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## **PREAMBLE**

**For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:**

**To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;**

**To maintain law and order;**

**To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;**

**To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars;**

**To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation;**

**To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;**

**To make right the master of might;**

**To promote peace and good-will on earth;**

**To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy;**

**To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.**

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE CHARLES E. MURRAY**

## **AMERICAN LEGION POST 186**

### **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The Name of the organization shall be The Charles E. Murray American Legion Post #186, Inc, The American Legion Department of Florida

### **ARTICLE II – OBJECTS AND PURPOSE**

The objects and purpose of Post 186 will be to promote the principles and policies as set forth in the foregoing Preamble, and the National and Departmental Constitutions of the American Legion.

### **ARTICLE III – NATURE**

1. Post 186 is a civilian organization, and membership therein does not affect or increase liability for military or police service.
2. Post 186 will be absolutely non-political, and will not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles, or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office of preferment.
3. Military rank does not exist in the American Legion. No member will be addressed by their military title in any meeting of Post 186.
4. Each member of Post 186 will perform their full duty as a citizen to their own conscience and understanding

## ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

1. Eligibility to membership in Post 186 will be prescribed by Article IV of the National Constitution of The American Legion.
2. Application for membership in Post 186 will be made in writing on forms prescribed by The American Legion, and each application must be approved by a member of the membership committee. A DD-214 or other proof of service must be submitted with the application. When a new member is transferring in from another Post, That Post MUST be contacted in order to make sure the incoming member is in fact a member in good standing in the American Legion.
3. All applications for membership will be acted upon at the next Post 186 meeting following the approval by a membership committee, and will at said meeting, be accepted, rejected, or referred for further investigation and consideration. If six members present at the said meeting cast their vote against the acceptance of said application, then such application will be rejected. A rejected candidate can reapply for membership at the next meeting.
4. Any disciplinary action affecting a member's rights in the American Legion will be in accordance with Article X, paragraph 14, of the Department Constitution. Disciplinary action involving the Post or Canteen will be in accordance with the House Rules of the Post.
5. A member who has been revoked from Post 186 for nonpayment of dues, may be reinstated to membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at a Post 186 meeting, and the payment of Past and Current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs.
6. No person who has been expelled by the Post will be admitted to membership in any other Post, without the consent of the expelling Post, except where such consent has been asked for and denied by such Post. They may then appeal to the Executive Committee of the expelling Post for permission to be admitted to membership in another Post, and will be ineligible for membership until such permission is granted.
7. There will be no form or class of membership and dues will be paid annually for life.
8. Prospective and/or any member(s) with convictions of moral turpitude and/or supplying false or misleading information on a membership document(s), will not be considered for membership, or if a current member be found guilty of the above, it will be cause for immediate expulsion from Post 186.
9. No person while a member of Post 186 will be a member of another Post of the American Legion.
10. Card carrying members of another American Legion Post may attend a Post 186 General Membership Meeting, with permission of the Post Commander. The guest will not speak unless approved by the Commander, and will not vote on any issues.

## ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

1. The administrative affairs of Post 186 of the American Legion, except as may be otherwise provided by the by-laws, shall be under the supervision of an Executive Committee, hereafter to be referred to as the E-Board. The E-Board shall consist of seventeen (17) members from the membership. This will be the elected officers of (1) Post Commander, (2) First Vice Commander, (3) Second Vice Commander, (4) Finance Officer, (5) PR/Historian, (6) Sergeant-At-Arms, (7) Chaplain (non-voting member), and seven (7) elected E-Board members.

It will also include the offices of Judge Advocate and Adjutant, who will be appointed by the Post Commander, and be non-voting members of the E-Board. The previous Past Commander will be an automatic voting member of the E-Board, unless he/she assumes another office, which will leave the position vacant for the year.

2. All Officers of Post 186, will be elected annually and certified by the Department Adjutant, not more than ninety (90) days, nor less than ten (10) days prior to the Annual Department Convention. They will be installed in accordance with Article X, paragraph 13, of the American Legion Department of Florida Constitution, at a date and time which is convenient to the Post and District. The outgoing officers and Committee members will hold office until their successors are duly installed or otherwise provided, but not until after the Department Convention.

