

THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS, INC.
MOWW - MOWW-REGION XIII
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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the organization shall be “**MOWW – Region XIII**”

ARTICLE II

Membership

Sec.1. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in the “**MOWW Constitution ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP (pages 5 & 6)**” and “**CHAPTER 1 | TENETS, GOALS & OBJECTIVES, Section C About MOWW, Paragraph 1 (page 6) and Section E Operating Guidelines Membership & Involvement, Paragraph 1, 2, 3 (page 9)**” of the MOWW Policy Manual; All members in good standing of the MOWW within the geographical area designated as MOWW – Region XIII shall be considered members of the same.

ARTICLE III

Organization and Purpose

Sec.1. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in the “**MOWW Constitution ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION (page 7)**” “**MOWW Bylaws ARTICLE 5 REGION AND DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION (page 13)**” and “**CHAPTER 1 | TENETS, GOALS & OBJECTIVES, Section C About MOWW, Paragraph 3 & 4 (page 7)**” of the MOWW Policy Manual; MOWW- Region XIII, shall comply with stated MOWW policy guidelines and will be organized into Departments, States[[Why States?](#)], Chapters and/or Cadre sub-element operations of the MOWW.

Sec.2. In accordance with the “**MOWW Constitution ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION, Section 1 A. (page 7)**”; Chapters must have a minimum of 10 living members to comply with MOWW operational guidelines. A recruiting Cadre may be established with 5 members or more.

Sec.3. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in “**CHAPTER 1 | TENETS, GOALS & OBJECTIVES, Section D “Operating Guidelines”, Paragraph 2 (page 7)**” of the MOWW Policy Manual; “*2. MOWW Constitution and Bylaws. The MOWW Constitution and the MOWW Bylaws are the supreme law of the Order, and amendments to them are made as prescribed therein. In no case may region, department or chapter bylaws, policy or decisions contravene the MOWW Constitution, the MOWW Bylaws or the MOWW Policy Manual.*”

Sec.4. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in “**CHAPTER 1 | TENETS, GOALS & OBJECTIVES, Section D “Operating Guidelines”, Paragraph 3 (page 8)**” “*3. Regions, departments, and chapters will not have a constitution since all MOWW sub-elements operate in compliance with the MOWW Constitution. The organization of region bylaws (which also addresses departments) or chapter bylaws, if established, should correspond to the organization of the MOWW Bylaws. Departments and chapters are part of the region team and so will operate under the operational leadership of their respective region commander. Departments serve on behalf of regions over their respective area of responsibility and chapters operate at the local community level.*” All Region, Department and Chapter operations will reference and abide by

MOWW “Operating Guidelines” at all times.

Sec.5. In accordance with the **“MOWW Constitution; ARTICLE PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS. (page 3)”**; The purpose of MOWW – Region XIII shall be to assist established Departments, States, Chapters and Cadres located within the Region’s geographical area in promoting the nine tenets of the *MOWW Preamble* and the Directives, and to encourage the formation of new Chapters and increase membership in the Order.

ARTICLE IV

Region Convention

Sec.1. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in the **“MOWW Constitution; ARTICLE IV NATIONAL CONVENTION; (page 8 as applicable)” “MOWW Bylaws; ARTICLE 7 ORDER OF BUSINESS (pages 16 & 17 as applicable)” and “CHAPTER 4 | REGION LEADERSHIP & TEAM-BUILDING; Section D. MOWW Conventions, Region Conferences & Chapter Visits (pages 30 through 32 as applicable)”** of the MOWW Policy Manual. The **Region Convention** is the legislative body of Region operations. The convention shall be held annually no earlier than September for the “Winter Convention” Multi-Business Meeting (MBM) session cycle and a second scheduled “Summer Convention” MBM no later than the fourth quarter (APR-MAY-JUN) of the MOWW Operating Year (OY).

Sec.2. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.1. a Chapter is to host the convention shall be designated by the Region Commander with the consent of the Chapter Commander. The host Chapter will be responsible for all Convention arrangements, to include date and location, with the concurrence of the Region Commander. Overall coordination and outside Region communication are the responsibility of the Region Commander.

Sec.3. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.1., the Convention shall elect and install Region Officers and conduct such other business as may be presented.

