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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 6740

Ref: (a) VFW Congressional Charter Bylaws
(b) VFW Manual of Procedure Ritual
(c) Bylaws Lake Murray VFW Post No. 6740

Encl: (1) Regulations Governing the Lake Murray VFW Post 6740

Purpose. To promulgate the applicable standard operating procedures and regulations governing VFW Post 6740, in accordance with the direction and authority given by references (a), (b), and (c). This document should not contradict or ease higher authority regulations but may be more stringent. If a conflict arises where the higher authority document is more stringent, it shall take precedence.

Cancellation. This instruction remains in effect until cancelled or modified by the Post Commander

Background. These regulations provide direction, guidance, and clarification of the Congressional Charter and Post Bylaws and Manual of Procedural Ritual to Comrades of Lake Murray VFW Post 6740. The intent is to provide standardized guidelines and procedures that can be read and reviewed by the Comrades, Auxiliary members, and staff of Lake Murray VFW Post 6740 as they attend to the day-to-day administration and operations. The primary purpose of this instruction shall be to highlight and describe the local variations and additional procedures unique to the Lake Murray VFW Post 6740 based on membership meetings, committee meetings, and actions that have been passed down from previous Post leaders and Comrades.

Action. LMVFWP6740 SOP Revision C has been issued because over 25% of LMVFWP6740 Revision B has been modified. Revision C changes are indicated on page 2 of Enclosure 1 titled "*Table of Issuances and Revisions/Changes*".

a. All Comrades and Auxiliary members shall read and familiarize themselves with this document.

b. Since this is a revision, all members should review this document in its entirety and are responsible for compliance with its contents.


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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL POST INFORMATION

1.1 Introduction. These regulations are to provide direction, guidance, and clarification to the VFW Congressional Charter Bylaws and the VFW Manual of Procedural Ritual to Comrades of Lake Murray VFW Post 6740. The primary purpose of this instruction shall be to highlight and describe the local variations and additional procedures unique to the Lake Murray VFW Post 6740 based on membership meetings, committee meetings, and actions that have been passed down from previous Post leaders and members. The intent is to standardize guidelines and procedures that can be read and reviewed by members and staff of Lake Murray VFW Post 6740 as they attend to the day-to-day administration and operations of Post 6740. Appendix 1 defines terms used within this document. This document should not contradict or ease higher authority regulations, therefore, if a conflict arises, the higher authority document shall take precedence.

1.2 Membership Eligibility. VFW eligibility consists of three criteria:

- Citizenship - must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.
- Honorable Service - must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and either received a discharge of Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) or be currently serving.
- Service in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters. This can be proven by any of the following:
 - ✓ an authorized campaign medal
 - ✓ receipt of Hostile Fire Pay or Imminent Danger Pay
(verified by a military pay statement)
 - ✓ service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days
 - ✓ Consult Section 101 of the VFW Bylaws and Manual of Procedure for additional eligibility details

The Post has an obligation to verify eligibility of all applicants. National Member-at-Large membership does NOT convey eligibility since applicants do not submit any documentation (i.e. DD-214) during the on-line application process but rather check a box stating they meet eligibility criteria.

1.3 Membership Dues. The annual VFW Post 6740 dues are \$33.00 per year.

1.4 New Member Name Tag. The Post shall purchase and provide new members, to our Post, a name tag. New members include transfers from other posts and national members at large. The Quartermaster shall be responsible for obtaining the name tag within a reasonable timeframe (usually for the next monthly meeting) and ensure the member provides their preferred name and proper spelling.

1.5 First Year Free Membership. To assist in recruiting new members to Post 6740, it has been a long-standing tradition that our Post pays the dues of first year memberships. This does not include transfers from other posts or national members at large.

1.6 Post Entry - Signing In and Out. To meet South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and our South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDoR) Nonprofit (Private Club) Liquor by the Drink License (PLC), VFW Post 6740 has adopted the use of the Lobbytrack software program. As such, ALL members and guests shall sign in and sign out of the Post. The system uses two tablets and requires software renewal annually. One tablet sits at the entrance of the Post and the other at the POS register for monitoring. Employees are trained and obligated to only serve alcohol to members and guests who have signed in properly.

NOTE: Until the Lobbytrack software is changed, the term "EMPLOYEE" within the Lobbytrack system refers to members whether Comrades or Auxiliary members.

1.7 Meeting Decorum - Hats. During regular or special membership business meetings, the only hat/cover that should be worn is the VFW Member Cap (garrison cap) or the approved VFW Alternative Cap (ballcap). Officers of the Post do not have an

option during business meetings, the VFW Member Cap (garrison cap) is the only hat/cover authorized.

1.8 Meeting Decorum - Food and Drinks. During scheduled membership business meetings, the Canteen (kitchen and bar) shall be closed. No food should be consumed during business meetings. Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed during business meetings. Committee chairs and/or the committees may establish the same food and drink decorum.

1.9 Free Pool Play. Free Pool Play is an incentive to members and guests to entice learning pool or playing pool for free. The scheduling of free pool play is at the discretion of the Canteen Manager. Free pool play shall not occur during anytime there is a scheduled Canteen event (ie. special dinners, bands, etc.).

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CHAPTER 2

POST FINANCES AND MONEY MATTERS

2.1 Introduction. In accordance with National VFW policies and VFW Post 6740 Bylaws, the Post finances are maintained by the Quartermaster. This chapter reflects approved policies and provides a standardized document for them to reside in perpetuity.

