WHEREAS, in order to increase member involvement in AMVETS legislative activities, it is necessary to have the full and public support of our National, District and Department leaders; and

WHEREAS, without this visible commitment of our AMVETS leadership setting the example of active participation in the legislative process, engaging the balance of the members will yield only minimal results; and

WHEREAS, the long-range plan, as approved by the NEC in March 2015, recommended the creation of the position of National 3rd Vice which would focus on legislative interests and activities; and

WHEREAS, the AMVETS legislative program is a major component of the overall success of the organization and along with Programs and Membership, is one of the main areas of focus at AMVETS;

WHEREAS, in order to have the most well rounded, best informed and finest spoken National Commander for AMVETS, it is important that the individual have direct experience in each of the areas of organizational focus, Membership, Programs & Legislative; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the AMVETS National Constitution Article VI, Section 1(a) be amended to read: The national convention shall elect a National Commander, a National First Vice Commander, a National Second Vice Commander, a National Third Vice Commander, a National Finance Officer, a National Provost Marshal and a National Judge Advocate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the AMVETS National Constitution Article IV, Section 7 be amended to read: In the event of a vacancy in the office of the national second vice commander, national third vice commander, national provost marshal or national judge advocate, regardless of the reason for such vacancy, except as set forth in Article VI, Section 6, the national commander shall appoint an AMVET to fill the vacant office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the AMVETS National Constitution Article VII, Section 1, be amended to read: The administrative power between national conventions shall be vested in the National Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the national commander, past national commanders, the national first vice commander and, the national second vice commander and the national third vice commander, all other elected national officers and the national executive

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committeeman from each organized department complying with all of the requirements of this constitution and bylaws; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the AMVETS National Constitution Article XI, Section 2(a) be amended to read: The National Finance Committee shall consist of the nine **ten** voting members; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the AMVETS National Constitution Article XI, Section 2(a) be further amended as follows: by adding a new Sub-Section (9) which would read: The National Third Vice Commander; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that elections for the position of National 3rd Vice Commander will take place at the 2016 national convention.

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