Sec.4. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.1, accredited Delegates: “Each Chapter shall be limited to two delegates-at-large, one of whom should be the Chapter Commander, and one delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof in good standing and based upon the strength reported by National Headquarters as of the end of the preceding month...” MOWW – Region XIII Convention voting procedures are a “modified process” of the stated MOWW national voting process, to read and be adhered to as follows; **Each Chapter shall be limited to one voting delegate-at-large. The Chapter Commander as the duly elected representative of the Chapter body shall represent the desired wishes of their Chapter fellow companions at all MOWW – Region XIII Convention events.**

Sec.5. Members of the National General Staff (including the Region Commander, GSO, Department and Commanders) also shall be accredited delegates for their respective Chapters but shall not count against the number of accredited delegates computed by the above formula. A quorum shall consist of mostly accredited delegates in attendance but not less than 15. A member may represent only one Chapter. A duly accredited alternate may vote in the absence of a delegate, or when one person occupies more than one delegate position (i.e., the same person is both Department and Chapter Commander.) Proxy and mail votes are not authorized. Representatives of Cadres not yet chartered, may attend the Convention, without vote.

Sec.6. Electronic online “Audio/Visual” Conference Call meeting sessions, using enhanced online technology, can be substituted for or be integrated into traditional “in-person” meeting session venues, to conduct official MOWW – Region XIII meeting business.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Sec.1. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in the **“MOWW Constitution; ARTICLE V OFFICERS (pages 9 through 11 as applicable)” “MOWW Bylaws; ARTICLE 4 DUTIES OF OFFICERS (pages 9 through 12 as applicable)” “CHAPTER 1 | TENETS, GOALS & OBJECTIVES; Section C About MOWW, Paragraph 3 & 4 (page 7)”;** **“CHAPTER 2 | GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE & IMPROVEMENT; Section C. Organizational Structure, Paragraph 1, 2, 3 (pages 13 & 14) and Section D. Supported, Supporting, Enabling & Advisory Elements, (pages 14 & 15 as applicable) and CHAPTER 4 | REGION LEADERSHIP & TEAM-BUILDING; Section A. General. (page 27), Section B. Region Commander. (pages 27 through 29)”** of the MOWW Policy Manual, the elected Region Officers shall consist of the following.

- A. Region Commander (Member National General Staff & Nominating Committee at National Convention)
- B. Senior Vice Commander
- C. Vice Commander
- D. Adjutant Officer
- E. Treasurer Officer

Sec.2. The Senior Vice Commander is designated as the Region General Staff Officer and serves as the additional member of the General Staff.

Sec.3. Region Officer selection procedure:

- A. The MOWW - MOWW-Region XIII Convention shall elect a Commander, Senior Vice Commander, a Vice Commander, an Adjutant Officer, and a Treasurer Officer, each year. The same person may hold the Adjutant and Treasurer offices. Those elected shall hold office for one year, coinciding with the fiscal year of the Region and the MOWW, or until a successor is elected and installed. All officers shall serve without compensation.
- B. Not later than 1 February of each year the Region Commander shall appoint a Nominating Committee and delegate a past MOWW – Region XIII Commander to chair the Committee, with a second past MOWW – Region XIII Commander as Vice Chair.
- C. Individual Chapter representatives shall be selected by the appropriate Chapter Commander, who will notify the Committee Chair of the designee’s identity. As direct representatives of the Region Commander, neither the Committee Chair nor the Vice Chair shall have a vote in the Committee; however, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie. The Nominating Committee shall meet during the Region Convention at a time and location designated by the Region Commander in the Convention Agendas. The Nominating Committee may nominate any of the incumbent Region officers for reelection, provided each nominee has agreed to serve, if elected. At the onset of the Committee meeting, the Chair shall poll the members for their recommendations. After announcing the poll results, the Chair shall call for a vote on each office to be filled. Those with the most votes for each position shall constitute the Committee’s slate of nominees.
- D. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall preside over the election process during the Convention. After the Chair has announced the Committee’s slate of nominees, each office to be filled shall be considered as a single entity, with nominations from the Convention floor allowed. Each nominee must have agreed to serve. If there is more than one nominee for the same office, the voting will be by secret ballot. No nominee shall be elected to an office without a plurality vote in favor of that election.