2.2 House Committee Authorized Expenditure Limit. As per the Post Bylaws, the House Committee may authorize expenditures for minor emergency repairs and janitor supplies for the preservation and protection of the Post's quarters and its equipment provided that the total amount so expended between any two regular meetings does not exceed \$500. All expenditures outside of minor emergency repairs and janitor supplies (under \$500), shall be approved by the House Committee and brought before the membership for a vote of approval.

2.3 Large Post Expenditures. Expenditures exceeding \$3,000 must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting.

2.4 Travel Reimbursement. Throughout the fiscal year, Post Comrades travel to Councils of Administration (COA), Schools of Instruction (SOI), District Meetings/Conventions, Department Meetings/Conventions, National Conventions, and other events that require official representation. Comrades should not have to pay out-of-pocket expenses for duties required of their Post positions. To limit the overall annual travel reimbursements, the Post shall budget \$6,000 per year and shall allow a maximum of \$3,000 to be obligated for any one event. If an event exceeds \$3,000 in travel reimbursements, all attendees/delegates/Comrades of said event shall determine how the \$3,000 will be distributed (i.e. split funds among all attendees, provide for attendees never reimbursed before, etc.). The Quartermaster will execute the travel reimbursement as directed and agreed upon. Anyone desiring travel reimbursement is required to submit receipts/documentation to the

Quartermaster within two (2) weeks after the event or it shall be deemed reimbursement is not desired. Comrades who are attending events solely as District/Department Officers will not be eligible for travel reimbursement from VFW Post 6740. If there is any confusion as to whether an event should be entitled to reimbursement, it shall be brought before a membership vote at a regular business or special meeting.

a. Mileage/transportation. Comrades attending approved events outside the local area should be reimbursed for round trip mileage from their residence. "Local area" in this discussion is defined by 50 statute miles. Therefore, if a GPS device or mobile application (App) calculates travel beyond 50 miles, reimbursement is authorized at the below rates.

Privately Owned Automobile: \$0.725 per mile

Airplane: \$1.78 per mile

b. Lodging. Lodging is normally required for attendance at the COA during the Mid-Winter Conference, the Department Convention, and the National Convention. Comrades attending these events may be reimbursed for one (1) night of lodging for the Winter Conference and the Department Convention. Delegates attending the National Convention may be reimbursed for two (2) nights of lodging.

c. Meals. Comrades and one (1) guest may be reimbursed for attending banquets at the Mid-Winter Conference and the Department Convention.

CHAPTER 3

HOUSE COMMITTEE AND CANTEEN

3.1 Introduction. In accordance with the VFW Post 6740 Bylaws, the Post members shall elect the House Committee to manage matters related to the Post property, including the operation of Post Club Rooms and/or Canteen (Bar and Kitchen). The House Committee is responsible for the Canteen. As per the Post Bylaws, the House Committee may authorize expenditures for minor emergency repairs and janitor supplies for the preservation and protection of the Post's quarters and its equipment provided that the total amount so expended between any two regular meetings does not exceed \$500. All expenditures outside of minor emergency repairs and janitor supplies (under \$500), shall be approved by the House Committee and brought before the membership for a vote of approval.

3.2 House Committee Membership. Per Article VI Section 3 of the Post Bylaws, the House Committee members shall be elected by the Post members. It shall consist of not less than three (3) members, one each of whom shall be elected annually for a three-year term. The Post Commander and Post Quartermaster shall be members based on their organizational positions and responsibilities. The committee membership should consist of an odd number of members to allow decision making by a majority. The House Committee members may add or include Auxiliary Members for one year terms to enhance communication across the organizations, provide input or deliberation, and influence House Committee decisions. Auxiliary Members of the House Committee, however, do not have voting privileges for House Committee motions. The current House Committee membership shall be listed in Appendix 6 and include term ending dates. An employee who is a "Comrade" shall not be allowed to serve on the House Committee, thus preventing an employee the ability to have direct involvement in making rules for themselves or be on a committee that oversees the Canteen Manager who is their direct supervisor.

3.3 Post SOP and Employee Handbook. Based on the House Committee's responsibility role of the Canteen, it shall be the body to take oversight of this document, "Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Governing the Lake Murray Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6740 (Short Name: LMVFWP6740 SOP)" and the Post 6740 Employee Handbook. The operating procedures, policies, and directions within both documents shall be reviewed and, if necessary, revised by the House Committee at least annually. Both documents should be considered "living documents" and change as the membership adapts and changes with the times. To ensure all members and employees have access to both documents, the most current document shall reside on the Post's website.

3.4 Canteen House Rules. A copy of the VFW Post 6740 Code of Conduct (Appendix 2) will be provided to all Post members and guests on the Post website. Chapter 6, titled Post Canteen House Rules, shall also be reviewed and made available to all members and guests on the Post website or made available upon request. All Members and guests will comply with the VFW Post 6740 policies, rules, and existing federal, state, and local laws.

3.5 Canteen Operations.

a. Oversight of the Canteen operations, management, and maintenance is the responsibility of the House Committee Chairperson, House Committee, and Post Commander.

b. Financial responsibility is under the direct management of the Quartermaster following the procedures for Canteen purchases, sales, expenditures, and are in accordance with Post 6740 Bylaws.

c. Management of the Canteen and the employees is the responsibility of the Canteen Manager, House Committee Chairperson, and Post Commander, with the advisement of the Post Quartermaster.

3.6 Hours of Operation and Closures. Normal Operating Hours are daily from 1600 - 2100 hours (4 pm-9 pm).

a. The Chairperson of the House Committee may change the Normal Operating Hours in advance of a meeting of the House

Committee; however, the change must be ratified at the next House Committee meeting in order to remain in effect.

b. The Canteen Manager may, at their discretion, extend the hours or close early for safety reasons (equipment damaged or broken, weather, power outage, etc.).

