

Proposal – Constitutional Change to Article VII – NEC

As written, the current Article VII, National Executive Committee (NEC), includes all Past National Commanders (PNC) as members. The NEC, while elected to provide some undefined governance to the JWV between conventions, is more akin to the U.S. Congress or Senate and should be designed to provide advice and guidance to the National Commander and his staff. Past National Commanders are just that – PAST – and with the exception of the immediate PNC, should no longer have any role in the organization's executive. No other veteran's organization retains all its PNC's on their executive and neither should we. The ungainly number of PNCs on the NEC drowns out the concerns and needs of the membership as voiced by their elected NEC representatives and acts as a brake on progress and new ideas needed to keep this organization vital and viable. If a National Commander has need of advice from a PNC other than an immediate Past PNC, it is his prerogative to privately seek out that individual and obtain the guidance/advice he needs. One needs only to look at our own national government to see that former presidents are not retained by the current president on any committee or executive organization but are called upon, if needed, as the situation and the needs of the sitting president dictate.

It is therefore proposed that Article VII be amended and that the last six words of the penultimate sentence, to wit: "and (8) all Past National Commanders" be deleted and the following substituted in its place: "and (8) the immediate Past national Commander."

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