Sec.4. Other Region staff officers, that the Commander may desire, shall be appointed by the Region Commander-elect immediately after the election and prior to the installation ceremony. Appointed officers will serve the same term as those elected. An elected officer may serve concurrently in an appointed office. The Region Commander shall specify duties of appointed officers.

Sec.5. The Senior Vice Commander shall succeed to the office of Commander when it is vacated due to death, resignation, or removal from office. The Vice Commander shall succeed to the office of Senior Vice Commander should it be vacated due to death, resignation, or removal from office or ascension to the office of Commander. The EXCOM, as defined in ARTICLE VII below, shall appoint a Vice Commander to serve the unexpired term of that office should it become vacant. In the same manner the EXCOM shall appoint an Adjutant and/or Treasurer to serve the unexpired term should either/or both of those offices become vacant.

ARTICLE VI
Duties of Officers

Sec.1. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in the **“MOWW Constitution; ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION; SECTION 4 (page 7)” “ARTICLE V OFFICERS (pages 9 through 11 as applicable)” “MOWW Bylaws; ARTICLE 4 DUTIES OF OFFICERS (pages 9 through 12 as applicable)” “CHAPTER 1 | TENETS, GOALS & OBJECTIVES; Section C About MOWW, Paragraph 3 & 4 (page 7)” “CHAPTER 2 | GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE & IMPROVEMENT; Section C Organizational Structure, Paragraph 1, 2, 3 (pages 13 & 14 as applicable)” “Section D Supported, Supporting, Enabling & Advisory Elements, (pages 14 & 15 as applicable)” and “CHAPTER 4 | REGION LEADERSHIP & TEAM-BUILDING; Section A General (page 27 as applicable)”, and “Section B Region Commander (pages 27 through 29 as applicable)”** of the MOWW Policy Manual, the Region Commander and supporting staff shall carry out the following duties:

Commander

- A. Perform the duties set forth and as delineated and applicable, referenced in this section.
- B. Be the chief officer of the Region with general supervision and direction over the business activities of the Region.
- C. Preside at the annual Region Convention and all meetings of the EXCOM.
- D. Serve as a member of the National General Staff, in accordance with ARTICLE V, (pages 9 through 11 as applicable) and ARTICLE VI (pages 12 & 13 as applicable) of the MOWW National Constitution.
- E. Assign responsibility for oversight of all Region awards to the staff.

Senior Vice Commander

- A. Assist the Commander and perform the duties in the absence of the Commander or during the Commander’s absence or disability.
- B. Serve as the Region General Staff Officer.
- C. Act as Chair of the Membership Committee.
- D. Have overall oversight of all awards.
- E. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commander and the EXCOM, to include oversight of one of the Departments or States.

Vice Commander

- A. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commander and the EXCOM, to include oversight of one of the Departments or States.
- B. Serve as Chair of the Patriotic Education Committee and/or ROTC Committee, as specified by the Commander.
- C. Act as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Adjutant Officer

- A. Be responsible for all Region correspondence, administrative records, and property.
- B. Record minutes of each EXCOM meeting and the Region Convention.
- C. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commander and the EXCOM.

Treasurer Officer

- A. Collect, distribute, and receive all monetary funds of the Region, to include the financial support specified in ARTICLE VIII of these bylaws.
- B. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commander and the EXCOM.
- C. Prepare an annual Balance Sheet NLT 1 October each OY.

ARTICLE VII

Executive Committee

Sec.1. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in the **“MOWW Constitution; ARTICLE VI, THE GENERAL STAFF; SECTION 1. Administering the Military Order’s Affairs / SECTION 2. General Staff Meetings / SECTION 3. Executive Committee of the General Staff (EXCOM) (pages 12 & 13as applicable)” and “CHAPTER 3 | FISCAL LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT; “Section B. Roles & Responsibilities, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d (pages 16 & 17 as applicable)”** of the MOWW Policy Manual, the Executive Committee (EXCOM), consisting of the Region Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Vice Commander, Adjutant Officer, Treasurer Officer, Department and Chapter Commanders shall administer and manage the affairs of the Region between Region Conventions. All MOWW National Officers (other than those mentioned above) who are members of the Region are non-voting ex officio members of this Committee and may attend Committee meetings at their pleasure.