1. They determine that keeping the Canteen open would pose a hazard to the Members, their guest(s), the public, or that significant property damage might occur.

2. If the employee on duty has a personal emergency that occurs with them or their dependent(s) that could easily lead to loss of life or significant injury/illness, the Canteen Manager, House Committee Chair, Commander, or Quartermaster must be notified immediately or any Post Line Officer in the Canteen area. Any Post Line Officer or House committee member may assume Canteen operations until a relief employee can take over.

3. Personal Emergency involving patrons or their dependent(s) that could lead to a loss of life or significant injury/illness. The employee determines that keeping the bar open would pose a hazard to the Members, their guest(s), the public, or that significant property damage might occur.

4. When ordered to do so by any competent government authority such as the Police, Fire Department, or National Guard.

3.7 A Prolonged Loss of Power. Employees will notify the Canteen Manager, clear the Canteen of all personnel when power is lost, and inform them that they are welcome to return once power is restored.

a. If power remains out for longer than 30 minutes during periods of darkness, the employee may close the Canteen.

b. During daylight hours, the Employee will remain at the premises and re-open the Canteen upon power restoration. If the employee is informed that power will not be restored during their shift, they should contact the Canteen Manager for further directions.

c. All personnel will obey the directions of the employee on duty. Conflicts will be resolved by the Canteen Manager, House Chairperson, and Post Commander (in that order).

3.8 Refusal of Service. Employees have the exclusive and final right to refuse service to anyone and may remove anyone from the Post until the next business day for misconduct. They are trained, certified, and personally liable so no one shall usurp their responsibility.

a. The employee has the right to refuse service to anyone and may remove any patron, member, or guest from the premises until the next business day for misconduct or intoxication. An Incident Report (Appendix 3) is required for further action. Employees do not have the authority to "ban or bar" a patron, guest, or member from Canteen privileges for any period other than the immediate 24 hours following an incident described herein.

b. No sales to any intoxicated person is expected and encouraged.

c. If an intoxicated person arrives on the Post grounds, employees shall refuse service and have the person leave Post grounds.

d. The Post Commander and/or Canteen Manager may impose temporary disciplinary actions valid up to 30 days or until the House Committee or membership takes action whichever comes first. An Incident Report shall be written within 48 hours and the House Committee notified with one week of occurrence.

e. If an employee refuses service and the matter requires disciplinary actions defined in Chapter 7 herein, an Incident Report (Appendix 3) must be filed within 24 hours.

f. Any person observing misconduct deemed a severe offense by any person must notify an employee, who must, in turn, notify Post Officers. The House Committee may take disciplinary action against any member (as defined above) for improper conduct (e.g., making obscene gestures, being rude to the employee or patron, etc.).

3.9 Alcoholic Beverages. Alcoholic beverages may only be purchased and consumed at the Post during regular Canteen hours and may only be consumed within the confines of the Post building and enclosed yard. The Commander can make an exception for special and outdoor Post events. Alcoholic beverages will only be served in containers authorized by the Canteen Manager.

Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed during regular membership business meetings.

3.10 Illegal Substances and Underage Persons. ABSOLUTELY no type of illegal substance is allowed on the premises of the Post. No person under 21 will be served or is to consume alcoholic beverages.

a. All persons will show proof of age when requested by an employee, in accordance with South Carolina Laws.

b. If any person suspects that an underage individual has entered the Post or suspects that an underage individual is attempting to purchase or is consuming alcoholic beverages on the premises, they will notify the staff, who will check their identification.

c. No person under the age of 21 will be permitted to sit at the bar at any time.

3.11 Employees and Alcohol. Employees are not allowed to consume alcohol while on duty. A violation of this rule is grounds for immediate removal. Employees are prohibited from being intoxicated on Post property while on duty. The House Committee will handle violations. While Post Officers and House Committee Members cannot be absolved of their responsibilities to the Post while consuming alcoholic beverages as patrons, they should defer making Post decisions as deemed appropriate.

3.12 Members and Guests. All Members and guests will sign in at the bar sign in sheet and comply with the VFW Post 6740 policies, rules, and existing federal, state, and local laws.

3.13 Post Spaces. Patrons will stay in the Canteen area and are not allowed in the offices, kitchen, storage areas, behind the bar, or any room not in use unless authorized by an employee, Canteen Manager, or other Post official. Post official means Post senior officers such as Post Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, Quartermaster, and House Committee members.

3.14 Licenses and Permits. Renewal of all licenses, permits, and fees as approved by the Membership is the responsibility of the Quartermaster.

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CHAPTER 4

INCIDENTS AND ISSUES

4.1 Introduction. The staff or any member observing misconduct by any member or guest must immediately notify the Canteen Manager, House Committee Chairperson, and/or the Post Commander. The House Committee will be notified of all Incidents and Issues within one week of occurrence.

4.2 Incident Reporting. The person observing the misconduct should immediately complete an Incident Report Form (Appendix 3) while facts are still fresh in their mind, but not later than 48 hours after the occurrence.

a. An incident report will be submitted within 48 hours if any of the following have occurred:

1. If the altercation involved physical contact (shoving or fighting) with or between individuals on your premises.
2. Causes bodily injury to another person.
3. Threatens another person with a weapon or animal.
4. Discharges a firearm on the premises, regardless of the permit or license.
5. Destroys the permittee's or licensee's property if the permittee or licensee reports the incident to a law enforcement agency.
6. Law enforcement of emergency medical services personnel respond to the premises,

b. The reports will be turned in to the Commander, House Committee Chairman or Canteen Manager. All reports will be forwarded to the House Committee within one week of the occurrence. Copies of reports will be submitted to the adjutant.

c. The Post Commander will review the incident and may make temporary disciplinary action against any member(s) for improper conduct. The Post Commander's temporary disciplinary action is valid up to 30 days or until the House Committee or membership takes action whichever comes first.

