

Constitution of The United Veterans Legislative Council

PREAMBLE

We, the veterans of Nevada, in order to advance the quality of life for veterans of the United States armed services who are residents of the State of Nevada, do ordain and establish this constitution. The Council shall conform to all applicable statutes of the State of Nevada. If any of the provisions of this Constitution are deemed to be in conflict with any of the applicable statutes of the State of Nevada. those statutes shall control.

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1

The name of this organization is The United Veterans Legislative Council, hereafter referred to as the UVLC.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section 1

UVLC was founded as a voice and proponent for Veterans issues within the State of Nevada and to provide an opportunity for veterans to discuss, prioritize and put forth proposed legislation to legislators of the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada. Working with Nevada's Director of Military & Veterans Policy and the Nevada Department of Veteran's Services, the UVLC will serve as a Veteran's voice and speak out and participate in veteran's issues. The UVLC will strive to effectively lobby for Nevada Veterans legislation that will benefit veterans and their families and lobby against legislation that reduces veteran's benefits or may be harmful to veterans, and create cohesion amongst the veteran's groups of Nevada. The group invites outside speakers to address members on issues to benefit Nevada's veterans. There is no membership fee.

ARTICLE III

Responsibilities

Section 1

As the proponent for veteran's issues, the UVLC is directly responsible to the Veterans of Nevada and not any political party.

Section 2

As Nevada's Legislature meets every two years, one year prior to the Legislature convening, the UVLC will assist the Department of Veterans Services in sponsoring a general meeting of the Veteran population in order to establish and prioritize the desires of the Veteran population.

Section 3

The ULVC will take the results of the meeting and put a call out to all Veterans and Veterans Service Organizations for volunteers to convene the ULVC and begin work on proposed Legislative language and support.

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Section 4

While all veterans are welcome to participate, the initial meeting will develop subcommittees for each issue. Members will volunteer to join the subcommittees and further the work and research on each issue.

Section 5

In order to further foster the mission of a unified voice, if a topic was not discussed and agreed upon by the group, two thirds majority rule, then representation cannot be associated with the group. A quorum will consist of a minimum of 5 members thus allowing the issue at hand to be voted upon.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1

Membership in UVLC is free and open to all veterans who received a discharge classified as under honorable conditions or higher from the Armed Forces of the United States or is currently serving on active duty, guard or reserve, currently residing in the State of Nevada.

Section 2

Active Membership will be determined by attending 50% of scheduled meetings within a 6 month period or by nomination of the board. Active membership must be attained in order to be nominated into an officer position.

Section 3

The function and purpose of this group is to serve the greater good of our veterans and the State of Nevada. Personal agendas or political gain will not be tolerated in any manner and will be grounds for removal from the group.

Section 4

Members will furnish copies of their DD214 or equivalent proof of service to board when requested.

Section 5

Honorary members nominated must be approved by a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1

The officers of UVLC will consist of a Chairperson. *Vice-Chair*. Secretary and two board members.

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Section 2

The Chair is responsible for the efficient, orderly operation of the meetings, setting schedules, reserving meeting rooms. The *Vice* Chair will assume these functions in the absence of the Chair. The Secretary will take and publish all meeting minutes and is responsible for all correspondence of the Council. The board is responsible for providing guidance to the elected officers.

Section 3

A leadership board will be created and it will consist of the executive officers named in Section 1 of this article and any other individual that the other members of the board deem to be valuable to the continuity and success of the council. This board will remain intact during periods of time where the general council is not in session. Non-Officer members can be added to the board only with a unanimous vote from the sitting board.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

Section 1

Standing, special, and select committees can be established or concluded as the membership sees fit with a majority vote.

ARTICLE VII

Elections

Section 1

Officers will be elected upon completion of the biennial legislative cycle to be prepared for the next session. Elections for Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary and two board members will be held by ballot at the last meeting of the cycle.

ARTICLE VIII

Budgeting and Funding

Section 1

No budget or funding is neither necessary nor appropriate at this time.

Section 2

Donations to supply coffee, food, and meeting places are solely the responsibility of the individual providing such items. If monetary funding is required to procure said items, the UVLC holds no responsibility and will not be held liable for reimbursements to the individual providing said service.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

Section 1

Meeting frequency, location and method will be determined based on the needs of the group and upon recommendation from the board.

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Section 2

Due to the ever-changing nature of the legislative session, it may become necessary for an emergency vote of active members to establish a position or course of action. If an in-person vote is not feasible and the board unanimously approves, electronic means of voting such as telephone or email may be used in lieu of in-person methods.

ARTICLE X

Amendments and Ratification

Section 1

An amendment may be proposed by any active member of the organization at a regular meeting.

Section 2

An amendment, to become effective, must be ratified by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present. Amendments must be voted on at the next official meeting after proposal.


Section 3


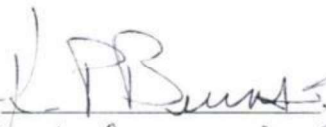
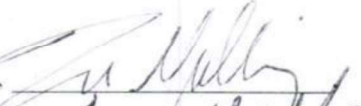

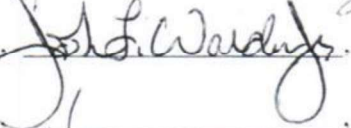
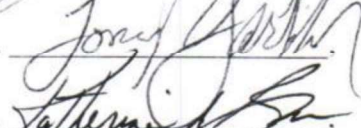
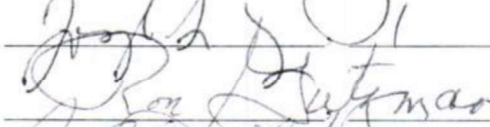
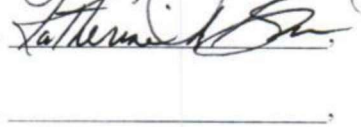

This constitution shall go into effect upon ratification by a majority of votes cast by the Council.

Section 3

Art. IV., Sec.5 added; Replaced "Co-Chair" with "Vice Chair" 7/27/18

Date Constitution was ratified: 2/27/15 yea votes: 13 nay votes: 0 total votes: 13

Sitting Chair: 

Voting Members:   
  
 
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