

SAD SACK NATIONAL BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE

WE, THE AMERICAN VETERANS, WHO SERVED OR SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING AND SINCE WORLD WAR II AND ARE IN GOOD STANDING IN AMVETS. DO HEREBY UNITE TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT NONPARTISAN, NONSECTARIAN ORGANIZATION.

ARTICLE I-OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF AMVETS NATIONAL SAD SACKS IS TO PROMOTE AMVETS IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

SECTION 2.

TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF ALL VETERANS AND SERVICE PERSONNEL.

SECTION 3.

THE OBJECT OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS TO BE THE OFFICIAL HONOR GROUP OF THE AMVETS, TO PROMOTE GOOD FELLOWSHIP AMONG THE MEMBERS AND KEEP ALIVE THE SPIRIT OF THE AMERICAN SERVICEMAN.

ARTICLE II - NAME

THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION SHALL BE "AMVETS NATIONAL SAD SACKS"

ARTICLE III – ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1

THE ORGANIZATION SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING BODIES:

- A) A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO BE KNOWN AS AMVETS NATIONAL SAD SACKS
- B) STATE SACKS, SUBORDINATE TO THE AMVETS NATIONAL SAD SACKS
- C) LOCAL SACKS: SUBORDINATE TO THE AMVETS NATIONAL SAD SACKS AND STATE SACKS WHERE APPLICABLE
- D) EACH LOCAL UNIT SHALL BE KNOWN AS A "SACK"
- E) THERE SHALL BE ONLY ONE (1) SACK TO EACH POST OF AMVETS, THE AMERICAN VETERANS WHO SERVED OR SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING AND SINCE WORLD WAR II AND ARE IN GOOD STANDING IN THE AMVETS.
- F) POST WITH AT LEAST 100 MEMBERS MAY FORM A SACK OF IT'S OWN, IF GRANTED PERMISSION BY IT'S DEPARTMENT OF THE SAD SACKS EXECUTIOVE COMMITTEE. IN THE STATES WHERE NO DEPARTMENT IS ESTABLISHED, THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SAD SACKS MAY GRANT PERMISSION, IF SAID ACTION IS BASED UPON INVESTIGATION AND NECESSITY.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.

THERE SHALL BE BUT TWO (2) HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS IN SAD SACKS, NAMELY, GEORGE BAKER, CREATOR OF "SAD SACKS", AND REVEREND EDWARD S. FILLIPIAK, THEY ARE TO BE LIFE MEMBERS AS WELL.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP (CONTINUED)

SECTION 2.

WHENEVER THE WORD “HE” IS USED IN REFERENCE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SACK, IT REFERS TO BOTH SEXES.

SECTION 3.

MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE LIMITED TO ACTIVE AMVETS IN GOOD STANDING FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR, WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO JOIN NATIONAL SAD SACKS BY AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION, PROVIDED THE HE HAS QUALIFIED IN TWO (2) OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- A) HAS HELD OR HOLDS A ELECTED NATIONAL, STATE OR LOCAL OFFICE IN AMVETS, AND
- B) HAS RENDERED OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF AMVETS, AND
- C) HAS SPONCORED AT LEAST TEN (10) PAID UP MEMBERS.

SECTION 4.

MEMBERS AT LARGE SHALL BE LIMITED TO THOSE LIFE MEMBERS ALREADY ON THE ROLLS AND DESIGNATED AS SUCH AND SHALL REMAIN MEMBERS AT LARGE UNTIL A SACK UNIT IS FORMED IN HIS VICINITY, HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY ANOTHER SACK UNIT OR HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE SAD SACKS BY A VOTE THERE OF.

SECTION 5.

NO MEMBER OF SAD SACKS WILL HOLD MEMBERSHIP IN MORE THAN ONE (1) SACK.

SECTION 6.

AMVETS MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS IN EXCESS OF THE ONE –YEAR MINIMUM MAY BE SET BY INDIVIDUAL STATE DEPARTMENTS.

SECTION 7.

ALL NEWLY QUALIFIED SACKS SHALL BE CALLED “ YARDBIRDS” UNTIL DULY INITIATED SAID INITIATION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN SECRET.

SECTION 8.

EACH LOCAL UNIT, EACH STATE DEPARTMENT, AND THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT SHALL BE ALLOWED ONLY ONE (1) INANIMATE MASCOT EACH.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

SECTION 1.

- A) NATIONAL OFFICERS SHALL CONSIST OF A SADDEST SAD SACK, ALMOST SAD SACK, ALMOST NO QUITE SADDEST SAD SACK, SIX (6) EXTRA BAGS SADDEST SAD SACKS, (ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR) HOOSEGOW SADDEST SAD SACK, SQUIRE SADDEST SAD SACK, SOLEMNEST SADDEST SAD SACK, WORM SADDEST SAD SACK, CUT-UP SADDEST SAD SACK, NOSEYEST SADDEST SAD SACK, GRABBIEST SADDEST SAD SACK, AND WAILER/ CRYING JAG SADDEST SAD SACK.
- B) STATE SACK OFFICIALS SHALL BE THE SAME AS NATIONAL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF EXTRA BAGS. STATE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE EITHER A MONEY BAGS AND A FEATHERS OR AN ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR (COMBINED DUTIES OF MONEY BAGS AND FEATHERS). THIS ACTION TO BE BY APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT SCRIMMAGE.
- C) LOCAL SAD SACK OFFICERS SHALL BE THE SAME AS STATE SACK OFFICERS.

ARTICLE V- OFFICERS (CONTINUED)

SECTION 2.

