

Resolution #2019-07

Subject: Change to National CBL Amendments Timeline

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WHEREAS, The National Department has continued to endeavor to shrink costs at the National Level; and

WHEREAS, An effective National Convention Mailing needs to include as much and as accurate information as possible, and be out prior to the State Conventions; and

WHEREAS, It can only benefit discussion on the National Floor if State Departments have had time to discuss the CBL Amendments at their State Conventions as well as the Squadrons, like the AMVETS do; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the following verbiage in quotation marks shall replace the verbiage in the National Constitution Article XIV, Section 1: "This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and eligible to vote at the annual National Convention. Any member in good standing may submit a resolution. Proposed amendments must be submitted typewritten, dated and signed. Proposals shall be postmarked (if sent via regular mail) or time-stamped (if sent via electronic mail) no later than **May 1st for consideration at the National Convention in the same calendar year** and addressed to National Headquarters. National Headquarters shall notify in writing, all Squadrons and Departments all proposed amendments, to be postmarked (if sent via regular mail) or time-stamped (if sent via electronic mail) **no later than May 31st**. The National Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall report the same for action at the annual National Convention. This Constitution may however, be amended at any National Convention without prior notice, by a unanimous vote." And therefore be it further

RESOLVED, That the following verbiage in quotation marks shall replace the verbiage in the National By-Laws Article XI, Section 1: "These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at the annual National Convention. Proposed amendments must be submitted typewritten, dated and signed. Members (in good standing), Squadrons, Department Conventions, or Executive Committees, National Executive Committees, appointed Committees, or any National Officer may submit proposed amendments. Proposals shall be postmarked no later than **May 1st for consideration at the National Convention in the same calendar year** and addressed to National Headquarters. National Headquarters shall notify all Squadrons and Departments of any proposed amendments in writing, postmarked no later than **May 31st**. The National Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall report the same for action at the annual Convention. All properly submitted proposed amendments may be adopted by a majority vote of the eligible and present members at the annual National Convention. These By-Laws may, however, be amended at any National Convention without prior notice, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote."