Constitution and By-Laws of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. 2026 Edition



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HISTORY

Since the arrival of the first Ukrainian immigrant in the United States of America, our people have loyally supported their adopted country in peace and war. Many are those of the first generation and their sons and daughters who have served, suffered, and died in the defense of this great nation.

It has long been the dream of these veterans to form a national group so as to better serve the United State of America. After World War I, individual Ukrainian American veteran posts were organized.

However, at the conclusion of World War II, many thousands of Ukrainian Americans served with great distinction. At the First Annual Convention of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc., a national organization was formed on Memorial Day weekend of 1948, in Philadelphia, Pa.

Since then, the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc., has grown in numbers and stature. Its works have been many and good, and so it will continue. Its members must never forget or fail in its purpose and must always keep faith with the pioneers of the UAV, those who converted a dream into reality.

MISSION OF THE UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS, INC.

The UAV seeks to unite American Veterans of Ukrainian descent and is pledged to uphold the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America.

ACTIVITIES OF THE UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS, INC.

Among its activities, mainly carried out by Local Post Organizations, the UAV sponsors Patriotic observances on holidays, provides Veterans Affairs Programs, perpetuates the memory of Veterans, cooperates with Local Community Groups in service projects, and bestows awards to individuals and groups recognizing artistic, cultural, educational or patriotic achievements.

The UAV is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York.

The UAV Registration Project went into effect in 1998, which was changed in 2016 to UAV National Registry. Its principal mission is to register and honor American servicemen and servicewomen of Ukrainian heritage who have served honorably or are on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The UAV is an Official Partner of the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress.

The Ladies Auxiliary assists and gives support to the Ukrainian American Veterans.

CONSTITUTION of the UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS, INC.

PREAMBLE

WE, THE AMERICANS OF UKRAINIAN DESCENT, WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN ORDER THAT WE MAY BE UNITED BY A SPIRIT OF COMRADESHIP, FIDELITY AND PATRIOTISM, TO BETTER OURSELVES AND OUR COUNTRY, DO ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION FOR THE UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS, INC.

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this organization shall be the UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS, Inc.

ARTICLE II
Objectives

The objectives and purposes of this organization are:

a) To unite, strengthen, and preserve in comradeship, all American Veterans of Ukrainian descent.
b) To perpetuate the memory and deeds of our comrades who gave their lives to secure, for us, the blessings of Liberty.
c) To foster and perpetuate our American way of life.
d) To uphold the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America.
e) To guard and defend the United States of America from all her enemies.
f) To promote a spirit of peace and goodwill amongst all the peoples on earth.
g) To preserve the principles of Justice, Liberty, and Democracy for ourselves and our posterity.
h) To assist all comrades in distress as well as all the widows and orphans of our fallen comrades.
i) To maintain the Ukrainian identity in a status of high esteem and respect in these, our United States.
j) To provide scholarships to students who are descendants of or related to Ukrainian American veterans.

ARTICLE III
Seal, Emblem and Flag

Section 1 – Seal and Emblem

The official seal and emblem of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. shall be the only one authorized for use by any Post or State Department.

Section 2 - Flag

An official flag has been adopted by the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. Each Post and State Department may design its own (provided that its colors are only Blue and Gold) as prescribed by the UAV procedures and operating manual.

Section 3 - Display

Each Post, State Department and the National Headquarters shall have an American, POW/MIA and Ukrainian Flag which shall be displayed according to the UAV procedures and operating manual. The American Flag must always be displayed whenever the Post, State Department or the UAV National Banner is displayed.

ARTICLE IV
National Newsletter

There shall be but one official newsletter of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. and it shall be issued by the National Publications Editor.

ARTICLE V
Federal Charter

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ARTICLE VI
Eligibility

Section 1 – Veteran

a) Any person of Ukrainian descent shall be eligible for membership in the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. if such person has served in the Armed Forces of the United States and has been honorably discharged.

b) Any person not of Ukrainian descent but who meets other requirements of Section 1 (US Armed Forces Veteran) and has served in the Ukrainian Armed Forces (ЗСУ), Defense Intelligence Service (HUR) or the Hospitaliers will be eligible for full membership in the Ukrainian American Veterans.

Section 2 - Spouse

Any person who is not of Ukrainian descent, but who meets other requirements of Section 1 and is married to a person of Ukrainian descent will be eligible for full membership in the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc.

Section 3 – Members-at-Large

Any person who meets the eligibility for membership in the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. but who resides in a locality where there is no established Post may apply as a Member-at-Large. An application will be submitted to the National Executive Board for final approval. A Member-at-Large shall be entitled to all rights and privileges.

ARTICLE VII
State and Post Organization

Section 1 – Departments and Posts

The Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. shall be organized in Departments and each State Department in Posts. There shall be one Department in each State and in the District of Columbia. The National Executive Board may establish Posts in the territorial and insular possessions of the United States and in foreign countries.

