

2026-2027

Proposed AMVETS CBL Amendments

DRAFT CBL AMANDMENT – CBL 26-1

SUBJECT: Limit on persons from one state serving on the AMVETS National Service Foundation

Whereas, Section 1. AMVETS recognizes a subordinate organization known as the AMVETS National Service Foundation. Said service foundation shall report on its activities at each NEC meeting and convention; and

Whereas, the members of the Service Foundation are elected from the Annual Convention floor each year at the Annual AMVETS Convention. With no recognition of this duty to be performed by the Annual convention body in the Constitution nor Bylaws. Nor any outline of eligibility of AMVETS to be nominated for election to the AMVETS National Service Foundation, and

Whereas, as current election procedures are administered, the Service Foundation does not address potential conflicts of interest of its membership nor perception of undue influence; and

Therefore, be it resolved, amending the AMVETS Constitution to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVII: SERVICE FOUNDATION

Section 1. AMVETS recognizes a subordinate organization known as the AMVETS National Service Foundation. Its membership shall be constituted in accordance with the Bylaws of the AMVETS National Service Foundation, Section 3.3, Election and Term of Board Members, with no more one seated per Department, unless no other eligible candidates are available for nomination. This provision is intended to ensure balanced representation and equitable participation among all districts.

Said Service Foundation shall report on its activities at each NEC meeting and convention.

Reviewed by Department of _____

Department Convention Vote (circle one):

Approve - Decline to Endorse As Is

DRAFT CBL AMANDMENT – CBL 26-2

SUBJECT: Increase annual dues by \$5

SOURCE: National Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the AMVETS organization has reached a level of life over annual members that is unsustainable financially at 83.51% lifetime members;

WHEREAS, the current dues being paid from the annual members' dues portion to national headquarters is at \$15, and has remained static for a period of 10 years when costs of operations have increased significantly;

WHEREAS, AMVETS National CBL Article VII; Section 5 states:

The minimum annual membership dues, effective with the beginning of membership year 2015, shall be \$17.00 payable to the post, of which sum \$15.00 shall be forwarded to National Headquarters and \$2.00 to the department headquarters.

Dues above the minimum set forth here shall be fixed by the post and/or department. Where no department exists, \$17.00 shall be forwarded to National Headquarters. Of the \$17.00 sent to National Headquarters, \$2.00 shall be set-aside in a separate fund, pending the establishment of a department.

Members-at-large will remit the minimum dues to their respective department headquarters, from which sum the national department will be paid the minimum national dues. Where no department exists, National Headquarters will set aside \$2.00 for return, when a department is formed.

Any monies received for dues from an unorganized department shall be held until the end of the fiscal year and if the department is not organized at that time, such monies shall be held in a special fund for use in developing unorganized departments.

RESOLVED, that AMVETS National CBL Article VII; Section 5 to be replaced with the following:

“The minimum annual membership dues, effective with the beginning of membership year 2027, shall be \$22.00 payable to the post, of which sum \$20.00 shall be forwarded to National Headquarters and \$2.00 to the department headquarters.

Dues above the minimum set forth here shall be fixed by the post and/or department. Where no department exists, \$22.00 shall be forwarded to National Headquarters. Of the \$22.00 sent to National Headquarters, \$2.00 shall be set-aside in a separate fund, pending the establishment of a department.”

Reviewed by Department of _____

Department Convention Vote (circle one):

Approve - Decline to Endorse As Is