## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT V ~ THAILAND/CAMBODIA/AUSTRALIA







## VIDEO CONFERENCING MEETING PROCEDURES

District V Thailand/Cambodia/Australia

To preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members, it is essential that District V strive to conduct all district meetings in person. Sec. 403 of the National Bylaws allows and the District V Bylaws both allow for electronic attendance at these meetings; including the guidance from the Command-in-Chiefs Executive Order #1 dated July 2020 that authorizes meeting and convention electronically.

Changes to the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedures can only be made during the National Convention. Therefore, we must conduct our meeting within the published guidelines of the 2021 Podium Edition.

Pursuant to Sec. 403 of the National Bylaws the following procedures have been adopted for conducting the District V meeting/convention with electronic attendance, effective date 20 Aug 2021.

- 1. All District Meetings and the District Convention will be conducted on Zoom platform.
- 2. The Zoom Meeting Host shall be responsible for sending out all meeting invites.
  - a. Invites will be sent to all members of the Governing Body as outlined in Sec. 404 (1 through 6) of the National Bylaws, using the official VFW email list.
  - b. Post Commanders are responsible to share the link with their post delegates and other post members in good standing that wish to attend.
  - c. All guests must be pre-approved by the District Commander.
  - d. Anyone attending the Zoom meeting will ensure their device can identify the attendee. If unable to do so, you may not be granted permission to attend the Zoom meeting and will remain in the waiting area or removed from the Zoom Platform.
- 3. Any Post in arrears as outlined in Sec. 213 of the National Bylaws, and Sec. 702 of the District Bylaws, shall be deprived of all representation until said deficiencies have been corrected.
- 4. The Commander may appoint a meeting moderator who, if other than the Zoom Meeting Host, will be granted permission as a shared HOST. He/She shall be thoroughly familiar with the Zoom features and will control the meeting activities per direction of the District Commander.
- 5. When addressing the assembly during a combined electronic and in-person meeting, all members recognized by the Commander will advance to the designated position so they are in view of the camera.

- 6. Post Commanders may render a verbal report or may decline to render a verbal report by stating "as submitted". If a Post CDR, SVC or JVC is not physically present, a written report must be submitted electronically to the District Adjutant and kept on file per the DPA document retention policy.
  - a. Post Reports will not be attached to the posted district minutes.
- 7. Committee Reports shall also be rendered with a copy submitted electronically to the District Adjutant.
  - a. Committee Reports will not be attached to the posted district minutes.
- 8. Minutes for the previous meeting are posted on the District V website in draft mode. As such, the District Adjutant will move that the minutes be accepted as posted, subject to corrections, thus removing the draft designation.
- 9. Quartermaster and Trustee Report may be prepared in advance. Providing all requirements outlined in the National Bylaws and MOP are adhered to. However, Trustee Report will be presented at each District meeting and convention.
  - a. If audit has been signed; only the applicable totals need to be reported to the membership; beginning balance, receipts, expenditures, and ending balance.
  - b. Any other information from the Quartermaster will be pre-approved by the District Commander.
- 10. Should a member present via electronic attendance wish to comment, request an amendment information/change or a Point of Order is to be made; they will utilize the raise hand feature of the meeting platform.
- 11. All voting will be done by roll call vote, unless otherwise directed by the District Commander.
  - a. If available electronic voting may be used via the Zoom platform.
- 12. Should there be a request for a caucus it will be permitted through the use of the private chat feature.
- 13. All Meetings will be recorded and kept on file by the meeting host for future reference.

For the Commander:



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