- A) THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR SHALL BE AN ELECTED OFFICE, UPON ELECTION SAID OFFICE SHALL BE PERMANENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL BASIS. HE SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SADDLEST AND THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HE MAY BE DISMISSED FROM OFFICE FOR CAUSE.
- B) THE NATIONAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR SHALL BE AN ELECTED OFFICE. HE SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR IN HIS ABSENCE. DUTIES SHALL BE OF THE GRABBIEST SADDLEST SAD SACK (QUARTERMASTER).
- C) SOLEMEN SADDLEST SAD SACK SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE NATIONAL SADDLEST SAD SACK.
- D) EXTRA BAGS SADDLEST SAD SACKS (DISTRICT VICE COMMANDERS) SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE DISTRICT CAUCUS AT THE NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE.
- E) ALL DISTRICTS WILL CONFORM TO AMVETS NATIONAL SAD SACKS CONSTITUTION.
- F) ALL OTHER NATIONAL SAD SACK OFFICERS LISTED IN ARTICLE V, SECTION 1
 - A) SHALL BE NOMINATED FROM THE FLOOR AND ELECTED DURING THE NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE. ALL APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE MADE BY THE NATIONAL SADDLEST BY THE FALL NES. INSTALLATION OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS AND THOSE COMPLETED APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE HELD AT THE NATIONAL SADDLEST BANQUET.
- G) STATE SAD SACK OFFICERS SHALL BE APPOINTED AND/OR ELECTED DURING THE STATE SCRIMMAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE PROCEDURE AND INSTALLED BY THE NATIONAL SAD SACK OFFICER OR ANY SADDLEST SAD SACK. LOCAL SACK OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED AND/OR APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL PROCEDURE AND INSTALLATION OF LOCAL OFFICERS SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY STATE OR NATIONAL SAD SACK OFFICERS OR BY ANY SADDLEST SAD SACK. ELECTION OF LOCAL OFFICERS SHALL BE IN MAY OR JUNE AND INSTALLATION OF STATE SAD SACK OFFICERS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS. VARIANCE TO THE ABOVE MAY BE GRANTED ONLY BY AND AT THE NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE.
- H) ALL LOCAL STATE OFFICERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1ST. PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY SHALL RESULT IN THE REMOVAL OF THE SACK OR DEPARTMENT FROM NATIONAL MAILING LIST.
- I) A COPY OF THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE SENT TO THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1ST ANNUALLY:
 - (1) IRS FORM 990 WHEN REQUESTED
 - (2) CHANGE OF OFFICER LIST
 - (3) COPY OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS IF CHANGED DURING THE YEAR.

SECTION 3.

ALL NATIONAL SAD SACK OFFICERS SHALL HOLD OFFICE FROM 1 SEPTEMBER THROUGH 31 OF AUGUST.

SECTION 4.

BALLOTING

A MAJORITY OF ALL VOTES CAST BY A QUORUM SHALL BE NECESSARY TO ELECT ANY OFFICER. A QUORUM NATIONALLY SHALL BE MAJORITY OF SAD SACK DELEGATES REGISTERED AT THE NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE. STATE AND LOCAL SACKS TO BE DECIDED BY LOCAL PROCEDURES.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS (CONTINUED)

SECTION 5.

VACANIES

- A) IF ANY NATIONAL OFFICER IS VACATED, EXCEPT THE NATIONAL SADDEST, OR IF ANY NATIONAL OFFICE IS DISQUALIFIED FOR ANY REASON INCLUDING NONPAYMENT OF DUES, THE VACANCY SHALL BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK, SUBJECT TO RADIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT THE NEXT NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SCRIMMAGE. IF THE VACANCY OCCURS MORE THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE NEXT N.E.S. THE VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT SHALL BE BY MAIL BALLOT.
- B) IN THE EVENT THAT THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK IS VACATED, THE ALMOST SADDEST SAD SACK SHALL ASSUME THIS OFFICE. THE ALMOST NOT QUITE SADDEST SAD SACK MOVING TO ALMOST SADDEST SAD SACK, AN ELECTION SHALL BE HELD AT THE NEXT N.E.S. TO FILL THE OFFICE OF THE ALMOST NOT QUITE SADDEST SAD SACK. TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERMS OF THESE OFFICES.

SECTION 6.

BONDING

ALL OFFICERS WHOSE SIGNATURE APPEARS ON THE BANK SIGNATURE CARDS SHALL BE BONDED FOR THE MINIMUM OF NET WORTH FOR AMVETS NATIONAL SAD SACK TO INCLUDE THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR.

ARTICLE VI - CHARTERS

SECTION 1.

LOCAL SAD SACK MAY BE FORMED AND MAINTAINED BY TEN (10) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS MAKING APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO THE AMVETS NATIONAL SAD SACKS AND THE STATE SAD SACKS WHERE APPLICABLE. ALL CHARTERS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE AMVETS NATIONAL SAD SACKS. EACH CHARTER SHALL BE SIGNED BY THE NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK AND THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR. THE NUMBER OF SACK CHARTERS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL SAD SACKS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE DATE OF APPLICATION. WHERE STATE DEPARTMENTS EXIST, APPLICATION FOR CHARTER MUST BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 2.

LOCAL SAD SACKS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE AMVETS NATIONAL SAD SACKS AND STATE SAD SACKS WHERE APPLICABLE. IN ANY CASE CONFLICTS WITH, OR IS CONTRARY TO, THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION, THE LATTER SHALL PREVAIL.

SECTION 3.

STATE SACK DEPARTMENTS MAY BE FORMED AND MAINTAINED WHEN THE STATE HAS FOUR (4) SACKS ORGANIZED AND MAINTAINED IN THE STATE.

SECTION 4.

ALL SAD SACKS WHO ARE CALLED INTO SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY SHALL REMAIN ACTIVE MEMBERS WITHOUT PAYMENT OF DUES PROVIDED THEY ARE PAID UP MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING IN AMVETS. WRITTEN NOTICE GIVING DATE AND PLACE OF INDUCTION INTO THE SERVICE MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR. ONLY THEN, SHALL THE SACK BE ELIGIBLE TO REMAIN A MEMBER WITHOUT PAYMENT OF DUES.

ARTICLE VII – NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SCRIMMAGE

SECTION 1.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS OF THE SAD SACKS SHALL BE VESTED IN THE NATIONAL SAD SACK OFFICERS, ALL NATIONAL SADDER SAD SACKS, STATE SADDEST OR ONE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SAD SACKER, OR HIS ALTERNATE, TO BE ELECTED BY THE RESPECTIVE STATES AT THE ANNUAL STATE SCRIMMAGE. ONE THIRD (1/3) OF THE NATIONAL SAD SACK EXECUTIVE SCRIMMAGE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

SECTION 2.