Section 2 - State Department

a) A State Department may be organized by two or more Ukrainian American Veteran, Inc. Posts. The State Department must petition the National Executive Board for a charter. Upon approval of the National Executive Board a charter shall be issued, signed by the National Commander and the National Adjutant.

b) Each State Department shall have a department commander, a department adjutant and such other officers as shall be determined by the State Department. The department in no event shall invade the prerogatives now vested either in the post or national organization.

c) To start a new State Department all the members of every post in the state shall be eligible to vote for the State Department officers. Every member must be notified a minimum of 90 days in advance by mail, to be mailed out by the National Executive Board.

d) Every member must be notified a minimum of 90 days in advance that a State Department is being started or activated. The first notification will include names of the members who want to run for State Department. A response sheet will be included to be returned with any eligible member who would want to run for office. Ballots will be prepared by the NEB and mailed out to the eligible members to cast their ballot. The NEB will count the ballots. A majority of respondents are required to validate the selection of state department officers.

e) A state department board must meet at least once per year and submit a written report to the National Adjutant.

f) A state department board shall be elected every two years. If there is no election, all positions are vacant until the next elections. The NEB shall notify all the members of the state by mail 90 days before elections.

g) To reactivate a state department the rules governing the election for a new state department officers pursuant to the previous paragraphs creating a new state department will be followed.

Section 3 - Post Organization

a) The minimum membership of a Post shall be five (5) veterans in any community.

b) No Post shall be named after any living person.

c) Each Post shall be the judge of its own membership subject to the State Department and National Constitution and By-Laws.

d) Each newly formed Post shall be numbered consecutively with no exception.

e) Members-at-Large shall be organized like any other Post with its own Commander, who shall be the Vice Commander, and have all the responsibilities and privileges of a Post Commander. Unlike other Posts that have a physical location, the Members-at-Large Post shall not have an assigned number. Any other references to Posts and Post Commanders elsewhere in these Constitution and By-laws shall implicitly include the Members-at-Large Post and Post Commander.

Section 4 - Dues

Each State Department and Post shall determine its own dues.

Section 5 – Constitution and By-Laws

Each State Department and any Post may prescribe its own Constitution and By-Laws as long as it is not in conflict with the National Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII
UAV National Ladies Auxiliary

Section 1 - Authorization

The Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. authorizes the establishment of an auxiliary organization to be known as the UAV National Ladies Auxiliary.

Section 2 - Jurisdiction

The UAV National Ladies Auxiliary shall be under the jurisdiction of the National Executive Board of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc.

Section 3 - Elections

The Auxiliary shall meet and hold election of officers in conjunction with the National Convention of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc.

ARTICLE IX
Delegation of Authority

Section 1 – Legislative Body

The Legislative Body of the UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS, INC. shall be the NATIONAL CONVENTION, which shall meet annually at a time and place to be fixed by the preceding National Convention.

Section 2 – Administrative Body

The ADMINISTRATIVE BODY of the UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS, INC. shall be vested in the NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

ARTICLE X
Finance

Section 1 - Revenue

The revenue of the UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS, INC. shall be derived from the annual membership and from such other sources as may be approved by the National Executive Board.

Section 2 - Dues

The amount of such annual dues shall be determined by each National Convention for the following two (2) years.

Section 3 – Dues Collection

The per capita dues shall be collected by each Post. Said per capita amount with an accompanying list of current names, addresses, and phone numbers for whom the per capita is being submitted must be sent to the National Finance Officer with copies submitted to the National Vice Commander, the State Department and National Publications Officer.

Section 4 – Dues Payment Deadline

The per capita dues and Post registration shall be due and payable on or before April 15th of each year to the National Finance Officer.

Section 5 – Funded Travel

A mandatory trip report and original travel receipts must be submitted for record to the National Executive Board, no later than 60 days after travel, for all funded or fund-raised official travel and sanctioned trips/events such as overseas visits and conferences. This does not apply to UAV National Conventions. Format is specified in Appendix 1 of this document.

Section 6 – Signatories to Accounts

All UAV National Bank Accounts shall have two signatories on the accounts, one of which shall be the National Finance Officer.

ARTICLE XI
Amendments

Section 1 – Amendments without Prior Notice

This Constitution may be amended at any National Convention without notice when properly moved and voted unanimously by the registered delegates present at the convention.

Section 2 – Proposed Amendments

A proposed amendment submitted by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to the convention shall require two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present for adoption.

Section 3 - Constitution and By-Laws Committee

A Post or State Department must submit their proposed amendments to the Constitution to the National Judge Advocate at least 60 days before the National Convention. The National Judge Advocate shall prepare and present to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of the National Convention such recommendations made by the Posts and/or State Departments for discussion, and if merited, presentation before the delegates of the Convention for a vote.

BY-LAWS
of the
UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS, INC.

ARTICLE I
National Convention

Section 1 - Elections

a) The National Convention shall elect the National Executive Board from the delegation present at the National Convention.

b) A candidate for any National Executive Board position must be physically present at said Convention to be considered for nomination. No proxy shall be allowed, except in extenuating circumstances, in which case the Nominating Committee will make the decision.

c) In determining the selection of candidates for National Office during a said National Convention, the Nominating Committee will give consideration to provide a fair, equitable and geographic distribution of officers among UAV Posts.

d) Except for appointed members of the National Executive Board, to qualify for election to the National Executive Board the candidate must have been a member of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. for twelve (12) months.

