

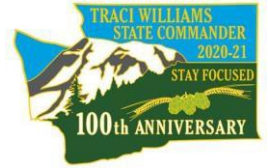


Department of Washington, VFW

Department Election Rules

2020-2021

June 13, 2020



The following rules shall apply for the election of State Positions for the 2020-2021 election year per the vote of the Department Council of Administration on April 15, 2020 and the follow-on direction from National via Executive Order #2 with Step-by-Step Instructions for Departments.

1. The Past State Sr. Vice Commander, on June 13th, 2020, was moved to the State Commander Position in accordance with National Bylaws and MOP and the Department Bylaws succession rules.
2. The Past State Jr. Vice Commander, on June 13th, 2020, was moved to the State Sr. Vice Commander Position in accordance with National Bylaws and MOP and the Department Bylaws succession rules.
3. All other State positions, on June 13th, 2020, including those sitting District Commanders on the Department Council of Administration, were vacated per National Bylaws and MOP and National Executive order #2.
4. The new State Commander, on June 13th, 2020, appointed all positions in accordance with the State Bylaws and named a Quartermaster Pro Tem.
5. The State Commander shall instruct the State Adjutant to send out a ballot to the new Council of Administration members asking for confirmation of any appointed salaried position.
6. The State Commander, on June 13th, 2020, will direct the new State Adjutant to send out notification, to the new Department Council of Administration members, announcing the following vacancies in which nominations are open:
 - a. National Council of Administration Member
 - b. State Jr. Vice Commander
 - c. State Judge Advocate
 - d. State Surgeon
 - e. State Quartermaster
 - f. State Chaplain
 - g. State Trustee 3 year
 - i. Nominations for the above positions shall be made, in writing, to the State Adjutant and shall include an acceptance of nomination by the nominated individual.
 - ii. All previously announced candidates for any of the above position shall be automatically included in the nominations.
7. The State Commander, on June 28th, 2020, shall instruct the State Adjutant to send out a ballot to the new Department Council of Administration members with the names preprinted of those candidates running for each State or National position.

8. For a new Department Council of Administration member to be able to vote the following must take place:
 - a. The member must have been duly elected, or appointed, for the 2020-2021 election year.
 - b. The member must have been installed PRIOR to June 28th, 2020.
 - c. The Department secretary must have received the completed District election report, no later than June 27th, 2020, for the new District Commander to be eligible to vote.
9. The following Council of Administration positions will be vacant for the June 28th, 2020 vote and shall be deemed ineligible to vote:
 - a. State Jr. Vice Commander
 - b. State Judge Advocate
 - c. State Surgeon
 - d. State Chaplain
 - e. Any District Commander who was not duly elected and installed, before June 28th, 2020, for the 2020-2021 election year.
10. The following positions, if installed, shall be eligible to vote on June 28th, 2020:
 - a. State Commander
 - b. State Sr. Vice Commander
 - c. State Adjutant
 - d. State Quartermaster Pro Tem
 - e. State Chief of Staff
 - f. State Inspector
 - g. State Jr. Past Commander
 - h. Any District Commander who has been duly elected and installed, prior to June 28th, 2020, for the 2020-2021 election year.
11. Completed ballots will be sent to the State Adjutant on June 28th, 2020 between the hours of 09:00 and 11:00. Any ballot received AFTER 11:00 shall be considered an invalid vote.
 - a. Council Members may vote in person, at Department Headquarters between the hours of 09:00 and 11:00 on June 28th, 2020.
 - b. Council Members may vote via mail (electronic mail included) by sending their completed ballot back to the State Adjutant who must receive it no later than 11:00 on June 28th, 2020.
 - c. Runoff from 11:00-12:00 if required.

BY ORDER OF:



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