



Department of Oklahoma

Constitution

and

Bylaws

**As Amended by the Convention Delegates
On June 24, 2015**

ARTICLE 1 - AUTHORITY

Under the authority of the National Constitution and Bylaws of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Incorporated and under the authority of the Federal Charter, there is hereby established the "Disabled American Veterans, Department of Oklahoma."

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

To uphold and maintain the Constitution and the laws of the United States and the State of Oklahoma, to realize the true American ideals and aims for which those eligible for membership fought; to advance the interest and work for the betterment of all wounded, gassed, injured and disabled veterans; to cooperate with the United States Department of Veteran Affairs and all other public and private agencies devoted to the cause of improving and advancing the condition, health and interest of all disabled veterans; to stimulate a feeling of mutual devotion, helpfulness and comradeship among all disabled veterans; to serve our comrades, our communities and our country; and to encourage in all people the spirit of understanding, which will guard against future wars.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The DAV, Department of Oklahoma, will consist of all Chapters of such Department that have been constituted, according to the Constitution of the DAV

Section 2. Qualifications for membership will be in accordance with the National Constitution and Bylaws of the DAV.

ARTICLE 4 - POWERS

To have perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued in courts of law and equity; to receive, hold, own, use and dispose of such real estate and personal property as will be necessary for its corporate purpose; to adopt a corporate seal and alter the same at pleasure; to adopt a Constitution, Bylaws and Regulations to carry on its purposes, consistent with the laws of the United States and the State of Oklahoma; to use in carrying out the purposes of the Corporation such emblems and badges as it may adopt; to establish and maintain offices for the conduct of its business; to establish local chapters; to publish a newspaper or other publication devoted to the purposes of the Corporation and generally to do any and all such acts and things as may be necessary and proper in carrying into effect the purposes of the Corporation.

ARTICLE 5 - ADMINISTRATIVE

Section 1. The administrative affairs of this organization will be vested in the State Executive Committee (SEC), to be composed of the Department Commander; Immediate Past Department Commander (IPDC); Department Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders; and one State Executive Committee Member from each of the several Chapters; as they are now or may from now on be composed and included in this organization.

Section 2. Each Department Convention will elect a Department Commander, Department Senior Vice-Commander, Department First Junior-Vice Commander, Department Second Junior Vice-Commander, Department Inspector, Department Finance Officer, Department Judge