Sec.2. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.1. the EXCOM will meet at least twice each year at a time and place to be designated by the Commander. Attendance at EXCOM meetings shall be limited to only those individuals identified in Section 1 of this ARTICLE. If feasible, the meetings will be distributed geographically within the Region area and will occur in separate calendar quarters. As with the Region Convention, the logistics for any Executive meeting will be handled by the host Chapter selected by the region Commander with the consent of that Chapter. Other meetings may be called by the Region Commander at the request of three other members of the Committee. Such meetings shall be held not earlier than two weeks nor later than one month from the date of the call for the meeting.

Sec.3. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.1, five (5) voting members of the EXCOM shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Sec.4. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.1, the Region Commander may direct that a telephone ballot, confirmed by mail, might be taken on any question(s) the Commander considers to be emergency in nature. Any action taken in this form will be entered in and made part of the minutes of the next EXCOM meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Finances

Sec.1. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in the **“MOWW Bylaws; ARTICLE 1; FINANCES; SECTION 1. Fiscal Year / SECTION 2. Payment of Regular (Annual) Membership Dues / SECTION 5. Chapter Cadre Dues / SECTION 6. Chapter and Department/Region Dues (page 3 & 4 as applicable)”** *“SECTION 1. Fiscal Year. The MOWW Fiscal Year (FY) will be reflected in the MOWW Policy Manual. [Section revised by National Convention approval in 2016]” “SECTION 2. Payment of Regular (Annual) Membership Dues. Each Regular and Hereditary Member shall, on or before the anniversary date of their joining, pay to MOWW, Inc., national dues in an annual amount to be established by the MOWW Convention upon recommendation of the Executive Committee of the General Staff and published in the MOWW Policy Manual.” “SECTION 5. Chapter Cadre Dues.” “5A. Ten dollars (\$10.00*

US) for each new Regular or Hereditary annual dues-paying member shall be remitted to a cadre organized under the Bylaws, Article III (Charters),” “5B. The period of eligibility for such rebate shall expire one (1) year after the cadre has reached ten (10) living members, the minimum number necessary to receive a chapter charter.” “SECTION 6. Chapter and Department/Region Dues.” “6A. Chapter Bylaws may provide for local dues payable to such chapters by their own members in addition to the National dues as provided by the Bylaws, Article I (Finances), Section 2. Perpetual Members and Senior Members shall not pay local dues. A chapter may exempt any worthy member from chapter dues for such period, as it may desire.” “6B. Department and Region Bylaws may provide for annual financial support from chapters assigned to them in such amounts and using such formulae as may be agreeable to those chapters.” MOWW – Region XIII Chapters, choosing to collect internal fellow companion and/or Chapter member dues, will emulate and abide by the MOWW directive guidelines stated.

Sec.2. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec., the sole source for MOWW-Region XIII funding is derived from the annual financial support provided by each Chapter. These Bylaws prescribe dues in the amount of \$0.25 per living member of the Chapter as shown in the MOWW Membership Roster Report document at the close of the preceding fiscal year. Payment check or money order will be made payable to “MOWW – Region XIII” on or before 1 October each year. The Region Treasurer is responsible for collecting these required monetary funds.

Sec.3. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in **“CHAPTER 3 | FISCAL LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT; SECTION A. GENERAL, Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 (page 16 as applicable)”** of the MOWW Policy Manual, “As a legally incorporated non-profit entity—United States Tax Code, Section 501(c)19—MOWW, Inc., has an investment portfolio and capital assets that are annually audited by a firm of Certified Public Accountants (CPAs). 1. Fiscal Year. MOWW’s Fiscal Year (FY) is from 1 January – 31 December, annually. 2. Operating Year. MOWW’s Operating Year (OY) is from 1 July through 30 June of the following calendar year. This inclusive OY period is equally applicable to MOWW, Inc., and all its sub-elements, i.e., regions, departments, and chapters.” While some MOWW Regional operations are based upon a Calendar Year (CY), MOWW – Region XIII will operate on a Fiscal Operational Year (OY) activity schedule as stated in the MOWW reference.

Sec.4. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.1. and Sec.3, the fiscal year of the MOWW – Region XIII is 1 July through 30 June of the following calendar year each OY.

