

2018 AMVETS Department of Wisconsin Convention Rules

1. Rules of the AMVETS Department of Wisconsin Convention shall be as set forth in the Department By-laws under Article III.
2. All provisions of the Constitution and By-laws shall govern and are hereby incorporated by reference.
3. Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised, shall be parliamentary authority in all areas not governed by the Constitution and By-laws or by the Convention Rules.
4. Each member of the AMVETS Department of Wisconsin Convention must register with the Credentials Committee in order to vote. In order to register as a delegate, each individual must show proof of proper revalidation.
5. The AMVETS Convention shall be declared open by the State Commanders on the 22nd of June, 2018 and shall remain open until all business and election of officers is concluded with the exception of recesses called by the State Commander.
6. When a delegate desires to make a motion or address the Convention, the delegate shall rise, move to a microphone and address the chair as "State Commander", state name and Post number before proceeding.
7. Each member of the AMVETS Convention shall have but one vote. An individual possessing more than one qualification for membership in the AMVETS Convention shall have no more than one vote.
8. The Credentials Committee shall report at the opening session and periodically as directed by the State Commander.
9. The use of alcoholic beverages or smoking materials in the meeting room where the AMVETS Convention is being conducted shall be prohibited. No alcoholic beverages shall be brought into the hall at any time.
10. Delegates, alternates and guests must have their registration badges prominently displayed on the Convention floor.
11. No delegates, alternates or guests will be permitted on the Convention floor unless they're wearing appropriate clothing (shirt/blouse, or other conservative top, slacks/skirt/jeans or Bermuda shorts with no rips or holes, socks/nylons and boots/shoes/sneakers. No beach attire.
12. Only official AMVETS hats may be worn on the Convention floor as prescribed in the Department By-laws, Article X, Section 2.
13. The chair shall have the authority to have escorted from the Convention room any person or persons who may create any disturbance, which interferes with the orderly procedure of the Convention.
14. The election of officers will be held on Sunday, June 24th, 2018.
15. Voting for officers at the AMVETS Convention shall be by oral roll call vote or written ballot. The Post Commander or the Delegate Chairman will cast the entire strength of the Post, as reported by the Credentials Chairman, subject to the will of the delegates present.
16. When there are several candidates for one office, if there is no majority on the first ballot, the name of the member receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and so on until an election is made. The number of votes cast will determine a majority.
17. No member may enter or leave the room during the election of any one officer except for valid reasons, in which case, the member shall not be permitted to re-enter the room until that election is ended.
18. Due to the fact that our time is limited, there will be concise reports and a copy of the report is to be given to the Department Recording Secretary, for incorporation into the minutes of the Convention. This will be strictly adhered to in order to get through the business of the Convention. Your consideration in this matter will be deeply appreciated.
19. Each candidate, upon acceptance of their nomination, shall be given five minutes to state their position and/or answer questions. (Time is kept by the Provost Marshall.)
20. For the sake of discussion, to state their views on any one subject, members can only speak twice.
21. A section or sections of these rules may be suspended by a two-thirds majority vote of the registered delegates present on the floor. If such suspension is not in conflict with the Department Constitution and By-laws.

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