

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
RANCHO CORDOVA POST 10125
P.O. BOX 898
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95741

VFW POST 10125 BY-LAWS

(As amended in March 2008. Amended or added material is shown in bold print)

ARTICLE 1
NAME AND LOCATION

- SECTION 1.** By virtue of charter granted, this Post shall be known as Rancho Cordova, VFW Post 10125.
- SECTION 2.** The location of this Post shall be in the City of Rancho Cordova, County of Sacramento, State of California. All correspondence and mail should be addressed to: Rancho Cordova VFW Post 10125, P.O. BOX 898, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741.

ARTICLE II
SUBORDINATION

- SECTION 1.** The supreme power of this association is vested in the National Convention and this Post shall be at all times governed by the Congressional Charter and By - Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the By - Laws of the Department of California, orders issued by authority of the National Convention, National Council of Administration, the Commander - in - Chief, the Department Convention of the Department of California. For the purposes of this article and section, resolutions adopted by the National Convention are held to be lawful orders.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

- SECTION 1.** Membership in this Post, eligibility to, application for, acquiring and maintenance of, loss of and discipline shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National By - Laws.
- SECTION 2.** (A) The admission fee of this Post shall be \$1.00, payable in accordance with the National By - Laws.
- (B) The dues of this Post shall never be less than the amount required to cover Department and National dues.
- (C) No amendment to this section shall be proposed within four (4) months prior to the beginning of the first dues year for which the amendment is to be effective.

SECTION 3.

(A) A member who has paid his dues to December 31st of the current year is in good standing. He/she ceases to be in good standing on January 1st immediately following the year for which his/her dues shall have been paid. He/she shall not again be in good standing until such time as his/her dues shall have been paid for the current year.

(B) A member whose dues expired on December 31st of any year shall have until December 31 of the following year to pay his/her dues for the purpose of maintaining continuous membership.

(C) A Life Member is in good standing for as long as he/she shall live unless his/her membership is terminated by reason of ineligibility or suspended or forfeited by reason of disciplinary action.

ARTICLE IV
MEETINGS

SECTION 1.

PLACE: The regular meeting place of this Post shall be at the Moose Family Center #2357, 10124 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

SECTION 2.

TIME: The stated meetings of the Post shall be held on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month, to be called to order at 7:00 P.M. (1900 hrs).

SECTION 3.

Special meetings may be called in accordance with the provisions of the National By - Laws.

SECTION 4.

QUORUM: Seven (7) active members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a regularly scheduled or special meeting.

SECTION 5.

A change in the regular meeting place may be made by authority of the Department Commander, having first been approved at the instance of a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, or special meeting called for such purpose and upon at least (14) fourteen days written notice to the Department Commander and all members of the Post of said regular or special meeting and proposed action.

ARTICLE V
ELECTION, APPOINTMENTS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1.

The Officers of this Post, eligibility to, nomination, election or appointment, installation, term of office, vacancies and removal of elective officers shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National By - Laws.

- SECTION 2.** The duties of all Officers shall be those prescribed by the Department By - Laws, lawful orders, as the Post may direct and as these By - Laws in this article may hereafter provide.
- SECTION 3.** All committees and their chairmen, unless otherwise provided, shall as promptly as possible after installation in office, be appointed by the Commander and as such shall serve at his will and pleasure. The Post Quartermaster, by virtue of his office, shall be treasurer of all committees handling funds.
- SECTION 4.** The standing committees of the Post shall be as follows :
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| (A) Membership | (F) Community Services |
| (B) Buddy Poppy | 1) Law Enf / Ffightrs / EMT |
| (C) Hospital Activities | 2) July 4 th Activities |
| (D) Assistance Activities | (G) Legislative |
| 1) Blood | (H) Ways & Means |
| 2) Disaster | (I) Social Activities |
| 3) Military | (J) Public Relations & Newsletter |
| (E) Youth Activities | (K) Americanism |
| 1) Boy Scouts | 1) VOD, Patriot's Pen & Teacher's Award |
| 2) Girl Scouts | 2) Loyalty Day |
| 3) Little League | 3) Veteran's Day |
| 4) ROTC / JROTC | 4) Memorial Day |

ARTICLE VI
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

- SECTION 1.** The Quartermaster will disburse funds as properly authorized by Post using accepted banking practices. All disbursements of Post funds shall bear the signature of the Quartermaster or other person (s) authorized by the Quartermaster to act as a temporary Quartermaster during a time when he may be absent from the Post. I.e. extended vacation or illness. Such other authorized person (s) shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which he may be accountable in accordance with Section 703 of the National By-Laws.
- SECTION 2.** The Quartermaster may order supplies and materials for members without membership approval to expend funds if the supplies and materials ordered have been pre-paid by the member (s) requesting the items.
- SECTION 3.** The adoption of this article shall constitute authorization by the Post for the payment of bills, when and as due, for postage, needed operating supplies, approved budget items, and emergency type expenditures for up to \$150.00 per month. Emergency type expenditures must have the verbal approval of the Commander and notification to the Chief of Staff or at least one (1) Trustee before the transaction takes place.

