

11. Each delegate is entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegation present from his post.
12. A person who is not a duly accredited delegate shall not participate directly or indirectly in a voice vote on any subject.
13. Vote in all cases, except elections and trials of officials and appeals, shall be by acclamation, unless a roll call vote shall be demanded by at least five (5) Posts with one or more accredited delegates present on the floor of the convention.
14. The annual election of officers of the Department shall be a special order of business at 12:00 P.M. on the day set for adjournment of the Convention or at the call of the Chair. Each officer to be elected by the Department Convention shall be voted on separately, except that the election of the Department Area Commanders and the ratification of District Commanders, District Vice Commanders and delegates and alternate delegates to the National Convention may be elected collectively. A roll call of Posts for the purpose of casting their votes shall continue until the roll call is complete or until there shall be only one candidate for a particular Department office. In the event more than two (2) candidates are nominated for any one office, all candidates, except the two (2) receiving the highest number of votes shall be eliminated following the first ballot. The Department Adjutant shall announce that the second ballot is about to begin, and allow five (5) minutes time for the delegates to return to the convention floor and their respective delegation. Thereafter, the balloting shall continue until one (1) candidate shall receive a majority of the votes cast.
15. All elections shall be held in the following order or sequence, final determination within each group to be completed prior to consideration of the next group.

First	Ratification of nominations from Districts of delegates and alternate delegates to the National Convention.
Second	Ratification of the election of two (2) District Vice Commanders from each District.
Third	Ratification of the election of a District Commander from each District.
Fourth	Ratification of the election of a Department Area Commander from each Area.
Fifth	Department Sergeant-At-Arms.
Sixth	Department Chaplain.
Seventh	Department Historian.
Eighth	Department Third Vice Commander.
Ninth	Department Second Vice Commander.
Tenth	Department NECA (even years only)
Eleventh	Department NEC (even years only)
Twelfth	Department First Vice Commander.
Thirteenth	Department Commander.

16. Nominations for Department Officers shall be from the floor of the convention. Nominating speeches shall be limited to five (5) minutes each. No more than two (2) seconding speeches shall be made for each candidate, each of which shall not exceed two (2) minutes.
17. Voting for all Department Officers shall be by roll call of the Posts in the following order: Beginning with Post 182 and ending with Post 374, with roll call continuing with new Posts chartered on and after the Department Executive Committee Meeting held November 15, 2015.