comments: See the attached, Comments on Proposed Constitution Changes 2018 document*

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 14

PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (8.4)

Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

**REVISION AND RATIONALE**

8.4 Amendments to the Division Constitution and Standing Orders must be sent to every camp of the Texas Division at least thirty (30) but not more than ninety (90) days in advance of the annual convention. Notification shall include the time and place of the meeting as well as the general nature of the business to be transacted. Such notices shall be published and distributed to every Camp Commander of the Texas Division in the April publication of the Division Newsletter. Amendments shall **(Add) also** be distributed to all Texas Division members by email or, if there is no record of a member's email address, by USPS. It is the responsibility of the Camp Commander to **(Delete) transmit and** discuss with their camp members the voting instructions for their delegates on all amendments. All other amendment proposals, **not (Delete) submitted in time to be** published in the April Newsletter at Texas Division expense, will be the responsibility of the author to publish and mail to every member of the Texas Division at his own expense within the guidelines outlined above.

**Rationale:** If the author submits a proposed amendment before the deadline established by Division, it is the Division's responsibility to ensure it is distributed since the author has no control over its distribution. The author should only be held responsible for distribution if he fails to submit his proposals by the established deadline.

*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ**

8.4 Amendments to the Division Constitution and Standing Orders must be sent to every camp of the Texas Division at least thirty (30) but not more than ninety (90) days in advance of the annual convention. Notification shall include the time and place of the meeting as well as the general nature of the business to be transacted. Such notices shall be published and distributed to every Camp Commander of the Texas Division in the April publication of the Division Newsletter. Amendments shall also be distributed to all Texas Division members by email or, if there is no record of a member's email address, by USPS. It is the responsibility of the Camp Commander to discuss with their camp members the voting instructions for their delegates on all amendments. All other amendment proposals, not submitted in time to be published in the April Newsletter at Texas Division expense, will be the responsibility of the author to publish and mail to every member of the Texas Division at his own expense within the guidelines outlined above.

**CURRENT CONSTITUTION**

8.4 Amendments to the Division Constitution and Standing Orders must be sent to every camp of the Texas Division at least thirty (30) but not more than ninety (90) days in advance of the annual convention. Notification shall include the time and place of the meeting as well as the general nature of the business to be transacted. Such notices shall be published and distributed to every Camp Commander of the Texas Division in the April publication of the Division Newsletter. Amendments shall be distributed to all Texas Division members by email or by USPS if there is no record of a member's email address. It is the responsibility of the Camp Commander to transmit and discuss with their camp members the voting instructions for their delegates on all amendments. All other amendment proposals, not published in the April Newsletter at Texas Division expense, will be the responsibility of the author to publish and mail to every member of the Texas Division at his own expense within the guidelines outlined above.

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 15  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (8.9.8.1)  
Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

REVISION AND RATIONALE

**(ADD) 8.9.8.1 Accurate and concise minutes of the Convention shall be taken in the format prescribed by the National Association of Parliamentarians including, but not limited to, a word for word record of all motions made, a record of if the motion passed or failed, and the method of the ballot (voice, hand, standing, written or other means).**

**Rationale:** This amendment specifies the format and states minimum requirements for minutes.  
*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

8.9.8.1 Accurate and concise minutes of the Convention shall be taken in the format prescribed by the National Association of Parliamentarians including, but not limited to, a word for word record of all motions made, a record of if the motion passed or failed, and the method of the ballot (voice, hand, standing, written or other means).

**CURRENT CONSTITUTION**

Paragraph 8.9.8.1 does not currently exist.

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 16  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (8.9.8.2)  
Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

REVISION AND RATIONALE

**(Add) 8.9.8.2 Before a vote is taken on any motion, the person taking the minutes of the meeting shall read the motion as it will be recorded in the minutes. The person making the motion may require the recorder to change the wording to clearly reflect the maker's intention.**

**Rationale:** This amendment requires a precise reading of a motion before a vote is taken to ensure that everyone knows exactly what they are voting on and that the record will accurately reflect the action taken.  
*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

8.9.8.2 Before a vote is taken on any motion, the person taking the minutes of the meeting shall read the motion as it will be recorded in the minutes. The person making the motion may require the recorder to change the wording to clearly reflect the maker's intention.

