

VFW REGULATIONS FOR INDIANA TO BE POSTED IN CLUB ROOM

Organization & By Laws

1. The operation, management and control of Clubs and/or canteens were not envisioned in the purposes of our organization as described in Article 1 of our Constitution and Ritual and Congressional Charter. The first and foremost consideration of a Post shall be the objects of the VFW. The VFW Clubs and/or canteens shall be of secondary interest and concern and compatible with our purposes.
2. Wherever the word "Club" is used in these regulations it shall be taken to include and mean every VFW founded or operated social room or rooms for the enjoyment and recreation of VFW members and our Auxiliary within the State of Indiana.
3. These regulations shall apply to the operation of every VFW Club, whether the same is incorporated as a separate corporation from the parent Post which founded such Club, or not, and regardless of whether the Club bears the same name or is located upon the same premises as the parent Post or not.
4. A VFW Club is a subordinate unit of the parent Post and shall be operated solely for the benefit of the Post membership and Auxiliary.
5. After approval of any Club By-Laws or amendments, there to, a copy here of shall be furnished each Post Commander, Post Quartermaster, and a copy shall be posted on all Club bulletin boards. Copies of By-Laws will be available online.
6. Indiana excise governs all legalities pertaining to the licenses, also the inspection process checks all permits and licenses.

Use of Facilities

1. Only Post members of the VFW and Auxiliary member, in good standing, may be members of the Post Club and **No guest members or honorary membership of any kind shall be allowed.**
2. Only VFW Post members and auxiliary members, in good standing, who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older may purchase alcoholic beverages in a club.
3. A House Committee shall be elected by the Post membership to act as a board of management for the business affairs of the Club. This House Committee shall consist of three (3) members, one of which shall be elected each year for a three (3) year period. No members of the House Committee shall succeed to membership on such committee automatically by virtue of election to any Post Office. Post Trustees shall

- not be elected to the House Committee. The House Committee shall elect a Chairman yearly. All members of the House Committee shall be elected and not appointed. A House Committee member, who resigns or is removed from office, will be replaced by the election of a new member to fill the vacant position. The other two (2) members will remain in their present year of offices.
4. The House Committee consists of three (3) elected officers, they are not line officers. Their duties consists of: the day-to-day operation of the Post/Canteen, the hiring, dismissal, pay increases of employees. Pay increases should be approved by the Commander, Quartermaster, and membership. The House Committee works with Quartermaster on monthly reports and present reports to membership at monthly meetings. They will also handle any disciplinary actions according to National By-Laws.
 5. The House Committee may suspend Club privileges of any Post member, Auxiliary member, or guest who are guilty of any misconduct on Club premises, for whatever period of time they shall determine proper, by presenting him/her with written notice. Final decision shall be made by a majority vote of the members present at the next regular or special meeting, after suspended member has received such notice in accordance with National Constitution and By-Laws Article IX Section 901 second paragraph.
 6. The bartender/manager on duty can bar an individual that day/night of infraction; the incident report shall be sent immediately to the House Committee for further action. The House Committee must follow National By-Laws when taking any disciplinary action. The membership can overrule any action taken by the House Committee at a regular or special meeting. The Commander is a member of the House Committee by virtue of his position. He is a Supervisor and Advisor; decisions pertaining to canteen should be made by three (3) House Committee members. The Quartermaster is a voting member of the House Committee by virtue of his office. All financial records and post records are under his/her control. Any matters regarding Post funds and assets are under his/her control, tax issues included.
 7. One (1) House Committee member can't make decisions on their own; all members of the House Committee to be included. They should be replaced if they're not doing their job or attending meetings. The Commander has the overall responsibility of Post operations and functions. He can make decisions in the best interest of the Post, but can be overruled by the membership with a simple majority vote.
 8. The Post membership may overrule or abrogate any action of the House Committee by a majority vote at regular or duly called special meeting. Any House Committee member may be removed from office in the event he/she has committed an offense specified in Article IX, Section 902 Procedural guide for disciplinary action of the National Constitution and By-Laws. Determination that the House Committee member has committed such offense, in Article IX Section 902, shall be by majority vote of the membership present at a regular or duly called meeting to remove a

House Committee member. This action may only be taken after the accused has been given seven (7) days written notice.