THE TERM OF OFFICE OF STATE SAD SACKERS AND ALTERNATES WILL BE FROM THE TIME OF ELECTION UNTIL CLOSE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL STATE SCRIMMAGE.

SECTION 3.

ALL PAST NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACKS SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SADDER SAD SACKS AND WILL BE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SCRIMMAGE.

SECTION 4.

ERE SHALL BE TWO (2) SAD SACK EXECUTIVE SCRIMMAGES HELD ANNUALLY. ONE TO BE HELD IN THE SPRING **IN MARCH OR APRIL** AND ONE TO BE HELD IN THE FALL **IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER**. AT A TIME AND PLACE SELECTED BY BID'S FROM A N.E.S. OR NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE. ALL SPECIAL EXECUTIVE SCRIMMAGES SHALL BE CALLED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK.

ARTICLE VIII- FINANCES

SECTION 1.

ALL FINANCES OF THE AMVETS NATIONAL SAD SACKS SHALL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR WHO SHALL MAKE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO EACH LOCAL SACK AFTER EACH NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE. REVENUE SHALL BE DERIVED FROM ANNUAL DUES AND OTHER SOURCES APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL SAD SACK EXECUTIVE SCRIMMAGE. ANNUAL DUES SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN \$6.01 PER YEAR. MEMBERSHIP CARDS SHALL BE ISSUED ON THE FISCAL BASIS, EXPIRING DECEMBER 31ST OF EACH YEAR. AFTER WHICH TIME A MEMBER SHALL BECOME DELIQUENT. IF DUES ARE NOT PAID WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS THE MEMBER SHALL BE DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP IN THE SAD SACKS. THIS PROVISION SHALL ALSO APPLY TO MAINTENANCE STANDING OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS.

SECTION 2.

THE ANNUAL BUDGET SHALL BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AT EACH ANNUAL SCRIMMAGE OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SCRIMMAGE. IT SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR UPON RECEIPT FROM THE BUDGETING COMMITTEE THAT CONSISTS OF NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK, NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ALMOST SADDEST SAD SACK, AND THE HIGHEST NUMBER NATIONAL SADDER SAD SACK. IN THE EVENT THAT THE BUDGET IS NOT PREPARED, A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF FIVE (5) MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SAD SACK EXECUTIVE SCRIMMAGE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK TO PREPARE THE BUDGET.

SECTION 3.

EACH LOCAL SACK SHALL REMIT TO THE NATIONAL SAD SACKS, THE SUM OF \$7.01 FOR EACH MEMBER PER YEAR, OF WHICH \$1.00 GOES TO THE NATIONAL NURSES' SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

ARTICLE VIII – FINANCES (CONTINUED)

SECTION 4.

EACH LOCAL SACK SHALL REMIT TO THE STATE SAD SACKS, THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN (\$.50) FIFTY CENTS FOR EACH LOCAL SACK MEMBER PER YEAR.

SECTION 5.

WHERE THERE IS NO STATE DEPARTMENT, EACH LOCAL SACK SHALL REMIT TO THE AMVETS NATIONAL SAD SACKS \$7.51 FOR EACH LOCAL SACK MEMBER PER YEAR, OF WHICH \$1.00 GOES TO THE NATIONAL NURSES' SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

SECTION 6.

A SACK IN GOOD STANDING WHO IS A LIFE MEMBER OF AMVETS MAY OBTAIN A LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR \$150.00, OF THIS AMOUNT \$87.50 WILL BE REMITTED TO THE NATIONAL SAD SACKS, \$31.25 TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND \$31.25 WILL BE RETAINED BY THE LOCAL SACK. WHERE THERE IS NOT STATE DEPARTMENT \$118.75 (\$87.50 + \$31.25) WILL BE REMITTED TO THE NATIONAL SAD SACKS.

SECTION 7.

SAD SACK MEMBERS OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE, WHO MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS MAY PURCHASE A LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR NO LESS THAN \$125.00, OF WHICH \$75.00 WILL BE REMITTED TO THE NATIONAL SAD SACKS, AND \$25.00 TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND \$25.00 TO THE LOCAL SACK. IF NO STATE DEPARTMENT EXISTS \$100.00 (\$75.00 + \$25.00) WILL BE REMITTED TO THE NATIONAL.

SECTION 8.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL HANDLE ALL DUES AND REMITTANCE FORMS FOR THEIR SACKS AND THEN REMIT DUES FOR THEIR SACKS TO THE NATIONAL SAD SACKS. ALL MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE RESPECTIVE SACK BY THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR, IN STATES WHERE NO DEPARTMENT IS YET ESTABLISHED, THE LOCAL FEATHERS OR MONEY BAGS WILL SEND THE REMITTANCE AND RECEIVE ALL CARDS FOR THEIR SACKS.

SECTION 9.

WHEN LOCAL SACK'S CHARTER IS REVOKED, WHERE THERE IS A STATE DEPARTMENT OF SAD SACKS, ALL FUNDS AND OTHER PROPERTIES SHALL BE TURNED OVER TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SAD SACKS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS. WHERE THERE IS NO STATE DEPARTMENT OF SAD SACKS, ALL FUNDS AND OTHER PROPERTIES SHALL BE TURNED OVER TO THE NATIONAL SAD SACKS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS.

ARTICLE IX – DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1.

DISCIPLINARY RULES RELATING TO THE LOCAL SACK SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY THE NATIONAL SACK.

SECTION 2.

THE NATIONAL SAD SACK EXECUTIVE SCRIMMAGE, AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING BEFORE A SUBCOMMITTEE, MAY CANCEL, SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE CHAPTER OF A LOCAL SACK FOR A GOOD AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE TO IT APPEARING, PROCEDURE FOR SUCH ACTION SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY THE NATIONAL SQUIRE SADDEST SAD SACK.

SECTION 3.

IN THE EVENT OF SUCH ACTION, THE NATIONAL SADDERS SAD SACK AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS EMPOWERED TO TAKE OVER THE OPERATION OF THE LOCAL SACK, BUT IS BOUND BY ITS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE IX – DISCIPLINE (CONTINUED)

SECTION 4.

