

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws
of the Manatee County Veterans Council (MCVC)

Constitution

Article III Membership Requirements

Item 2

Amend by replacing:

If approved would read:

<p>Commanders or Presidents of approved member organizations should designate two individuals who are in good standing to sit on the council.</p>	<p>Commanders or Presidents of approved member organizations should may designate two individuals who are in good standing to sit on the council.</p>	<p>Commanders or Presidents of approved member organizations may designate two individuals who are in good standing to sit on the council.</p>
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Rationale: It is not required to appoint 2 members

Article IV Voting Criteria

Item 1.

Amend by striking and replacing:

If approved would read:

<p>Voting Representation on the council will be on the basis of one (1) vote per parent organization as long as the organization is current and in good standing. A non dues paying organization may participate and make suggestions but cannot vote on any issues.</p>	<p>Voting Representation on the council will be on the basis of one (1) vote per parent organization as long as the organization is current and in good standing. A non dues paying organization may be granted privileges of the floor participate and make suggestions but cannot vote. On any issues.</p>	<p>Voting Representation on the council will be on the basis of one (1) vote per organization as long as the organization is in good standing. A non dues paying organization may be granted privileges of the floor but cannot vote.</p>
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Rationale: Each paid Organization may cast a vote.

Item 2

Amend by striking paragraph

<p>If only one duly appointed representative of any organization is in attendance, that representative will be eligible to cast one (1) vote for his (or her) organization, only a representative whom as signed in on the Secretary's Roster will be allowed to cast a vote for his/her organization.</p>	<p>If only one duly appointed representative of any organization is in attendance, that representative will be eligible to cast one (1) vote for his (or her) organization, only a representative whom as signed in on the Secretary's Roster will be allowed to cast a vote for his/her organization.</p>
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Rationale: redundant

Item 3

Amend by replacing:

If approved would read:

<p>In voting, a duly authorized representative will be limited to the voting power of only one organization.</p>	<p>In voting, a duly The authorized representative shall will be limited to the voting power of only one organization.</p>	<p>The authorized representative shall be limited to the voting power of only one organization.</p>
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Rationale: One person may not vote as the representative of more than one Organization

Item 4

Amend by striking and inserting:

If approved would read:

<p>The Manatee County Veterans Service Officer will be an Ex-Officio member. The CVSO will be authorized one vote only in the case of a tie while voting for council chairman</p>	<p>The Manatee County Veterans Service Officer will be an Ex-Officio member. The CVSO will be and shall authorized one vote only in the case of a tie while voting for Council Chairman.</p>	<p>The Manatee County Veterans Service Officer will be an Ex-Officio member and shall vote in the case of a tie for Council Chairman.</p>
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Rationale: The MCVSO will break a tie in the vote for Chairman

Item 6

Amend by striking the paragraph

<p>Representatives will cast votes only on ballots annotated only for that specific organization.</p>	<p>Representatives will cast votes only on ballots annotated only for that specific organization.</p>
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Rationale: Redundant - See Duties of the Secretary

Article V ~~Organization and Officers~~

Item 2

Amend by striking and inserting:

If approved would read:

<p>The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected by the general membership at a meeting called by the Chairman in the month of May. A Nominating committee of three (3) to five (5) members, appointed by the Chairman in March will select a slate of candidates to be presented at the April meeting. The presentation of such slate shall not preclude other nominations from the floor. Voting shall occur at the May meeting.</p>	<p>The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected by the general membership voting representatives at a the May meeting in 2019. Those elected officers will serve through the December 2020. meeting. Commencing in 2020, a Nominating committee of (3) three members will be appointed by the Chairman at the September meeting, the Slate of Candidates to be presented at the October meeting and voting shall occur at the November meeting 2020 forward. called by the Chairman in the month of May. A Nominating committee of three (3) to five (5) members, appointed by the Chairman in March will select a slate of candidates to be presented at the April meeting. The presentation of such slate shall not preclude other nominations from the floor. Voting shall occur at the May meeting.</p>	<p>The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected by the voting representatives at the May meeting in 2019. Those elected officers will serve through December 2020. Commencing in 2020, a Nominating committee of (3) three members will be appointed by the Chairman at the September meeting, the Slate of Candidates will be presented at the October meeting and voting shall occur at the November meeting. The presentation of such slate shall not preclude other nominations from the floor.</p>
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Rationale: Prepare for the change in Officer election cycle to coincide with the calendar/fiscal year, will be revisited in 2020-2021.

