

FRA SOUTHEAST REGION BYLAWS RESOLUTION NO. 2

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL COMMITTEE
ON BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES**

Whereas, FRA Southeast Region Bylaws, Article V, Section 517 states:

“SECTION 517(a). The Regional Committee on Veterans Services.

SECTION 517(b). Committee members shall be either VA accredited as Veterans Service Officer (VSO) representing FRA or designated as an FRA Representative or Deputy Representative for the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) program at a VA medical facility.

SECTION 517(c). To oversee the FRA VSO and VAVS programs, providing education and outreach of same to the membership of the Association, including the policies and regulations associated with these programs; to report on the number and activities of FRA accredited VSO representatives and representatives in the VAVS program in each region; to solicit branches and Shipmates to become involved in departments of veterans affairs/services on the state, local or national level, including VA regional offices, medical facilities, state of national veteran cemeteries or veteran homes, and to annually recognize outstanding service by a Shipmate in service to veterans. When the need for assistance is beyond the capacity of the local branch, the Branch President shall make a report to the Regional Chairman and Regional President with appropriate recommendations.

SECTION 517(d). It shall solicit the cooperation of branch chairman of this committee and instill the importance of this committee at the branch level,

SECTION 517(e). The Chairman shall make an annual report to the delegates at the Regional Convention”; and

Whereas, at the 97th FRA National Convention held in Springfield, Missouri, FRA C&BL Article VIII, Section 820 was rewritten; and

Whereas, FRA Southeast Region Bylaws, Article V, Section 517 does not adequately define the Committee’s duties; now therefore be it

Resolved, that FRA Southeast Region Bylaws, Article V, Section 517, be deleted in its entirety and a new Section 517 be substituted as follows:

“SECTION 517(a). The Regional Committee on Veterans Service,

SECTION 517(b). Committee members shall be VA accredited Veteran Service Officers representing the FRA in the Southeast Region. Duties of the Committee shall be: to oversee the FRA Veterans Service programs, providing education and outreach of same to the membership of the Association, including the policies and regulations associated with the program; to report on the number and activities of FRA accredited VSO representatives and programs in the Southeast Region, to solicit branches and Shipmate in the Southeast Region to become involved in departments of veterans affairs/services on the local, state, or national level, including VA regional offices, and to annually recognize outstanding service by a Shipmate in service to veterans in the area of Veteran services.

SECTION 517(c). It shall solicit the cooperation of Branch chairman of this committee and instill the importance of this committee at the branch level.

SECTION 517(d). The Chairman shall make an annual report to the delegates at the Southeast Regional Convention.”

This is to certify that this resolution was proposed at a meeting of the Regional Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules on April 16, 2026, distributed, read, debated, and adopted by unanimous vote through e-mail on April 23, 2026.

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