ANY SACK UNIT WHOSE DUES HAVE FOR ONE (1) COMPLETE YEAR, MAY HAVE ITS CHARTER AUTOMATICALLY REVOKED AND ITS NUMBER ASSIGNED TO A NEW SACK.

SECTION 5.

ANY REVOCATION OF AN AMVETS CHAPTER SHALL AUTOMATICALLY REVOKE A SAD SACK CHAPTER, IF ONE IS HELD BY THE POST IN QUESTION.

SECTION 6.

IN THE EVENT A SACK CHAPTER IS HELD BY A SACK COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF MORE THAN ONE POST AND THE CHARTER ON ONE OR MORE POSTS IS REVOKED, SAID SACK MEMBERS OF THE POST, OR POSTS, MUST AFFILIATE WITH THE POST OF GOOD STANDING, TRANSFER OF MAL STATUS IMMEDIATELY OR LOSE THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN SAD SACKS.

ARTICLE X - TRANSFERS

SECTION 1.

ANY SAD SACK IN GOOD STANDING MAY CHANGE HIS SACK AND TRANSFER WITHOUT PAYING THE CURRENT DUES PROVIDED.

- A) THE DUES ARE THE SAME, AND
- B) HE HAS COMPLETED A MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER FORM, AND THE SADDEST OR THE FEATHERS FROM THE PREVIOUS SACK HAS AFFIXED HIS SIGNATURE, IN CASE THE DUES OF THE NEW SACK ARE MORE, THE SAD SACK SHALL PAY THE DIFFERENCE, THE SAD SACK SHALL ATTEND TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE SCRIMMAGES, AFTER WHICH HE SHALL BE ACCEPTED OR REJECTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE NEW SACK UNIT. A TRANSFER CANNOT BE DENIED WITHOUT JUST CAUSE—THIS ACTION SHALL BE FINAL.

ARTICLE X1 – NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE

SECTION 1.

A NATIONAL SAD SACK SCRIMMAGE SHALL BE HELD AT LEAST TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF AMVETS, AMERICAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, KOREA, AND VIETNAM, AND THOSE WHO SERVED OR ARE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES THEREAFTER.

SECTION 2.

EACH STATE SHALL HAVE A DELEGATE AND AN ALTERNATE TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL SAD SACK SCRIMMAGE, LOCAL SACKS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE (1) DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THEIR INITIAL TEN (10) MEMNBERS THEREAFTER.

SECTION 3.

MEMBERS OF NATIONAL SAD SACK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL BE DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL SAD SACK SCRIMMAGE WITH POWER TO VOTE.

ARTICLE XI – NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE (CONTINUED)

SECTION 4.

EACH DELEGATE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE (1) VOTE. THE VOTE OF AN ABSENT DELEGATE MAY BE CAST BY AN ALTERNATE, ALTERNATES SHALL HAVE ALL THE RIGHT AND PRIVILEGES OF THE DELEGATES, EXCEPT THAT OF VOTING WHEN DELEGATES ARE PRESENT.

SECTION 5.

A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING REGISTERED DELEGATES PRESENT SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM

SECTION 6.

THE SADDEST SAD SACK SHALL APPOINT A NATIONAL COLOR GUARD, COMPOSED OF TWO (2) COLOR BEARERS TO BE KNOWN AS LITTLE RAGS AND BIG RAGS, AND TWO (2) RIFLEMEN TO BE KNOWN AS WASH RAG AND DISH RAG.

SECTION 7.

ANY MEMBER OF SAD SACKS MAY SUBMIT THE NAME OF ANY SAD SACK OR OTHER PERSON FOR AN AWARD. HOWEVER, SAID NAME OF SACK OR CITIZEN SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE REASON FOR SUBMITTING AND QUALIFICATIONS, SAID RECOMMENDATION SHALL BE IN WRITING AND APPROVED BY THE LOCAL SACK TO WHICH THE RECOMMENDATION IS BEING SUBMITTED, AND SHALL BE SIGNED BY THE SADDEST SAD SACK OF SAID SACK. NO ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN AWARD UNLESS RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SUBMITTED, AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN AND SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK AT LEAST FIVE (5) DAYS BEFORE THE NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE. THE HONORS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF ALL NATIONAL SADDERS, WITH THE IMMEDIATE NATIONAL SADDER SERVING AS CHAIRMAN.

ARTICLE XII - UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA

SECTION 1.

THE SAD SACK UNIFORM SHALL CONSIST OF A SACK (BURLAP, CLOTH, ETC.) WITH HOLES CUT FOR THE NECK AND ARMS AND WITH THE WORDS AMVET SAD SACK PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED THEREON.

SECTION 2.

THE SAD SACK CAP SHALL BE AN OLD FASHION NIGHT CAP OR ANY TYPE OF HAT OR CAP ADOPTED BY THE LOCAL SACK UNIT.

SECTION 3.

THE SAD SACK PIN SHALL BE AN OLD REPLICA OF A PLAIN SACK WITH THE LETTERS SAD RUNNING LENGTHWISE DOWN THE PIN, THE WORD AMVET RUNNING LATERALLY ACROSS THE BOTTOM OF THE SACK

SECTION 4.

THE SAD SACK KEY SHALL BE A SACK IN KEY SHAPE WITH THE SACK CREST ON THE FRONT, THE BACK OF THE KEY SHALL BE PLAIN.

ARTICLE XII – UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA (CONTINUED)

SECTION 5.

THE SAD SACK OVERSEAS CAP (SUCH AS WORN BY AMVETS TO BE WORN IN PLACE OF TAMS) COLORS FOLLOWING

- A) NATIONAL OFFICERS – BLUE BAND, GOLD CROWN, GOLD LETTERS AND PIPING
- B) STATE OFFICERS – BLUE BAND, GOLD CROWN, RED LETTERS AND PIPING
- C) LOCAL OFFICERS – BLUE BAND, GOLD CROWN, LIGHT BLUE LETTERS AND PIPING

SECTION 6.