Item3

Amend by striking and inserting:

If approved would read:

<p>In case of more than one (1) nominee for any position, the election shall be by secret ballot. A majority of one (1) vote shall elect any officer. In cases of a tie vote, the Chairman shall cast the deciding vote. If the Chairman cannot serve the full term of office, the Vice Chairman will take over as Chairman and a special election will be held to elect a new Vice Chairman to serve immediately. Elected officers will begin their term of office in July and hold their office for twelve months or until a duly elected, or appointed, replacement is installed. A two-thirds majority vote will be required.</p>	<p>In case of more than one (1) nominee for any position, the election shall be by secret ballot. A majority of one (1) vote shall elect any officer. In cases of a tie, in any office except Chairman, vote, the Chairman shall cast the deciding vote. If the Chairman cannot serve the full term of office, the Vice Chairman will take over as Chairman and a special election will be held to elect a new Vice Chairman to serve immediately. Elected officers will begin their term of office in July January and hold their office for twelve months or until a duly elected, or appointed, replacement is installed. The officers elected in May of 2019 will serve through December of 2020. A two-thirds majority vote will be required.</p>	<p>In case of more than one (1) nominee for any position, the election shall be by ballot. A majority shall elect any officer. In cases of a tie, in any office except Chairman, the Chairman shall cast the deciding vote. If the Chairman cannot serve the full term of office, the Vice Chairman will take over as Chairman and a special election will be held to elect a new Vice Chairman to serve immediately. Elected officers will begin their term of office in January and hold their office for twelve months or until a duly elected, or appointed, replacement is installed. The officers elected in May of 2019 will serve through December of 2020.</p>
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Rationale: Clarify. Allow for the extended term the first year of the change in term of office.

Article VI Adoption and Amendments

Item 2

Amend by inserting and replacing:

If approved will read:

<p>This Constitution may be amended by a two-third majority vote at any regular Council meeting, provided that the proposed amendments have been submitted in writing and discussed at the previous regular meeting.</p>	<p>This Constitution and/or Bylaws may be amended by a two-third majority vote at any regular Council meeting, provided that the proposed amendments have been submitted in writing and discussed presented at the previous regular meeting.</p>	<p>This Constitution and/or Bylaws may be amended by a two-third majority vote at any regular Council meeting, provided that the proposed amendments have been presented at the previous regular meeting.</p>
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Rationale: Debate does not occur until the amendment has been offered for vote.

The By-Laws-Bylaws

Article I Duties of Officers

Item 1

Amend by striking and replacing:

If approved will read:

<p>The Chairman Shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Preside at Council meetings and represent the Council at all official function and ceremonies; b) Enforce strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Council; c) Establish working committees; appoint a chaplain; appoint members to serve on committees as required to conduct official business of the council; d) Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the membership and nomination committees; e) Authorize the expenditure of available council funds in amounts not to individually exceed \$250.00 without a two-thirds vote of the council; f) Appoint an auditor to audit funds annually or upon a change of treasurers; g) Perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary usage may require. The requirement for an annual audit may be waived by a unanimous vote of eligible voters present. 	<p>The Chairman Shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Preside at Council meetings and represent the Council at all official functions and ceremonies; b) Enforce strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Council; c) Establish working committees; Appoint a chaplain; d) Appoint members to serve on committees as required to conduct official business of the Council; e) Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Membership and Nomination Nominating committee; f) Authorize the expenditure within the approved budget. of available council funds in amounts not to individually exceed \$250.00 without a two-thirds vote of the council; g) Appoint a Financial Review committee for the annual review of the Treasurer's Records. auditor to audit funds annually or upon a change of treasurers; h) Perform such other duties as eustom and parliamentary usage may require. The requirement for an annual audit may be waived by a unanimous vote of eligible voters present. required. 	<p>The Chairman Shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Preside at Council meetings and represent the Council at all official functionand ceremonies; b) Appoint a chaplain; c) Appoint members to serve on committees as required to conduct official business of the Council; d) Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Membership and Nominating committee; e) Authorize expenditure within the approved budget; f) Appoint a Financial Review committee for the annual review of the Treasurer's records; g) Perform such other duties as required.
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Rationale:: Clarify

Item 2 The Vice Chairman Shall:

Amend by striking and replacing:

If approved will read:

<p>Assist the Chairman and when called upon, shall preside at Council meetings when the Chairman is absent; Sit on the Membership Committee; Will succeed to the office of Chairman for the remainder of the term of office in the event the Chairman is unable to fulfill his/her term.</p>	<p>a) Assist the Chairman and when called upon; b) shall preside at Council meetings when the Chairman is absent; c) Sit serve on the Membership Committee; d) succeed to the office of Chairman for the remainder of the term of office in the event the Chairman is unable to fulfill his/her term.</p>	<p>a) Assist the Chairman; b) Preside at Council meetings when the Chairman is absent; c) Serve on the Membership Committee; d) Succeed to the office of Chairman for the remainder of the term of office in the event the Chairman is unable to fulfill his/her term.</p>
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Rationale: Clarify and Consistency with other Officer list of duties.

