

CONSTITUTION OF HILLSBORO POST#6 DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

PREAMBLE

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in All Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

ARTICLE I—NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Hillsboro Post #6, the American Legion Department of Oregon.

ARTICLE II—OBJECTS

Section 1. The objects and purposes of this post shall be to promote the principles and policies as set forth in the foregoing preamble, and the National and Departmental Constitution.

ARTICLE III—NATURE

Section 1. This Post is a civilian organization and membership therein does not affect or increase liability for military or police service.

Section 2. This organization shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination or partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office of preferment. No candidate for nomination or election to, or no incumbent of, any remunerative elective public office, shall hold any office or any appointive remunerative office on this Post of the American Legion, provided that members of post standing committees shall not be affected.

Section 3. Rank does not exist in the American Legion; no member shall be addressed by his military or naval title in any meeting of this Post.

ARTICLE IV—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility for membership in this Post shall be as prescribed by the National Constitution of the American Legion.

Article IV Cont'd

Section 2. Application for membership shall be made in writing under such regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the Post Executive Committee.

Section 3. All applications for membership shall be acted upon at the next Post meeting following the making of such application, and shall, at such meeting, be accepted, rejected or referred for further investigation and consideration. If a majority of the members present cast their vote against the acceptance of said application, the such application shall be recorded as rejected. A rejected application shall not again be considered until after the expiration of six months from the date of such rejection.

Section 4. Any member of this Post may be expelled for cause by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee after charges are preferred under oath in writing, and a fair trial had upon the same.

Section 5. A member who has been expelled or suspended from this Post for any cause may be reinstated to membership by a majority vote the membership present at the Post meeting, and the payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs.

Section 6. No person who has been expelled by a Post shall be admitted to membership in Post #6 without consent of the expelling Post, except where such consent has been asked for and denied by such Post, said person may then appeal to the Department Executive Committee of the Department of the expelling Post for permission to apply for membership in another Post, and shall be ineligible for membership until such permission is granted.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Post shall be as follows

- (a) Post Commander
- (b) Post Vice-Commander
- (c) Post Adjutant
- (d) Post Finance Officer
- (e) Post Chaplain
- (f) Post Sergeant-at-Arms

ARTICLE VI—POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Between Post meetings, the administrative power of the Post shall be vested in the Post Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the Post Commander, the Post Vice-Commander, the last Past Post Commander, the Post Adjutant, the Post Finance Officer, the Post Chaplain, the Post Sergeant-at-Arms and three members at-large.

Section 2. The term of office of members of the Executive Committee shall be for one year, except that one member at-large shall be elected to a three year term every year.

Article VI Cont'd

Section 3. All officers and executive committeemen shall be elected annually and they shall hold office until their successors are duly installed or otherwise provided. Any officer or executive committeeman may be removed for inefficiency by the Executive Committee, a two-thirds vote of said committee being necessary to effect such removal.

Section 4. Every member of this Post in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in this post, except as otherwise provided in Article III, Section 2 hereof.

Section 5. The duties of officers and executive committeemen shall be usually appertaining to such officers and committeemen and as further provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII—FINANCE

Section 1. The revenue of this Post shall be derived from membership or initiation fees, from annual membership dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Post Executive Committee.

Section 2. The amount of such membership or initiation fees and amount of such annual post dues shall be fixed and determined by the Post annually.

Section 3. The Post shall pay to the Department of Oregon the National and Departmental annual membership dues for every member of the Post.

ARTICLE VIII—CHARTER MEMBERS

Section 1. Members who joined this Post prior to November 11, 1919 (or members who joined this Post prior to the issuance of a charter) shall be known as charter members.

NOTE: The matter of charter members for the permanent charter is left to the decision of the Post members.

ARTICLE IX—AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Section 1. This Post recognizes an auxiliary organization to be known as, Auxiliary Unit #6 of Hillsboro Post #6, the American Legion.

Section 2. Membership in the Auxiliary shall be as prescribed by the National Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.


ARTICLE X—AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution is adopted subject to the provisions of the National Constitution of The American Legion, and the Department Constitution of the Department of Oregon, The American Legion. Any amendment to said National Constitution or Department of Oregon Constitution which is in conflict with any provisions here of shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of this Constitution to the extent of such conflict.

Article X Cont'd

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members of said Post attending such regular meeting, providing that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted writing and read at the preceding regular meeting of said Post, and providing, further, that written notice shall have been given to all members at least fifteen days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted on.

As amended this 20th day of April, 2020.



By _____

Timothy R. Pierce, Commander, Hillsboro Post #6



Attest: _____

David Bogner, Adjutant, Hillsboro Post #6