

AVVA State Association Bylaws

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization is Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Nevada Association, Inc. and is hereafter referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purposes of the Association are those prescribed by the Articles of Incorporation of the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Incorporated hereinafter referred to as the Corporation. The purposes are in Appendix A of these bylaws.

ARTICLE III MEMBERS

Section 3.01 Voting Membership. Voting membership at the Association level shall consist of the officers and all duly elected chapter representatives, chapter presidents and the at-large representative. No member shall have more than one vote, regardless of how many AVVA association level offices they hold. (e.g. One person is both the state association vice-president and is also a chapter representative.)

Section 3.02 Non-voting Membership. Non-voting membership at the state level shall consist of appointed points-of-contact (POC), dual members within the state, and regular members not listed in section 3.01.

Section 3.03 Delegate of Record. The state president shall be the delegate of record for the state at national meetings and elections, and the at-large representative shall be the delegate of record for the at-large members in the state, at state and national meetings and elections. A delegate of record may appoint an alternate to act on their behalf.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 4.01 Officers and Duties. The officers of the Association are president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, the bylaws of the Corporation, and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the state.

Section 4.02 Ballot Election, Term of Office. The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for two years. Their term of office shall begin at the end of business at the meeting at which they are elected.

Section 4.03 Removal from Office. Officers may be removed from office for cause and/or disciplinary action. The voting membership will be notified in advance of the upcoming vote by any method of communication that insures notification.

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Section 4.04 **Office-Holding Limitations.** No member shall hold more than one State office at a time.

Section 4.05 **Filling of Vacancies.** If a vacancy occurs in the office of state president, the vice-president will assume the duties of president until the next election cycle. If a vacancy occurs in any other state office, the president will appoint a person to fill that office until the next election cycle. This appointment must be approved by the majority of the remaining voting members who are present at the meeting.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Section 5.01 **Regular Meetings.** The State Association shall hold regular meetings as deemed necessary by a majority of the voting members. Date, time and place will be provided to the voting members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting, by any means that will insure notification.

Section 5.02 **Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting will be *between January and June* and shall be for any official business that may come before the Association. *In even numbered* years this annual meeting shall be the election meeting, and shall be for electing officers, and for any other business as may arise.

Section 5.03 **Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called by the president, the board, or may be mandated upon written request of three voting members of the Association. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, which shall be sent to all voting members at least ten days before the meeting, by any means that insures notification. Special meetings may be held in person, via internet meeting programs, telecommunications, or any means that insures the ability to conduct business in an official and verifiable manner. In all cases, minutes or other documentation of all business must be kept in official state files.

Section 5.04 **Quorum.** 2/3 voting members of the Association shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII Committees

Section 7.01 **Auditing Committee.** An auditing committee of three members shall be appointed by the president. The committee's duty shall be to audit the treasurer's accounts at the close of the fiscal year and to report at the next meeting.

Section 7.02 **Other Committees; President's Ex-Officio Committee Membership.** The Association may establish such other committees, standing or special, as it shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on its work. The president shall appoint their members unless this rule is suspended by a two-thirds vote before their appointment. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Elections Committee and any Disciplinary Committees.

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ARTICLE VIII Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

ARTICLE IX Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the voting members of the association, by a two-thirds vote of those voting members present. Quorums will apply. These amendments must be submitted in writing. The voting membership will be notified of the amendment at least thirty days (30) before the vote is taken by any method of communication that ensures notice.

Appendix A

The following paragraphs reflect the purposes of the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America. No part of this Appendix may be added to, changed or deleted unless changed by the Corporation.

1. The Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Nevada Association, Inc. is organized for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code. The primary mission of the Corporation is to support our Veterans of all generations and our communities by providing education and scientific research information of serious concerns to veterans, their families and the community.
 - a. To help foster, encourage, and promote the improvement of the condition of the Vietnam-era veteran, their families, and other generations of veterans;
 - b. To promote physical and cultural improvement, growth and development, self-respect, self-confidence, and usefulness of all veterans, their families, and our community;
 - c. To eliminate discrimination experienced by Vietnam-era veterans, their families, and other generations of Veterans, to develop channels of communication which will assist veterans, their families, and others, and to maximize self-realization and enrichment of their lives and enhance life fulfillment;
 - d. To study, on a non-partisan basis, proposed legislation, rules, or regulations introduced in any federal, state or local legislative or administrative body, which may affect the social, economic, educational, or physical welfare of the Vietnam-era veterans, their families, or other generations of veterans, and encourage people to help improve the quality of life of the Vietnam-era veteran, their families, and other generations of veterans especially in the areas of employment, education, training, and health;

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- e. To conduct and publish scientific and educational research on a non-partisan basis, pertaining to the relationship between Vietnam-era veterans and the American society, the Vietnam War experience, the role of the United States in securing peaceful co-existence for the world community, and other matters which affect the social, economic, educational, or physical welfare of the Vietnam-era veteran, their families, or other generations of veterans;
- f. To assist disabled and needy veterans including their dependents, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans. In furtherance of the corporate purposes, the Corporation shall have all the general rights and powers conferred upon nonprofit corporations by the Nevada Non-Profit Corporation Act as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended, including, but without limitation, the rights and powers to receive gifts, devises, bequests and contributions in any form, and to use, apply, invest and reinvest, the principal or income there from or to distribute the same for the above purposes;
- g. The corporation will at no time engage in any lobbying or substantial legislative activity except on a limited basis to inform its members of pending legislation so that as individual citizens they may contact their state or local legislators.