3. Every member of Post 186 in good standing will be eligible to hold office in Post 186, provided the person is certified as a member in good standing by two (2) members of the Election Committee. The E&N committee will check each candidate's DD 214 (or other form of proof of time in service) to make sure they are eligible to run for office, prior to the election. Each member may only run for one office at election time. To run for Post Commander, the candidate must have held office or a position on the Post 186 Executive Board for at least one year. This requirement can be waived by a vote conducted by the E&N Chairman, and the approval of two thirds (2/3) of the membership present at a regular membership meeting and that falls within the 90 days prior to the Post election.

4. Any elected Officer or elected Committee position of Post 186 that is not filled, or becomes vacant, the Commander will appoint a member in good standing to that office. This office will be for the remaining term of that elected office. This appointment must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the E-Board, and the majority of the membership at a regular Post meeting.

5. If the position of Commander of Post 186 becomes vacant, the E-Board will have a special meeting to recommend a well-qualified person to serve out the remainder of the Commander's term. The Legionnaire will be brought before the next General Membership meeting for a majority vote of the attending members.

6. As an elected representative of the membership, all officers are required to attend all Executive Board and General Membership meetings. Missing a combination of four (4) meetings of the Executive Board and General Membership, may be cause for removal from office pending a Special Executive Board meeting of Post 186.

7. A Post officer may be Reprimanded, Suspended, or Expelled with proper cause, in accordance with The American Legion Department of Florida Constitution, Article X, Section 14.

## **ARTICLE VI – FINANCE**

1. The revenue of Post 186 will be derived from membership initiation fees, membership dues, and from such sources as may be provided by a vote of the membership present at a Post 186 meeting.
2. The amount of such membership dues will be fixed by the Post 186 membership.
3. Post 186 will pay to Department Headquarters the National dues for every member of Post 186.

## **ARTICLE VII – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT, SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON, AND AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER**

1. Post 186 recognizes an Auxiliary organization to be known as the Auxiliary Unit 186 of The Charles E. Murray Post 186 American Legion. The Post also recognizes the Son's of the American Legion (SAL) to be known as Squadron 186 of The Charles E. Murray Post 186 American Legion. The Post also recognizes the American Legion Riders to be known as Chapter 186 of The Charles E. Murray Post 186 American Legion.
2. Membership in Auxiliary Unit 186, will be prescribed by The National Constitution of The American Legion.
3. Membership in the SAL Squadron 186, will be prescribed by The National Constitution of The American Legion
4. Membership in the American Legion Riders Chapter 186, will be prescribed by The National Constitution of The American Legion.

## **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS**

1. This Constitution is adopted subject to the provisions of the National Constitution of the American Legion and the Department Constitution of the Department of Florida American Legion. Any amendment to the National Constitution or Department Constitution which is in conflict with any provisions hereof, shall automatically repeal or modify the provision of this Constitution to the extent of such conflict.

## **ARTICLE IX –EFFECTIVE DATE**

1. This Constitution will take effect as soon as it is approved by the Department of Florida American Legion.
2. A copy of this Constitution will become a part of the Adjutant's records as well as copies of any amendments thereto.



# **BY-LAWS OF THE CHARLES E. MURRAY AMERICAN LEGION POST 186**

## **ARTICLE I – NAME AND OBJECTIVES**

1. The Post existing under these By-Laws is to be known as The Charles E. Murray American Legion Post 186 of The American Legion Department of Florida.
2. The objectives of Post 186 are set forth in the Post's Constitution.

## **ARTICLE II – MANAGEMENT**

1. The government and management of Post 186 are entrusted to the Executive Committee, here after being referred to as the E-Board. The E-Board shall consist of seventeen (17) members.
2. This will be the elected officers of (1) Post Commander, (2) First Vice Commander, (3) Second Vice Commander, (4) Finance Officer, (5) PR/Historian, (6) Sergeant-At-Arms, (7) Chaplain (non-voting member), and seven (7) elected E-Board members.

It will also include the offices of Judge Advocate and Adjutant, who will be appointed by the Post Commander, and be non-voting members of the E-Board. The previous Past Commander will be an automatic voting member of the E-Board, unless he/she assumes another office, which will leave the position vacant for the year.

