CONSTITUTION

SECOND DISTRICT, THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

PREAMBLE

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Article 1 – NAME

 The name of this organization shall be THE SECOND DISTRICT, THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MINESOTA.

Article II – COMPOSITION

 The District shall be composed of all the chartered American Legion Posts situated in the counties of Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Lincoln, Martin, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock and Watonwan. State of Minnesota.

Article III – OFFICERS

 Section 1. The elective Officers of this District shall be Commander, First Vice Commander, four Vice Commanders without numerical designation, Finance Officer, Chaplain. No individual shall be elected for more than two terms in the office of Commander or First Vice Commander. Except in automatic succession of the First Vice Commander due to vacancy in the office of the Commander. The maximum number of terms an individual may serve as Vice Commander shall be three, regardless of whether the terms are consecutive or not. The only exception to the three terms would be due to the automatic succession in the office of First Vice Commander. Individual elected to Vice Commander would only be filling out the term open by automatic succession due to death, resignation or disqualification. The Finance Officer and Chaplain shall have no restrictions on the number of terms they shall be eligible to be elected to said office.

 Section 2. The appointive Officers of this District shall be Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Historian, Sergeant-At-Arms and Membership Director.

 Section 3. Terms of office, duties and powers of said offices shall be set forth in the by-laws.

Article IV – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

 Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Commander, First Vice Commander, the four Vice Commanders, Chaplain, Finance Officer and the three immediate Past District Commanders. The Adjutant and Judge Advocate shall serve on the Executive Committee as ex-officio; without vote and with duties set forth in the by-laws.

Article V – LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION

Section 1. The legislative body of this District shall be the District Convention; to be held annually at such time and place as set by the preceding convention.

 Section 2. Each Post shall have representation as determined by its membership strength. The final voting strength of each Post shall be determined from the number of members whose dues have been properly transmitted, received and recorded at the Department Headquarters thirty days prior to the District Convention. Each Post in the District shall be entitled to two delegates per fifty members (or fraction thereof). Each Post shall select its own delegates; each Post may select alternate delegates to serve in the absence of its principal delegates. An individual serving as either a delegate or alternate delegate to the District Convention must be a member in good standing of the Post represented. Each Post Commander or Adjutant shall duly certify that Posts’ delegates to the District Adjutant prior to the District Convention. The voting strength of each Post shall be equal to the total number of principal delegates to which it is entitled as specified above.

Article VI – ADMINISTRATION

 The affairs of this District shall be governed in accordance with the mandates set forth at District Conventions and are to be administered by the District Officers and Executive Committee in accordance with the Constitution of the Second District.

Article VII – ELECTIONS

The elective District Officers shall be elected at the Annual District Convention and shall assume officer as prescribed in the by-laws; however, the Commander-Elect shall be empowered to make appointments and initiate programs immediately following the adjournment of the District Convention. Elections and balloting shall conform to the provisions set forth in the by-laws.

Article VIII – AMENDMENTS

 Section 1. This Constitution is adopted subject to the provisions of the National Constitution of the American Legion and of the Department Constitution of the Department of Minnesota, the American Legion. Any amendment to said National or Department Constitution which is in conflict with any provisions hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealed or modifying the provisions of this Constitution to the extent of such conflict.

 Section 2. This Constitution may be amended at a duly constituted District Convention by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates assembled thereat. Any resolution proposing an amendment of this Constitution shall be submitted to the District Adjutant, in writing, sixty days prior to the District Convention. The District Commander shall cause to be distributed copies of such proposed amendment(s) to each Post in the District thirty days prior to the Convention. Proposed amendment(s) must be read at the Convention three hours before any discussion about or action on them can take place.

Article IX – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution shall become effective immediately upon adoption. The District Commander and Adjutant shall execute all necessary certificates and record and file such copies as required by law.