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June 18, 2013

Mr. Charles E. Nesbitt, Adjutant
Edward T. Conroy Chapter #9
Disabled American Veterans
P.O. Box 302
Centreville, MD 21617

Dear Adjutant Nesbitt:

The Constitution and Bylaws for Edward T. Conroy Chapter #9, Department of Maryland, is hereby approved as of this date.

A copy of this document is being returned to Edward T. Conroy Chapter #9, a copy is being sent to the Department of Maryland, and a copy is being retained in our permanent files here at National Headquarters for future reference.

Sincerely,

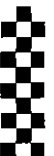
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National Judge Advocate

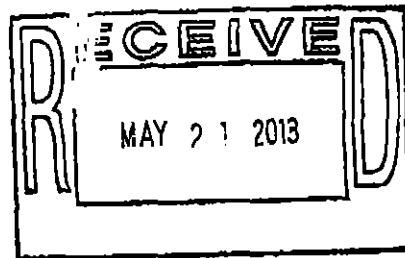
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CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

Edward T Conroy Chapter #9
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
P O Box 302
Centreville MD 21617

ARTICLE I NAME

Under the authority of Article IV of the National Constitution of the Disabled American Veterans, a federal corporation, there has been and is hereby established the EDWARD T. CONROY Chapter #9, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) located in Centreville, Maryland.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of Edward T. Conroy Chapter #9 is to support the programs of the Disabled American Veterans as defined under the provisions of the National Constitution and By-Laws of the National Organization of the "Disabled American Veterans".

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Membership In Edward T. Conroy Chapter #9 of the Disabled American Veterans shall conform to requirements set forth in Article III of the National Constitution of the Disabled American Veterans, as now existing or hereafter amended.

ARTICLE IV ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. The administrative affairs of Edward T. Conroy Chapter #9 shall be vested in the Executive Committee in emergencies only and all other actions of the Executive Committee must be ratified by the simple majority vote at a regular meeting of Chapter #9.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, and all other elected Chapter officers.

Section 3. During the March meeting of Edward T. Conroy Chapter #9, the Chapter shall elect its Officers for upcoming Disabled American Veterans year starting in July.

ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE

The executive power of the Edward T. Conroy Chapter #9 shall be vested in the Chapter commander.

ARTICLE VI AUXILIARY

Edward T. Conroy Chapter #9 of the Disabled American Veterans recognizes an Auxiliary, subject to such supervision conforming to the National and State Constitution and By-Laws of both organizations.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any Chapter meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting, subject to approval of the Department and National Judge Advocate. Will become effective only after date of approval provide that the amendments are read at three meeting and that all members were notified of the proposed changes prior to each of the three meetings.

BY LAWS

ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Governing body of Edward T. Conroy Chapter #9 shall be the Chapter in session, except as provided in the Constitution.

Section 2. Records of the proceedings of Chapter and Executive Committee meetings shall be kept and open for inspection to any member in good standing.

Section 3. This Chapter recognizes the National Organization known as Disabled American Veterans, incorporated by Act of Congress, and affirms its allegiance, and subordination to the National Organization, its Constitution, Bylaws and all rules, mandates and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Upon dissolution of the Chapter the assets remaining after the payment of its debts shall be distributed as provided in Article 6, Section 6.4, Paragraph 6, of the National Bylaws.

ARTICLE II CHARTER

The Charter of Edward T. Conroy Chapter #9, issued by the National organization of the Disabled American Veterans is the authority to function and shall be displayed behind the Commanders Station at all regular meetings.

ARTICLE III

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, and all other elected Chapter officers.

Section 2. Meetings of the Executive Committee will be called by the Commander, or at the request of the majority of its member, made in writing to the Commander.

Section 3. Any member has the right to attend the Executive Committee meeting, but without the right to vote.

Section 4. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. The administrative affairs of Edward T. Conroy Chapter #9 shall be vested in the Executive Committee in emergencies only and all other actions of the Executive Committee must be ratified by the simple majority vote at a regular meeting of Chapter #9.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. Paragraph 1. The chapter shall elect a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander and other such Officers as may be necessary to operate the Chapter.

Paragraph 2. The Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, Committee Chairman, Committee members and others Officers as necessary to carry out the business of the Chapter.

Section 2. Paragraph 1. The Commander shall be the presiding Officer and in his or her absence, the duty will fall to the next highest Officer in line of succession who is present.

