

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
CASTLE POINT CHAPTER # 144
Post Office Box 421, Castle Point, New York 12511-0421
CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS**

CONSTITUTION

Article 1-NAME

The name of this Chapter shall be, CASTLE POINT CHAPTER # 144, Department of New York, Disabled American Veterans.

Article 2-Purpose

The purpose of the Chapter is to build better lives for our Nations Disabled Veterans and their families, in furtherance of that purpose, to support the programs of the Disabled American Veterans, as provided in the National Constitution and Bylaws and regulations of the National Executive Committee.

Article 3-Membership

Membership in Chapter # 144 shall conform to the requirements as set forth in the National Constitution and By-Laws. There shall be NO associate, special or honorary memberships in this Chapter.

Article 4- Administration

Section 1: The administrative affairs of this Chapter shall be vested in the Chapter Executive Committee in emergencies only; all other actions of the Chapter Executive Committee must be ratified by a majority vote of those Chapter members, present and voting.

Section 2: The Chapter Executive Committee, shall be composed of the Commander, last (3) three Chapter Commanders, Senior Vice- Commander, (2) Junior Vice-Commanders, Judge Advocate, Treasurer,(2) Executive Committee Persons and any other elected position deemed necessary by the Commander.

Section 3: At the time specified, the Chapter shall elect annually a, Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, two (2) Junior Vice-Commanders, Judge Advocate, Treasurer and two (2) Executive Committee Persons. Other officers may be appointed to operate the Chapter, by the Commander with the majority approval of members present and voting.

Section 4: One Executive Committee person is to be elected as the Executive Committee Chairman, by a majority vote of the members present at the first Executive Committee meeting.

Article 5-Executive

The executive power of this Chapter shall be vested in the Chapter Commander.

Article 6- Auxiliary

This Chapter recognizes a DAV Auxiliary, subject to the supervision as it conforms to the National and Department Constitution and By-Laws of both organizations.

Article 7-Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws may be made at any Chapter meeting by proper protocol.

BYLAWS

Article 1 - Organization

Section 1: This Chapter recognizes the National Organization known as the, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), incorporated by an Act of Congress, and affirms its allegiance and subordination to the National Organization, its Constitution, By-Laws and all rules, mandates and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Upon dissolution of the Chapter, the assets remaining after the payment of its debts shall be distributed as provided in Article 6, section 6.4 paragraphs 5 and 6, of the National By- Laws.

Section 2: The governing body of Chapter # 144, shall be the Chapter in session at a regular scheduled or emergency meeting of the Chapter, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3: Minutes of all meetings of the Chapter and Executive Committee Meetings shall be kept and be available for inspection by any Chapter member.

Article 2 - Charter

The Charter of this Chapter, issued by the National Executive Committee, is its authority to function and shall be present and readily available at all regular scheduled meetings.

Article 3 - Executive Committee

Section 1: The Chapter Executive Committee shall be composed of the, Commander, last (3) three past Chapter Commanders, Senior Vice-Commander, two (2) Junior Vice-Commanders, Judge Advocate, Treasurer, two (2) Executive Committee Persons and any other elected officer(s) the Commander deems necessary.

Section 2: The Commander will call meetings of the Chapter Executive Committee when necessary, or when a request by a majority of its members is made in writing to the Commander. The Committee shall meet no less than twice a year. A member of the Committee shall be elected as the Committee chairperson.

Section 3: Any member of Chapter # 144, in good standing may attend the Executive Committee meetings, but shall have no vote or discussion in its business.

Section 4: A quorum of members for the Executive Committee to conduct business of the Chapter shall be (6) six members of the Committee present.

Section 5: The Chapter Executive Committee may act for the Chapter only in emergencies and at all other times shall recommend courses of action to the Chapter in authorized session/meeting.

Article 4 - Officers

Section 1, para 1: The Chapter shall elect annually a Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, two (2) Junior Vice-Commanders, Treasurer, Judge Advocate and two (2) Executive Committee Persons.

Para 2: The Commander, with the approval of the Chapter in session, shall appoint the Adjutant, Chaplain, Sgt. Of Arms, Officer of the Day, Chapter Service Officer(s) to include Department Service Officer representing our Chapter, Publicity, Historian, Chapter Color/Honor Guard, web-master and all other Chapter Committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee, which shall be elected by the Chapter in session.

Para 3: The Commander, with the approval of the Chapter in session may appoint such other officers as may be necessary to operate the Chapter.