4.3 When Staff Shall Report. Staff will report all incidents and information when they become aware of any information about post Members (notice of a member's hospitalization, illness, or death) to a Post Officer and Canteen Manager. The Post Commander will then inform the appropriate committees.

4.4 Assisting Those In Need. Any person who seems to be under stress or who asks for or needs counseling, immediately contact any available post member, line officer, or house committee chairperson/member.

CHAPTER 5

POST EVENTS

5.1 Introduction. In accordance with the VFW Post 6740 Bylaws, the House Committee shall manage all events whether they're in-house organized events or externally requested events. The House Committee delegates this responsibility to the Canteen Manager. Events using the kitchen must always do so with utmost aspects of sanitation in order to prepare and cook food. Since the VFW Canteen kitchen prepares and serves food, it should comply with the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) Regulation 61-25 (Retail Food Establishments). However, Retail Food Establishment Permits Not Required article 8-301.12, states establishments shall not be required to have a permit from SCDA (ie. exempt) if they are charitable organizations where food service is limited to members and their invited guests.

5.2 Food Handler's Permit. The Canteen Manager may offer or require employees to take the ServSafe Food Handler Online Course and Assessment (SSECT6) provided through www.servsafe.com which is the same site employees get alcohol server training paid for by the Post.

5.3 Requesting An Event. It is the responsibility of the lead person of requested event(s) to ensure that all kitchen items utilized to support their event are properly cleaned and stored in their proper locations. The Event Planning Guide, Appendix 4, shall be submitted at least 45 days prior to the planned event date to the Canteen Manager. The Canteen Manager will deconflict events and provide employees upon approval of the House Committee.

5.4 Canteen or Post Rental to Non-VFW Affiliated Persons. Non-VFW affiliated persons shall not be permitted to rent the Canteen or Post for any event.

5.5 Canteen or Post Rental to Members Outside Normal Operating Hours. Members can rent the Canteen or Post for an event outside of normal operating hours for a small fee. \$100 for a

two-hour period and \$25 for each additional hour. The member shall submit an Event Planning Guide (Appendix 4) to the Canteen Manager per the guidelines outlined in paragraph 5.3. The Canteen Manager will coordinate with the member specifics for the event to include: employee requirements, attendance capacity, sufficient time for clean-up prior to opening for normal business, kitchen requirements (if any), and payment collection.

5.6 Canteen or Post Special Requests by Members During Normal Operating Hours. Members can request tables or space reservations during normal operating hours through the Canteen Manager. There are no fees for this type of request. The requesting member should submit an Event Planning Guide (Appendix 4) to the Canteen Manager, especially if the request is considered complicated during normal operations. The Canteen Manager will try to accommodate these special event requests but can seek House Committee deliberations to make a final determination if necessary.

5.7 Canteen Manager Event. As the delegated authority, the Canteen Manager has the ability to plan events with standing approval of the House Committee without submitting forms.

5.8 Removal and Handling of Kitchen Items.

a. No one may remove any items from the kitchen without the permission of the Canteen Manager or person assigned control of the kitchen.

b. Any item used or borrowed from the kitchen and/or Canteen must be cleaned before returning. If lost or damaged, the individual will replace the item(s) borrowed.

CHAPTER 6

POST CANTEEN HOUSE RULES

6.1 Introduction. In years of operating a Canteen, the Post has had issues and actions arise that required rules to be established. This section address specific rules covering some of those issues and actions from past Post leaders experiences.

6.2 Service Animals. Service animals are to be allowed access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA.gov). Service animals must remain under the direct care of owner at all times, not moving about freely. Emotional support dogs are not recognized as service animals and are not permitted. Signage at the Post's front entrance shall be furnished and complies with all state and federal laws.

6.3 Weapons. Weapons are prohibited inside the Post.

6.4 Attire. Proper attire is required for all who enter the Post. Those who wear clothing that is determined to be too revealing or containing offensive symbols or language or otherwise unacceptable may be asked by an employee or any Post Officer to leave the Post property. Footwear must always be worn.

6.5 Jukebox. The jukebox will be discontinued during all post-meetings, Presidential TV addresses, or Government broadcasts that contain information of major impact to the public and all major sporting events involving teams designated through action by the Members during the regular season and all playoffs and championship games.

a. Employees or any Post Officer will enforce this rule.

b. The volume of the jukebox shall be maintained at a level that does not interfere with normal conversation in the Canteen.

6.6 Televisions (TV). The Employee shall control the use of all Canteen TVs. The TV shall be on the station broadcasting programming based on the majority of the Post members present.

The volume of the TVs shall be muted or maintained at a level that does not interfere with normal conversation in the Canteen.

6.7 Signage. Posting of signs within the confines of the Canteen must be approved by the Canteen Manager or House Committee Chair.

6.8 Children/Minors. All children in the Post will always be accompanied and supervised by their parents or responsible adult while on the Post premises. The parent or responsible adult shall be responsible for the behavior of minor children in their charge. Parents and or responsible adults whose children become unruly, disruptive, or disobedient will be asked to take their children and leave the premises. Children will not be allowed to play pool unless under the direct supervision of a parent/adult, who's also playing. Playing pool under these circumstances and passing through the bar area is the extent of children presence in this area. Children shall not be seated at the bar, ever.