Section 2 - Delegates

a) A delegate and the alternate shall be members in good standing of their respective Post. They shall be members of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. for at least twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the National Convention, and their current dues must have been paid at least thirty (30) days prior to the National Convention.

b) Each registered delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote and must be present on the convention floor to cast his/her vote. Alternates shall act only in the absence of a delegate. Alternates shall have all the privileges of a delegate.

c) Each member of the National Executive Board, as defined by Article II of these by-laws, shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the National Convention. Members of the National Executive Board may not vote more than once by virtue of being a delegate or holding another position within the organization. Members of the National Executive Board may not appoint a proxy.

Section 3 – Additional Delegates

a) In addition to the Post Commander, each Post shall be entitled to three (3) delegates for the first twenty (20) members, and one (1) additional delegate for each ten (10) members or any part thereof after the first twenty (20) and to one (1) alternate for each delegate.

b) In addition to the National Vice Commander who represents them at the National Convention, Members-at-Large shall be entitled to three (3) delegates for the first (20) members, and one (1) additional delegate for each ten (10) members or any part thereof after the first twenty (20) and one (1) alternate for each delegate.

Section 4 – Delegate Registration

The names of all delegates and alternates shall be filed with the National Executive Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the National Convention.

Section 5 – Quorum

A quorum shall exist at a National Convention when forty percent (40%) of all duly registered delegates are present and fifty percent (50%) of all Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. Posts in good standing are present.

Section 6 – Nominations and Voting

a) All Post Commanders, State Commanders and Past National Commanders shall be on the nominating committee. The National Commander shall appoint a Past National Commander as chairperson of the Nominating Committee. He/she shall submit a written report of the nominees for each elected office to the Convention body.

b) Voting at the National Convention shall be by "Closed Ballot" on positions for the National Executive Board unless the candidate is unopposed. Voting on all other matters will be determined by the National Convention to be by closed vote, voice vote, show of hands or a roll call vote.

c) Additional nominations may be made from the convention floor.

d) A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for any elective office. A majority vote shall be binding except when otherwise stated in the Constitution or By-Laws. In the event no one candidate receives 50% plus 1 of the votes, then the highest two (2) candidates shall be the only candidates to be voted for the second ballot.

e) A Post Commander can designate a member of his/her Post to represent him/her if he/she cannot make it to the Convention. Such designation must be made in writing prior to the UAV National Convention.

Section 7 – Committees

Each member Post in good standing shall select one delegate to serve on such committees as prescribed by the National Commander. The Committees will be chaired by the Board Members responsible or appointed by the National Commander. The Chairperson will submit a written report to the Convention.

ARTICLE II
National Executive Board

Section 1 - Elections

The National Executive Board shall be elected at the National Convention. The election of the national executive board shall be held every other year beginning with 2008.

Section 2 - Officers

a) The elected National Executive Board shall consist of a National Commander, National Vice Commander, National Finance Officer, National Judge Advocate, National Quartermaster, National Welfare Officer, National Scholarship Officer, National Service Officer/Chaplain, National Historian and National Public Relations Officer, National Publications Officer, National Webmaster, and National Monument Officer.

b) The National Adjutant shall be approved by the National Executive Board upon the nomination of the National Commander with full privileges and may be removed by the National Executive Board.

c) The Immediate Past National Commander shall be a member of the National Executive Board with full privileges until the elected National Commander he/she precedes steps down.

Section 3 – Past National Commanders

a) All Past National Commanders prior to 1992, while in good standing in their respective posts, shall be members of the National Executive Board for life, with the right to vote and are delegates for life to all National Conventions with the right to vote.

b) All Past National Commanders after 1992, by virtue of their past high office, shall have the privilege of being delegates to all National Conventions with the right to vote, providing they are in good standing with their respective Post.

Section 4 – Commanders

a) All State Department Commanders shall be ex-officio members of the National Executive Board with the right to vote.

b) Each State Department Commander and each Post Commander, or their proxy, shall be entitled to a vote at the National Convention.

Section 5 - Term

The elected members shall be members of the National Executive Board, shall serve for a term of two (2) years, and shall be eligible to succeed themselves until a successor is elected.

Section 6 - Vacancies

Each NEB position, where possible, will have a designated NEB alternate to fill that position. The designated alternate will hold that vacated position until the subsequent National Convention when a new member may be elected. Preferably, the designated alternate will have held the position previously. If not, the individual will familiarize himself/herself with the duties and responsibilities of that position during their tenure as a vice.

Section 7 – Other Officers

The National Executive Board may appoint a National Provost Marshal and such other officers, as necessary.

Section 8 - Committees

a) There shall be the following standing committees: National Welfare Committee, National Scholarship Fund, Constitution and By-Laws Committee and Auditing Committee. The committees shall consist of such members of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. as the National Executive Board may from time to time determine. Appointments to such committees shall be made by the Committee Chairperson with the approval of the National Executive Board. The term of office of each member of such committees shall be two (2) years or as deemed necessary.

b) The Auditing Committee shall be appointed at the National Convention. It shall consist of not less than two people.

c) The National Executive Board is empowered to create such other special committees as deemed necessary.

Section 9 - Removal

Any National Executive Board member or appointed National Officer removed from office for cause shall not be eligible to hold any National Office for the next three (3) years.