Paragraph 2. The Senior Vice Commander shall be the Membership Chairman and as such is responsible for campaigns to increase membership.

Paragraph 3. The Treasurer or other designated officer shall keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed and shall deposit and monies received as soon as possible. He or she shall make a request on finances at each meeting and records shall be open to any member when a request is made in writing through the Executive Committee. A financial report, as of June 30, shall be sent to the National and Department adjutant, not later than September 30, annually.

ARTICLE V QUALIFICATIONS

Any person who is a member in good standing shall be eligible to any elective or appointive office in the Chapter.

ARTICLE VI TENURE OF OFFICE

Section 1. Officers shall be elected annually in March.

Section 2. Elected and appointed officers shall be installed prior to the Department Convention each year. They shall serve for one (1) year or until newly elected or appointed officers have been installed.

Section 3. Paragraph 1. Unexcused absence of any officer from three (3) consecutive meetings shall be cause for removal and the Commander is empowered to appoint a member to serve the unexpired term, with the approval of the Chapter.

Paragraph 2. In the event the office of the Commander shall be vacated for any reason, the Senior Vice Commander shall be elevated to Commander, Junior Vice Commander to Senior Vice commander and the vacancy filled as outlined in Paragraph 1.

Section 4. It shall require a majority of votes to elect a candidate for any office. It shall require a majority vote cast to elect delegate or alternatives to a state or national convention; provided, however, that if there are less delegates and alternates than that to which the Chapter is entitled, then all such candidates nominated for delegate or alternate shall be declared elected.

ARTICLE VII MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be in accordance with Article XI of the National Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII FINANCES

Section 1. The Treasurer or other designated officer shall deposit all monies in the name of the Chapter and shall cosign with the Commander or one other officer on all checks.

Section 2. The Treasurer or other designated officer shall be charged with handling normal finances in the operation of the Chapter.

ARTICLE IX

MEETINGS

Section 1. Chapter meetings shall be held once a month, from September through May of each year.

Section 2. Place of meeting may vary according to places willing to host the Chapter. The time will be at 1900 hrs. (7 pm) on the third (3rd) Thursday of the month as outlined in section 1.

Section 3. Rules of the chapter meetings shall be as follows:

Rule 1. A Quorum shall consist of three (3) members in good standing.

Rule 2. Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, will govern except thereafter specifically stated.

Rule 3. Discussion of personal grievances will not be in order on the floor unless brought out by the Grievance Committee.

Rule 4. Matters concerning one individual only with respect to his own personal interest shall not be in order but may be taken before the proper committee.

Rule 5. Voting shall be viva voice unless otherwise requested by at least three (3) members.

ARTICLE X

COMMITTEES

Section 1. All committees will meet at the call of the Chairman or Commander.

Section 2. Committees shall consist of not less than three no more than seven members (accept as otherwise herein provided) including the chairman, and shall be appointed by the Commander with approval of the Chapter.

Section 3. The chapter Commander shall be a member ex officio of all Committees.

ARTICLE XI

MISCELLANEOUS

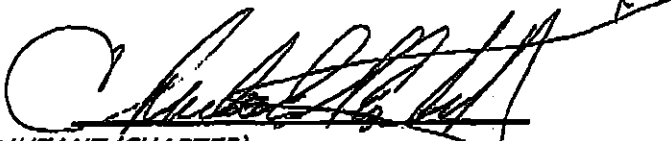
Section 1. Paragraph 1. All amendments shall be subject to approval of the Department and National Judge Advocate's and effective only after date of such approval.

Paragraph 2. A copy of this Constitution and By Laws shall be properly affixed to the back of the framed Charter to prevent its loss and in order that it may always be available for reference.

Paragraph 3. To the extent to which the provisions of this Constitution and By Laws are or may be at any time become inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution and By Laws and lawful mandates, decisions and regulations of either the State of Nations Departments, is now in force or as hereafter amended or adopted, this instrument shall be deemed amended so to conform thereto.

Section 2. All disciplinary actions will be handled in accordance with Article XVI of the National By Laws.


ATTEST: _____
Adopted after this third and final
Reading 16 day of
March 2013.




ADJUTANT (CHAPTER)



(DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE)



COMMANDER (CHAPTER)


(NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE)

Cc;
Dept. MD
Nat. HQ

I CERTIFY that the within constitution and/or by-laws does not conflict with those of the National Organization, and to that extent, is approved.

DATE: 6-18-13
DAV National Judge Advocate