

Resolution #2019-08

**Subject:** Change to National CBL Amendments Submission Process

**Source:** David Spencer, National Judge Advocate

**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,** To comply with this timeline, the AMVETS and Ladies Auxiliary have much larger staff, and we have one staff person working part time also trying to finalize all details of the National Convention; and

**WHEREAS,** Restricting who can submit a resolution to these bodies then requires multiple people to have reviewed it and agree with it already, and allows the National JA to call just a handful of people to find out if anything else is coming in, allowing the final mailing out sooner; and

**WHEREAS,** Both the National AMVETS and the National Ladies Auxiliary already restrict Amendment submissions beyond an individual member for these very reasons; 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. **Proposed amendments for action of the National Convention must be submitted by a Department convention, Department Executive Committee, the National Executive Committee, Standing National Committee or National Officer.** 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 forty-five (45) days prior to the opening day of the annual National Convention 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) thirty (30) days prior to opening day of the National Convention. 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. **Proposed amendments for action of the National Convention must be submitted by a Department convention, Department Executive Committee, the National Executive Committee, Standing National Committee or any National Officer.** Proposals shall be postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the opening day of the annual National Convention, and addressed to National Headquarters. The National Headquarters shall notify all Squadrons and

Departments of any proposed amendments in writing, postmarked no later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening day of the annual Convention. 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.”