


THE
CONSTITUTION AND THE BY LAWS
OF
POLAR BEAR POST

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BY LAWS
Victor C. Vaughan Post of
~~POLAR-BEAR-POST~~ No. 496, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES.

ARTICLE 1.

NAME.

The name of this post is ^{Victor C. Vaughan Post} POLAR-BEAR-POST
No. 496 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

ARTICLE 11

OBJECTS OF THE POST.

1. The objects of this Post are fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational.
2. To preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members.
3. To assist worthy comrades or their widows and orphans, if ill, in need, or in distress.
4. To preserve the memories of our associations ^{Medical Dental Corps} in the remarkable campaign of ~~1914-1918~~ in ~~North Russia~~, with all its hardships and pleasures, with all its examples of gallant deeds and generous comradeship.
5. To maintain true allegiance to the government of the United States of America and fidelity to its constitution and laws.
6. To foster true patriotism, to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies whatsoever.
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7. To participate in the activities of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States as set forth in its national constitution, and also to participate in the activities of the state and county organizations of our great veterans organization.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership shall be divided into three (3) classes:- Active, associate and honorary.

1. ACTIVE:-

All persons shall be eligible to active membership in this Post, subject to constitutional restrictions, who were members of the military forces of the United States, and who were in North Russia in the World War 1914-19.

2. ASSOCIATE:-

All persons shall be eligible to associate membership providing they are active members of another Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and who shall receive the unanimous vote of all members present at the meeting. However they shall not be eligible to vote or to hold office and said members shall not be assessable for per capita tax nor shall they be counted in the membership of the Post.

3. HONORARY:-

Honorary members may be chosen as provided in the National Constitution.

ARTICLE IV

DUES.

1. ACTIVE:-

Initiation fee for active members shall be

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~~Two Dollars (\$2).~~ One dollar (\$1) of which shall cover admission expenses and one dollar (\$1) for current quarters dues. The regular dues for Active members shall be four dollars (\$4) per annum, payable quarterly, one dollar (\$1) per quarter on the 1st. of January, 1st. of April, 1st. of July and the 1st. of October.

2. ASSOCIATE:-

Regular dues for associate members shall be two dollars per year (\$2), payable quarterly, fifty cents (50 ¢) per quarter on the 1st. of January, 1st. of April, 1st. of July and 1st. of October. There shall be no Initiation fee.

3. HONORARY:-

Honorary members shall pay no dues or initiation fee.

ARTICLE V.

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP.

No member shall be deprived of his membership in this Post except: For refusal to pay dues. Disloyalty to the United States of America, or any other violation of the pledge given at the time of obligation. Disobedience of the Constitution and By-Laws, or lawful orders. The commission of a scandalous offence against the laws of the land. Conduct unbecoming a soldier and gentleman in his relations to the Veterans Foreign Wars of the United States. Conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline. The divulging of any of the private affairs of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, or of violating any of the provisions of Article XXVI of the National Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.

ARREARAGES.

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1. Any member of the Post who is three months in arrears in the payment of his dues shall be notified thereof in writing by the Quartermaster and if the same are not paid within two months thereafter he may be suspended from all privileges of membership by vote of the Post. While so suspended the Post shall not be subject to per capita taxes on such member, and he shall not be counted in the representation of the Post in County, Department and National Encampment; provided, however, that when a member is unable, by reason of sickness or misfortune to pay his dues, they may be remitted by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

2. If a member of the Post shall be one year in arrears for dues, he shall be notified thereof in writing by the Quartermaster, and on failure for two months thereafter to pay such dues, he may, by a vote of the Post, be dropped from the rolls, unless relieved from such payment; provided, that he has been previously suspended and so reported in accordance with Sec. 5 Article XVI of the National Constitution.

3. A member may be reinstated, who has been dropped, by making a written statement or request therefor and on receiving a majority vote of those present at any regular meeting and upon the payment of not exceeding one years dues.

ARTICLE VII.

OFFICERS OF THE POST.

1. Only active members in good standing shall be eligible to any office in the Post.

2. The Officers of this Post shall consist of a Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Adjutant, Chaplain, Surgeon, Officer of the Day, Patriotic Instructor, Post Historian, Sergeant Major, Quartermaster Sergeant, three Trustees, Guard, Sentinel, two Color Bearers, two Color Guards & Bugler.