Section 10 - Meetings

a) The National Executive Board shall meet within twenty-four (24) hours after the adjournment of the National Convention in which they were elected.

b) The National Executive Board shall meet and/or hold a telephone conference every three (3) months but may hold monthly meetings if required or necessary.

c) Special meetings may be held upon reasonable notice by the National Commander or by written request of fifty percent (50%) of the National Executive Board.

d) Any elected National Executive Board member who fails to attend two (2) National Executive Board meetings without acceptable excuses, shall be automatically removed from office. The National Executive Board shall then fulfill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

e) Only the elected National Executive Board officers, the National Adjutant and the Immediate Past National Commander shall be reimbursed mileage and lodging expenses as prescribed by the National Executive Board.

Section 11 - Quorum

Fifty percent (50%) of the members of the National Executive Board who were duly elected by the National Convention shall constitute a quorum, including those participating via teleconference.

Section 12 – Finance Committee

a) The National Commander shall appoint, subject to ratification by the National Executive Board, a National Finance Committee to be composed of three (3) members, who shall serve until the adjournment of the next succeeding National Convention.

b) The National Commander and the National Finance Officer shall be ex-officio members of said committee. The National Finance Committee shall be charged with the preparation of the yearly budget, and such other duties as shall be prescribed by the National Executive Board.

Section 13 – Other Officers

The National Executive Board shall provide for the appointment and employment of such subordinate officers and employees as may be needed for the administration of the affairs of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. and prescribe their duties.

Section 14 – Eligibility and Conduct

All questions affecting the election eligibility and conduct of National, State or Post officers shall be referred to and resolved by the National Executive Board.

ARTICLE III
Duties of Officers

Section 1 – National Commander

The National Commander shall be the executive head of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc., with full power to enforce the provisions of the National Constitution, National By-Laws, and the will of the National Convention. He/she shall be the Chairperson of the National Convention, and the National Executive Board. He/she shall appoint all necessary committee chairpersons subject to the ratification of the National Executive Board and shall perform such other duties as are usually incidental to the office. He/she shall be a member of all the National Committees and may, when deemed necessary, require reports from any and all such committees. He/she shall approve and sign all orders drawn of the National Organization for the disbursement of money and co-sign and countersign all contracts and documents in the name of the organization. He/she will approve the use of the UAV Logo for external use. He/she will approve the use of the good name of the UAV for all seminars, conferences, and other public events and concerts sponsored by posts or state departments. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

Section 2 - National Vice Commander

a) The National Vice Commander shall act as the representative of the National Commander on all matters referred to him/her and shall at the National Commander's request, or in his/her absence, preside over the meetings of the National Executive Board or National Convention. He/she shall perform such other duties as are usually incidental to the office. The National Vice Commander shall, upon the death, medical incapacitation, resignation, or removal, of the National Commander, assume the position of the National Commander for the remainder of the term. The Vice Commander, at his/her discretion, may continue to perform both duties as National Commander and Vice Commander or may request the National Executive Board elect an interim Vice Commander from amongst their members.

b) The National Vice Commander is responsible for planning, organizing, and directing a program that ensures individual member retention and growth in post individual membership. He/she shall lead efforts to recruit new members, conduct membership-building programs and process membership applications. The National Vice Commander shall be charged with the duty of organizing new Posts wherever and whenever possible and shall be charged with the recruitment of Members-at-Large. The National Vice Commander shall be the Chairperson of the Membership Committee at the National Convention. The National Vice Commander shall investigate all complaints against Posts and Departments, as well as visit as many Posts and Departments as necessary for the purpose of recommending ways and means of expanding the membership of such Posts and Departments. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

Section 3 - National Adjutant

The National Adjutant shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the National Executive Board and of the National Convention; prepare the Minutes of the National Convention within sixty (60) days after the closing of the Convention and mail them out to all the Members of the National Executive Board, all of the Post Commanders, State Commanders and Past National Commanders, delegates and anyone who shall submit in writing a request for the Convention Minutes. Ensure that all notices are given in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to National Executive Board Meetings to all Post Commanders, State Commanders, and Past National Commanders; and, in general, perform all the duties incidental to the office of the National Adjutant. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

Section 4 - National Finance Officer

a) The National Finance Officer shall be the custodian of the funds of the National Organization and shall make reports upon the condition of the national treasury when called for by the National Commander. The National Finance Officer shall furnish a surety bond as hereinafter prescribed. He/she shall submit written financial reports to the National Executive Board and a biennial written report to the National Convention. He/she shall perform such other duties as are usually incidental to the office. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

b) *The National Finance Officer shall receive, review, and reconcile all individual Post Finance Reports submitted by local posts. The National Financial Finance Officer shall ensure that all financial reports are complete, accurate, and compliant prior to incorporating their financial data into the national organizations consolidate group IRS Form 990 tax filing with the Internal Revenue service. He/she shall maintain records of all post submissions and report any discrepancies of non-compliance to the National Executive Board. He/she will submit a copy of the completed Form 990 to the NEB prior to IRS submission.*[1]