THE SAD SACK JACKET SHALL BE ANY COLOR WITH THE SAD SACK CREST ON THE BACK

SECTION 7.

- A) A) THAT PART OF THE UNIFORM CONSISTING OF THE NIGHT CAP, OR OTHER TYPE OR HAT AND THE SACK SHALL NOT BE WORN BY ANY MEMBER OF THE SAD SACK, EXCEPT WITHIN THE SCRIMMAGE PLACE OF THE LOCAL SACK, DURING SCRIMMAGES OR WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AN AUTHORIZED PARADE, OR SACK FUNCTION, SUCH AS A PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE SAD SACKS. THE N.S.S.S. MAY WEAR THE OVERSEAS CAP AT AMVET FUNCTIONS.
- B) THE OVERSEAS CAP AND JACKET WILL BE WORN FOR STREET WEAR AND ON OCCASIONS WHEN IT IS DESIRABLE TO DISTINGUISH MEMBERS OF SAD SACKS.
- C) THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE THE DRESS UNIFORM OF SAD SACKS:
 - 1) MEN – WHITE SHIRT, SHORT SLEEVED, WHITE SHIRT FORMAL WEAR; NAVY BLUE OR DARK PANTS
 - 2) WOMEN – WHITE BLOUSE, SHORT SLEEVED; WHITE BLOUSE FOR FORMAL WEAR, NAVY BLUE OR DARK PANTS.
 - 3) TIES – FOR BOTH UNIFORMS SHALL BE KENTUCKY COLONEL TIE – GOLD FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS (WITH APPROPRIATE LETTERING OF OFFICE) RED FOR STATE OFFICERS (WITH APPROPRIATE LETTERING OF OFFICE) LIGHT BLUE FOR LOCAL SAD SACK MEMBERS (WITH APPROPRIATE LETTERING OF OFFICE)
- D) ANY SAD SACK GUILTY OF VIOLATING PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DISCIPLINED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE NATIONAL SQUIRE SADDEST SAD SACK

SECTION 8.

- A) THE NATIONAL COLORS OF SAD SACKS SHALL CONSIST OF THE NATIONAL FLAG AS PRESCRIBED FOR AMVETS POSTS AND A STANDARD WITH THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS: FLAG OF SILK OR RAYON MATERIAL WITH THE SAD SACK CREST DISPLAYED ON BOTH SIDES IN FULL COLOR, THE WORDS SAD SACKS ACROSS THE TOP ABOVE THE CREST AND THE WORD AMVETS BETWEEN THE FEET OF THE TWO (2) ANIMALS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CREST, AND ACROSS THE BOTTOM OF THE STANDARD SHALL BE THE WORDS NATIONAL SAD SACK.
- B) THE STATE DEPARTMENT STANDARD SHALL HAVE THE SAME SPECIFICATIONS AS THE NATIONAL STANDARD BUT SHALL HAVE THE NAME OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT ACROSS THE BOTTOM IN PLACE OF THE WORDS NATIONAL SAD SACKS.
- C) THE LOCAL SACK UNIT STANDARDS SHALL HAVE THE SAME SPECIFICATIONS WITH THE WORD SACK TO THE LEFT OF THE CREST AND THE UNIT NUMBER TO THE RIGHT OF THE CREST, ACROSS THE BOTTOM SHALL BE THE SACK NAME, CITY, AND STATE.

ARTICLE XII – UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA (CONTINUED)

D) THE COLORS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) NATIONAL SAD SACK COLORS – IVORY BACKGROUND, WITH GOLD FRINGE AND GOLD LETTERING.
- 2) STATE DEPARTMENT COLORS - OLD IVORY, WITH BRIGHT RED FRINGE AND BRIGHT RED LETTERING
- 3) LOCAL SACK UNITS COLORS – ECRU, WITH BROWN FRINGE AND BLUE LETTERING

SECTION 9.

ONLY SAD SACKS IN GOOD STANDING SHALL BE PERMITTED TO WEAR THE SAD SACK UNIFORM AND/OR SAD SACK INSIGNIA, IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LOCAL SACK UNIT TO ENFORCE THESE PROVISIONS.

ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS

THIS CONSTITUTION MAY BE AMENDED AT THE NATIONAL SAD SACK SCRIMMAGE BY THE MAJORITY OF VOTES OF THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED SAD SACK DELIGATES PRESENT, PROVIDED THE AMENDMENTS HAVE BEE SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY MAIL AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE NATIONAL SAD SACK SCRIMMAGE.

THIS CONSTITUTION MAY HOWEVER, BE AMENDED AT ANY NATIONAL SAD SACK SCRIMMAGE WITHOUT NOTICE BY 2/3 VOTE OF THE DELEGATES PRESENT AT THE NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE.

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ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.

THE WORD SACK WHEREVER IT SHALL APPEAR IN THE BY-LAWS, UNLESS OTHERWISE DESCRIBED SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS REFERENCE TO THE NATIONAL SACK, STATE SACK AND LOCAL SACK.

SECTION 2.

THE WORD HE, WHEREVER IT SHALL APPEAR IN EITHER THE CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL, STATE OR LOCAL SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS REFERRING TO BOTH SEXES.

SECTION 3.

SACK USED INSTEAD OF POST

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.

THERE SHALL BE ONE TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP, TO WIT ACTIVE, EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1. OF THE CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 2.

ANY SAD SACK WHO'S DUES BECOME DELIQUENT IN THE AMVETS SHALL BE SUSPENDED FROM SAD SACK MEMBERSHIP UNTIL HE IS IN GOOD STANDING IN THE AMVETS AND SAD SACKS.

SECTION 3.

ANY SAD SACK WHO HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FROM AMVETS SHALL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FROM SAD SACKS, TO AGAIN BECOME A MEMBER OF SAD SACKS; THE EXPELLED MEMBER MUST AGAIN QUALIFY UNDER ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2. OF THE CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 4.

MEMBERSHIP IN SAD SACKS IS MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL SAD SACKS BY AFFILIATION WITH THE LOCAL AND STATE SACKS.

SECTION 5.

A MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN A SACK IN GOOD STANDING FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR AND WHO IS A LIFE MEMBER OF AMVETS MAY OBTAIN A LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN SAD SACKS.

ARTICLE III – SCRIMMAGES

SECTION 1.

THE STATED SCRIMMAGE OF THE NATIONAL SAD SACKS SHALL BE HELD AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR IN THE SAME CITY AS THE HELD AT LEAST TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF AMVETS.

ARTICLE III – SCRIMMAGES (CONTINUED)

SECTION 2.

THE STATED SCRIMMAGE OF THE STATE SAD SACKS SHALL BE HELD AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR IN THE SAME CITY AS THE STATE CONVENTION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AMVETS.

SECTION 3.

EACH LOCAL SACK SHALL HOLD A STATED SCRIMMAGE AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH.

SECTION 4.

A MEETING OF ALL SAD SACKS SHALL BE TERMED AS A SCRIMMAGE, PRECEDED BY THE WORD LOCAL, STATE OR NATIONAL AS THE CASE MAY BE.

SECTION 5.

TO GAIN RECOGNITION AT ANY SCRIMMAGE, AUDIABLE SIGNS SHALL BE USED ALONG WITH THE LEFT HAND.

ARTICLE IV - CHAPTERS

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER FOR THE SACK SHALL BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR, AFTER HAVING BEEN PROCESSED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SAD SACKS WHERE A STATE DEPARTMENT EXISTS, ON AN APPLICATION, FOR CHARTER FORM TO BE FURNISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$6.01 FOR EACH MEMBER – OR - \$6.51 PER MEMBER WHERE NO STATE DEPARTMENT EXISTS – WHOSE NAME OF THE NEW SACK UNIT AND ITS LOCATION, NUMBER MAY BE REQUESTED, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

SECTION 1.

SAME AS A QUOTED IN THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION 2.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, ALL SAD SACKS IN GOOD STANDING SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY OFFICE IN THE SACK. HOWEVER, A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL SADDEST MUST HAVE HELD A NATIONAL ELECTED SAD SACK OFFICE.

SECTION 3.

ALL OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION 4.

A STANDING CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE SADDEST AND WILL SERVE UNTIL SHE/HE RESIGNS AND/OR ANOTHER CREDENTIAL CHAIRMAN IS APPOINTED

SECTION 5.

ALL VOTING SHALL BE BY SECRET BALLOT

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1.

NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK

AT ALL SCRIMMAGES OF THE SACK, THE N.S.S.S. SHALL BE EXECUTIVE HEAD OF THE SACK NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, AND WILL OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SCRIMMAGE, HE SHALL APPOINT ALL NECESSARY COMMITTEES AND SHALL PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS ARE USUALLY INCIDENT THEREOF.

SECTION 2.

NATIONAL ALMOST & ALMOST NOT QUITE SADDEST SAD SACKS

THEY SHALL ACT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL S.S.S. ON ALL MATTERS REFERRED TO THEM BY HIM AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO THEM FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE NATIONAL S.S.S.

SECTION 3.

NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR (COMBINED DUTIES OF FEATHERS AND MONEY BAGS)

SHALL KEEP MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS, BE CUSTODIAN OF ALL BOOKS AND RECORDS, CONDUCT CORRESPONDENCE AS DIRECTED BY THE NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK AND DO SUCH OTHER THINGS AS USUALLY PERTAIN TO THE OFFICE OF THE FEATHERS S.S.S INCLUDING KEEPING BOOKS OR FILES PROPERLY AS FOLLOWS:

- A) THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL SAD SACKS
- B) IN PROPER FILE, THE APPLICATION OF EACH CHARTER
- C) A RECORD OF ALL PROCEEDINGS OF EACH MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SAD SACK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AFTER IT HAS BEEN CORRECTED IN ADDITION , APPROVED
- D) A FILE IN, WHICH SHALL BE KEPT ALL CARDS AND CIRCULAR EXECUTED BY NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK
- E) A FILE OF ALL SACKS SHOWING DATES SAD SACK CHARTERS WERE GRANTED AND DATES OF ACCEPTANCE OF EACH SACK
- F) A LETTER FILE
- G) A ROLL CALL OF ALL DEPARTED SACKS
- H) A RECORD OF ALL SACKS WHO HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED
- I) NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR SHALL CARRY OUT ALL DUTIES USUALLY ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF MONEY BAGS, WHICH INCLUDES THE COLLECTION OF ALL FUNDS DUE THE NATIONAL SACK AND MAKE SUCH DISBURSEMENTS AS DIRECTED BY THE NATIONAL SAD SACK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HE SHALL DEPOSIT ALL SUCH FUNDS IN A BANK DETERMINED BY THE MOTION OF THE NATIONAL SAD SACK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND SHALL ONLY MAKE DISBURSEMENTS OF THE SAME BY CHECK DULY SIGNED BY HIMSELF THE NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK OR THE NATIONAL ALMOST SADDEST SAD SACK. ALL CHECKS FOR EXPENDITURES OF THE NATIONAL SAD SACK SHALL BE NUMBERED IN SEQUENCE, THE NUMBER OF THE CHECK TO CORRESPOND WITH THE VOUCHER AUTHORIZING IT.
- J) BEFORE ENTERING UPON HIS DUTIES, HE SHALL GIVE GOOD AND SUFFICIENT BOND ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF THE OFFICER (CONTINUED)

SECTION 4.

NATIONAL ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR
SHALL CARRY OUT DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL GRABBIEST SADDEST SAD SACK
(QUARTERMASTER). HE SHALL BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL SAD SACK MATERIAL AND
ALL MONIES SHALL BE TURNED OVER TO THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR.
AND SHALL PREFORM SUCH DUTIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO HIM FROM TIME TO TIME
BY THE NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK. IN CASE OF A EMERGENCT, HE SHALL ACT AS
NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

SECTION 5.

NATIONAL SQUIRE SADDEST SAD SACK
ACT AS PARLIAMENTARIAN AND LEGAL ADVISOR OF THE NATIONAL SACK, AND SHALL
PREFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES USUALLY INCIDENT TO THE OFFICE AS DIRECTED BY THE
NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK.