**CURRENT CONSTITUTION**

**Paragraph 8.9.8.2 does not currently exist.**

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 17  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (8.10 and 8.10.1)  
Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

REVISION AND RATIONALE

**(Add) 8.10 Actions Required of Division Executive Council.**

**8.10.1 At the first regular quarterly meeting of the Division Executive Council following the Annual Convention, the Division Commander shall require the minutes be read of the Convention of all passed motions requiring any type of action and report to the members of the Division Executive Council if the action has been taken. If the action has not been taken, the Division Commander will report the reason(s) for non-compliance. Members of the Division Executive Council shall consider the explanation and offer suggestions as to how to proceed to comply will the directions of the Convention.**

***Rationale:*** This amendment ensures that motions passed at the Annual convention are acted upon by Division officers.  
*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

8.10 Actions Required of Division Executive Council.

8.10.1 At the first regular quarterly meeting of the Division Executive Council following the Annual Convention, the Division Commander shall require the minutes be read of the Convention of all passed motions requiring any type of action and report to the members of the Division Executive Council if the action has been taken. If the action has not been taken, the Division Commander will report the reason(s) for non-compliance. Members of the Division Executive Council shall consider the explanation and offer suggestions as to how to proceed to comply will the directions of the Convention.

**CURRENT CONSTITUTION**

**Paragraphs 8.10 and 8.10.1 do not currently exist.**

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 18  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (8.10.2)  
Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

REVISION AND RATIONALE

(Add) 8.10.2 At the second regular quarterly meeting of the Division Executive Council following the Annual Convention, the Division Commander shall require the minutes be read of the Convention of all passed motions requiring any type of action and report to the members of the Division Executive Council if the action has been taken. If the action has not been taken, the Division Commander will report in writing with a copy to each member of the Division Executive Council the reason(s) for non-compliance and his plans for ensuring compliance. Members of the Division Executive Council shall consider the explanation and provide detailed directions as to how the Division Commander should proceed to comply will the directions of the Convention.

**Rationale:** This amendment ensures that motions passed at the Annual convention are acted upon by Division officers by requiring both the Division officers and Division Executive Council members to become actively involved in following the dictates of the Annual Convention.

*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

8.10.2 At the second regular quarterly meeting of the Division Executive Council following the Annual Convention, the Division Commander shall require the minutes be read of the Convention of all passed motions requiring any type of action and report to the members of the Division Executive Council if the action has been taken. If the action has not been taken, the Division Commander will report in writing with a copy to each member of the Division Executive Council the reason(s) for non-compliance and his plans for ensuring compliance. Members of the Division Executive Council shall consider the explanation and provide detailed directions as to how the Division Commander should proceed to comply will the directions of the Convention.

CURRENT CONSTITUTION

Paragraph 8.10.2 does not currently exist.

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 19  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (8.10.3)  
Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

REVISION AND RATIONALE

**(Add) 8.10.3 At the third regular quarterly meeting of the Division Executive Council following the Annual Convention, the Division Commander shall have read from the minutes of the Convention all passed motions requiring any type of action and report to the members of the Division Executive Council if the action has been taken. If the action has not been taken, the Division Commander will report in writing with a copy to each member of the Division Executive Council the reason(s) for non-compliance and his plans for ensuring compliance. Members of the Division Executive Council shall take whatever action they deem appropriate to ensure that the action is taken immediately and have the Chief of Staff prepare a written report to be distributed to each Division member attending the next Annual Convention if the action is not completed.**

**Rationale:** This amendment ensures that motions passed at the Annual convention are acted upon by Division officers and Division Executive Council members and requires an explanation to the Division membership of any failure to not follow the dictates of the Division members.

*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

8.10.1 At the third regular quarterly meeting of the Division Executive Council following the Annual Convention, the Division Commander shall have read from the minutes of the Convention all passed motions requiring any type of action and report to the members of the Division Executive Council if the action has been taken. If the action has not been taken, the Division Commander will report in writing with a copy to each member of the Division Executive Council the reason(s) for non-compliance and his plans for ensuring compliance. Members of the Division Executive Council shall take whatever action they deem appropriate to ensure that the action is taken immediately and have the Chief of Staff prepare a written report to be distributed to each Division member attending the next Annual Convention if the action is not completed.

**CURRENT CONSTITUTION**

**Paragraph 8.10.3 does not currently exist.**

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 20  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (13.1)  
Proposed by Jack Dyess, 3rd Brigade Lt. Commander

REVISION AND RATIONALE

13.1 Any member of the Texas Division may be censured, suspended or expelled from membership. Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty, and conduct unbecoming a member of the Texas Division and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, or the commission of an act repugnant to this Constitution and Standing Orders. Charges may be proffered by their Camp, Brigade, Division, or by action of the Division Executive Council or the Division Convention.

