

PURPLE HEART COMBAT WOUNDED  
VETERANS OF ARIZONA,  
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA,  
MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.  
October 7, 2017



CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS

## **Record of Changes**

May 6, 2017      Approved and adopted by Department Convention  
October 7, 2017      Approved and adopted by Department Executive Committee

## **PART I: CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona.

### **ARTICLE II: ORGANIZATION**

The Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona is a subordinate organization of the Department of Arizona Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as AZMOPH) and shall not adopt any bylaws or procedures that conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Department of Arizona.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

The Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona will not have members.

### **ARTICLE IV: PRINCIPAL OFFICE - SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES**

The office of the Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona shall be located in the city where the Adjutant of the AZMOPH resides or in any such other place as may be later determined by the AZMOPH Department Executive Committee (DEC) and/or the Department Convention. The activities of the Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona shall be confined to the territorial limits of the State of Arizona.

### **ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS**

Upon recommendation of the Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona's Board of Directors, this constitution may be amended at a Department Convention by a roll call of TWO-THIRDS vote of the regularly elected and qualified delegates thereat, provided the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the Department Adjutant at least THIRTY days prior to the date of the convention and provided that the adjutant distributes such proposed amendment to the members of the DEC by mail at least TWENTY days prior to the convention date.

## **ARTICLE VI: RATIFICATION**

These Bylaws were amended and accepted by a majority of the members present at the Department of Arizona Convention held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Ventana Lakes Yacht Club as recorded in the minutes of the convention.



## **PART II: BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE I: ORGANIZATION**

The Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona is a subordinate organization of the AZMOPH and shall not adopt any bylaws or procedures that conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the AZMOPH.

Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law) and its regulations (as they now exist or may hereafter be amended). The Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona's assets will be permanently dedicated to its exempt purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, the Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on (a) by an organization exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) and its regulations (as they now exist or may hereafter be amended).

### **ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

The Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona will not have members.

### **ARTICLE III: GOVERNING BODY**

The Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona will be governed by a three person Board of Directors (BOD). Any AZMOPH member in good standing may serve on the BOD. Applications will be submitted in writing to AZMOPH Adjutant and presented to the AZMOPH Department Executive Council (DEC) for approval.

BOD members will serve for two (2) years. The term of office runs concurrently with the AZMOPH fiscal year. Directors may serve successive terms if approved by the AZMOPH DEC. In the event of a vacancy, the BOD will notify the

AZMOPH Adjutant.

One BOD member will be designated the Secretary/Treasurer of the BOD responsible for maintaining the administrative and financial records of the Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona.

#### **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**

The Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona Board of Directors will meet at least annually, in the 30 days immediately preceding the AZMOPH Convention. Two (2) directors, qualified to transact business, shall constitute a quorum.

Meeting minutes will be maintained by the BOD and include a detailed financial report listing all receipts and disbursements. One copy will be submitted to the AZMOPH Adjutant and one to the AZMOPH Finance Officer.

#### **ARTICLE V: FUND RAISING**

AZMOPH Chapters may use the Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona for any fundraising activity provided the guidelines and restrictions set forth in the National and Department Bylaws are followed.

Tax receipts may be issued by the Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona as set forth in the Department of Internal Revenue guidelines for organizations tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3).

Detailed records will be maintained of all funds and merchandise received including the date, source, and purpose for which the funds were received.

All funds received from Viola sales are designated as Welfare Funds. All other funds and merchandise are to be used for the express purpose for which they were raised.

Funds will be maintained in an account separate from any AZMOPH account.

#### **ARTICLE VI: FUND DISBURSEMENT**

Funds and merchandise will be only be disbursed when requested by the AZMOPH DEC, AZMOPH Convention, or a Chapter within the AZMOPH. Requests must be submitted in writing to the Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona Secretary/Treasurer.



Purple Heart Combat Wounded Veterans of Arizona funds and merchandise will only be issued when approved by a quorum of the BOD. All checks will be co-signed by two (2) directors.

Detailed records will be maintained of all funds and merchandise disbursed including the date, receiving entity, and purpose for which the funds or merchandise were disbursed.

## ARTICLE VI: RATIFICATION

These Bylaws were amended and accepted by a majority of the members present at the Department of Arizona Convention held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at Ventana Lakes Yacht Club as recorded in the minutes of the convention.

These Bylaws were amended and accepted by a majority of the members present at the Department Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at Ventana Lakes Yacht Club as recorded in the minutes of the DEC and shown below.

*Motion made by Ron Capek, seconded by Woody Glaudel, to amend the Purple Heart Combat Wounded Warriors of Arizona bylaws to allow Department of Arizona officers to serve as members of the Purple Heart Combat Wounded Warriors of Arizona's Board of Directors. Passed unanimously.*



Larry Leighton, Director

6/1/18

Date



Ronald Capek, Director

6/2/2018

Date

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Robert Metzsig, Director

Date