6.9 Intoxicated Persons. No sales to any intoxicated person.

6.10 Smoking and Vaping. Smoking and vaping is permitted only in the back patio area or outside.

6.11 Members and Guests Code of Conduct. All members and guests shall be held to the standards of our employees. Appendix 2 outlines the Code of Conduct. Members and guest consequences and/or disciplinary action are outlined herein.

6.12 Playing Games in the Canteen. SC Code §16-19-40 prohibits card games, dice, and gambling tables in taverns, inns, and liquor-retailing stores, however, SC Code §16-19-60 (Exceptions) provides exceptions for social games in clubs provided no betting or economic benefit to the host occurs. Therefore, Post 6740 Canteen allows social card games and dice games in the Canteen as long as no physical exchange of money or something of value occurs (ie. No Wagers, Bets, etc. - Social Fun is Fine!).

CHAPTER 7

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

7.1 Introduction. The procedures for invoking disciplinary action against a member or guest of VFW Post 6740, responsibilities of the accusing party, the House Committee, and the rights and process of appeal of the accused for violations of the House Rules are outlined in this section. Post disciplinary actions shall not violate members rights (Section 110 of the National Bylaws) and may be combined with discipline outlined in the VFW National Bylaws Article IX. All incidents shall be recorded using Appendix 3 - Incident Report Form.

7.2 Incident Report Form. All incidents will be reported using the Appendix 3, Incident Report Form. Be sure to print clearly and gather all the information required by the form.

7.3 Filing A Complaint. Any member or guest of the Post may file a complaint with the House Committee against any person they believe has violated the House Rules. Complaints against members or guests of the Post will be submitted to the House Committee Chairperson for review and must be in writing and signed by the person bringing the complaint.

7.4 Physically Striking or Fighting Behavior. Any member or guest of the Post who strikes another person in a non-self-defense manner will be immediately ejected from the Post for 30 days, pending the finding of the House Committee. This incident shall be reported using Appendix 3 immediately but not longer than 48 hours as described in Section 4.2. Any member or guest of this type of conduct shall not be permitted to participate in the House Committee's proceedings. Figure 1 depicts a flowchart of this disciplinary action situation.

7.5 Racial, Demeaning, or Abusive Language. Racial, demeaning, or abusive language or behavior shall not be tolerated. Any instance will result in immediate ejection from the Post for 24 hours by the staff or any Post Officer present. Any continued misconduct by any member or guest not adhering to the above

immediate ejection, may then result in an immediate restriction of Canteen privileges for up to thirty (30) days or until the House Committee or membership takes action. After the House Committee hearing, the House Committee will make its recommendation to the Post Commander and inform the accused. If the Post Commander agrees with the House Committee's disciplinary action and the accused does not want to appeal, the membership will be given the opportunity to vote their approval. Figure 2 depicts a flowchart of this disciplinary action situation.

7.6 Employee Expelling a Person. Expelling a person until the next business day is the maximum penalty an employee may impose. An employee will submit a detailed incident report using Appendix 3 of the incident to the House Committee Chairperson via the Canteen Manager within 24 hours. If no further disciplinary action is deemed necessary, the report will be held on file for 180 days. Provided no other incidents occur during that period, the report will be destroyed, no record of the incident will be maintained, and the circumstances of the incident may not be used against a member or guest any time after that.

7.7 House Committee Chair or Post Commander Actions. The House Committee Chairperson or the Post Commander may remand the matter to the House Committee for further action or may evoke additional disciplinary measures until the full House Committee can take up the matter.

7.8 Post Commander's Authority. The Post Commander may overrule any measure the House Committee imposes. The Membership may override any measure imposed by the Post Commander on a Post member at the next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting called to review the accused's actions.

7.9 Maximum Penalty Others May Impose. The maximum penalty that may be imposed on an accused member by anyone other than the House Committee or Post Commander is a suspension of Post privileges until the next scheduled committee meeting. If no meeting occurs in any given month, the maximum penalty that may

be imposed is a suspension of Post privileges for 30 days for the first offense.

7.10 Right To Appear at House Committee Hearing. Any member accused of violating the rules are subject to disciplinary action brought before a hearing of the House Committee will be allowed to present their case in person before the committee. As an option to appear in person, the accused has an option to present their case to the committee in writing.