**(Delete) Disciplinary Investigation Committee.** This The committee is formed, as required by the Division Commander, and chaired by the Division Inspector General whenever infractions of the Texas Division or National Constitutions are violated or whenever the conduct of a compatriot may be considered potentially injurious to the good operation and representation of the Texas Division or the Sons of Confederate Veterans **(Add) after charges have been proffered by the Division Executive Council or Division Convention.**

**Rationale:** This amendment makes a formatting change to be compliant with the rest of the Constitution and prevents a misinterpretation of this paragraph that could lead to a belief that an investigation may be conducted without charges being proffered as required in the remainder of Section 13.

*Submitted by: Jack Dyess*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

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CURRENT CONSTITUTION

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 21  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (13.4.7)  
Proposed by Dustin W. Seiler, Alamo City Guards, Camp 1325

REVISION AND RATIONALE

**(Add) 13.4.7. The discipline of a member of the Division Executive Council will be handled in the same manner as all other members and charges, with the exception being his duties and responsibilities will be immediately suspended and can not take part in the disciplinary process. The remaining members of the Division Executive Council will then determine how to handle the suspended member's duties and responsibilities. The suspended member of the Division Executive Council will be notified via registered letter by the most senior officer available.**

**Rationale:** To ensure that the integrity and objectivity of the Discipline Investigation Committee is maintained and so that the DEC can render a fair verdict that is satisfactory to the entire membership.  
*Submitted by: Dustin W. Seiler, Alamo City Guards, Camp 1325*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

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**CURRENT CONSTITUTION**

**No such Constitutional Bylaw currently exists with in the Texas Division SCV Constitution.**

**Comments:** *See the attached, Comments on Proposed Constitution Changes 2018 document*

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 22  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (6.4.8)  
Proposed by Frank Bussey, 7th Brigade Commander

REVISION AND RATIONALE

**(Add) 6.4.8 No individual shall simultaneously hold more than one office on the DEC.**

**Rationale:** The Vice President of the United States can not hold that office and and hold the office of a Senator at the same time. No individual should should more than one office on the DEC simultaneously.

*Submitted by: Frank Bussey*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

6.4.8 No individual shall simultaneously hold more than one office on the DEC.

**CURRENT CONSTITUTION**

6. Division Officers

Paragraph 6.4.8 does not currently exist.

*Comments: See the attached, Comments on Proposed Constitution Changes 2018 document*

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 23  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (13.2)  
Proposed by Rocky Jim Sprott, 1st Brigade Lt. Commander

#### REVISION AND RATIONALE

**(Add at the end of section 13.2) Prior to any vote to proffer charges by the Division Executive Council against any Compatriot of the Texas Division, the Division Executive Council shall provide the accused Compatriot an “ in person hearing” before the Division Executive Council and the accused will be allowed to confront his accuser(s). The accused may waive this right “in writing” to the Division Executive Council.**

***Rationale:*** In many cases, the proposed hearing will allow honorable men to resolve grievances without resorting to unnecessary disciplinary action.

*Submitted by: Rocky Jim Sprott*

#### PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

##### 13. Discipline and Administration

13.2 Standing. Charges proffered by a Camp must be against one of its own compatriots. The Division Executive Council or Division Convention may proffer charges against any compatriot. Charges may not be proffered by any individual. Prior to any vote to proffer charges by the Division Executive Council against any Compatriot of the Texas Division, the Division Executive Council shall provide the accused Compatriot an “ in person hearing” before the Division Executive Council and the accused will be allowed to confront his accuser(s). The accused may waive this right “in writing” to the Division Executive Council.

#### CURRENT CONSTITUTION

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 24  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (13.4.6)  
Proposed by Benjamin W. Bonney, 1st Brigade 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander

REVISION AND RATIONALE

13.4.6 At the Division Executive Council meeting, the charges against the accused are only upheld with a four-fifths (4/5) vote of those present assuming that a quorum of elected officers is available. In this case, only elected officers may be considered in the counting of the quorum. Appointed officers may not be considered in the as part of a quorum for any disciplinary meeting. **(Add) Only elected officers may be count towards the four-fifths (4/5) vote on the charges.**

**Rationale:** Elected officers are representatives of the membership that elected them, and owe allegiance to the membership. Appointed officers by the Commander owe their allegiance and support to the Commander not to the membership.  
*Submitted by: Benjamin W. Bonney*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

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CURRENT CONSTITUTION

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**Comments:** *See the attached, Comments on Proposed Constitution Changes 2018 document*



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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 25  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (6.1)  
Proposed by Benjamin W. Bonney, 1st Brigade 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander

#### REVISION AND RATIONALE

6.1 At each bi-annual election Division convention, the Division convention shall elect a Division Commander and three (3) Lieutenant Commanders. Division Officers shall be elected for a term of two years. Officers may succeed themselves, but the Division Commander shall not be elected to more than one two year term. In addition, the Division Commander shall appoint the following officers to be members of his staff, a Division Chief of Staff, a Division Adjutant, A Division Chaplain, A Division Color Sergeant, a Division Judge Advocate, and such additional assistants and Aides-de-Camp as he may deem necessary. **(Add) All appointed officers by Division Commander to be members of his staff, with the advice and consent of the Division Executive Council.**

**Rationale:** All appointed officers should be with the advice and consent of the Division Executive Council since all are elected officers are representatives of the membership, have allegiance and support of membership for the Texas Division body. To make sure all appointed officers are able and qualified for said office.

