

Preamble

We the students of the University of Delaware, do hereby form the organization known as the Student Veterans Association to link veterans of the Armed Forces, Armed Forces Reserve and the Armed Forces Reserve Officers' Training Corps and their family members from all branches of military service. We strive to promote, unify and advocate for the veteran voice on and off campus. Our aim is to educate the community about how the military has affected our lives and to support one another through the process of re-integration, ensuring that all veterans have the support and resources to have a successful transition into the educational system and to achieve our educational and professional goals.

Article I – Name of the group

The organization shall be known as the Student Veterans Association.

Article II – Object of the organization

The Student Veterans Association exists to assist veterans and their family members in gaining information on benefits and resources both on and off campus. We will also be a networking, social and service organization. The purpose is to have a group where veterans and their family members can share their knowledge and experience with other veterans and their family members.

Article III – Non-Discriminating Clause

The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of the University and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by the University. This organization is a viable, functioning organization, composed of at least six full time undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, handicap status, or sexual orientation.

Article IV – Affiliation with any other group.

We are in the process of becoming a member chapter of the Student Veterans of America. The process can only be completed after we have become a recognized student organization at the University of Delaware.

Article V – Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

Membership in the Student Veterans Association is open to any and all officially registered undergraduate students at the University of Delaware who are: veterans of the Armed Forces; Armed Forces Reservists; Armed Forces Reserve Officers' Training Corps and students who are interested in supporting student veterans within the campus community.

Section 2: Member Designation

Upon interest in the Student Veterans Association, students must fill out our in-take form before becoming a designated member. Once the Student Veterans Association has all pertinent information, the student will then be

notified and listed on the membership roll and be eligible to participate in all functions including elections.

Section 3: Membership Rights

[3.1] All members of the Student Veterans Association are able to vote in general meetings and through absentee ballot in the event that they will miss an election.

[3.2.] All members are able to participate in all events that are hosted by the Student Veterans Association which include monthly meetings, service projects, fund raisers and other sanctioned events not outlined here.

[3.3] All members have a right to free speech and any other constitutional amendment, stated in the Constitution of the United States of America.

Section 4: Non-voting membership

Individuals who are ineligible to become full members as outlined in Article IV, Section 1 can participate in all events at the discretion of the officers of the organizations.

Section 5: Dues

Membership in the Student Veterans Association is not contingent upon paying dues and will **NOT** be required at any time. We will accept At anytime donations at any time that will go towards functions and an end of the year banquet.will be accepted to

Article VI – Qualifications for Executive Board Members

All Board Members **MUST** be full time matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware with a *minimum* GPA of 2.50. Active Duty, Veteran or Reservist status must be met in order to be considered to hold a Board position. To uphold the mission of the Student Veterans Association, veterans of the Armed Forces are strongly encouraged to consider running for a seat on the Executive Board. All members of the Student Veterans Association are eligible as long as they meet the following criteria: active membership for at least two consecutive semesters; sophomore standing and attendance of at least two Student Veterans Association meetings or Student Veterans Association functions. PAny potential Board Member must be able to complete a full academic calendar year (two semesters) with no breaks allowed for study abroad unless the study abroad term occurs during the Winter Session. it is required that all Board members have served at least three full years in the Armed Forces, unless medically discharged prior to his or her third year of military service. Any potential Board Member must be able to complete a full academic calendar year (two semesters) with no breaks allowed for study abroad unless the study abroad term occurs during the Winter Session.

Article VII – Executive Board

Section 1: Titles

Members of the executive board will include: President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Finance (Treasurer), Secretary and Vice President of Activities and Recruitment.

Section 2: Term of Board Members

Executive board members will hold each position for one calendar year which will begin in May of each year. Reelection for the position of President is prohibited but members are authorized to run for a reelection for all other board positions.

Section 3: Election

Board Members must be nominated for a position in order to be considered for election. Candidates are required to give a speech to inform members why they are a good candidate for the position that they are nominated for. A ballot election will take place one week following the speeches and will be votes will be counted by the current Student Veterans Association Vice President and the Student Veterans Association advisor. of Finance. In the event that a Student Veterans Association member is unable to attend the election meeting, absentee ballots will be considered up to two days before the election. The election will take place during the middle of April.

Section 4: Installment

Installment will take place one week after the election.

Section 5: Procedure for Disciplining/Removal of Officers

Any officer not satisfactorily discharging his/her duties and responsibilities must be voted out of office by the remaining members of the Executive Committee and approval from the faculty advisor. After the position is officially vacant, the Student Veterans Association will hold an election to will the vacancy.