SECTION 6.

NATIONAL HOOSEGOW SADDEST SAD SACK
SHALL MAINTAIN ORDER AT ALL SCRIMMAGES AND SHALL PREFORM ALL DUTIES THAT
ORDINARILY PERTAIN TO THE NATIONAL HOOSEGOW AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE
NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK.

- A) THE NATIONAL HOOSEGOW SHALL BE THE KEEPER OF THE COLORS AND
SHALL HAVE THEM PRESENT AT THE NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE.

SECTION 7.

NATIONAL SOLEMNEST SADDEST SAD SACK
SHALL PREFORM CHAPLIAN DUTIES AS DIRECTED BY THE NATIONAL SADDEST SAD
SACK.

SECTION 8.

NATIONAL NOSEYEST SADDEST SAD SACK
SHALL KEEP ALL THE PUBLIC INFORMED OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL SACK
AND SUCH DUTIES AS DIRECTED BY THE NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK.

SECTION 9.

NATIONAL WORM SADDEST SAD SACK
SHALL KEEP ALL RECORDS OF HISTORICAL VALUE AND INTEREST FOR THE NATINAL
SACK AND SUCH DUTIES AS DIRECTED BY THE NATIONAL SAD SACK.

SECTION 10.

NATIONAL CUT-UP SADDEST SAD SACK
SHALL PREFORM THE DUTIES AS DIRECTED TO HIM BY THE NATIONAL SADDEST SAD
SACK.

SECTION 11.

NATIONAL WAILER/CRYING – JAG SADDEST SAD SACK
SHALL PREFORM THE DUTIES AS DIRECTED TO HIM BY THE NATIONAL SADDEST SAD
SACK.

SECTION 12.

NATIONAL EXTRA BAGS SADDEST SAD SACK
SHALL PREFORM THE DUTIES SIMILAR TO THOSE ASSIGNED TO THE AMVETS NATIONAL
DISTRICT COMMANDERS.

ARTICLE VII – NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1.

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL BE CONSTITUTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VII OF THE CINSTITUTION

SECTION 2.

THE NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACK SHALL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) FINANCE
- B) MEMBERSHIP
- C) SCHOLARSHIP
- D) LIAISON
- E) LEGISLATIVE
- F) SCRIMMAGE
- G) MISCELLANEOUS
- H) CONVENTION

SECTION 3.

AT THE EXPRIATION OF THEIR TERM OF OFFICE, ALL NATIONAL SADDEST SAD SACKS SHALL BECOME PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND WILL THEREAFTER BE DESIGNATED AS SADDER SAD SACKS.

SECTION 4.

THE NATIONAL SAD SACKS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE AMVET NATIONAL SAD SACK POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

SECTION 5.

ALL QUESTIONS AFFECTING THE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OFFICE AND CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL SAD SACK OFFICERS SHALL BE REFERED TO AND DETERMINED BY NATIONAL SAD SACK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 6.

THE NATIONAL SAD SACK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL PREFORM SUCH DUTIES AS ARE INCIDENT TO THE STATED COMMITTEE OFFICE.

ARTICLE VIII – DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1.

EACH SACK UNIT OF SAD SACKS SHALL BE JUDGED OF ITS OWN MEMBERSHIP SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL SACK AND STATES, WHERE APPLICABLE.

SECTION 2.

MEMBERS MAY BE SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED UPON SHOWING OF CAUSE, CHARGES SHALL BE BASED UPON DISLOYALTY, NEGLECT OF DUTY, DISHONESTY, OR CONDUCT UNBECOMING A SAD SACK. SUCH MEMBERS SHALL NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE AT HEARINGS; MEMBERS SHALL BE NOTIFIED AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE HEARING.

SECTION 3.

ANY NATIONAL OFFICER WHO HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED HAS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION SCRIMMAGE, THEIR DECISION SHALL BE FINAL.

ARTICLE VIII – DISCIPLINE (CONTINUED)

SECTION 4.

ANY SAD SACK WHO HAS BEE SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED HAS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION SCRIMMAGE.

- A) A SACK SUSPENDED, UPON REINSTATEMENT, SHALL BE GOVERNED BY PUNISHMENT SET FORTH BY THE LOCAL SACK.
- B) ANY SACK WHO HAS BEEN EXPELLED BY A LOCAL SACK SHALL BEGIN AGAIN UPON INITIATION, AS A YARDBIRD AND BE REINSTATED AS PRESCRIBED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- C) ANY SACK WHO MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FOR FAILURE TO PAY DUES, MAY BE REINSTATED INTO MEMBERSHIP UPON PAYMENT OF DUES, USING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ORIGINAL MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 5.

LOCAL SACKS SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY STATE AND NATIONAL SAD SACKS OF THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED.

ARTICLE IX – CONTRACTS

NO OFFICER OR MEMBER SHALL BE PERMITTED TO MAKE CONTRACTD BINDING THE NATIONAL SAD SACKS WITHOUT FIRST HAVING THE CONTRACT RATIFIED BY THE NATIONAL SAD SACK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. NO CONTRACT SHALL BE INCURRED BY THE NATIONAL SAD SACK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH EXTENDS BEYOND OR CANNOT BE COMPLETED DURING THEIR TERM OF OFFICE.

ARTICLE XI – DUES

THE ANNUAL DUES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE XI – UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA

SECTION 1.

THE UNIFORM SHALL BE A SACK WITH HEAD AND ARMHOLES CUT IN AND THE WORDS “SAD AMVETS” PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED THEREON.

SECTION 2.

THE SAD SACK CAP WILL BE AN OLD-FASHIONED NIGHTCAP OR ANY TYPE OF HAT OR CAP ADOPTED BY THE LOCAL SACK UNIT.

SECTION 3.

THE SAD SACK KEY SHALL BE IN THE SHAPE OF A SACK, WITH A SAD SACK CREST ON THE FRONT, PLAIN BACK, ONE AND ONE HALF (1 ½”) INCHES LONG, FIVE EIGHTS (5/8”) INCH WIDE, GOLD COLOR.

SECTION 4.

