

# THE AMERICAN LEGION, Department of Texas

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The American Legion 12<sup>th</sup> District  
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Dear Commander:

Enclosed please find the Constitution and By-Laws for the American Legion 12<sup>th</sup> District. The American Legion, Department of Texas, as approved by the Department Executive Committee on July 11, 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

"Still Serving America"

William West  
Department Adjutant

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Department Judge Advocate

Enclosure: Approved Constitution & By-Laws

# CONSTITUTION

## PREAMBLE

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purpose: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent 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 principals of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

## ARTICLE I – NAME AND CHARTER

### Section 1. Name:

The name of this organization shall be 12<sup>th</sup> District, The American Legion, Department of Texas.

### Section 2. Charter:

The 12<sup>th</sup> District, The American Legion, Department of Texas is an integral part of The American Legion, Department of Texas, as provided in Section 5a, Article IV, of the Department of Texas Constitution.

## ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

### Section 1.

The object and purpose of this District shall be to promote the principles and policies set forth in the foregoing Preamble and the National and Department Constitutions of The American Legion; and in assisting and coordinating the Posts programs in expending and promoting the services of The American Legion throughout the District.

Section 2.

This District is a Veterans Organization and membership therein does not affect or increase liability for military or police service.

Section 3.

This organization shall be nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principals nor the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

Section 4.

Rank does not exist in The American Legion; no member shall be addressed by their military rank or title in any meeting of this District.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Eligibility for membership in this District shall be current members in good standing of all Posts in this District, currently in good standing, as prescribed by the National and Department Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion, and as further stated in this District Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1.

The administrative affairs of this 12<sup>th</sup> District, Department of Texas of The American Legion, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution and By-Laws, be under the supervision of the Executive Committee which shall consist of the elected and appointed officers of this District, plus three members at large of each Post in the 12<sup>th</sup> District, one being the Post Commander, all 12<sup>th</sup> District Chairmen and the Past 12<sup>th</sup> District Commander.

- a. The term of office of the Executive Committee shall be the term of office of the District Officers two years and the current officers of the Posts one year.
- b. This District, by its By-Laws, may provide for such other standing committees as the business of this organization may require.

Section 2.

The Officers of this District shall be a Commander, Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate and Sergeant at Arms who shall be nominated and elected from the floor at the Spring Convention, each two (2) years, (on numerically even years). The Adjutant, Chaplain, Historian and Service Officer shall be appointed by the District Commander Elect. The elected and appointed officers underlined above may wear the blue and white cap denoting them as District Officers. No other Officer in this District will be eligible to wear this type cap.

Section 3.

In accordance with the Department of Texas Constitution, Article IV, Section 3 e. (2), all District Officers, elected and appointed, must complete the most recent ALEI Basic training within three (3) months of their election or appointment.

ARTICLE V – CONVENTIONS

Section 1.

The District Commander shall call a Spring and/or a Fall Convention each year. Said call to be forwarded to all Posts within the District and to Department not less that 30 days prior to the date of the Convention.

Section 2.

A quorum for transaction of business at a District Convention shall consist of the representation, and on the floor, of the Convention of at least six (6) of the Posts that are members of the 12<sup>th</sup> District.

Section 3.

Virtual Meetings may be utilized to expedite information or other online meetings needed to complete the business of the District. If this method is used and includes the need for voting, all necessary documentation must be received by the District Commander from each Post to include delegate authentication.

## ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any District Convention by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Convention vote certified and/or voting at the Convention; provided that the proposed amendment(s)/amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the previous meeting. Copies of the proposed amendment(s)/amendment shall be forwarded to all posts within the 12<sup>th</sup> District at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the Convention, notifying all Posts, that at the Convention, a proposal to amend the Constitution shall be voted upon.