3. All Elected Officers shall be elected by ballot. All members running for office will have their membership in Post 186 and their qualifying military service verified from a copy of a DD-214 or Military Discharge by at least two members of the Election and Nominating committee, hereafter known as the E&N committee. The chairman will report this verification to the membership prior to announcing the results of the election. Write-in votes are not permitted and will not be counted. A list of Post members voting will be maintained by the E&N Committee to prevent someone from voting more than once. The candidate or candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to that respective office. The election will be held at the home of Post 186 from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM, the Wednesday prior to the Post 186 last regular meeting that is not more than ninety (90) days or less than ten (10) days prior to the Annual Department Convention. Nominations will be opened at a regular membership meeting no more than ninety (90) days prior to Post 186 election, and remain open until the close of the regular meeting prior to the Post 186 elections.

4. Voting by Absentee Ballot

- Any member of the Charles E. Murray American Legion Post 186 may request an absentee ballot. The member requesting the ballot in person must show his/her valid card to a member of the E&N committee. The committee person will take the members name and membership number, and then issue them a ballot number that will be used to send their ballot to them after the nominations have been completed. Each ballot sent out will contain a list of the candidates, a ballot number, and address to send the completed ballot to. Ballot may be requested February 1<sup>st</sup> of that election year.

- If the ballot is requested by mail, the request letter must have the member's name and membership number on it. We will only send the ballot to the address we have on file in our computer. It is the member's responsibility to make sure the Post has their correct address on file. **No request by phone will be honored.**
- Anyone requesting an absentee ballot must mail it back to the Post. No ballots dropped off at the Post will be accepted. When mailing the ballot back to the Post, the member will use two (2) envelopes to return the ballot. The outer envelope will contain the member's ballot number, which will be torn off the ballot they received and placed in that envelope. The outside of the envelope will have the specified mailing address to use for the Post (listed on ballot), the members return address, and a stamp. The inner envelope will contain only the completed ballot. The purpose of using two envelopes is to keep the person who submitted the ballot anonymous.
- All ballots must be returned to Post 186 no later than the day of the election. The ballot must be mailed to Charles E. Murray American Legion Post 186 ATTN E&N Committee, 12091 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, FL 34613. Ballots that are received before election day, will be verified using the ballot number that is enclosed in the outer envelope, and the name and membership number of the person who initially requested and was given that number. Only the outer envelope will be opened before the day of the election, so the verification process can be done. The inner envelope will remain sealed and locked up until the day of the election, at which time the ballots will be opened and counted by the E&N committee. Ballots that are not addressed to the E&N committee and are opened by another Post member will not be counted. Post 186 will not be responsible for lost or stolen ballots, or ballots that are returned after the election.
- The ballots will be verified by the E&N committee to make sure no duplicate votes have been cast. If a member has cast a vote by absentee ballot, and then comes to the Post to vote, the E&N committee will count the absentee vote that was sent. Any member caught trying to cheat by voting (or trying to vote) more than once, or in any way attempting to falsify the balloting, will be brought up on charges before the E-Board.

5. The Commander will set aside a portion of the Post 186 bulletin board for an advertisement by candidates running for office in Post 186. Each candidate will be allowed one half (1/2) letter size advertisement. All advertisements must be positive, no negative advertising will be allowed.

6. There will be no campaigning or the passing out of campaign literature in or on the property of Post 186 on election day.

### **ARTICLE III – POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. The Post Commander will call for Post 186's Executive Committee (E-Board) to meet for organizational purposes and such other business as may come before it within thirty (30) days after the installation of the new Officers. The Post E-Board will, at a minimum, meet monthly one (1) week before the regular membership meeting unless mitigating circumstances such as Holidays or possible lack of a quorum for that particular date. The Post officers will be notified of the next meeting date.

2. Thereafter the Post E-Board shall upon written request of nine (9) or more members of the said E-Board have a special E-Board meeting for any reason(s) they feel necessary for the good and welfare of the Post. Eight (8) members of the E-Board shall constitute a quorum thereof. The E-Board members requesting the meeting will be responsible to give adequate, five (5) days

or more, notification to the other board members, the Post Adjutant, and the Post Judge Advocate. The meeting must be held no more than seven (7) days after notification. Discussion of any other business than what the special E-Board was convened for is prohibited.