*Submitted by: Benjamin W. Bonney*

#### PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

6.1 At each bi-annual election Division convention, the Division convention shall elect a Division Commander and three (3) Lieutenant Commanders. Division Officers shall be elected for a term of two years. Officers may succeed themselves, but the Division Commander shall not be elected to more than one two year term. In addition, the Division Commander shall appoint the following officers to be members of his staff, a Division Chief of Staff, a Division Adjutant, A Division Chaplain, A Division Color Sergeant, a Division Judge Advocate, and such additional assistants and Aides-de-Camp as he may deem necessary. All appointed officers by Division Commander to be members of his staff, with the advice and consent of the Division Executive Council.

#### CURRENT CONSTITUTION

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**Comments:** See the attached, Comments on Proposed Constitution Changes 2018 document

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 26  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (13.4.5)  
Proposed by Benjamin W. Bonney, 1st Brigade 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander

#### REVISION AND RATIONALE

13.4.5. If necessary, the Division Commander may call a special meeting of the Division Executive Council or wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Division Executive Council. In either case and prior to hearing the charges before the Division Executive Council, the Division Commander sends via United States Certified mail a description of the charge(s) to the accused. This letter should include; any evidence and findings of the Disciplinary Committee and the date, time, and location of the Division Executive Council meeting that will hear the charges. **(Add) The accused shall have an opportunity to attend the hearing and face his accuser(s), as well as provide defense in statement and inclusion of any evidence and witness, and findings to the Division Council.**

**Rationale:** Anyone has the god given right to defend their good name, when under attack by anyone else. Every story has two sides and for the Division Executive Council to make a correct and just decision, this change does just that.

*Submitted by: Benjamin W. Bonney*

#### PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

13.4.5. If necessary, the Division Commander may call a special meeting of the Division Executive Council or wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Division Executive Council. In either case and prior to hearing the charge(s) before the Division Executive Council, the Division Commander sends via United States Postal Service Certified Mail a description of charge(s) to the accused. This letter shall include; any evidence and findings of the Disciplinary Committee and the date, time, and location of the Division Executive Council meeting that will hear the charge(s). The accused shall have an opportunity to attend the hearing and face his accuser(s) as well as provide defense in statements, inclusion of any evidence, witnesses, and findings to the Division Council.

#### CURRENT CONSTITUTION

13.4.5. If necessary, the Division Commander may call a special meeting of the Division Executive Council or wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Division Executive Council. In either case and prior to hearing the charges before the Division Executive Council, the Division Commander sends via United States Certified mail a description of the charge (s) to the accused. This letter should include; any evidence and findings of the Disciplinary Committee and the date, time, and location of the Division Executive Council meeting that will hear the charges.

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 27  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (5.3)

Proposed by Kyle Sims, Lt. Commander, Gen. Richard Gano Camp # 2292

5.3 Brigade Officers. A Brigade Commander, Brigade Lieutenant Commander, and Brigade Second Lieutenant Commander shall be elected by the members of each Brigade in Brigade Meetings during the Division Convention. **(Delete) In the same time, place and manner as the election of Texas Division Officers, the Camps comprising each Brigade shall elect from among themselves those Brigade Officers authorized by this Constitution. (Add) Delegates from those Camps comprising each Brigade shall decide by a simple majority vote the manner in which the election of Brigade officers will be held.** Each of these three elected Brigade officers shall be from different camps in their respective Brigades

**Rationale:** This amendment clarifies the procedure for submitting amendments to the constitution.  
*Submitted by: Kyle Sims*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

5.3 Brigade Officers. A Brigade Commander, Brigade Lieutenant Commander, and Brigade Second Lieutenant Commander shall be elected by the members of each Brigade in Brigade Meetings during the Division Convention. Delegates from those Camps comprising each Brigade shall decide by a simple majority vote the manner in which the election of Brigade officers will be held. Each of these three elected Brigade officers shall be from different camps in their respective Brigades ...

