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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEMORANDUM 6-17

From: National Executive Director
To: National Mailing List
Subj: Changes to the C&BL and Standing Rules from the 89th National Convention, Jacksonville, FL (11th Edition)
Ref: (a) Article 14, Section 1406, C&BL, FRA
Encl: (1) List of Changes to the C&BL and Standing Rules

1. The following changes were voted upon/ratified at the 89th National Convention (Jacksonville, FL) and were promulgated earlier in the year for inclusion into the C&BL. A review was made and approved by the Chairman of the National Committee on Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions (2016) in accordance with Reference (A). Below are the following changes for those who may not have received them.

2. The Articles/Sections affected and enclosed are:
- a. Article 3, Section 301(c)
 - b. Article 4, Section 401(a-m)
 - c. Article 4, Section 405(a-h)
 - d. Article 8, Sections 810, 818, 819, 820, 821, and Sub-Sections thereof.
 - e. Article 8, Section 811
 - f. Article 12, Section 1221(a)
 - g. Article 13, Section 1313
 - h. Standing Rule 7, SR-7(a)(2)
 - i. Standing Rule 7, SR-7(g)
3. Accordingly, an electronic change was made to the on-line version of the C&BL and Standing Rules.

In Loyalty, Protection and Service,

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The following C&BL amendments were adopted at the 89th National Convention (Jacksonville, FL) on October 14, 2016.

GENERAL RESOLUTION No. 1 Adopted.

Resolved, That a FRA 501(c)3 Veterans Service Foundation be established to provide financial support for, expand awareness to and provide a vehicle for grants and donations specifically for these vital veterans' programs.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 1 Adopted. Page C-2

Resolved, That Article 3, Section 301(c), be amended to read as follows:

Section 301(c). Personnel discharged by reason of Bad Conduct or Dishonorable discharges are not eligible for FRA membership.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 4 Adopted as amended. Pages C-5 through C-6

Resolved, That Article 4, Section 401(a-m), be amended to read as follows:

Section 401(a). Membership dues in the FRA shall be forty dollars (\$40) per annum, payable in advance, except as provided in Section 401(b). No refund of membership dues is authorized subsequent to receipt by the Finance Officer, except as provided for in Article 5, Section 511.

Section 401(b). A membership dues discount may be obtained at the following standard rates and conditions:

- (1) For a payment of two years, a discount of six percent (6%) of the total dues sum (\$75) with an annual renewal rate of forty dollars (\$40) thereafter.
- (2) For an advance payment of five years, a discount of ten percent (10%) of the total dues sum (\$180) is authorized.
- (3) For a first time new members shall pay \$64 for two years.

Section 401(c). Only one such discount shall be in effect at any one time.

Section 401(d). All members shall have the option of paying membership dues by cash, check, credit card, or allotments. If paid by cash, check, or credit card, the membership effective date shall commence on the first day of the month in which payment is made and end on the last day of the month. Allotments set up prior to January 1, 2017, shall be honored in accordance with the original allotment dates.

Section 401(e). Disabled members may be excused from payment of dues when payment would inflict hardship. Branches shall judge for their membership. The Director, Membership Development shall make the decision for Membership-at-Large Roll members. Branch secretaries shall make an annual report in the month of March, to the Director, Membership Development. listing the names and membership numbers of all disabled members affiliated with the branch. If no report is received, members previously reported as disabled will be terminated effective 30 June unless payment of dues has been received by the Finance Officer. The Member Services Department shall notify the Branch secretary during the month of July of those terminated members.

Section 401(f). Membership dues collected by any member are the property of the Fleet Reserve Association until prorated and distributed.

Section 401(g). Dues of members, except as provided in Section 401(h) and 401(i) shall be payable to the Branch Secretary, the Finance Officer, or to an approved agent of the Fleet Reserve Association as authorized by the National Board of Directors.

Section 401(h). Dues of members residing in the Republic of the Philippines shall be payable to the Finance Officer.

Section 401(i). Any member of the Fleet Reserve Association or person eligible to Fleet Reserve Association membership, who is the recipient of the Medal of Honor, and has paid one year's dues in the Association, shall be granted continuous membership without payment of dues with all privileges of a dues paying member.

Section 401(j). All branches shall pay to the treasury of the Fleet Reserve Association, all money collected for membership dues. These payments shall be made at least monthly, and mailed in time to reach the office of the Finance Officer, or an approved agent of the Fleet Reserve Association, by a date specified in a schedule provided by the Finance Officer in December of each year for the following calendar year. Any branch receiving dues from a member of the Membership-at-Large Roll shall immediately forward the full amount of dues to the Finance Officer.

Section 401(k). Fifty percent of each branch member's dues received by the Finance Officer shall be forwarded monthly to the respective branch.

Section 401(l). Members in good standing, upon attaining fifty years' continuous membership in the Fleet Reserve Association shall not be required to pay dues and shall be issued the prestigious Platinum FRA 50-Plus Continuous Member Card.

Section 401(m). Members in good standing, upon attaining eighty-five years of age and who have at least forty years' continuous membership, shall not be required to pay dues in the FRA and shall be issued the prestigious Red, White, and Blue Membership Card.; and be it further

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 5 Adopted. Page C-7

Resolved, That Article 4, Sections 405(a-h) be amended to read as follows:

Section 405(a). The fee for life membership will be based on the applicant's age at 12/31 in the year of application using the following eight tier fee structure:

Active Duty	\$400	Age 61-70	\$340
Under age 40	\$450	Age 71-80	\$260
Age 41-50	\$425	Age 81-100	\$200
Age 51-60	\$390	Over 100	Free

Section 405(b). The fee calculation will be based on a combination of the Internal Revenue Code, Section 72, Life Expectancy Tables and the market rate of life membership fees of similar veteran's organizations.