9. Any Line Officer may attend a House Committee meeting. All records shall be made available to Post members in good standing.
10. The House Committee shall have the authority to employ such personnel as shall be necessary to properly operate the Club, including Club Manager, and may discharge personnel at their discretion. Priority on employment should be given to Post members in good standing, if qualified.

Duties of the House Committee

1. The Club Manager and members of the House Committee shall be held responsible by the Post Commander and the Post floor to know and strictly enforce at all times the By-Laws of the Club, Indiana Department Rules and Regulations, the Indiana Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Amendments thereto, and the Indiana Charitable Gaming Commission Regulations.
2. The Club Manager shall be discharged for violating, or permitting the violation, of any of these State Regulations, Club By-Laws, State Laws or City Ordinances upon the Club premises, and if the House Committee fails to remove such Club Manager, the Post may discharge both Club Manager and all members of the House Committee who refuse to act, under procedures provided in regulation number 8 above.
3. Any member of the House Committee may be discharged, for any infraction of these rules and regulations, Post By-Laws or National By-Laws and a new member elected to replace him/her at any time, under the same voting procedures provided by regulation number 8 above.
4. The House Committee shall keep an approved set of records which shall be open to inspection by members in good standing of the Post at all reasonable times.
5. The House Committee shall keep continuous inventory of all Club supplies and report made to the Post monthly. Failure to do so is just cause for removal from the House Committee. The House Committee shall keep a complete set of records, clearly showing all receipts and expenditures of all Club supplies and monies of the Club. A report shall be made to the Post Finance Officer.
6. All income and profits from the Club shall be deposited in the name and number of the Club or Post and in no other name.
7. The House Committee and Club Manager shall turn over to the Post Quartermaster upon receipt, at least monthly, all net and property acquired by the Club over and above operating costs.

8. The Post Quartermaster shall act as the treasurer of the House Committee. The Commander will be a voting member of the House Committee as well as Quartermaster.
9. All Club books and records shall be audited by the Post Trustees quarterly, at the same time they audit the books and records of the Post Quartermaster and Adjutant. Proper forms of this audit will be provided.
10. Each Post Commander shall be directly responsible to the State Commander for the strict enforcement of these Regulations and State Special Orders amendatory thereto, and the Club By-Laws, so long as his/her Post shall be permitted to maintain a club.
11. After any amendments to these Club Rules and Regulations, they must be retyped and dated to change the copy available online.
12. These regulations may be amended by majority vote of delegates present at any business meeting of the State Convention.

*****Written notice of suspension forms are available at State Headquarters.

(The foregoing VFW Club Regulations were regularly passed and adopted as part of the State By-Laws at the 26th Annual Convention of the VFW, State of Indiana, held at Evansville, Indiana June 19-22, 1947 and amended at the 28th Annual Convention of the State Indiana VFW at Indianapolis, Indiana June 23-26, 1949; the 33rd Annual Convention of the State of Indiana VFW at Indianapolis, Indiana June 16-19th, 1955; at the 40th Annual Convention of the State of Indiana VFW at Fort Wayne, Indiana June 15th-18th, 1961; and at the 42nd Annual Convention of the State of Indiana VFW at Indianapolis, Indiana June 20th-23rd 1963; at the 47th Annual Convention of the State of Indiana VFW at Terre Haute, Indiana June 13th-16th, 1968; at the 51st Annual Convention of the State of Indiana VFW at Indianapolis, Indiana June 15th-18th, 1972; at the 55th Annual Convention of the State of Indiana VFW at Evansville, Indiana June 17th-20th, 1976; at the 56th Annual Convention of the State of Indiana VFW at Indianapolis, Indiana June 23rd-26th, 1977; at the 57th Annual Convention of the State of Indiana VFW at Indianapolis, Indiana June 15th-18th, 1978; at the 70th Annual Convention of the State of Indiana VFW at Indianapolis, Indiana June 13th-16th, 1991; at the 78th Annual Convention of the State of Indiana VFW at Indianapolis, Indiana June 17th-20th, 1999; at the 88th Annual Convention of the State of Indiana VFW at Indianapolis, Indiana June 18th-21st, 2009; at the 97th Annual Convention of the State of Indiana VFW at Indianapolis, Indiana June 2nd, 2018.)