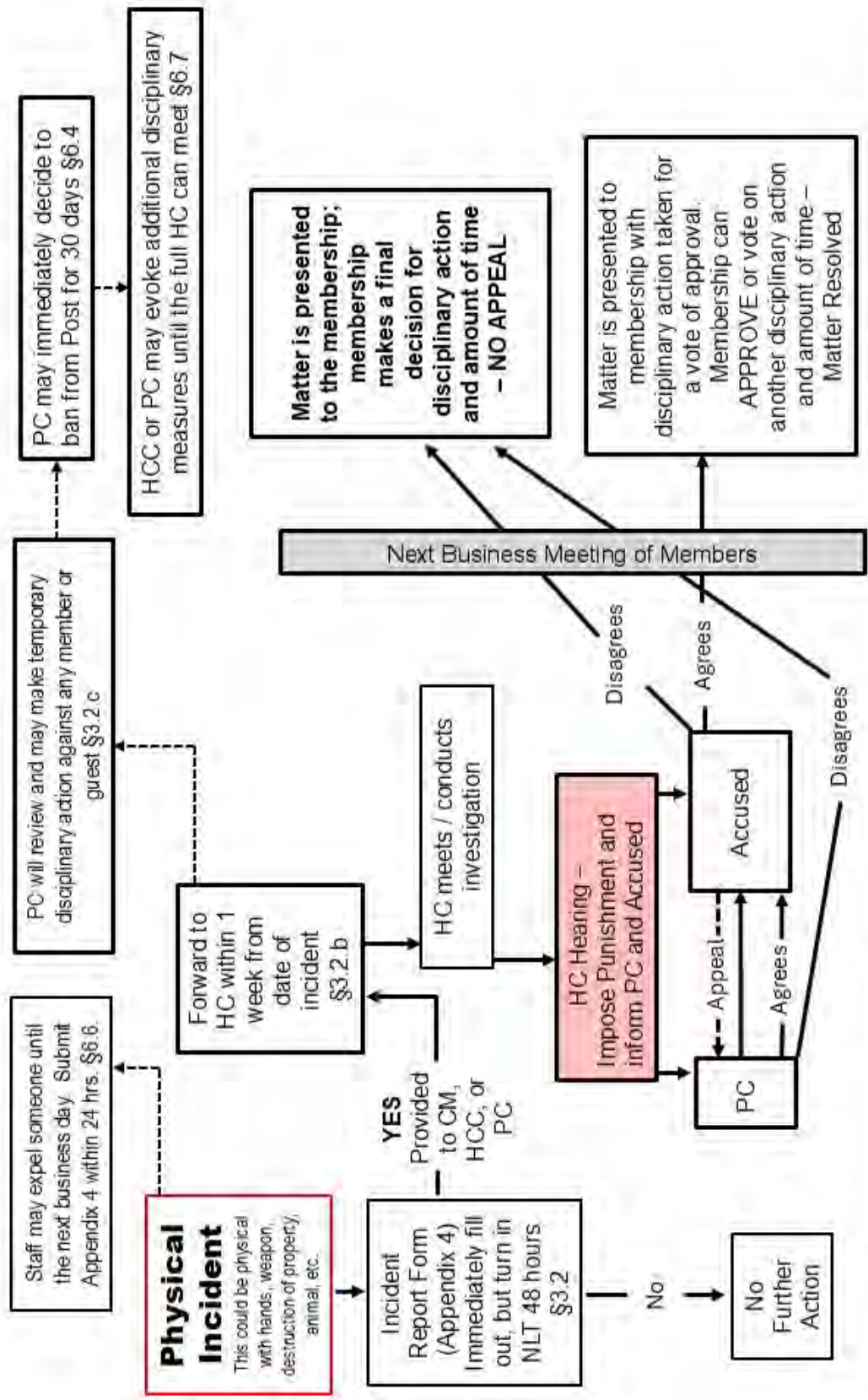
7.11 Appeal of House Committee Decision. The accused may appeal any decision of the House Committee in writing to the Post Members. The Post Members may refuse to review the case, make modifications to, or overrule the committee's decision. The Post Membership decision is final and may not be appealed.

7.12 Members Right to Attend Meetings. Per National Bylaws Sec. 105 & 110, members who are not delinquent in dues or under National Article IX action have the right to attend business meetings. The process for a "banned, barred, ejected, or expelled" member to attend a business meeting at the Post shall be:

a. Contact a Post Official at least 48 hours prior to the meeting with your intentions of attending and to coordinate entrance onto Post property.

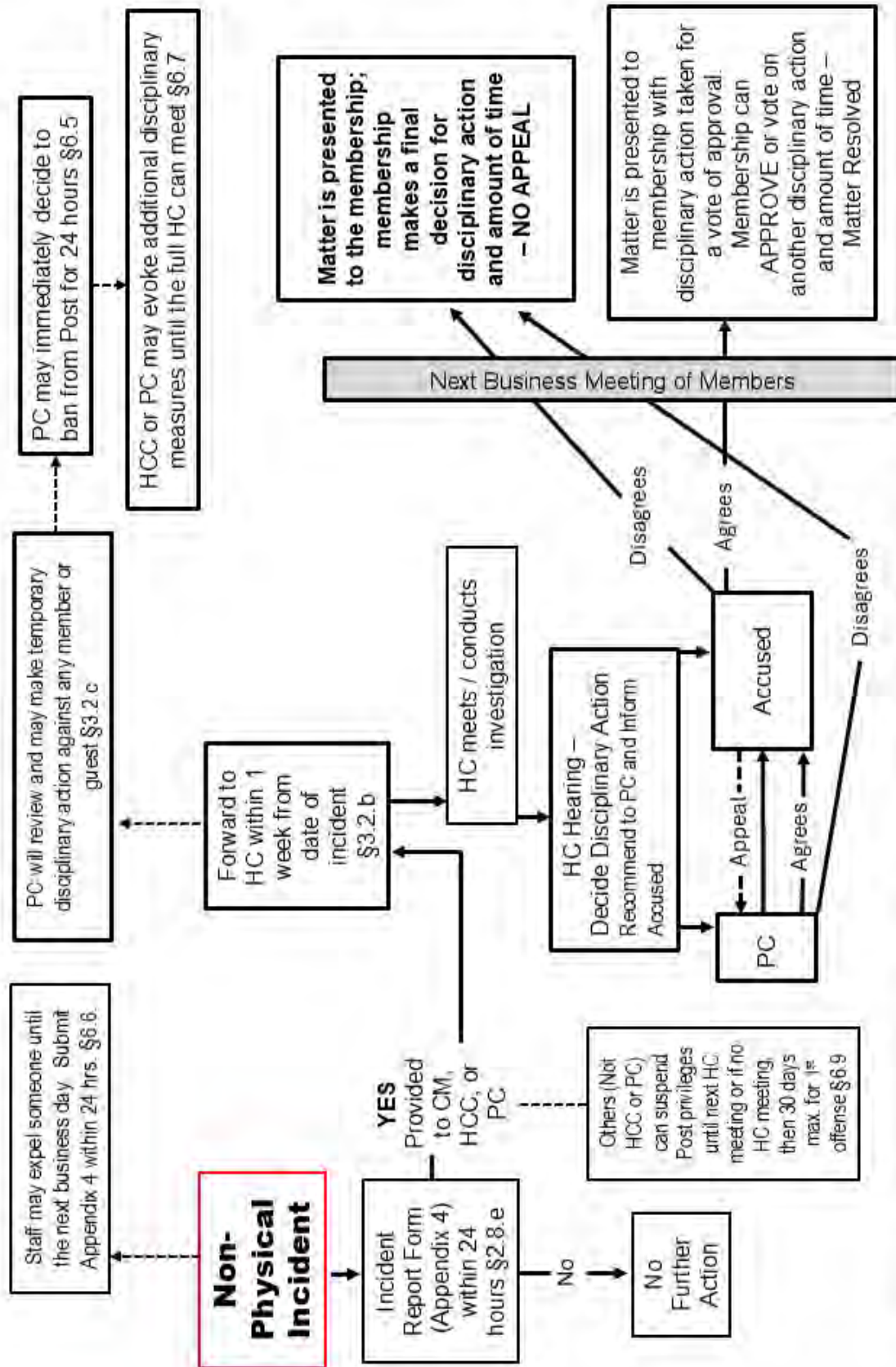
b. No earlier than 15 minutes prior to the meeting, a Post Official will escort you into the Post.

