ARTICLE SIX
FISCAL AND FINANCE

SECTION 600 – DEPARTMENT FUNDS – All Department Funds will be maintained in secure and guaranteed accounts. A synopsis of the status of those accounts will be presented in writing at all Department Meetings, and an Audit shall be performed at the annual Department Convention, with the results presented to the body for approval

SECTION 601 – DEPARTMENT DUES – The Department Convention shall have the sole authority to fix the amount of the Department Dues. Once fixed by the Convention, Dues will remain at that amount until changed by a subsequent Department Convention. Department Dues will be paid directly by the Detachment to the Department Paymaster (Adjutant/Paymaster).

SECTION 602 – DESIGNATING FINANCIAL OFFICERS AND BONDING

A. In accordance with Section 815 of the National Bylaws, the following Department Officers are designated to handle funds for the Department, and as such are covered under the National Blanket Bond.

(1) Department Commandant

(2) Department Adjutant-Paymaster, or Paymaster if the office is split.

(3) Department Senior Vice Commandant

(4) Junior Past Department Commandant

B. All financial accounts will be established so that the signatures of a minimum of two of the designated Financial Officers are required to withdraw funds or modify accounts.

C. Certain Officers may be granted a limited authorization by the Department Convention to obligate funds for specific purposes, without requiring an additional vote of the Convention or Board of Trustees for each action. (An example of such authorization would be the Department Chaplain to provide for Members or the immediate family of Members who become sick or deceased.) When such authorizations are provided, they must be renewed annually and disbursements must be reported to the Membership.

D. LIMITATION – Except as specifically provided in these Bylaws, no Officer or individual member of the Department of Tennessee shall have the authority to obligate the Department financially in any way unless previously approved by the Department Board of Trustees or the Department Convention.

END OF ARTICLE SIX