CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THREE RIVERS DISTRICT NO. 8

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Montana

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Article I:

Section 1. The name of this Association or Organization shall be THREE RIVERS DISTRICT NO. 8 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA.

Article II.

Section 1. Objects and Purposes. The objects and purposes of this organization shall be to uphold, maintain and promote the principles and policies enunciated and advocated by the Constitution of the American Legion.

Article III.

Section 1. Membership. The membership of this District shall be composed of those posts designated by the Executive Committee of the American Legion, Department of Montana, as being eligible for membership in THREE RIVERS DISTRICT NO. 8.

Article IV.

Section 1. Officers. The Annual District Convention shall elect the following named District Officers, who shall hold office until their successors have been elected and qualified.

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

Section 2. Immediately after his election, the District Commander shall with the approval of the Executive Committee, appoint a District Adjutant and a District Service Officer.

Section 3. All District Officers shall be elected or appointed at the Annual Meeting of the District, and shall assume office immediately after the Annual Convention of the Department of Montana and shall hold office for a term of one year or until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified.

Section 4. In the event of the inability for any reason of the District Commander to perform the duties of his office, the District Vice-Commander with the approval of the District Executive Committee, shall immediately assume the duties of the District Commander during such period of inability.

Article V.

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the duly elected officers of the District and the Post Commander of each Post of the District.

Article VI.

Section 1. Dues. Each Post of the District, as such, shall contribute dues to the District in accordance with the amount as set by the Delegates at the annual meeting, which shall be on a per capita basis of the membership.

Section 2. The maximum amount the delegates at the Annual Spring Meeting may levy in any one year shall be Twenty-five cents (25¢) per capita. Said per capita dues shall be based on the total Post membership as of the immediate preceding Department Convention (i.e. 1970/71 District Dues will be based on 1970 Post membership as of 1970 Department Convention). Said dues shall be payable on or before the date of the Fall District Meeting.
Section 3. No Post shall be entitled to representation or vote until such time as District Per Capita dues have been paid in full for the current year.

Article VII.

Section 1. District Meetings. The regular annual meeting of this District shall be held at least 30 days prior to the annual department convention, in any city in the District selected by the delegates at the preceding District Meeting.

Section 2. All other meetings shall be held on a date and place to be determined by the Delegates at the preceding District Meeting.

Section 3. The apportionment of voting power at all meetings shall be as follows:

(a) Each Post shall have at least one (1) vote;
(b) Posts with a membership of twenty-five or under shall have one vote for each 5 members or fraction thereof;
(c) Posts with a membership of 26 to 50 members shall have one additional vote for each 10 members or fraction thereof, beyond 25 members;
(d) Posts with a membership of 51 to 100 members shall have one additional vote for each 15 members or fraction thereof, beyond 50 members;
(e) Posts with a membership of 101 or over shall have one additional vote for each 25 members or fraction thereof, beyond 100 members;

Section 4. The number of votes a Post may cast at any District Meeting must be based upon the paid-up membership for the fiscal year twenty-one days prior to the meeting.

Article VIII.

Section 1. Election. Election of Officers shall be held at the Annual Meeting end by a majority of the duly qualified delegates.

Article IX.

Section 1. The Constitution and By-laws of the Department of Montana of the American Legion are hereby adopted for the government of this district insofar as they do not conflict herewith.

Article X.

Section 1. Amendments. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the District by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

REVISED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THREE RIVERS DISTRICT HELD AT CHOTEAU, MONTANA, APRIL 11, 1970