c. Upon meeting adjournment, you will be escorted out of the Post by a Post Official to depart Post property.



Incident Report Form submission has to be within 48 hours for: (1) Physical contact, (2) Bodily injury, (3) Threaten with weapon or animal, (4) Firearm discharge, (5) Destruction of property, (6) Law enforcement or EMS responded
HC = House Committee PC = Post Commander CM = Canteen Manager HCC = House Committee Chairperson
§ = SOP reference [Red Box] = Accused not permitted to participate in proceedings

Physical Incident Flowchart (Figure 1)



HC = House Committee
§ = SOP reference

PC = Post Commander
CM = Carteen Manager
HCC = House Committee Chairperson

Non-Physical Incident Flowchart (Figure 2)

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CHAPTER 8

COUNSELING

8.1 Introduction. When disciplinary action is not warranted, counseling may provide a method to document behavior or circumstances that are deemed inappropriate. These counseling records are mandated by Post inspections but may provide history for rotating House Committee members and Post Officers to understand and manage people.

8.2 Counseling Form. The counseling form is a useful tool to retain events of historical significance. Counseling will be documented using the VFW Post 6740 Counseling and Discipline Form (Appendix 5). The Post Commander, Post Officer, or House Committee Chairperson will document the event(s) that form the basis for counseling and/or disciplinary action and the action taken. The counseled person will be offered the opportunity to comment on the appropriate section of the VFW Post 6740 Counseling and Discipline Form (Appendix 5). The Post Commander, Post Officer, or House Committee Chairperson will seek the person's signature on the form, which will indicate their awareness of the counseling/disciplinary action. If the person refuses to sign the form, the Post Commander, Post Officer or House Committee Chairperson will stress that their signature does not constitute an admission of wrongdoing but merely an acknowledgment of the action taken. If the person still refuses to sign the form, it will be noted on the form.

8.3 Appeals. Anyone who has been counseled will be notified of the time and place of the House Committee meeting to address the issue. The person will be allowed to present their case to the House Committee and may bring witnesses in their defense. Requests for an appeal to the House Committee will be made in writing within thirty (30) days of any action taken.

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CHAPTER 9

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

9.1 Introduction. The Ways and Means Committee is tasked with brainstorming fundraising and expenditure ideas, then presents recommendations to the Post Membership during regular meetings. The committee shall meet to discuss any expenditures unrelated to the Canteen Club House operations as per Article VI, Section 4 of the Post Bylaws. Post members are encouraged to participate in this committee especially if one has tenured VFW experience in fundraising ideas or new Post members who could bring new and fresh fundraising ideas to the forefront.

9.2 Committee Membership. Per Article VI, Section 4, of the Post Bylaws, the committee shall consist of not less than three (3) members whom shall be elected by the Post members to serve a term of three (3) years. The Chairperson may be appointed by the Post Commander or elected by the committee membership. The Post Commander and Post Quartermaster shall be members based on their organizational positions and responsibilities. The committee membership should consist of an odd number of members to allow decision making by a majority.

9.3 Committee Reports. The committee reports its results, recommendations, and findings during regular membership meetings, as called upon by the Post Commander, for approval or disapproval.