Sec.5. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in **“CHAPTER 3 | FISCAL LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT; SECTION B. Roles & Responsibilities, Paragraph 3, Sub-Paragraph A & B and Section 4 (page 18 as applicable)”** of the MOWW Policy Manual; “Finance Committee (FC). The FC corporately oversees and manages MOWW, Inc.’s, financial processes and outcomes, the Planning, Programming & Budgeting System, budget execution, revenue generation, and developing continuous financial improvement initiatives—to include measures of performance (metrics).” In a similar fashion the MOWW – Region XIII FC will operate, according to MOWW policy guidelines.

Sec.6. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.5. the MOWW – Region XIII will establish a Budget & Finance Committee (FC) and oversee the development of a supplemental FC planning document to provide oversight, fiscal guidance and transparency over all monetary funds acquired by the Region during the MOWW Operating Year. The FC will be chaired by the Region Commander and further comprised of the Treasurer Officer and Adjutant Officer with augmented consultation contributions (as needed) from the immediate past Region commander.

Sec.7. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in **“CHAPTER 3 | FISCAL LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT; SECTION D. IRS Filings, P&M Dividends & Fund-Raising, Paragraph 1, Sub-Paragraph A & B and Section 1, 2, 3, 4 (pages 21 & 22 as applicable)”** of the MOWW Policy Manual. “1. Filing with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and certifying with the MOWW Treasurer General (TG). Commanders are ultimately responsible for ensuring their chapter (or region or department sub-elements) has an Employer Identification Number (EIN), and successfully files on-time with the IRS and reports the same to the TG by

sending the TG the IRS' notice of successful filing. To best achieve success, filers should use the current online "IRS 990-N Users Guide," available on the IRS website at <https://www.irs.gov/>. While commanders may delegate the authority to accomplish these filings to their respective treasurer appropriate to their command sub-element, the responsibility for compliance cannot be delegated and rests solely with commanders. Under no circumstances will the Order's TG perform these functions for any MOWW, Inc., sub-elements.

A. *Problems and Questions.* Issues and questions concerning "IRS Filings, P&M Fund Dividends & Fund-Raising" should be directed to the Treasurer General/CFO, MOWW, Inc., (treasurergeneral@moww.org) and the Chief of Staff/COO, MOWW, Inc., (chiefofstaff@moww.org) immediately upon discovery with information copies to the chapter's respective department and region commander and its applicable VCINC. This timing is important to resolve issues as soon as is possible and since the TG may consider delays in requesting help when considering suspense extension requests.

B. *Failure to Successfully File with IRS Each Year.* 4) Any sub-element's failure to successfully file annually with the IRS with "Accepted" IRS confirmation receipt to the TG NLT 60 days after the end of any just-concluded tax year will result in the delinquent MOWW sub-element forfeiting all funds due and payable in the subsequent MOWW fiscal year. In addition, the IRS will revoke the tax-exempt status of any sub-element that fails to file annually with IRS for three consecutive years. Chapter may request a reasonable extension in writing thru the Chain of Command. If the request is approved, the TG shall so notify the chapter's chain of command and the Chief of Staff."

Sec.8. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.7, the MOWW – Region XIII is registered as an IRS 501c19 non-profit subordinate sub-element, reference EIN: 84-1207538 and is subject to the annual MOWW IRS Filing and MOWW IRS Reporting guidelines – as delineated by the United States Department of Internal Revenue and the MOWW Executive Committee and enforceable by the Treasurer General of the Order.

Sec.9. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.7, the MOWW – Region XIII Treasurer Officer is responsible for accomplishing the Region annual financial review by completing the required IRS Form 990-N (e-postcard) online and accomplishing the HQ MOWW Form 21 - Annual Financial Review (AFR) Checklist.

ARTICLE IX

Committees

Sec.1. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in the **"MOWW Constitution; ARTICLE VI, THE GENERAL STAFF; SECTION 1. Administering the Military Order's Affairs / SECTION 2. General Staff Meetings / SECTION 3. Executive Committee of the General Staff (EXCOM) (pages 12 & 13 as applicable);" "MOWW Bylaws; ARTICLE 6, Committees & Councils; SECTION 1. Through SECTION 7 (pages 14 & 15 as applicable);" "CHAPTER 3 | FISCAL LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT; "Section B. Roles & Responsibilities, Paragraph 1, Sub-Paragraph 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d (pages 16 & 17 as applicable)"** of the MOWW Policy Manual and as per the provisions and guidelines provided in ARTICLE VIII Sec.1. and Sec.5. of these Bylaws; "SECTION 1. Except for the Executive Committee of the General Staff (EXCOM), a. Companions of the Military Order shall not be Chair of more than one regular standing committee during the same period unless so designated by the Bylaws."

