

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
Of the United States
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

DISTRICT CONVENTION RULES

(MUST BE READ to the assembled members at Spring District Convention with Official Communications)

1. Each District shall hold an annual District Convention for the purpose of electing District Officers and for the transaction of business, such Convention to be held not less than ten (10) days and not more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department Convention.
2. The elective District Officers shall be nominated and elected annually at the District Convention. Each year the annual Convention shall elect one (1) Trustee for a (3) year period. **Sec. 804C, pg. 62.** The District Officers shall be installed before the adjournment of the District Meeting at which elected, but shall NOT assume the duties of office until the installation of the District President as a member of the Department Council of Administration at the Department Convention (**Sec. 806C, pg. 67**).
***Installing Officer must be a Past District President or one who has held a higher elective office in the VFW Auxiliary. Warrants are not issued for Districts.
3. All members in good standing shall be eligible to any office in the VFW Auxiliary, County Council, District, Department or National Organization. NO member shall hold two (2) elective offices on the same level at the same time, but the member may hold one (1) elective and one (1) or more appointive offices on that level. The one exception to this rule being that a Trustee may hold another elective or appointive office other than President, Secretary, or Treasurer. **Sec. 801, page 61.** Officers, elective or appointive, may hold office in a higher or lower body and such offices may be held concurrently.
4. DISTRICT CONVENTION MEMBERS ARE: The National President, Past National Presidents, elected National Officers, National Council Member, Dept. President, and Past Dept. Presidents who are members in good standing in a VFW Auxiliary in that District, All County Council Presidents, all VFW Auxiliary Presidents throughout the District, (In the absence of the VFW Auxiliary President the VFW Auxiliary Senior Vice President, or in her/his absence the VFW Auxiliary Jr. Vice President, may function as a member of that District Convention or Meeting.) and Delegates elected by the VFW Auxiliaries. **Sec. 503, pgs. 40 - 41.**
5. Each member of the Convention composition, except Delegates elected by the VFW Auxiliaries, present at the Convention shall be entitled to one (1) vote and an individual possessing more than one (1) qualification for membership in the Convention shall have not more than one (1) vote. The Delegate or Delegates of a VFW Auxiliary present at the Convention shall be entitled to vote the full strength to which the VFW Auxiliary is entitled. Should there be a division among the Delegates representing a VFW Auxiliary, each Delegate present shall be entitled to vote her/his prorated share of the total Delegate strength to which the VFW Auxiliary is entitled.

Delegates may arrive at a vote in any manner acceptable to them, but the vote shall be announced in whole numbers and not fractional parts of a vote.

6. The VFW Auxiliary President, or the Sr. Vice President or the Jr. Vice President functioning in her/his place as a member of the convention, may at her/his own option, if elected as a Delegate, choose to vote as a Delegate rather than as a VFW Auxiliary President.
7. The balloting for officers requires a majority of all votes cast to be necessary for election. If there is no election on the first ballot, the member receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and so on in successive ballots until an election is made.
8. District Officers shall be elected by written ballot or by roll call vote.
9. A VFW Auxiliary listing showing voting strength for roll call during the election is supplied based on VFW Auxiliary members in the Department Files on the date of election of District Delegates report as supplied on the delegate report form.
10. All VFW Auxiliary audits must be on file with the Department Treasurer and the President and Treasurer must be bonded for that VFW Auxiliary to be eligible to vote at District Convention.

Attest:

Jackie Gregory

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Department Secretary

By order of:

Mary Brown

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Department President