

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION 2024-2025**  
**STATE OF ALABAMA, VFW**

**CREDENTIAL AND ELECTION RULES**

1. Only officers, delegates and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be registered for this encampment.
2. Delegates registered will show their delegate credential cards and current membership cards when requested to do so.
3. Registration is not compulsory to attend business meetings. However, only delegates may vote or be entitled to the floor, other than by courtesy of the presiding officer. A member may attend so long as he has a current VFW card.
4. The business meeting, when the election is held, will be restricted to VFW members only, and the Sgt-at-Arms will check both membership card and the registered delegate card at the door.
5. The State Commander will have authority to clear the hall of any disturbance during the meeting, and the Sgt-at-Arms will see that there is no interruption during the session.
6. No officer, delegate or member will be allowed to speak on the same subject more than twice.
7. Resolutions to be passed must first have been considered by the Resolutions Committee and will not be brought to the floor until considered by that Committee unless by the unanimous consent of the body.
8. Amendments to the Bylaws will not be considered unless they have been published prior to the Encampment or by unanimous consent of the convention and will not be adopted unless a vote of 2/3 of the delegates present favoring such proposed Bylaws.
9. Nomination of officers will be by open nomination. Nominations do not require a second.
10. There will be no lobbying in the Encampment Hall, and prior ritualistic decorum and order shall be observed at all times.
11. Candidates will be permitted to speak for 5 minutes to the Department Convention prior to the balloting.
12. Balloting for candidates will be by roll call, and after balloting has begun, posts not ready to vote in turn may pass temporarily to have an opportunity to caucus delegates and upon passing, such post shall go to the end of the roll. If the post is not ready to vote when called again, it will be allowed three minutes to complete its caucus and cast its ballot.
13. An individual possessing more than one qualification for membership in the Department Convention shall inform the State Commander and Adjutant which qualification they plan to use for their vote.
14. A Post Commander or Delegate casting the post vote will identify their office and themselves to the body on each roll call. Such delegates will answer the roll call by calling the names of the candidates and the division of the Post vote.
15. Only delegates from the Post may challenge the division of the Post vote. On proper challenge, the number of delegates on the floor from the post shall be divided into the voting strength to which the post is entitled and each delegate present shall be entitled to cast the fraction of such voting strength so ascertained. This division shall be made by the Post Commander unless legally challenged, in which event it shall be done by someone appointed by the State Commander.
16. The State Commander will appoint three tellers to tabulate the ballots and the State Adjutant will announce the results.
17. The roll call will be in accordance with national policy as follows: (a) Posts in numerical order, (b) Council of Administration, (c) Past State Commanders.