SECTION 4. No other payment or expenditures shall be made except on the specific authorization of the Post in each and every case.

ARTICLE VII
COMPENSATION

SECTION 1. No compensation shall be paid to any officer of this Post for his / her services as an officer or chairman, except as hereafter may be provided.

SECTION 2. For services rendered, the Post may, by majority vote, pay the annual dues of the Adjutant and / or Quartermaster for periods they served as such. The Post may also, by majority vote, pay for a Life membership for a Past Post Commander in recognition of services rendered to the Post.

ARTICLE VIII
FUND RAISING PROMOTIONS

SECTION 1. This Post shall solicit funds or donations only by prior vote of the members agreeing to the proposition. It shall not solicit funds or donations or otherwise engage in fund-raising activities or projects outside the immediate geographical area or community of the Post.

SECTION 2. This Post shall not enter into any agreement with a promoter for the purpose of raising funds unless the said promoter shall have first furnished a good and sufficient surety bond in a principal sum sufficient to give the Post ample protection in the particular circumstances. The said bond shall be subject to the approval of the Post Advocate, bear the endorsement of the Post Commander and be kept in the possession of the Post Quartermaster. The bond will be conditioned on the payment to the Post Quartermaster of all monies due the Post as a result of the solicitation within thirty days of the close of the campaign. If the promoter has made satisfactory settlement within the thirty day period, then the surety will be determined to be discharged, otherwise the bond will remain in full force and effect. If the bond cannot be furnished, then all collections shall be made by the members of the Post sponsoring the campaign or entertainment and said funds shall be paid to a bonded officer of the Post who shall hold the funds in his custody pending proper pro rata distribution.

SECTION 3. Fund-raising organizations or individuals conducting solicitations, activities or projects for a profit shall not be engaged or used by the Post for such purpose unless such engagement is made by written agreement between the Post and the organization or individuals providing those services. The form of any such written agreement must be submitted to the Department Commander for review at least thirty (30) days prior to any Post entering into any such agreement.

SOLICITATIONS, ETC.

- SECTION 1.** Unless previously authorized by a majority vote of the Post, no solicitations, raffles or ticket sales shall be permitted in the Post quarters or social meeting nights unless such solicitations, raffle or ticket sale shall have been approved by the Post.
- SECTION 2.** The Ways and Means Committee shall confine any such approved solicitations, raffles, or ticket sales to stated meetings and socials of the Post and in or around the Post quarters unless otherwise authorized.

ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

- SECTION 1.** Every member of this Post shall keep the Post Adjutant and Quartermaster advised of his current address by promptly reporting and change of same.
- SECTION 2.** One copy of these By - Laws shall be issued to each elected and appointed officer or chairman of this Post.
- SECTION 3.** In all Post procedures not provided for by the Congressional Charter and By - Laws or these By - Laws, Demeter's Manual shall be the authority, and it shall be the duty of the Post Advocate, in an advisory way, when called upon to do so by the Post Commander, to advise the Commander on the proper rule or rules.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

- SECTION 1.** These By - Laws shall become effective after adoption by this Post and after review by the Commander of the Department of California and Commander - in - Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

ARTICLE XII SPEECHES

- SECTION 1.** No member will be permitted to speak on any one subject (pro) or (con) more than twice, and the first time no longer than five (5) minutes and the second time no longer than three (3) minutes , with the exception of a committee report and recommendations, and visiting guests who have a message to impart.

ARTICLE XI - SECTION 2

Wherever these By-Laws or subsequent amendments may be found to be in conflict with the present or any future National By-Laws and By-Laws of the Department, the latter shall prevail and be binding upon this Post as though written herein.

CONTROL OF SUBSIDIARY UNITS

- SECTION 1. Any activity, unit or clubrooms sponsored, conducted or operated by the Post, incorporated separately from the Post or unincorporated, shall at all times be under the direct control of the Post.
- SECTION 2. All funds derived from any of the above shall be in the custody of the Post Quartermaster.
- SECTION 3. All money, property and assets of every kind as well as all records in connection therewith user held and owned by any of the above activities is the property of the Post and must be placed in the care and custody of the Post Quartermaster.
- SECTION 4. For purposes of this Article, the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, the Military Order of the Cooties and its Ladies Auxiliary are governed by Articles XI and XII respectively of the National By - Laws and Manual of Procedures of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective By - Laws, Rules and Regulations.

THESE BY - LAWS WERE ADOPTED AND AMENDED , SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMANDER - IN - CHIEF AND THE COMMANDER OF DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES ON THIS TWENTY FIFTH DAY OF MARCH, 2008, AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THIS POST IN THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA AND COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

RANCHO CORDOVA POST 10125
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

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FLOYD J. CLARK, COMMANDER

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