Section 405(c). Each time annual dues are revised, the Finance Officer will review the life membership fee structure to determine if the fees should be revised based on the Life Expectancy Tables and the market rate of similar veteran's organizations.

Section 405(d). Life Membership fees may be made to the Finance Officer or via the FRA Website using the following plans:

- (1) Payment in full at the time of submitting the life membership
- (2) Initial payment of \$50 followed by 11 equal monthly payments

Section 405(e). All installment payments will be made via credit card and will be completed within 12 months from the date the initial \$50 payment is made. If using the installment payment plan, the initial payment will be counted towards paying the regular annual dues, which will entitle the member to be a regular member in the FRA but not a life member until all payments have been received. Once an installment plan is initiated, money held in escrow will not be returned or prorated for further dues payment.

Section 405(f). Full or partial payment of the life membership fee will be submitted with the membership application. The effective date of life membership will be when the full amount of the fee is received by the Finance Officer.

Section 405(g). A member who elects to become a life member prior to month-end closeout (the first of the following month or next business day thereafter) of processing regular membership dues for that month may have the regular dues payment applied to the amount of life membership dues based on the fee schedule for age. The member will pay the difference upon immediate submission of the full balance of the applicable life membership dues; and be it further

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 6 Adopted. Pages C-21, C-23/24/25

Resolved, That Article 8, Sub-Sections 818(a) through (d), be rescinded; and, be it further

Resolved, That Article 8, Sub-Section 810(a)(8), be rescinded; and, be it further

Resolved, That Section 819 be renumbered Section 818 and Sub-Section 819(a) through Sub-Section 819(e) be renumbered 818(a) through 818(e); and, be it further

Resolved, That Section 820 be renumbered Section 819 and Sub-Section 820(a) through Sub-Section 820(d) be renumbered 819(a) through 819(d); and, be it further

Resolved, That Section 821 be renumbered Section 820 and Sub-Section 821(a) through Sub-Section 821(d) be renumbered 820(a) through 820(d); and, be it further

Resolved, That Sub-Section 810(a)(9) through 810(a)(11) be renumbered Sub-Section 810(a)(8) through 810(a)(10).

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 9 Adopted. Page C-22

Resolved, That Section 811 be amended by adding Sub-Section 811(f) to read:

Section 811(f). The Committee shall oversee the operation of the Employee 401(k) Pension Plan as provided by law and regulations. The Employee 401(k) Pension Plan consists of contributions from the FRA and employees participating in the plan and all earnings, profits, increments which accrue therefrom. The Committee may appoint a Plan Administrator for the Plan. The Committee shall annually report the annual contribution required from the Association and any recommendations concerning the plan when presenting the annual proposed Association budget.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 10 Adopted. Page C-33

Resolved, That Article 12, Section 1221(a), C&BL, FRA shall be amended by adding:

Section 1221(a). The branch president may appoint the following committees:

- (1) Committee on Americanism Essay Contest.
- (2) Committee on Americanism-Patriotism.
- (3) Committee on Audit, Budget and Finance.
- (4) Committee on Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation.
- (5) Committee on Legislative Service.
- (6) Committee on Membership and Retention.
- (7) Committee on Public Relations.

- (8) Committee on Youth Activities.
- (9) Committee on Veterans Service.
- (10) Ad-Hoc Committees

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS RESOLUTION No. 12 Adopted. Page C-36

Resolved, That Article 13, Section 1313, C&BL, FRA be amended to read:

Section 1313. Branch Suspension or Revocation or Surrendered/Effect on Unit - When a Branch is under suspension, revoked or voluntarily surrendered, a Unit of the Auxiliary, FRA sponsored by the Branch, shall not be permitted to conduct Auxiliary business, and all activities are prohibited, while the sponsoring Branch is in suspension, revocation, or charter surrendered.

STANDING RULES RESOLUTION No. 2 Adopted. Page S-7

Resolved, That Standing Rule 7, SR-7(a)(2), C&BL, FRA is amended by adding:

(2) Each Branch shall submit the following reports if the Branch President has appointed such committee: Americanism-Patriotism, Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation, Public Relations, Youth Activities and Veterans Service to the regional chairman of the appropriate committee prior to the convening of the regional convention. A copy of these reports shall be forwarded to the Regional President and one copy retained in the branch files.

STANDING RULES RESOLUTION No. 3 Adopted. Page S-10

Resolved, That Standing Rule 7, C&BL, FRA is amended by adding:

SR-7(g). Veterans Service - The National Committee on Veterans Service shall select one outstanding member recognized as "Shipmate of the Year" Award for National Veterans Service.

The following proposed C&BL, Standing Rules, and Rituals amendments were not adopted. -

1. C&BL Resolution No. 2, was not approved.
2. C&BL Resolution No. 3, was ruled not in order.
3. C&BL Resolution No. 7, was ruled finished business by the adoption of C&BL Resolution No. 6.
4. C&BL Resolution No. 8, was ruled finished business by the adoption of C&BL Resolution No. 6.
5. C&BL Resolution No. 11, was ruled finished business by the adoption of C&BL Resolution No. 12.
6. C&BL Resolution No. 13, was ruled not in order.
7. Standing Rules Resolution No. 1, was ruled not in order; and
8. Rituals Resolution No. 1, was ruled not in order.