3. In case of extreme emergency (called only by the Commander or acting Commander), a phone conference with the E-Board may take place for the good and welfare of Post 186. A quorum of eight (8) E-Board members is still needed.

## **ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. Post 186 Commander: It shall be the duties of the Commander to preside at all meetings of Post 186 and to have general supervision over the business affairs of Post 186. The Commander shall be the chief executive officer of Post 186 and see that the Constitution and By-Laws of Post 186 are enforced. The Commander will be the liaison officer between Post 186 and the Auxiliary, SAL, and Legion Riders. The Commander shall make an annual report covering the business of Post 186 for the year. These reports are to become a part of the Adjutant's records. The Commander will make arrangements for an audit of the books once a year, and whether the audit will be internal or external, will be determined by the E-Board and approved by the general membership. The Commander acts as Ex-Officio at all committees.

The Commander may designate any officer, elected or appointed, or any committee chairperson to sign contracts or enter into agreements, provided the Commander designates such individual in writing prior to the execution of any contract or agreement. A copy of that document will be given to the Adjutant and entered into the minutes of the next Executive committee and general membership meetings as a point of order and kept by the Adjutant as a permanent record. A copy of the Commander's written designation will also be attached to any contract or agreement it relates to.

2. Vice Commanders: The Commander will assist the Vice Commanders in the performance of their duties. In the absence of the Commander, the First Vice Commander shall preside at meetings. The First Vice Commander will specifically be the chairman of the Membership Committee. The Second Vice Commander will be responsible for developing programs for all patriotic observances and social entertainment activities of the Post.

3. Judge Advocate: The Judge Advocate will advise the Officers and E-Board on all legal matters, interpretation of the Constitution and By-Laws, and will perform such other duties such as investigating and adjudicating all infractions in Post 186. The Judge Advocate will not hold any other office or position on the Executive Board, unless the position is not filled by another Post member.

4. Post Adjutant: The Adjutant will have charge of, and keep a full and accurate account of all proceedings of all meetings, keep records as the Department and National organizations may require, internal reports of membership annually or when called upon at a meeting, and under the direction of the Commander handle all correspondence of the Post. The Adjutant will serve as recorder for the E-Board and keep a full and accurate record of all proceedings of its meetings. The Adjutant will keep an attendance record of each paid up member at each meeting as part of his reporting of regular and special meetings. The Post Adjutant will hold no other office or position on the Executive Board, unless the position is not filled by another Post member.

5. Finance Officer: The Finance Officer will receive Post income and see that such funds are safely deposited in some local bank or banks. The Finance Officer will pay all bills received by the Post. The Finance Officer will, upon request, of the auditor, present for examination all books, papers and vouchers, as may be deemed necessary for a proper auditing of Post 186 accounts. The Finance Officer will ensure the Commander, the First Vice Commander, the Canteen Manager, and all officers, employees and committee members who have access to Post funds are properly bonded. The amount of the bond shall be determined by the Executive Board and reviewed annually. The Finance Officer will render a report of Post 186's finances at each meeting. The Finance Officer will have a copy of last month's Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet, and the General Ledger for the Post and Canteen at the General Membership Meeting, and available for members to review. Copies of these reports will not be removed from the Post. If the Finance Officer anticipates being absent from a meeting, they shall see that their report is in the Adjutant's hands for presentation at the meeting. The Finance Officer will work with the Post accountant to insure all paperwork in in order and filed properly for Post 186.

There are three (3) authorized officers that can sign check s for Post 186. They are the Commander, First Vice Commander, and Finance Officer. The Commander may appoint one additional board member to assist the Finance Officer in the performance of his/her duties. Any total expenditure in excess of \$200.00 per month for the purchase of fixed assets will be referred to the E-Board and to Post 186 membership, (before purchase) for approval with no exceptions. The monies may not be rolled or carried over from month to month. This limit does not apply to normal expenditures for utilities, occupancy, repairs, purchase of inventory, taxes, Department membership dues, and insurance. In extreme emergency (called only by the Commander or acting Commander) the E-Board shall be authorized to expend such moneys as necessary in order for Post 186 to function in a good and businesslike manner, keeping the safety, welfare, and comfort of Post 186 membership foremost in mind. Credit cards shall be secured by the Commander and Finance Officer and at their direction be authorized to give to said credit cards to a member of Post 186 for purchases. Card will be returned on completion of duties to the Commander or Finance Officer.