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Appendix 1 - Definitions

For standardization, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- Ban, Bar, Expel, or Eject from the Post: All refer to a disciplinary action involving removing an individual from Post 6740 and Post social activities for a period of time due to a Post incident. Individuals are not allowed to enter the Post or be on Post property. These terms, in no way, reflect VFW or Auxiliary membership rights as those matters must be elevated to higher authority.
- Bar: The counter and any stools placed adjacent (abutting) to the counter where alcoholic beverages are served.
- Canteen Manager: Any person appointed by the House Committee to operate the Canteen subject to their instructions.
- Canteen: The area of the Post consists of the Canteen area, seating, restrooms, jukebox, and all storage areas for the holding of alcoholic beverages and snacks sold at the bar.
- Employee: An individual on staff who is directly paid or employed by the Post. Members may be employees (Comrade or Auxiliary Members).
- Grounds: Post property outside of the main building.
- Guest: For this document, unless specifically identified, the word "guest" means:
 - Any person who is not a member (see "Member")
 - Special Guest is an active-duty United States Military/Reserve person in or out of uniform who can show proper military identification
 - Guest Speaker is an individual invited for a speaking role during a function who may be a member or a guest
 - A patron (see "Patron")Guests must sign-in and have a sponsoring member.
- House: The Post quarters and the equipment contained therein.
- Intoxicated: SC Code of Laws defines intoxication as not having the normal use of mental or physical faculties because of the introduction of alcohol, a controlled substance, a drug, a dangerous drug, a combination of two or more of those substances, or any other substance into the body. This is at the sole discretion of the employee to determine.
- Kitchen: The area adjacent to the Meeting Hall, which contains the oven, stove, and other cooking appliances.
- Kitchen Manager: Any person appointed by the House Committee to operate the kitchen, subject to House Committee instructions.
- Member: For this document, unless specifically identified, the word "member" means:
 - Any Auxiliary Member of VFW Post 6740 in good standing (dues are current)
 - Any visiting VFW or VFW Auxiliary member in good standing who is not a member of Post 6740
 - Any Post Legacy, Life, or regular Member (Comrade) of VFW Post 6740 in good standingMembers shall sign-in to the Post and indicate any guests they are sponsoring.
- Meeting Hall: The large room that meetings are held in.
- Minor: Any person who has not attained 21 years of age.
- Parking Lot: Portion of the Post grounds for vehicular parking.

- Patron: A community "guest" authorized to patronize the Post. They shall sign-in and have a specific member sponsoring them.
- Post: All property, including facilities, parking areas, buildings, building contents, and grounds, is located at 950 Rock N Creek Road, Leesville, SC 29070.
- Post Official: A post senior officer such as Post Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, and Quartermaster.
- Shall: Indicates a policy/procedure that is mandatory. If the SOP states that a policy/procedure "shall" be followed, it must be executed as described.
- Should: Indicates a policy/procedure that is recommended. While following "should" policies/procedures is strongly encouraged, they are not mandatory and deviations may be appropriate under certain circumstances.
- Staff: Personnel working at the Post for an event who are employees, members, or volunteers.

Appendix 2 - VFW POST 6740 CODE OF CONDUCT

1. VFW 6740 members and guests are expected to act professionally while on Post property, attending a Post event, or posting to social media about Post related content.

- a. It will be the responsibility of everyone to maintain an amicable atmosphere from each other while enjoying our Post.
- b. At no time should anyone discuss Post business on Post premises. This includes gossip and/or hearsay from both sides of the bar that involves personnel matters, politics and/or religion.
- c. Everyone is held accountable for the dress code.

2. The following are direct violations of good order and conduct around the Post and shall be grounds of service refusal and/or being asked to leave the property.

- Horseplay.
- Excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- Use or possession of any illegal drugs.
- Possession of any illegal drug/substance on post property.
- Gambling. Gambling at the Post is defined as the physical act of exchanging money or something of value on a wager. It is **NOT GAMBLING** to play social card games or dice games in the Canteen; see paragraph "6.12 Playing Games in the Canteen".
- Fighting or aggressive behavior toward any VFW 6740 employee, member, or guest.
- Verbal threats
- Theft of any VFW Post 6740 property or anyone's personal belongings including cash, phones, etc.

3. This Code of Conduct is set out to protect you and your fellow members and guests. We want VFW Post 6740 to be the best that it can be. Please obey the rules and be accountable for your proper conduct.

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Appendix 3 - Incident Report Form

Directions: Please Print Clearly. Report any incident, including injury or property damage on this form.

Actions:

1. Immediately following an incident, call the Canteen Manager/House Committee Chairperson
2. Follow up by immediately calling the Post Commander

Person making an incident report (circle one)

Employee Canteen Manager Post Officer VFW Member

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Date _____

Signature: _____

Nature of Incident

(Use back of page for more space)
Print Witness Name / Phone Number

_____/_____
Print Witness Name / Phone Number (#2)

_____/_____

Person(s) involved in incident

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Appendix 4 - Event Planning Guide (Use Back of Form for More Space)

Today's Date: _____ Date of Event: _____

Prepared By: _____

Event: _____

Times of the Event (ie. 1100-1300 hours): _____

Hosting Member/Chairperson: _____

Fee to be Charged: \$ _____ **Outside Normal Hours Rate: \$100 for 2 hours
plus \$25 for every additional hour**

Entertainment: _____

Ensure you can answer "Yes" to the following questions:

1. Is there a plan for signing attendees into Lobbytrack? YES ☐
3. All emergency exits will remain unblocked? YES ☐

2. Is the Post capacity limits being upheld? YES ☐
4. Post smoking policy is understood? YES ☐

Food to be Served: _____

Decorating: _____

Cooks: _____

Servers: _____

Door: _____

Kitchen Clean Up _____

Hall Clean Up _____

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Appendix 5 - VFW Post 6740 Counseling and/or Discipline Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Name & Title of Person
Conducting Counseling: _____

Signature of Person
Conducting Counseling: _____

Witness Name: _____

Witness Signature: _____

Description of events leading to counseling (required)

Corrective action taken (required)

Comments (optional, indicate "none" if no comments are desired.)

Signature: _____

(Signature is an acknowledgment of being counseled and is not an admission of wrongdoing.)

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Appendix 6 - Current Committee Membership

House Committee.

Alan Pierce, House Committee Chair (ending July 2028)
Charles Holloway (ending July 2027)
Howard Barr (ending July 2027)
Dan Kletter (ending July 2028)
Nevin Rudloff (ending July 2028)
Post Commander
Post Quartermaster
Auxiliary Member - Mary Lou Schwartz (ending July 2027)
Auxiliary Member - Andy Machemer (ending July 2027)

Ways and Means Committee.

Howard Barr
Timothy Hartley
Don Watson