CURRENT CONSTITUTION

5.3 Brigade Officers. A Brigade Commander, Brigade Lieutenant Commander, and Brigade Second Lieutenant Commander shall be elected by the members of each Brigade in Brigade Meetings during the Division Convention. In the same time, place and manner as the election of Texas Division Officers, the Camps comprising each Brigade shall elect from among themselves those Brigade Officers authorized by this Constitution. Each of these three elected Brigade officers shall be from different camps in their respective Brigades.

**Comments:** *See the attached, Comments on Proposed Constitution Changes 2018 document*

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 28  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (6.4.3)  
Proposed by Kyle Sims, Lt. Commander, Gen. Richard Gano Camp # 2292

#### REVISION AND RATIONALE

6.4.3 The Division Chief of Staff shall be charged with the administration of the policies of the Division Convention, the Division Executive Council and the Division Commander. He shall coordinate the Division Staff in its duties. He shall keep the **(Delete) proceedings (Add) minutes** of the Division Convention, special Division meetings, and the Division Executive Council. He shall issue the general orders of the Division Commander, under his signature. He shall issue and maintain meeting notices and agendas of the Convention and of the Division Executive Council. shall maintain records of such Division awards as directed by the Division Commander.

**Rationale:** This amendment clarifies the requirement to keep accurate records of all meetings as required by Robert's Rules of Order and the type of record.

*Submitted by: Kyle Sims*

#### PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

6.4.3 The Division Chief of Staff shall be charged with the administration of the policies of the Division Convention, the Division Executive Council and the Division Commander. He shall coordinate the Division Staff in its duties. He shall keep the minutes of the Division Convention, special Division meetings, and the Division Executive Council. He shall issue the general orders of the Division Commander, under his signature. He shall issue and maintain meeting notices and agendas of the Convention and of the Division Executive Council. shall maintain records of such Division awards as directed by the Division Commander.

#### CURRENT CONSTITUTION

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 29  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (6.5)  
Proposed by Kyle Sims, Lt. Commander, Gen. Richard Gano Camp # 2292

REVISION AND RATIONALE

**(Add) 6.5 All Division Officers will familiarize themselves with the contents of the of the Texas Division and General Constitutions and shall comply with and enforce all provisions therein.**

*Rationale:* This amendment places the same requirement on Division officers as paragraphs 4.5.1 and 4.5.2 place on Camp officers.

*Submitted by:* Kyle Sims

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

6.5 All Division Officers will familiarize themselves with the contents of the of the Texas Division and General Constitutions and shall comply with and enforce all provisions therein.

**CURRENT CONSTITUTION**

**Paragraph 6.5 does not current exist.**

*Comments:* See the attached, *Comments on Proposed Constitution Changes 2018* document

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 30  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (7.1)

Proposed by Kyle Sims, Lt. Commander, Gen. Richard Gano Camp # 2292

REVISION AND RATIONALE

7.1 Structure. While the Camps are not in convention, the administrative power shall be vested in the Division Executive Council, comprised of the Division Commander, Division Lieutenant Commanders, Brigade Commanders, Lieutenant Brigade Commanders, Division Chief of Staff, Division Adjutant, Division Judge Advocate and all the immediate past three Division Commanders who are in good standing. **(Add) Only those officers elected at the immediate past Annual Convention or those officers appointed to fill a vacancy shall have a vote in Division Executive Council (DEC) meetings.**

*Rationale:* Past Commanders are needed on the DEC to provide institutional memory but were not elected by the membership at the past Annual Convention. The Division members may want a change in the direction of leadership. Officers appointed by the commander owe their allegiance and support to the Commander and not to the membership.

*Submitted by:* Kyle Sims

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION WOULD READ

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CURRENT CONSTITUTION

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Amendments for Consideration at 2018 Texas Division Reunion # 31  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT CHANGE (7.4.1 and 7.4.2)  
Proposed by Kyle Sims, Lt. Commander, Gen. Richard Gano Camp # 2292

REVISION AND RATIONALE

7.4 Voting. No member of the Executive Council shall cast more than one vote on any motion before the Executive Council.

**(Add) 7.4.1 The Division Commander may only vote in case of a tie-vote or when the vote is taken by written ballot.**

**7.4.2 Past Division Commanders and appointed officers, except those appointed to fill vacancies of elected officers, may not vote.**

**Rationale:** Past Commanders are needed on the DEC to provide institutional memory but were not elected by the membership at the past Annual Convention. The Division members may want a change in the direction of leadership. Officers appointed by the commander owe their allegiance and support to the Commander and not to the membership.

*Submitted by: Kyle Sims*

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