6. Historian/P.R.: The Post historian shall keep a complete historical record of Post 186 members. The Historian shall perform other duties as may properly pertain to the office. The Historian will be called upon to handle Public Relations of Post 186, and any other duties deemed necessary by the Commander. The Commander will approve all press releases.

7. Chaplain: The Post Chaplain will offer divine, but non-sectarian service in the event of dedications, funerals, public functions, etc., adhering to such ceremonial rites as are recommended by the National and Department Headquarters from time to time. The Chaplain or their designee shall be charged with the responsibility of visiting comrades that are ill. They will notify Post 186 of the circumstances and take appropriate action as required by the Commander.

8. Sergeant -at-Arms: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall prepare the meeting hall for all meetings and attend at the door at all Post 186 meetings, and permit no one to enter without being satisfied of their right to do so. They shall secure the canteen to all Post 186 members prior to the start of and during all general and special membership and E-Board meetings. The canteen will not open to Post 186 members until the completion of the general or special membership meeting.

9. Service Officer: The position of the Service Officer will be appointed by the Commander. The Service Officer's job is unselfish work, not only for the benefit of the members of Post 186,

but for those veterans particularly in need of the service. The Service Officer has the responsibility of looking out for the welfare of all concerned, The Service Officer is the liaison between the Veteran's Administration and the general membership of the Legion.

10. Any officer who resigns will be considered terminated from the office they hold immediately. The Commander will make a recommendation to the Executive Board to replace said officer and that recommendation will be voted on at a regular Post meeting.

11. No officer of the Post 186 Executive Board shall be a paid employee of Post 186.

12. All newly elected Officers must have their dues paid before being installed.

## **ARTICLE V – DELEGATES**

Delegates and Alternates to a Department Convention and a District Constitutional Meeting, will be elected by Post 186 at a regular meeting not more than one hundred twenty (120) days or less than ten (10) days prior to the annual Department Convention. The Commander will be allowed to fill any Delegate vacancies, by appointment, before the Annual Convention. All Delegates must attend all general sessions and one workshop, assigned by the Commander or his designee, to qualify for room reimbursement. If they do not qualify under the provisions of these By-Laws, they will not be reimbursed. Anyone not qualifying for reimbursement and that have already received any such payment from Post 186, will be required to repay that amount within thirty (30) days. If the repayment is not paid within the 30 days, the member will NOT be considered a member in good standing, and steps will be taken to collect what is due Post 186. The number of nights lodging that will be charged to Post 186 shall be determined by the vote of the general membership at a general meeting prior to the Department of Florida Convention. If a member of Post 186 is also a District Commander, District Vice Commander, or any other Department officer, the Post will pay for the room for said officers for the Department Convention and the Fall Conference for the number of nights stay that is required. Attendance to these functions is required by the Department Constitution and By-Laws under the Duties of Officers.

## **ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES**

1. Post 186 Commander, as soon as possible after taking office, will appoint the committees, the duty of which are outlined in subsequent sections of this article. The Commander will also appoint other committees as required for the good of the Legion. When the Commander leaves office, all committees are dissolved. The new Commander must re-appoint all committee members.

2. Membership Committee: The Membership Committee, under the chairmanship of the First Vice Commander, will have charge of all matters pertaining to the membership of the Post, including the procuring of new members and their eligibility. All new members must present a DD-214 or other proof of time in service and picture identification with Post 186 dues and a

membership application. When a person is transferring in, the membership committee must call the Post they are coming from on the phone, and find out if they are a member in good standing. All new members will be given a copy of Post 186's Constitution/By-laws and House Standing Rules at the meeting they are voted in at Post 186. The new member will sign a receipt that they received the copies. The Membership Chair will keep the records of receipt.

3. An Election/Nominating Committee, hereafter known as the E&N Committee, will be a minimum of three (3) and no more than five (5) members of Post 186, and shall be elected by the membership at the January membership meeting. If none or not enough members run for the E&N committee, the Commander of the Post will appoint members to the same. No current officers or members running for office shall be elected or appointed to the E&N committee.

