

No. 2010-3

Proposed By – Law Change – Submitted by the State Commander

**ARTICLE VI  
DEPARTMENT DISTRICTS**

Revise section 1 (effective with the close of the 2011 convention) to remove the Eleventh District and re-word the Twelfth District as follows:

Section 1. The Department of Missouri in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws, shall be divided into thirteen (13) Districts. Charters of said Districts shall be granted by the Department Convention, signed by the Department Commander and counter signed by the Department Adjutant, on forms furnished at no expense by the Adjutant General. No District shall be recognized or function as such, unless acting under a legal and unforfeited Charter.

TWELFTH DISTRICT: The County of St. Louis and that part of the State of Missouri within the limits of the city of St. Louis.

**ARTICLE VII  
DEPARTMENT COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

Revise section 1 (effective with the close of the 2011 convention) to change the number of Districts from Fourteen(14) to Thirteen (13). Changed section to read as follows:

Section 1. The Department Council of Administration shall consist of the Department Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Surgeon, Chaplain, Thirteen (13) District Commanders and the retiring Department Commander.

Explanation:

District eleven and District twelve have had discussions over the last two (2) years concerning the merging of the Districts. The number of Post in both Districts has been declining over the past few years. District eleven is currently at six (6) posts and District twelve (12) has eleven (11). Both Districts have had a decline in number of Posts during the past year. It is felt by the State Commander that combining these Districts into one District would give both Districts a broader base of support and better serve the membership in the St. Louis and St. County area.

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