Section 5 - National Judge Advocate

The National Judge Advocate shall advise the National Officers and the National Executive Board on all legal matters, including the construction and interpretation of the National Constitution and By-Laws and shall perform such other duties as are usually incidental to the office. The National Judge Advocate shall chair the Constitution and By-Laws Committee at the National Convention. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

Section 6 - National Service Officer/Chaplain

a) The National Service Officer shall advise and inform the State and Post Service Officers of existing veteran's benefits and rights, who in turn shall assist ill, disabled, and needy veterans in obtaining them. He/she shall assist disabled and physically handicapped veterans, of all wars and conflicts of the United States in qualifying for compensation or pension; he/she shall assist widows and veteran's dependents in obtaining compensation or pension benefits, death and burial benefits, educational assistance and other miscellaneous benefits. He/she shall gather information as to the service activities and programs of the State Departments and Posts for inclusion into the Annual Report, as well as such duties as pertain to the office.

[1] This is an interim change based on the Sept 2026 Finance and Audit Committee Report provided by the Finance and Audit Committee to National Executive Board. Final approval is required by the 80th UAV National Convention for implementation.

b) The National Chaplain shall perform such divine non-sectarian services as may be necessary adhering to such ceremonial rituals as may be recommended by National Executive Board. He/she shall formulate, promote, and assist in all matters pertaining to the welfare of all the members as a group, and individually, whenever possible. He/she shall be the chairperson of the Ritual Committee. He/she shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned to him/her by the National Commander, as well as such duties as pertain to the office. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

Section 7 - National Historian

The National Historian shall collect from year to year all records and data of value and interest for the National Headquarters of the Ukrainian American Veterans and shall compile during his/her term of office a complete history of the year's activities. He/she shall be responsible for preserving the UAV Archives. He/she shall also assist State Department and Post Historians so as to coordinate and unify the work of these officials and shall have other duties as shall be assigned to him/her by the National Commander, as well as such duties as pertain to the office. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

Section 8 - National Quartermaster

The National Quartermaster shall be in possession and control of all the national regulation supplies, trophies, uniforms and flags and equipment. He/she shall be the individual to whom all requisitions for regulation supplies, trophies, uniforms, flags, and equipment must be directed by the State Departments, Posts, or individual members of the National Organization. He/she shall devise, formulate, and design such items as may be required from time to time and submit the changes therefore, to the National Convention for its approval and consent. He/she shall have sketches of official placement of insignias. He/she shall submit written financial reports to the National Executive Board and a biennial written report to the National Convention. He/she shall present inventory of all properties at the National Convention. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

Section 9 - National Welfare Officer

a) The National Welfare Officer is responsible for the administration and supervision of the National Welfare Fund. He/she shall keep the fund in a separate bank account and shall keep a financial record of all financial transactions. He/she shall submit written financial reports to the National Executive Board and a biennial report to the National Convention.

b) The Welfare Officer shall review all claims submitted by Post Commanders and take the necessary steps as specified in the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Welfare Fund. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

Section 10 - National Scholarship Officer

The National Scholarship Officer is responsible for the administration and supervision of the National Scholarship Fund. He/she shall keep the fund in a separate bank account and shall keep a financial record of all financial transactions. He/she shall submit written financial reports to the National Executive Board and a biennial written report to the National Convention. The Scholarship Officer shall review all applications submitted by students and take the necessary steps as specified in the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Scholarship Fund. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

Section 11 - National Public Relations

The National Public Relations Officer shall perform such duties as to develop favorable relations with the general public through the publication of information in the mass media regarding the activities of the Ukrainian American Veteran membership. He/she will attempt to create favorable public opinion and shall perform such other duties as are incidental to the office. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

Section 12 – National Webmaster

a) The National Webmaster shall be responsible for the maintaining and updating the official UAV Website. This includes but is not limited to: Assuring that we are registered with the domain name www.uavets.org; assuring that we keep our contract with our chose Internet provider active; posting of UAV and/or Ukrainian related material to the website; assuring that all material posted to the website conforms to the integrity/correctness of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc.

b) Any questions on integrity/correctness are to be discussed with the National Commander and if necessary with the Executive Board; resolution of any and all technical problems associated with the website; responsible for the design or the website; and assure that any graphics or other work (pages, coding, etc.) and associated costs created for the website not performed by the UAV Webmaster are to be approved by the Executive Board prior to its creation; and shall perform such other duties as are incidental to the office. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

Section 13 - National Provost Marshal

The National Provost Marshal shall be responsible for maintaining order, preserving property and checking the facilities for safety at all National Conventions, meetings of the National Executive Board and such other duties as are assigned to him/her by the National Commander and as usually pertain to the office. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

Section 14 – National Monument Officer

a) The National Monument Officer is responsible for the administration and supervision of the National Monument Fund. He/she shall keep the fund in a separate bank account and shall keep a record of all financial transactions. He/she shall submit financial reports to the national convention. The National Monument Committee shall consist of five members: the UAV National Commander, a representative from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, the UAV New Jersey State Commander, and any additional members as needed to be appointed by the National Monument Officer. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

b) The National Monument Committee shall be responsible for collecting and dispensing funds for the maintenance of the National Monument as specified in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Monument Committee.

