

## Article 16

### Current

#### **Section 1 – Election of Division Officers**

When there is but one candidate for an office, upon motion and majority consent, a formal ballot may be dispensed with and the candidate be elected by acclamation. In an election for any Division office for which there is more than one candidate, voting shall be by secret ballot. Voting shall take place in a separate function room at the Reunion's site, if available. If a separate room is not available, then a corner of the meeting room may be used, with as much privacy as possible. The Delegate Credentials Committee shall make necessary arrangements for the room or space prior to the business session. All voting shall be under the supervision of the Division Adjutant and/or Delegate Credentials Committee. Voting for all contested offices shall take place at one time. Balloting shall be by Camps. The Chairman of a Camp's delegation shall receive a ballot from the Division Adjutant and/or Delegate Credentials Committee on which is marked the total number of votes which may be cast on that ballot. There shall be no identification of the Camp or delegates on the ballot. The Chairman shall mark the ballot per the directions of his delegation and place the same in a ballot box or a container used for that purpose, then departs. Upon completion of the voting procedure, the Division Adjutant and a minimum of two members of the Delegate Credentials Committee shall serve as tellers and shall count the votes. A candidate for a contested office shall not be present for the tallying of the votes but may designate one member to witness the counting of the ballots. The results of the election shall be placed in the custody of the Chairman of the Delegate Credentials Committee who shall announce the results when called upon by the Division Commander. In the event there are more than two candidates for an office and one candidate does not receive a majority of the total votes cast, then there shall be a run-off by ballot between the two candidates receiving the most votes, and the above procedure shall be followed.

### As amended

#### **Section 1 – Election of Division Officers**

When there is but one candidate for an office, upon motion and majority consent, a formal ballot may be dispensed with and the candidate be elected by acclamation. In an election for any Division office **above Brigade level** for which there is more than one candidate, voting shall be by secret ballot. Voting shall take place in a separate function room at the Reunion's site, if available. If a separate room is not available, then a corner of the meeting room may be used, with as much privacy as possible. The Delegate Credentials Committee shall make necessary arrangements for the room or space prior to the business session. All voting shall be under the supervision of the Division Adjutant and/or Delegate Credentials Committee. Voting for all contested offices shall take place at one time. Balloting shall be by Camps. The Chairman of a Camp's delegation shall receive a ballot from the Division Adjutant and/or Delegate Credentials Committee on which is marked the total number of votes which may be cast on that ballot. There shall be no identification of the Camp or delegates on the ballot. The Chairman shall mark the ballot per the directions of his delegation and place the same in a ballot box or a container used for that purpose, then departs. Upon completion of the voting procedure, the Division Adjutant and a minimum of two members of the Delegate Credentials Committee shall serve as tellers and shall count the votes. A candidate for a contested office shall not be present for the tallying of the votes but may designate one member to witness the counting of the ballots. The results of the election shall be placed in the custody of the Chairman of the Delegate Credentials Committee who shall announce the results when called upon by the Division Commander. In the event there are more than two candidates for an office and one candidate does not receive a majority of the total votes cast, then there shall be a run-off by ballot between the two candidates receiving the most votes, and the above procedure shall be followed.

Purpose

To clarify the language. Article 17, section 3 deals with brigade level elections.

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