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TO: Missouri National Guard Association (MoNGA) Members  
FROM: MoNGA Bylaws Committee  
SUBJECT: Bylaws Committee Report, Summary of Changes to Revised Bylaws

The Bylaws Committee has met on several occasions both in person, by email, and by teleconference over the past several months with the goal of updating the language, improving the readability, and clearly defining roles, duties, and terms. The end product is a set of Bylaws with better continuity, is easier to understand, and to use by the membership at large. The committee members were: Chairman Veronica Hoffman, Leah Caldwell, Barbara Bullard, and Vernon James. The committee has reviewed the current Bylaws and has proposed changes which are summarized below. The Bylaws Committee provided a report with the proposed changes at the Board of Directors' meeting on January 24, 2008, and the report was unanimously approved. The proposed changes will be voted on at the annual conference during the business session. All members are encouraged to review the proposed Bylaws, and forward any feedback to their unit's voting delegates for the 61<sup>st</sup> Missouri National Guard Conference's business session on April 19, 2008, in Jefferson City.

The purposed Bylaws revision has been posted for review on our website: [www.mongaonline.com](http://www.mongaonline.com), or is available in hardcopy by writing or calling: MONGA, 2302 Militia Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65101, (573) 632-4240, and requesting a copy be mailed.

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF CHANGES:**

***Article III Membership, Section 1 – Membership***

Changes the description of the various types of memberships to bring them in line with the descriptions used in the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) and Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Bylaws.

***Article IV Officers, Section 1 – Officers***

E. **Changes:** Command Vice-Presidents titles to Command Representatives to differentiate from the Executive Council's Vice Presidents

K. **Changes:** Enlisted Committee President to Enlisted Committee Chairman

L. **Changes:** Enlisted Committee President-Elect to Enlisted Committee Chairman-Elect

N. **Adds:** Company Grade/Warrant Officer Representative

***Article IV Officers, Section 2 – Duties And Powers Of Officers***

C. Vice-President Air and Army

Expands and clarifies the duties and powers of the Vice-President Air and Army

E. Command Representatives

Expands and clarifies the duties and powers of the Command Representatives

J. Retired Representative

Expands and clarifies the duties and powers of the Retired Representative

L. Company Grade Officer/Warrant Officer Representatives

**Added:** Company Grade Officer/Warrant Officer Representative

**Article IV Officers, Section 3 – Election Of Officers**

**Added:** The Nomination Committee shall verify eligibility to hold office, as specified in Section 6 below, prior to presenting nomination to the floor.

**Change:** Command Vice-President to Command Representative

**Added:** Company Grade Officer/Warrant Officer Representative

**Article IV Officers, Section 5 – Vacancies**

**Added:** Any appointee to an Executive Council position shall have served at least one (1) previous year as a member of the Board of Directors.

**Article IV Officers, Section 6 – Eligibility**

**Added:** In addition, the President-Elect must have been a member of the Board of Directors for at least one (1) year prior to election as the President-Elect.

**Article V Areas, Section 1 – Commands**

**Change:** The number of Commands is changed from ten (10) to eight (8) which bring the command structure into conformity with the current organizational structure of the Missouri Army and Air National Guard.

**Article V Areas, Section 2 – Command Names**

This section is added to better define the command within the Missouri National Guard.

**Article V Areas, Section 3 – Command Realignment**

This section is added to empower the Board of Directors to make adjustments in the Command structure caused by reorganization or realignment of the Commands, and to immediately notify the Standing Committee on Bylaws so that the changes in Command structure can be included in the next revision of the Bylaws.

**Article VII Committees, Section 1 – Standing Committees**

The Committees are renamed from “Committee on XXX” to “XXX Committee. The duties of the individual committees are expanded and better defined.

**Article VIII The Executive Council, Section 1 – Composition**

The position names are changes so they are consistent with the changes in this revision.

**Article VIII The Executive Council, Section 2 – Duties and Powers**

Expands and clarified the duties and powers of the Executive Council.

**Article X Conference, Section 3 – Representation**

As the Bylaws are currently written, there is no provision for a Life member to be a delegate to an Annual Conference or Special Conference. The purposed change is recommended as follows:

**As Reads:**

The right to be a delegate at an Annual Conference or Special Conference shall be limited to Annual and Retired Life Members.

**Change To:**

The right to be a delegate at an Annual Conference or Special Conference shall be limited to Annual, Life, and Retired Life Members.

**Article XI**

The purposed change is recommended as follows:

**As Reads:**

ARTICLE XI SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITIES

**Change To:**

ARTICLE XI WAR OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY, SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITES

**Article XI, Section 1 – Suspension of Activities**

**Added:**

Paragraph “A.” to read: This article may be invoked by majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Association in the event of war or national emergency proclaimed by the President of the United States. This article, when invoked, shall take precedence over any conflicting provision of the Bylaws of the Association.

Current paragraph “A.” renamed “B.” with minor modification.

Current paragraph “B.” renamed “C.” with the following sentence **added** at the end of the paragraph:

For the purpose of this article, extended active duty is defined as federal mobilization for a period of more than two hundred seventy (270) days, under a Presidential Selected Reserve Call-Up (PSRC), in time of war or national emergency as declared by Congress, under Title 10 U.S.C. 12301 a, b, c and d, 12302 and 12304, as amended.

Current paragraph “C.” renamed “D.”

**Article XI, Section 6 – Remittance of Dues**

**Deleted**

**Article XIV Amendments / Revisions to Bylaws by Two-Thirds Vote**

This article has been extensively revised with the intent of improving the process by which Bylaws are revised. Please see the proposed revisions for the complete details.

The members of the Bylaws Committee recommend these proposed changes be adopted at the 61st Annual Conference of the Missouri National Guard Association. The Bylaws’ Table of Contents will be renumbered once the final document is approved.

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