Section 15 - National Publications Officer

The National Publications Officer shall perform such duties as to develop favorable relations with the general public through the publication of the National Newsletter - the *"UAV Tribune*" - and shall perform such other duties as are incidental to the office. His/her term shall be for two (2) years.

ARTICLE IV
Uniforms

Section 1 – National Commander

The National Commander and all Past National Commanders shall wear gold crown and gold peak caps.

Section 2 – National Executive Board

Members of the elected National Executive Board shall wear royal blue crown and gold peak caps during their term in office.

Section 3 – State Department

State Department members shall wear white crown and white peak caps with blue letters and blue border trim during their term in office.

Section 4 - Members

All members of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. shall wear a royal blue crown and royal blue peak cap, except when in office as noted above.

Section 5 - Uniform

a) Veteran cap, white shirt with navy blue tie, gray trousers/skirts, solid black socks and black footwear, navy blue blazer with brass buttons and UAV emblem on the lapel pocket, is the official uniform of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc.

b) The option of wearing an embroidered shirt is at the discretion of the Post for Post activities and special events. When authorized, all members must be in the same uniform (i.e., an embroidered shirt).

c) The summer weather uniform consisting of veteran's cap, short sleeved white military/police style shirt with the American flag patch on the right shoulder and the UAV Crest on the left shoulder, and gray trousers/skirts is the official summer uniform of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc.

d) Typical period of wear for the summer uniform is from June through September. Post Commanders have the discretion to amend the period based on Post's geographical location.

e) Wearing and placement of name tag and/or military awarded ribbons on the blazer or summer uniform shirt will be in accordance with the uniform regulations as referenced in the UAV Standard Operating Procedures manual.

f) Veteran cap, navy blue tie, and UAV emblem to be purchased from Quartermaster only, to ensure uniformity of color and look.

ARTICLE V Membership

Section 1 – Membership Application

a) Any person eligible for and desiring membership in the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. shall fill out and sign UAV application form. The Post Commander to which application is made will retain a copy of the application in the post files and send the original application to the National Vice Commander. The National Organization is to provide all membership application forms.

b) Within 2 years of joining the Ukrainian American Veteran, Inc. all members should register with the Registration Project, to include a final DD-214, final NGB Form 22 or a Leave and Earnings Statement for those still serving. If a member is accepting a position in a Post, State Department, or the National Executive Board, they shall register prior to taking the position.

Section 2 – Membership Induction

All persons applying for membership after being accepted and paying the requisite fees and dues must be inducted into the Post sponsoring him/her in the manner, form and style prescribed in the Rituals.

Section 3 – Membership Card

There shall be but one form of membership card, which shall be prescribed by the National Executive Board.

Section 4 – Post Membership

No person shall be a member of more than one Post of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. at the same time.

Section 5 – Suspension From the Rolls

a) Failure to pay dues for 3 years by a member of a Post will result in that member's suspension.

b) A member who has been suspended for failure to pay dues may be reinstated upon full payment of 3 years of dues.

c) No member who has been suspended by a Post shall be admitted to membership in another Post without the consent of the suspending Post, except where such consent has been sought and denied, said person may then appeal to the Executive Board of the State Department of the suspending Post for such consent and shall be ineligible for membership until such consent is granted. If the individual is a member of a Post that does not have an Executive State Department Board, they make their appeal to the National Judge Advocate who will then present it to the National Executive Board for a vote.

Section 6 - Appeals

Any member expelled from a Post may appeal in writing from such expulsion to the Executive Board of the State Department of said Post and if appeal is denied such person may then appeal, in writing, to the National Executive Board, whose decision shall be final. If there is no State Department then said appeal can be made directly to the National Executive Board.

Section 7 - Exemptions

a) Any member in good standing in his/her respective Post or member-at-large, who is called back into the Armed Services of the United States or who has voluntarily entered said Armed Services, shall be considered as a member in-service of good standing with his/her Post and The Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. without payment of dues. Such members in service shall pay the current dues within six (6) months after being honorably discharged or honorably separated from said Armed Forces in order to reactivate his/her membership.

b) 100% military disabled veterans are exempt from dues.

c) Veterans who have attained the age of 90 years old are exempt from payment of annual dues.

d) The Post Commander has the discretion to waiver a member's annual dues if said member's ability to pay becomes impaired.

Section 8 - Transfer

Any member in good standing in a Post may transfer to another Post and shall be entitled to a certificate from his/her Post stating his/her membership and the duration thereof.

Section 9 – Social Members

Any Post of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. is permitted to have social members, who shall be those persons who do not qualify for membership under this Constitution and By-Laws. Such persons may not become members of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. nor be eligible for or to any rights or benefits there under. Social members pay dues to the Post but have no voting rights.

Section 10 – Honorary Members

Honorary members are exempt from paying dues and have no voting rights.

ARTICLE VI
Rules of Procedure for Discipline of Members

Section 1 - Priority

a) Each Post shall be the judge of its own member's disciplinary action subject to the provisions of the National Constitution and By-Laws.

b) Charges between members of different Posts within a given state may be heard by the State Department Executive Board. The State Department shall handle the matter of discipline of its own officers.

c) Charges between members of different Posts in different states shall be heard by the National Executive Board. The National Executive Board shall handle the matter of discipline of its own officers.

d) No member or officer shall be disciplined until given a fair trial as outlined in Section 2. All echelons (Post, State and National) shall conduct judicial hearing as outlined under Section 2.

