

## American Legion Auxiliary District 28

## Constitution/Bylaws & Standing Rules September 17, 2023

## Good Morning Everyone!

As you probably know by now, the Department President's theme this year is "United as One" and her motto is "California – the Golden State". Constitution and Bylaws are the documents that guide us on all levels of our Organization; therefore, it is fitting that C/B will be known as the "State Supreme Court" with the Districts being counties and Units being cities. District 28 will be known as the Tri-Normus 28th District; Units are encouraged to give themselves a city name – and please feel free to be creative!

Each year in September Districts and Units should review their Constitution/Bylaws and Standing Rules. The annual review serves to remind us of our Auxiliary rules for Membership, Officers, Meetings, the Executive Board, and Committees and our commitment to adhere to these rules; and a review provides the opportunity for amendment, if necessary.

It should be noted here that Standing Rules can be changed at any time the need arises with a majority vote, providing a quorum is present.

At this time all units in District 28 except one have current copies of their Constitution and Bylaws WITH fully completed signature sheets on file with the District. Once this Chair receives the missing signature page District 28 units will be 100% compliant!

All Units MUST use the Model Bylaws provided by the Department Office; the matrix is available on the website. Everyone should have before them a copy of the Department Code for Constitution and Bylaws, Revised July 31, 2023. This is being shared with members because the Code include the protocols necessary to amend your governing documents, beginning with Rule #5. Please review Rules #5 and 6 if your Unit is contemplating any C/B amendments.

Today we will engage in a quick review of the District28 Constitution/Bylaws and Standing Rules. Hopefully members will find everything in order and no amendments or re-writes will be necessary this year! Each of you should have a copy in front of you...

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This concludes my report.

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