Section 6: Resignations

Board members may resign at any time after installment. If a Board Member wishes to resign they must submit a written statement of intent to all remaining board members as well as the faculty advisor. At the time of resignation there will be a special election that follows the normal procedure in Article VII, Section 3. In the event that the Vice President of Finance resigns, the election ballots will be counted by the Executive Vice President.

Section 7: Officer Transition

Elections shall be in the middle of April but no less than 3 weeks prior to the last day of classes in order to allow time for training of the new officers. The incumbent Board member must brief the newly elected Board Member of all duties, and responsibilities that are expected for the office that they are elected to.

Article VIII – Executive Board Duties

Section 1: President

The Student Veterans Association shall have a President with the duties of calling and running meetings and handling day-to-day affairs. The President shall be responsible for the registration of the Registered Student Organization and all required paperwork for the continuation of the organization (*including Start-of-the-Year, Mid-Year and End-of-the-Year packets.*) The President will receive all information from the Activities and Programs Office from an undisclosed email database. The president will help to appoint all standing

and special committees. It is recommended that the president is a member who has already served on the executive board for at least a year although it is not imperative.

Section 2: Executive Vice President

The Vice-President shall work closely with the President to fulfill the duties as described above. The Vice-President will also serve the role of President if the President is absent, unable to serve the duties, or if the President resigns. The Vice President should also be responsible for checking the organizations mailbox and for disseminating information about other activities offered by the other Registered Student Organizations and business promotions.

Section 3: Vice President of Finance

The Vice President of Finance (Treasurer) shall be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues. The Vice President of Finance shall write all checks and have all checks signed by the Activities and Programs staff for the purpose of the organization. The Vice President of Finance treasurer will also maintain all group ledgers. The Vice President of Finance should also be responsible for requesting funds from the allocation board.

Section 4: Secretary

The Secretary shall record the events of all meetings of this organization and shall maintain minutes of those meetings. The secretary shall take attendance of those present at group meetings as necessary. You may want to have the Secretary serve as the organizations historian with the goal of being able to pass on accurate records of what the groups has done over the past year and who was involved. The Secretary should also maintain the membership list and email database.

Section 5: Vice President of Activities and Recruitment.

The Vice President of Activities and Recruitment shall be responsible for scheduling and promotion of the group and their events. Duties include overseeing the making posters, flyers, and brochures, updating the web page information, entering information on to the University Events web page, submitting press releases to the appropriate media, and ensuring the group is represented at events designed to help promote the organization and build membership.

Article IX – Meetings

Section 1: Frequency

Except during final examinations week and during vacation periods, the Student Veterans Association shall meet at least once monthly during the normal academic year.

Section 2: Definition of a quorum

In order to have productive meetings at least 30% of the registered members and 50% of the Board Members must be present. A quorum consisting of 50% of the voting members will be required to elect officers. Absentee ballots will be included in the required 50% of general members. A majority will be required to pass any and all items up for discussion and vote.

Section 3: Quorum Order and Decisions

All meetings of the Student Veterans Association shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

Article X – By-laws

The Student Veterans Association shall establish by-laws to carry out the policies set forth in this Constitution. The by-laws for the Student Veterans Association are to be completed before the beginning of the Fall Semester in 2010. A simple majority of the voting members and a super majority (2/3) of the Board Members will be required to alter the existing and proposed by-law changes.

Article XI – Selection of an Advisor

The advisor **MUST** be a full time professional faculty or staff person, no part time/salaried staff or graduate students may serve as advisor. The minimum duties for the advisor to fulfill his/her role is to 1) Meet with the Organization President and/or the Organization Executive Board a minimum of once a month; 2) Be placed on all the communication venues the advisement/guidance to the organization and its member on organizational matters. The Student Veterans Association has the right to change their advisor at any time.

Article XII – Disbursal of organizational assets should the group become defunct

The University of Delaware shall inherit the assets of the Student Veterans Association should the group become defunct.

Article XII – Rules for Ratifying the Constitution

Approval of changes to the Constitution will require a simple majority vote from the voting members as defined in Article V of this Constitution and a 2/3 super majority from the Board Members of the Student Veterans Association and approval by the Activities and Programs Office and the current Student Veterans Association advisor.

Article XIII – Rules for Amending the Constitution

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Signatures:

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Vice President:

Treasurer:

Activities & Programs Staff:

Date:

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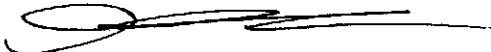
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President:  JEREMY SCHLAOWELLER

Vice President:  CORMICK B. LYNCH

Treasurer:  BYRAN JONES

Activities & Programs Staff: _____

Date: March 19, 2010