Section 2 - Judicial Procedure

a) Members: may be censured, reprimanded, or expelled from the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. only upon a proper showing of due cause. Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty, or conduct unbecoming a member of the organization. All charges must be made under oath and in writing. No member shall lose his/her membership until given a fair trial in the following form within the Post echelon:

b) Written charges shall be filed under oath with the echelon Executive Board.

c) The Executive Board shall appoint a committee of not less than five (5) members, mutually agreed to by both parties, to hear and determine and report back to the Executive Board. The hearing will be recorded, and the echelon Commander shall be the presiding officer.

d) A copy of the formal charges shall be served on the accused at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing.

e) The echelon Judge Advocate shall prosecute the charges.

f) The accused shall be confronted by his/her accuser who shall testify under oath.

g) The accused may be represented by counsel.

h) The committee referred to in paragraph "b" hereof shall render a decision of "for cause" or "no cause." This decision shall be submitted to the echelon's Executive Board for action. The Executive Board, in the event of a decision of "for cause" shall issue a letter of censure, suspend, or expel the accused member; an officer may be removed from office.

i) In the event an echelon Commander or Judge Advocate is the subject of charges, the Senior Vice Commander (or the next ranking Executive Officer) shall take his/her place in judicial proceedings outlined in Section 2.

Section 3 - Right of Appeal

a) Members (both accuser and accused) shall have the right to appeal all decisions to higher echelons. The order of judicial appeal will be as follows:

1. Post Executive Board
2. State Department Executive Board
3. State Department Convention
4. National Executive Board
5. National Convention

b) All appeals shall employ procedures outlined under Article VI, Section 3a. Appeals will be made by formal letter stating why the member feels he/she is being unjustly charged and submitting any additional evidence or circumstances not presented at the original hearing that will exonerate, vacate, or mitigate the appeals board's decision. An appeal from a decision of "for cause" must be presented to the National Executive Board in writing within sixty (60) days from the date of the findings of the fact. Judicial decisions made at the National Convention shall be final.

Section 4 - Records

All actions of the Post Executive Board must be forwarded to all higher echelons and the records of trial be forwarded to the National Judge Advocate for review.

Section 5 – Witnesses, Testimony, and Evidence

The National Executive Board shall have the power and right to require witnesses, additional testimony, and evidence to assist it in arriving at a decision.

Section 6 – National Executive Board

Judicial decisions may be affirmed, modified, or set aside by the National Executive Board on the recommendation of the National Judge Advocate and notice of said action shall be sent to all lower echelons.

Section 7 – National Executive Board Members

The National Executive Board shall handle the matter of discipline of its own officers and State Department Commanders. Persons subject to such disciplinary action may appeal to the next National Convention.

ARTICLE VII
Rules and Procedures for the Discipline of Posts/State Departments

Section 1 – Disciplinary Action

In the event of noncompliance or misrepresentation of the UAV National Constitution and By-Laws by any state department or post, that state department or post will be subject to possible disciplinary action including suspension or revocation of their state or post charter.

Section 2 – Detrimental Conduct

No Post or state officer shall conduct himself / herself in a manner detrimental to the Ukrainian American Veterans Inc. For the good of the order, post or state officers shall not disparage or defame the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. or its members.

ARTICLE VIII
Activation; Inactivation and Readmission of Posts

Section 1 – Activation

A Post shall apply for a charter to the Executive Board of the State Department. Said application must be properly executed by the members of the Post. The State Department must approve the application and forward said application to the National Executive Board for final approval. The charter shall then be countersigned by the National Commander and the National Adjutant before being issued to the Post.

Section 2 – Inactive Status

a) Upon recommendation from the National Executive Board, the National Convention may place a Post on "Inactive Status" when fewer than five (5) members remain on its roll or when the Post does not register and send per capita dues to the National Finance Officer for one (1) year. It is further provided that any Post/State Department, or majority of members thereof, may at any time formally petition the National Executive Board in writing for an inactive status not to exceed the period of two (2) years, and if application for reinstatement is made before the expiration of that period, reinstatement shall be automatic and without penalty by the approval of the National Executive Board.

b) Upon declared inactivation of a Post, the funds held in the Posts financial accounts will be transferred to the UAV State Commander's account within 6 months of declared inactivation. If there is not a State Command for the inactivating post, the funds will be transferred to the finance account at the UAV National level. All fund transfers will be accompanied by documentation including to whom the funds were transferred, the amount transferred and all bank statements for 6 months preceding the Post's declared inactivation. A copy of this documentation will be provided to the UAV National Commander and Finance Officer.

c) Upon declared inactivation of a Post, all post historical documents and records (hard copy and digital) held in the Post archives, will be transferred to the UAV State Commander's within 6 months of declared inactivation. If there is not a State Command for the inactivating post, the records will be transferred to the UAV Historian at the UAV National level.

Section 3 – Loss of Affiliation

An Inactive Post shall in no manner hold itself out in its local community as an active Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. Post affiliated with the National Organization.

