ARTICLE TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SECTION 200 – COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES –

(a) The Department of Tennessee Board of Trustees shall consist of all Elected Officers of the Department. The Elected Officers of the Department of Tennessee are the Department Commandant, the Department Senior Vice Commandant, the Department Junior Vice Commandant, and the Department Judge Advocate

(b) The Junior Past Department Commandant shall also be a member of the Department Board of Trustees, in accordance with the National Bylaws.

(c) The Department Adjutant and Paymaster (or Adjutant-Paymaster) shall each be ex-officio members, without a vote.

SECTION 201 – POWERS – In between Department Conventions, the Department Board of Trustees shall have the power and authority:

(a) To employ, define the duties, and fix the compensation of any employees deemed necessary for the best interest of the Department of Tennessee provided such paid positions are authorized by the Department Convention.

(b) To promulgate a Department Manual consisting of these Bylaws and such annotations as are necessary for interpretation, and other such rituals, manuals and publications as are deemed necessary to establish uniform procedures within the Department.

(c) To remove or suspend any Department Officer or Detachment Officer for cause.

(d) To approve the date for the next Department Convention.

(e) To exercise other such powers as may be granted, and to be limited to those actions as may be authorized by the Department Bylaws.

(f) To act in the best interest of the Department of Tennessee with full executive powers vested to the Board of Trustees in the interim between Department Conventions.

SECTION 202 – DUTIES – The duties of the members of the Department Board of Trustees shall be the same as that for the National Board of Trustees.

SECTION 203 –VACANCIES – Should a vacancy occur in the Department Board of Trustees, it will be handled in the following manner:

(a) If the vacancy is the Department Commandant, the Department Senior Vice Commandant will immediately fill the office of Commandant, with the title, and all rights and privileges for the remainder of the uncompleted term.

(b) All other vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Department Commandant for the remainder of the uncompleted term, with the concurrence of the remainder of the Board of Trustees.

(c) Should the Junior Past Department Commandant be unable to serve as a member of the Department Board of Trustees for any reason, the Department Commandant will appoint another Past Department Commandant to fill this seat. If no Past Department commandant is able to serve, this seat will remain vacant.

(d) In all other matters concerning vacancies, the Board of Trustees shall be guided by the appropriate section of Article Two of the National Bylaws.

SECTION 204 – GENERAL – In all matters concerning meetings, quorum, voting, and conduct of business that are not specifically addressed herein, the Board of Trustees shall be guided by applying the appropriate section of Article Two of the National Bylaws.

END OF ARTICLE TWO