Sec.2. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.1. MOWW – Region XIII will establish and maintain the following standing committees and stand up additional ADHOC committees (as needed):

- A. **The Nominating Committee:** Provisions for this Committee are found in ARTICLE V, Section 3C and 3D of these Bylaws.
- B. **The Strategic Planning Committee:** is normally chaired by the Senior Vice

Commander. This Committee shall monitor the Membership programs of each Chapter within the Region and assist in improving said programs where necessary. The Committee should take action to encourage the formation of new Chapters as stated in ARTICLE III, Section 4, of these Bylaws.

- C. The **Patriotic Education Committee**: is chaired by the Vice Commander. This Committee shall assist the Chapters within the Region in establishing and maintaining viable Patriotic Education Programs. This Committee will also monitor the activities of the Arizona, Rocky Mountain and Sun Belt Youth Leadership Conferences and encourage Chapters within the Region to support these conferences by sending students to their sessions.
- D. The **Youth Leadership Program Committee**: is normally chaired by the Vice Commander. This Committee shall assist Chapters in implementing suitable youth leadership, mentorship, and development programs (as applicable). This Committee should endeavor to ensure that an MOWW Chapter supports all youth leadership, mentorship and development-related unit activities located in the Region area.
- E. The **Budget & Finance Committee**: Provisions for this Committee are found in ARTICLE VIII, Sec.5. and Sec.6. of these Bylaws.

Sec.3. The Region Commander may adjust the primary responsibilities for the above committees as necessary or activate additional Committees if the need arises.

ARTICLE X

Parliamentary Authority

Sec.1. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in the **“MOWW Bylaws; ARTICLE 7, Order of Business; SECTION 1. (page 16);”** *“SECTION 1. Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) shall govern parliamentary procedure in all meetings, assemblies, and conventions of the Order.*

Sec.2. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.1. the rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rule of Order – Newly Revised shall govern the activities of the MOWW – Region XIII activities in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules the MOWW may adopt.

ARTICLE XI

Adoption and Amendment

Sec.1. As per the provisions and guidelines provided in the **“MOWW Bylaws; ARTICLE 8, Amendments; SECTION 1 through 4, (page 18);”** *“SECTION 1. Any member or subdivision of the Order may submit a proposal to amend the Bylaws of the Order by submitting such proposals to the Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, at the address listed in the current National Directory of the Order not later than 15 February of each year, provided that proposals submitted after that date but no later than 15 March of each year may be considered if a majority of the members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee finds that the subject of the proposal is of an emergency matter and should be considered.*

Sec.2. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.1, these Bylaws shall become effective immediately upon their adoption by the Region in Convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates voting, provided a quorum is present.

Sec.3. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.1, these Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote when a quorum is present by the Region in Convention, provided that the proposed amendment was submitted to all Departments, States, and Chapters in the Region at least 45 days prior to the Convention.

Sec.4. As per MOWW governing guidance provided in Sec.1, amending a proposed amendment to these Bylaws may be accomplished by a majority vote of the delegates assembled in Convention, without notice, providing that the amendment does not change the substance of the published amendment and a quorum is present.

ARTICLE XII

Revocation

The prior Bylaws of MOWW – Region XIII are hereby revoked and shall become null and void immediately upon adoption of these revised Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII

Saving Clause

It is hereby intended that if for any reason whatsoever a portion of these Bylaws is not adopted or ratified or is subsequently declared invalid, the remaining portion of these Bylaws shall not fail because of the partial failure but shall continue and effect as if no invalidity has occurred.

ARTICLE XIV

Dissolution of the Region

Upon surrender or revocation of the Charter of the Region, all records, books of account, funds, and securities belonging to the Region shall be forwarded to the MOWW National Headquarters.

ADOPTED IN CONVENTION THIS 23 DAY OF 2021

Signature MOWW – Region XIII Commander

Patrick C. Stalge

Signature MOWW – Region XIII Adjutant

Marlon Ring