

FIRST NOMINATIONS-2019
SECOND NOMINATIONS TO BE HELD
AT APRIL GENERAL MEETING

COMMANDER: Jon Reynolds, Mike Schubert

1st VICE: Bob Brennan, Brian Fleming, Jr.

2nd VICE: Anne Borren, Anthony Morales

3rd VICE: Sandy Schneeberger, Jim Updike

FINANCE OFFICER: Paul Meye, Bob Wine

SGT AT ARMS: Tim Bercovitz, Bob Grundmeyer

CHAPLAIN: Ken Wilson

HISTORIAN: Carmen Williams

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Eric Schroeder, Nick
Giordano, Al Yarrington, Frank Capitanio, Hector
Stroman, Dennis DeRosa

1. The committee will be comprised of three Post members in good standing who are not running for office in the current election and if currently holding office their term expires with the election. They also must be prior Post officers IA W the by laws.
2. The Election Committee will obtain a consolidated Post membership roster to validate eligibility of Post members to vote.
3. Polls Hours - 3 :00 pm and close at 7 :00 pm. Ballots will be counted after 7 :00 pm.
4. The election will follow the guidelines set out in the Officers Manual:
 - a. Ballots will be given to identified voting members only. The names of candidates for each office will be printed on the ballot. The identity of the voter must not be written or indicated in any way on the ballot as it is a secret vote.
 - b. The vote cast for each office must be preserved in such a manner that if the election is questioned, the votes may be verified by a recount. If printed ballots are used, the election committee places the voted ballots in a sealed packet together with its report (signed by at least a majority of the Election Committee), and delivers the packet, sealed, to the adjutant. This sealed packet shall not be opened except by order of the Board for the purposes of verifying the vote, or destroying the packet.
 - c. The form of the report of the Election Committee for each office to be filed is as follows (example): "For Commander- Number of votes cast- 30; necessary for election - 16; Brown received- 19; Jones received- 10; After the vote for all officers has been read (largest vote for each office started first), the names of the committee members signing the report are read, their report is handed to the Commander, and the reporting member sits. The Commander announces who is elected.
5. The tabulation form used this year can be used in subsequent elections.
6. Special paper will be used for ballots so duplication is difficult.
7. The area outside and inside the Post will be monitored for any non-legal campaign activity by a third party group (security) on election day and while polls are open.
8. All candidates for elective office including appointed officers must be vetted by the Election Committee to validate proper Post 291 membership.
9. Election results will be published, including vote count, in an all-Post 291 Constant Contact Notice as well as published in the June 2019 SeaBreeze.
10. The Election Committee may appoint other members in good standing that are not running for office to check membership cards, verify eligibility, hand out ballots and assist in counting and recording of ballots. It shall be the sole responsibility of the three appointed members of the Election Committee to certify the results.

POST 291 ELECTIONS

2019 Campaign Rules for Nominated Candidates

- No Post member is allowed to move, remove or deface a posted candidate's materials .
- Campaign Materials may be Posted only on ELECTION CENTER White Board after close of nominations, Wednesday April 10, 2019.
- Flyers, hand-bills and other printed materials are limited to a size no larger than 8.5" x 11".
- Post only on designated election space on the white board in the Main Hall .
- NO other campaign materials to be posted on ANY boards, walls, glass, windows, mirrors, fences, in any Post room Including but not limited to the Bar, View Room, Restaurant, Parking Lot, Marina or Fireside Room as well as the Restrooms.
- No campaign materials may be posted on ANY "city or public property" in view of the Post including but not limited to Veteran's Park, Public Beach, Public Dock .
- No negative campaigning. Candidates must run on their own merits and record at the Post or other American Legion Offices or positions.

Hand-Out Campaign Materials

- Flyers, hand-bills and other printed materials are limited to a size no larger than 8.5" x 11".
- Materials may be handed directly to interested members or guests.
- NO printed material holders or stacks (piles) can be left on tables anywhere in Main hall or in other rooms such as Bar, View Room, Fireside Room, Patio, or Marina .
- Materials, such as campaign buttons, may be worn on clothing subject to size restrictions .

"Tickets" or Slates

Election "Tickets" or Slates (exclusive list of candidates) may not be posted or distributed unless the Election Committee has received written permission from all slate candidates to use their name on an election slate for the candidate. Endorsements may not be used unless 'endorsing party' has submitted written statement of endorsement to the Election Committee.

Campaign Speeches

Each candidate will be allowed 3 minutes on the night of final nominations (April 10th) to speak to the membership regarding their qualifications and platforms.

Day before Election-Tuesday May 7, 2019

All campaign materials must be removed from the Post by 3:00 pm.

Election Day, Wednesday May 8, 2019

- No campaign materials may be handed out on POST PROPERTY, including the Post Parking Lot. Electioneering, if any must be conducted off site such as the sidewalk in front of the Post or the alley leading to the Post Parking Lot.
- **Enforcement.** Should any candidate be found in violation of any of the campaign rules by the Election Committee, the Election Committee Chairman shall inform the candidate immediately in writing or verbally of the specific violations, with instructions to correct the violations immediately or no later than within 24 hours of notice.
- **Non-Compliance.** If the candidate in violation complies with the Election Committee instructions within 24 hours, there shall be no disciplinary actions. If the Candidate in violation of the Campaign Rules DOES NOT comply within twenty-four (24) hours upon receipt of the violation notice, the Election Committee Chairman shall inform the Post Adjutant in writing that the candidate is not in compliance. The Adjutant will then inform the Post Commander, who will place the violation on the agenda for the next scheduled E-Board meeting, or call a Special E-Board meeting, depending on the timing of the violation and proximity to election date. The E-Board shall vote to impose a penalty of candidacy disqualification, with a Simple majority to pass. If passed, the violating candidate shall be disqualified from election.

All campaign and election questions should be addressed to the Chairman of the Election Committee, who this year is John Lindgren.
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