

BYLAWS

CHIPPEWA POST NO. 1038

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

***ARTICLE I
NAME AND LOCATION***

- Sec. 1. By virtue of charter granted, this Post shall be known as Chippewa Post No. 1038 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- Sec. 2. The location of this Post shall be in the Town of LaFayette, County of Chippewa, State of Wisconsin.

***ARTICLE II
SUBORDINATION***

- Sec. 1. The supreme power of this association is vested in the National Convention and this Post shall be at all times governed by the Congressional Charter and Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the Bylaws of the Department, orders issued by authority of the National Convention, National Council of Administration, the Commander-in-Chief, the Department Convention, Department Council of Administration and the Department Commander. Resolutions adopted by the National Convention are held to be lawful orders.

***ARTICLE III
MEETINGS***

- Sec. 1. Place: The regular meeting place of this Post shall be at 16939 County Hwy J, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.
- Sec. 2. Time: The regular meetings of the Post shall be held the day(s) and time each month set by the majority of members present at an April meeting as specified in the Post's Election Report to National Headquarters for the ensuing administrative year.
- Sec. 3. The Post may, after at least fourteen (14) days written notice to the Department Commander and the members of the Post, change its meeting place, appointed day or time upon a majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting called for such purpose.
- Sec. 4. Special meetings may be called in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws.
- Sec. 5. Quorum: Five members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

***ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP***

- Sec. 1. Membership in this Post, eligibility to, application for, acquiring and maintenance of, loss of and discipline shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws.
- Sec. 2. There is no admission fee to join this Post.
- Sec. 3. The annual dues of this Post shall never be less than the amount required to cover Department and National dues.

**ARTICLE V
OFFICERS**

- Sec. 1. Eligibility for, nomination, election or appointment, installation and term of office shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws.
- Sec. 2. The Post shall elect the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, and three Trustees. The Commander shall appoint an Adjutant, Chaplain, and Service Officer.
- Sec. 3. The duties of all officers shall be those prescribed by Department and National Bylaws, lawful orders as the Post may direct and as these Bylaws may provide.

**ARTICLE VI
COMMITTEES AND DUTIES**

- Sec. 1. All Committees and their chairmen, unless otherwise provided shall be appointed by the Commander as promptly as possible after election to office, and as such shall serve at his/her will and pleasure. The Post Quartermaster, by virtue of office shall be treasurer of all committees handling funds.
- Sec. 2. The Standing Committees of the Post shall be as follows:
 - (a) Membership
 - (b) Relief
 - (c) Buddy Poppy
 - (d) Youth Activities
 - (e) Community Activities
 - (f) Americanism
 - (g) Hospital/Nursing Home

**ARTICLE VII
CONTROL OF SUBSIDIARY UNITS**

- Sec. 1. Any activity, unit or clubrooms sponsored, conducted or operated by the Post, incorporated separately from the Post or unincorporated, shall be at all times under the direct control of the Post.
- Sec. 2. All funds derived from any of the above shall be in the custody of the Post Quartermaster.
- Sec. 3. All money, property and assets of every kind as well as all records in connection therewith used, held and owned by any of the above activities is the property of the Post and must be placed in the care and custody of the Post Quartermaster.
- Sec. 4. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Military Order of the Cootie are governed by Articles XI and XII respectively of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective Bylaws, rules and regulations.

**ARTICLE VIII
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS**

- Sec. 1. Expenditure of funds shall be made only after prior authorization by the Post or in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of the Post. All checks for the expenditure of Post funds shall be numbered in sequence. Other expenditures may be made using acceptable banking practices. All disbursements of Post funds shall bear the signature of the Quartermaster or other person(s) authorized by the Quartermaster. Such other authorized person(s) shall be bonded in accordance with Section 703 of the National Bylaws.

- Sec. 2. The adoption of this Article shall constitute authorization by the Post for the payment of bills, when and as due, for monthly rental and subscriptions, public utility service, postage, janitor service and for janitor's supplies and minor emergency repairs authorized by the Post or Post SOP.
- Sec. 3. No other payment or expenditure shall be made except on the specific authorization of the Post in each and every case.
- Sec. 4. The Post shall adopt a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to authorize the Quartermaster to expend funds for specific purposes and/or amounts throughout the year. The SOP shall be reviewed annually and revised as necessary each July by the Post and may be revised at any regular or special meeting of the Post.

***ARTICLE IX
COMPENSATION***

- Sec. 1. No compensation shall be paid to any officer of this Post for their services as such officer, except as hereafter may be provided.
- Sec. 2. For services rendered, the Post may, by majority vote, pay the annual dues of the Adjutant and Quartermaster for the periods or parts of periods they serve as such, and such other compensation commensurate with their duties as may be determined and specified by vote of the Post.

***ARTICLE X
FUNDRAISING PROMOTIONS/SOLICITATIONS***

- Sec. 1. This Post shall solicit funds or donations only by prior vote of the members agreeing to the proposition. It shall not solicit funds or donations or otherwise engage in fundraising activities or projects outside the immediate geographical area or community of the Post.
- Sec. 2. This Post shall not enter into any agreement with a promoter for the purpose of raising funds unless approved by the Post and is compliant with s. 214 Manual of Procedure.

***ARTICLE XI
MISCELLANEOUS***

- Sec. 1. Every member of this Post shall keep the Post Adjutant and Quartermaster advised of their current address by promptly reporting any change of same.
- Sec. 2. One copy of these Bylaws shall be issued to each elected and appointed officer of this Post.
- Sec. 3. In all Post procedures not provided for by the Congressional Charter and Bylaws or these Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the authority.

***ARTICLE XII
SPEECHES***

- Sec. 1. No member will be permitted to speak on any one subject (Pro or Con) more than twice; and the first time no longer than five (5) minutes, and the second time no longer than three (3) minutes, with the exception of a committee report and recommendations and visiting guests who have a message to impart.

**ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS**

- Sec. 1. These Bylaws shall become effective after adoption by this Post and after review by the Commander of the Department and Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- Sec. 2. These Bylaws may be amended by the Post by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a meeting, provided each member had been notified at least twenty (20) days in advance and upon request provided a copy of the proposed amendments.
- Sec. 3. Wherever these Bylaws or subsequent amendments may be found to be in conflict with the present or any future Department or National Bylaws, the latter shall prevail and be binding upon this Post as though written herein.

These Bylaws were adopted, subject to the review of the Department Commander and the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on this 5th day of February, 2025, at a regular meeting of this Post.

Chippewa Post No. 1038
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

ATTEST:

Leroy G. Jansky
Adjutant

Brian E. McIlquham
Commander