THE SAD SACK JACKET SHALL BE ANY COLOR, WITH SAD SACK CREST ON THE BACK.

SECTION 5.

THE SAD SACK, OVERSEAS CAP SHALL CONFORM TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE X1 - UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA (CONTINUED)

SECTION 6.

THE SACK AND NIGHTCAP OR OTHER TYPE OF HAT OR CAP ADOPTED SHALL BE WORN ONLY AS PRESCRIBED.

SECTION 7.

THE COLORS FOR NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL SACKS WILL CONFORM TO THE SPECIFICATIONS OUTLINED IN THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE XII – AWARDS

SECTION 1.

THE NATIONAL SADDEST MAY AWARD AS MANY CERTIFICATED AS HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

SECTION 2.

EACH LOCAL SACK OR STATE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD AT ANY TIME CERTIFICATES OF MERIT UPON APPLICATION THEREOF TO THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT AND THE PAYMENT OF \$1.01 FOR EACH OF THE CERTIFICATES.

SECTION 3.

ACH LOCAL SACK OR STATE DEPARTMENT MAY RECOMMEND TO THE NATIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE THAT CERTIFICATES OF MERIT BE AWARDED TI INDIVIDUALS AT THE NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE, NO CHARGE IS MADE FOR THE CERTIFICATES.

SECTION 4.

THE NATIONAL “SACK OF THE YEAR AWARD” SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS THE “ARTHUR R. GOGUEN SACK OF THE YEAR AWARD”AN APPROPRIATE PLAQUE SHALL BE PRESENTED.

- A) THE CAP FABERT CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT TO BE AWARDED TO FIVE (5) RUNNERS-UP.

ARTICLE X111 – AMENDMENTS

THIS BY-LAYS MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY NATIONAL SAD SACK SCRIMMAGE BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED NATIONAL SAD SACK DELEGATES. PRESENT PROVIDED THE AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY MAIL AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE. THESE BY-LAWS MAY HOWEVER BE AMENDED AT ANY NATIONAL SAD SACK SCRIMMAGE WITHOUT NOTICE BY A 2/3’S VOTE OF THE REGISTERED DELEGATES PRESENT AT THE NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE.

THIS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS CONTAINS ALL AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL SCRIMMAGE AS OF 8/12/85, 8/14/88, 8/12/91, 8/23/92, 10/24/92, 8/1/93, 8/14/94, 3/25/00, AND 8/12/02.

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| BERNIE PAUL, AMVET NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE | 8/14/2002 |

AMVETS NATIONAL SAD SACKS

SECTION 1. EXPENSE OF OFFICERS

- A) SADDEST : THE SADDEST WILL BE PAID FOR EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED (\$3500.00 8/01/01 DALLAS TX)IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE

- B) ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR: THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR SHALL RECEIVE (\$3500.00 8/1/01 DALLAS TX.) FOR EXPENSES INCLUDING TRAVEL TO FALL N.E.S., SPRING N.E.S. AND NATIONAL CONVENTION. THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ALSO RECEIVE \$75.00 PER MONTH FOR UTILITIES, TELEPHONE, AND USAGE OF SPACE IN HIS HOME, (INCREASED LOUISVILLE, KY. DUE TO INCREASE OF UTILITIES), (ALL COPING NOW DONE IN HOUSE,) TELEPHONE CHARGES

- C) ANY OFFICER TRAVELING AT THE REQUEST OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SHALL HAVE HIS OR HER EXPENSES PAID OVER AND ABOVE THE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE ALREADY MENTIONED

SECTION 2. TRAVEL ALLOWANCES

AIRFARE WILL BE PAID FOR AT THE LEASE EXPENSIVE RATE. TRAVEL SHOULD BE BOOKED EARLY ENOUGH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHEAPER RATES. WHEN TRAVELING BY CAR RATE OF \$.37 (2002) PER MILE WILL BE ALLOWED IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRS GUIDELINES.

SECTION 3. PETTY CASH FUND

THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR SHALL MAINTAIN A PETTY CASH FUND OF \$100.00. ANY ITEMS UNDER \$20.00 SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM THIS FUND. AND A PETTY CASH LOG SHALL BE MAINTAINED WITH APPROPRIATE RECEIPTS ATTACHED. WHEN FUNDS FALL BELOW \$20.00 THE EXISTING PETTY CASH LOG WILL BE BALANCED AND PROPERLY FILED AWAY IN THE NATIONAL SAD SACKS FINANCIAL RECORDS. A CHECK WILL BE WRITTEN TO BRING THE FUND UP TO \$100.00 AND A NEW PETTY CASH LOG STARTED.

SECTION 4. OFFICE SUPPLIES

OFFICE SUPPLIES WILL INCLUDE CONTRACTS FOR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS ON ALL EQUIPMENT, TELEPHONE BILLS, POSTAGE AND OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES. AT NO TIME WILL THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR EXPEND FUNDS FROM HIS OR HER OWN POCKET ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE MAXIMUM THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR IS ALLOWED TO SPEND IS \$1500.00 APPROVAL MUST BE RECEIVED FROM THE N.E.S. IF THE EXPENDITURES EXCEED \$1500.00

SECTION 5. QUARTERMASTER

WE WILL PURCHASE ONLY WHAT IS NEEDED BY THE QUARTERMASTER. NO NEW ITEMS WILL BE PURCHASED WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF N.E.S.

SECTION 6. VOUCHERS

VOUCHERS WILL BE ISSUED TO OBTAIN FUNDS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR. IF A LETTER IS WRITTEN THIS LETTER SHALL BE ATTACHED TO THE PROPERTY FILLED OUT VOUCHER INCLUDING THE CHECK NUMBER WHEN THE FUNDS ARE EXPENDED. THE RECEIPTS WILL BE SENT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR AND ANY UNUSED FUNDS RETURNED. VOUCHERS WILL BE USED FOR ALL EXPENSES INCLUDING CHECKS TO REPLENISH PETTY CASH FUNDS.

SECTION 7.

MAX. FINE THAT CAN BE ASSESSED BY THE SADDERS RAISED TO \$1.01 (ORLANDO, FL 2001 CONVENTION)