Item 3 The Secretary ~~serves as a Recording and Corresponding officer and shall:~~

Amend by striking and inserting:

If approved will read:

<p>a) Prepare minutes of all Council meetings, serve on the Membership Committee; b) Maintain a current list of all Council representatives and organizations they represent; c) Maintain a record in the minutes of all committee member appointments and monthly reports of all committees; d) Prepare and maintain a sign-in Roster; e) Prepare and maintain ballots for each authorized organization.</p>	<p>a) Be custodian of official Council Records; b) Prepare minutes of all Council meetings; c) Serve on the Membership Committee; d) Maintain a current list of all Council representatives and organizations they represent; e) Maintain a record in the minutes of all committee member appointments and monthly reports of all committees; f) Prepare and maintain a sign-in Roster; g) Conduct a roll call of paid organizations in attendance; h) Prepare and maintain ballots for each voting cards for authorized organization.</p>	<p>a) Be custodian of official Council Records; b) Prepare minutes of all Council meetings; c) Serve on the Membership Committee; d) Maintain a current list of all Council representatives and organizations they represent; e) Prepare and maintain a sign-in Roster; f) Conduct a roll call of paid organizations in attendance; g) Prepare voting cards for authorized organizations.</p>
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Rationale: consistency and comply with current standards

Item 4 The Treasurer shall:

Amend by striking and inserting:

If approved will read:

<p>a) Handle all receipts and disbursements for the Council;</p> <p>b) Provide the Council a monthly financial status report;</p> <p>c) Prepare an End of Year report and present the financial books for audit.</p>	<p>a) Handle all receipts and Accept all income and make all disbursements for the Council;</p> <p>b) Provide the Council prepare a monthly financial status report;</p> <p>c) Prepare an annual budget to be presented at the October meeting;</p> <p>d) Prepare a fiscal End of Year report;</p> <p>e) and present the financial books for audit review;</p> <p>f) Prepare and file the annual IRS 990.</p>	<p>a) Accept all income and make all disbursements for the Council;</p> <p>b) Prepare a monthly financial status report;</p> <p>c) Prepare an annual budget to be presented at the October meeting;</p> <p>d) Prepare a fiscal year report;</p> <p>e) Present the financial books for review;</p> <p>f) Prepare and file the annual IRS 990.</p>
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Rationale: Include budget, 990, fiscal report

The following Item 5 is Item 6 of Article II, Meetings.

Item 5

Amend by replacing:

If approved would read:

<p>The fiscal year of the Council shall be from July 1st to June 30th. The annual audit should be completed by July 30th.</p>	<p>The fiscal year of the Council shall be from July 1st to June 30th January 1st to December 31st. The annual audit should be completed by July 30th. review shall be completed within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year.</p>	<p>The fiscal year of the Council shall be from January 1st to December 31st. The annual review shall be completed within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year.</p>
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Rationale: Coordinate timing of Department of State Report and IRS

Article II Meetings

Item 1

Amend by replacing:

If approved would read:

<p>Meetings – Council meetings will be held monthly at such time and location as designated by the Chairman.</p>	<p>Meetings – Council meetings will be held monthly at such time and location as designated by the Chairman. on the 3rd Thursday at 1100 hours monthly, except that there shall be no meeting the month of December.</p>	<p>Meetings – Council meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday at 1100 hours monthly, except that there shall be no meeting the month of December.</p>
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Rationale: Standard is to specify the normal meeting time and place

Item 3

Amend by striking:

If approved would read:

<p>Quorum – A minimum of two (2) officers and one representative from five (5) different organizations constitutes a quorum. With a quorum established, it will require a two-thirds majority vote of eligible voting representatives to pass a motion.</p>	<p>Quorum – A minimum of two (2) officers and one representative from five (5) different organizations constitutes a quorum. With a quorum established, it will require a two-thirds majority vote of eligible voting representatives to pass a motion.</p>	<p>Quorum – A minimum of two (2) officers and one representative from five (5) different organizations constitutes a quorum.</p>
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Rationale: 2/3 vote not the start for all motions.

Item 6

Amend by moving amended paragraph to Item 5 of Article V, Officers

<p>The fiscal year of the Council shall be from July 1st to June 30th. The annual audit should be completed by July 30th.</p>		
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Rationale: Does not belong in Article II, Meetings

Article III Committees

Item 2

Amend by striking and inserting:

If approved would read:

<p>Standing Committees of the Council are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Membership b) Legislative c) Program and Ceremonies d) Constitution and By-Laws e) Veterans Educate Today's Students (V.E.T.S.) f) Annual Military Ball 	<p>Standing Committees of the Council are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Membership b) Legislative c) Program and Ceremonies c) Veterans Day Parade d) Memorial Day e) Veterans Park f) Constitution and By-Laws g) Youth Education h) Veterans Educate Today's Students (V.E.T.S.) i) Annual Military Ball 	<p>Standing Committees of the Council are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Membership b) Legislative c) Veterans Day Parade d) Memorial Day e) Veterans Park f) Constitution and Bylaws g) Youth Education
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Rationale: Reflect the committees that currently have a Chairman

Item 3 & 4

Amend by striking:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Council Chairman may appoint other committees as required and shall designate a committee chairman. 4. The committee chairman shall give a report on activities at each regular monthly meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Council Chairman may appoint other committees as required and shall designate a committee chairman. 4. The committee chairman shall give a report on activities at each regular monthly meeting.
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Rationale: Not needed

Article V Awards and Recognition

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council will provide written notification each year to all member organizations, requesting nominations be submitted no later than the third Thursday of August. 2. The Council will honor and publicly recognize an organization member, an auxiliary member (male or female) and non-veteran related organization or team or individual once each year. The awards are designed to recognize outstanding exceptional service. The awards will be presented on Veterans Day or other day as determined by the Chairman. 	
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This section is better served via Standing Rules