

“DRAFT REVISED” CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

JIM KING POST 107, SODDY DAISY, TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE

(as of June 2022)

Preamble

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purpose: to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principals of justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

ARTICLE I-NAME

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be Jim King Post 107, The American Legion, Department of Tennessee.

ARTICLE II-OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objectives and purposes of this post shall be to promote the principles and policies as set forth in the foregoing Preamble and the National and Departmental Constitution of The American Legion.

ARTICLE III-NATURE

Section 1. This post is a civilian organization and membership therein does not affect or increase liability for military or police service.

Section 2. The organization shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking office or preferment.

Section 3. Rank does not exist in the American Legion; no member shall be addressed by his or her military or naval title in any meeting of this post.

ARTICE IV-MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility for membership in this post shall be as prescribed by the National Constitution of The American Legion.

Section 2. Application for membership shall be made in writing under such regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the Post Executive Committee.

Section 3. All applications for membership shall be acted upon at the next Post meeting following the making of such application, and shall at such meeting, with the consensus of the members present, be accepted, rejected or referred for further investigation and consideration.

Section 4. A member who has been expelled or suspended from this post for any cause may be reinstated to membership by a two-thirds vote of the membership present in post meeting, and the payment of current dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs.

Section 5. Membership year is by calendar year (01 January through 31 December).

#### ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1. The administrative affairs of this Post shall, as may be otherwise provided by the by-laws, be under the supervision of an executive committee which shall consist of the officers of the Post plus the immediate past commander/s; plus (1), the term of office of members of the executive committee shall be for one year (01 July through 30 June). This Post, by its By-Laws, may provide for such other standing committees as the business of the organization may require.

Section 2. The officers of this Post shall be a Commander, a First Vice Commander, a Second Vice Commander, an Adjutant, a Finance Officer, a Post Chaplain, a Post Service Officer, a Post Historian, and a Post Sergeant-At-Arms, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary by the organization, who shall be nominated by the nominating committee and from the floor at the meeting of the annual election.

Section 3. All officers and executive committeemen shall be elected annually and they shall hold office until their successors are duly installed or as otherwise provided. Any officer or executive committee member may be removed for inefficiency by the executive committee, a two-thirds vote of said committee being necessary to affect such removal.

Section 4. Every member of this Post in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in this Post.

Section 5. The duties of officers and the executive committee members shall be those usually appertaining to such officers or committee members and as further provided in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICE VI-FINANCE

Section 1. The revenue of this post shall be derived from membership or initiation fees, from annual membership dues and such sources as may be approved by the Post Executive Committee.

Section 2. The amount of such membership or initiation fees and the amount of such annual dues shall be fixed and determined by this post.

Section 3. The post shall pay to the Department Headquarters the National and Departmental annual membership dues for every paid member of the post.

#### ARTICLE VII-AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution is adopted subject to the provisions of the National Constitution of the American Legion and the Department Constitution of the Department of Tennessee, the American Legion, any amendment to said National Constitution or Departmental Constitution which is in conflict with any provision hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provision of this constitution to the extent of such conflict.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended at any regular Post meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members of said Post attending such regular meeting, providing that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the next preceding regular meeting of said Post, and providing, further, that notice shall have been given to all members at least 15 days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that at such meeting a proposal to amend the Constitution is to be voted upon.