They will solicit from the general membership a candidate that is qualified, wanting, and most desirable to fill a position/office of Post 186. They will assist the Adjutant in the preparation of the listing and ballots of all elected offices. They will monitor and oversee the casting of all votes, maintaining a list of current, active members, to ensure all cast votes are valid. At all meetings nominations are open, under the Good of the Order, the Commander will relinquish the podium to the Chairman of the E&N Committee for the announcement of the candidates for office. The chairman will state the names of all nominees that are seeking office or are nominated for an office and if they are eligible to hold office. The chairman will also seek nominations of each office three times prior to the closing of the nominations for that office. At that meeting all candidates for any office must declare acceptance. If a person knows they will be absent from that meeting and is willing to accept the office named for, they must present a letter of acceptance to the Chairman of the E&N Committee confirming their acceptance.

4. House Committee: The House Committee will be elected by the membership and consist of three (3) members. Members will be from the general membership. The American Legion Riders Director, SAL Commander, and Auxiliary Unit, will each appoint one additional representative to the House Committee. All members will be voting members. The House Committee will elect their chairman, but the Chairman must be a legionnaire. The House Committee will meet once a month, on the Friday prior to the E-Board meeting, and the minutes of that meeting will be given to the Post 186 Adjutant no later than three (3) days after said meeting. They can meet more often if required. The E-Board will review all minutes and recommendations of the House Committee. No E-Board member may serve on the House Committee, unless the positions are not filled by other Post members. It is the responsibility of the House Committee to maintain and report all credit card expenditures at the next E-Board meeting.

5. Nominations for the House Committee will take place at the same time as nominations for Post officers. The nominee's names will be placed on the official election ballot and be voted on at the same time as the other Post officers.

6. The Commander will utilize the American Legion's Officers Guide to formulate and set up other committees that will support the programs initiated by Department of Florida and National Headquarters of the American Legion. The Commander will appoint Committee Chairmen to support these programs.

## **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS**

1. The regular meeting of the Post shall be held at 12091 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34613 Post 186, the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, unless a change is approved by the E-Board due to a holiday or other mitigating circumstance
2. A special meeting of Post 186 membership will be called when requested by at least thirty (30) members in good standing. The meeting will ONLY deal with the business it is called for. NO other business will take place and all members must be notified at least ten (10) days in advance of when the meeting is to be held.
3. Fifteen (15) members present at any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS**

1. These Constitution and By-Laws are adopted subject to the provisions of the National By-Laws of the American Legion and the Department By-Laws of the Department of Florida American Legion. Any amendment to the National By-Laws or Department By-Laws which is in conflict with any provisions hereof, shall automatically repealing or modifying the provision of these By-laws to the extent of such conflict.
2. These Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at a membership meeting by 2/3 majority or by a member submitting an amendment in writing to the Judge Advocate. The Judge Advocate will submit it to the CBL Committee to ascertain if the proposed amendment is relative to the Post's CBL or House Rules. If the Committee deems it appropriate to the CBL, the Judge Advocate will present it to the E-Board for approval. If it is relative to the CBL, it will be read to the general membership, posted on the bulletin board and on the Web site or Newsletter if possible, at least ten days in advance of the date when such an amendment is to be voted on. If it is relative to the House Rules it will be presented to the E-Board for their consideration.

## **ARTICLE IX – RULES OF PROCEDURE**

All proceedings of this Post shall be conducted pursuant to The American Legion Post Officers Guide

## **ARTICLE X – EFFECTIVE DATE**

1. These By-Laws shall take effect as soon as they are approved by the Department of Florida American Legion
2. A copy of these By-Laws shall become a part of the Adjutants records as as copies of any amendments thereto.
3. All dates, schedules, and appointments which are in conflict with the CBL, or because the convention date has changed, shall be resolved by the E-Board before the convention.

**This Constitution and By-laws of Post 186 have been revised by the following  
Committee of Legionnaires**

Commander:	Steven Tyler
Finance Officer:	Barbara Smith
Historian/PR:	Thomas Wilson
E-Board Member:	Bruce Carl
Adjutant:	Christian Smith

Presented and Approved by the General Membership at two (2) regularly scheduled meetings.

Steven Tyler  
Commander

Christian Smith  
Adjutant