3. All Officers (except those mentioned in Section 2 of this Article) shall be elected by a majority vote at the last regular meeting in December of each year. The election shall be by written ballot which can be cast by mail or in person. These ballots shall be made out at least a month ^{previous} by an election committee which shall be appointed by the Commander, and a copy of the ballot must be in the hands of every active member at least one week before the annual meeting.

They shall be installed into their respective offices at the first regular meeting in January following, and such installation may be conducted publicly at a special meeting to be held for that purpose, when no part of the opening or closing services or signs of recognition shall be used..

4. All officers shall be elected for one year except trustees. Trustees shall be elected, when the Post is first instituted, one to serve six months one to serve one year, and one to serve eighteen months, and as the term of office of each expires one shall be elected to serve eighteen months. The election for trustees shall be held on the last meeting night in June and December.

5. The Commander, on the night of installation or before shall appoint the Adjutant, Patriotic Instructor, Post Historian, Guard, Sentinel, Color Bearers, Color Guards, Bugler, and upon the recommendation of the Adjutant and the Quartermaster respectively the Sergeant Major and the Quartermaster Sergeant. They shall enter upon their duties at once; and all officers, whether elected or appointed shall hold office until their successors are installed.

6. The Post may fill any vacancy in their offices at any regular meeting, notice of such contemplated action having been given at a previous meeting. The Post may, by two-thirds vote, declare vacant the position of any officer who has absented himself for four consecutive regular meetings, provided, that notice has been duly given to the members of the Post.

7. The duties of the Officers of this Post shall be those prescribed by the National Constitution and such other duties as shall be lawfully required by the Post.

8. The Quartermaster of the Post shall give suitable Bond at the expense of the Post, said Bond to be approved by the Commander and the Trustees.

ARTICLE VIII.

DELEGATES.

1. COUNTY COUNCIL.

At the last meeting night in December of each year, delegates from this Post to the Wayne County Council shall be elected. Two (2) delegates for the first one hundred (100) members or fraction thereof, and one delegate for each additional hundred (100) members or fraction thereof in good standing, with a maximum delegation of five (5) delegates.

2. STATE DEPARTMENT.

At the last meeting night in March of each year, delegates from this Post to the State Encampment shall be elected. One (1) delegate for each fifteen (15) members, or fraction thereof, in good standing in the Post, at the time of the election.

3. NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

At the last meeting night in June of each year, delegates to the National Encampment shall be elected, one for each hundred (100) members, or fraction thereof, in good standing in

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the Post, at the time of the Election.

4. BALLOTING FOR.

Delegates and Alternates for sections #1, #2 and #3 may be voted for on the same ticket, and the allotted number receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared delegates and the allotted number receiving the next highest number of votes shall be declared alternates.

ARTICLE IX.

MEETINGS.

1. Regular meetings of this Post shall be held on the second and fourth Fridays of each Month. Provided that during the summer months at the discretion of the Commander only one meeting may be held.

2. The annual meeting of the Post shall be held on the fourth Friday of December, at Post headquarters, or as otherwise ordered at a regular meeting of the Post. If no quorum be present the presiding officer shall adjourn the meeting to a subsequent date.

3. Special meetings may be convened by order of the Commander, upon call in writing of seven (7) members in good standing, and the Adjutant shall notify all members of the business to be transacted at such special meeting.

4. Six (6) members qualified to transact business shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Post.

5. Each member shall furnish to the Adjutant of the Post an address to which all notices and documents may be sent, and the same shall be held to have been duly sent or served upon him when posted or otherwise mailed to him at the address furnished.

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ARTICLE X.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The National Rules and regulations shall govern this Post and the procedure at meetings shall be in accordance with the Ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America.

ARTICLE XI

COMMITTEES.

1. The Post Commander shall appoint the Chairman of the following committees with the advice of the Chairman the rest of the Committee.

1. Sick and funeral committee of three (3)
2. Entertainment committee of five (5)
3. Welfare and employment committee of three (3)
4. Membership committee consisting of at least

~~one member from each of the individual units that served in~~
North Russia.

The above committees shall be appointed to serve during the term of the appointing officer.

2. The Post Commander shall appoint all temporary committees to act protem.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

1. No part of the By-Laws shall be amended or repealed unless a proposal in writing be presented to the Post at least one (1) month previous to the discussion.

2. It shall require two-thirds (2/3) vote of the meeting to amend.