Section 4 – Readmission

a) In the event that a member Post/State Department shall withdraw from the Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc. and subsequently requests re-admittance into the National Organization, said Post/State Department must submit an application for re-admission in writing together with a per capita tax based on membership either as of the time of withdrawal, or time of application for reinstatement, whichever is greater. Said Post/State Department may then be represented at the next following National Convention without vote and without the power to run any of its delegation for national office. Upon approval or re-admission by the convention body, said Post/State Department will be reinstated, PROVIDED that their convention delegation shall have no vote or the power to run any of its delegation for national office at that, or the next following National Convention.

b) The requirements of para hereof shall be applicable in all situations, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if a Post/State Department upon application for re-admission is able to show good cause for its prior withdrawal, and said cause has been investigated and substantiated by the National Executive Board, the Convention body shall have the discretion to remit or suspend the aforesaid penalties in whole or in part.

Section 5 – Additional Steps

With respect to the provisions of this Article, the National Executive Board shall take steps when circumstances demand to protect the integrity of the National Organization.

Section 6 – Appeal

Any National Executive Board action taken against a Post under this Article may be appealed by the Post at the next National Convention.

Section 7 – Quorum

An Inactive Post shall not be any factor in determining a quorum at a National Convention.

ARTICLE IX
Amendments

Section 1 - Amendments without Prior Notice

These By-Laws may be amended at any National Convention without notice when properly moved and voted unanimously by the registered delegates sent at the convention.

Section 2 – Amendment to the By-Laws

A proposed amendment submitted by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to the convention for adoption shall require a simple majority vote of the registered delegates present for adoption.

Section 3– Amendment Proposals

A Post or State Department must submit their proposed amendments to the National Judge Advocate at least sixty (60) days before the National Convention. The National Judge Advocate shall prepare and present to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of the National Convention such recommendations made by Post and State Commanders for discussion, and if merited, presentation before the delegates of the National Convention for a vote.

ARTICLE X
Parliamentary Procedure

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised 2020 - 12th Edition, shall be the final authority in any case not covered either in the Constitution or the By-Laws.

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APPENDIX 1
Ukrainian American Veterans Trip Report Format

Objective: To provide a standardized format to record outcomes of official UAV funded/sponsored travel/sanctioned trips/events such as overseas trips, visits, and conferences.
Note: Does not apply to UAV National Conventions.

Header Information

- From:
- To:
- Subject: Name of the event or purpose (e.g., “Veteran Gap Analysis to Ukraine”)
- Date of the Trip:
- NEB Official Authorization:
- Purpose of Trip: 1–3 lines summarizing the trip’s purpose, standing alone.

Organize by the sequence of events

1. Event name, location, time, host
2. Summary discussion of event
3. Outcome of discussion and key takeaways of meeting(s) for Ukrainian American Veterans
4. Recommendation and/or Decision for UAV NEB Action (if applicable)
   Repeat for each significant event
5. POC name, email, telephone number
6. Event 1, 2, 3, etc.
   Useful chronological tracking if visiting multiple locations and organizations.

Content Requirements

- Summary: topics discussed and analysis, if any. State goals/objectives and whether they were met. **NO SUPERFLUOUS FLUFF!!**
- Key Attendees: list other personnel on the trip and key visitors.
- POC: Name, telephone number, and email
- Brevity: No fixed length, but all pertinent topics must be covered; avoid unnecessary detail.

Trip Report Example

(Note: names, places and organizations are fictious and bear no resemblance to actual people, places, organizations, or events)

From: Khto Kym, Ukrainian American Veterans Post 2001

To: National Executive Board, Ukrainian American Veterans, Inc.

Subject: Analysis of Veteran Status in Ukraine, 12-25 September 20XX

Purpose of Trip: To conduct UAV Analysis of Veteran Status in Ukraine and provide guidance and support in the setting up of a Veteran Disability Assistance and Support Network in the Ministry of Non-Veterans Affairs, Kyiv, Ukraine.

Summary:
During this trip Pane Kym, Chym and Maksym met with multiple veteran service agencies in Kyiv, Lviv and Ternopil seeking UAV assistance in organizing and developing veteran affairs programs to help the veterans that are in need of medical disability pension, accessibility to veteran treatment facilities and programs to help veterans experiencing PTSD.

Event: UAV Assistance in Establishment of Veteran Medical Disability Pensions
Host Organization: Ministry of Non-Veteran Affairs
Location: Hetmanskyj Square, Kyiv Ukraine,
Date: XX Month 20XX.

Discussion:
The meeting began at 0900hrs. Pan Kym and Chym met with Pan Khrymilo, Asst Deputy Minister of Non-Veteran Affairs in response to their request for assistance in developing a medical disability pension system for disabled veterans. Pan Maksym could not attend as he was suffering from a severe case of food poisoning from the previous night. Pani A. Smetana, Pani Vyshyvanka and Pan Ya'pyanni also attended from the Ministry. A discussion ensued on how to best fund and where to obtain funds to pay disability payments for veterans injured from the war. Pan Khrymilo states they need 40 million Euros to support the program. He is certain that funding for 20 million Euros may be obtained through a grant from the EU. Pan Ya'pyanni asked if the US could fund the other 20 million Euros to support the program and if the UAV could act on behalf of the Ministry of Non-Veteran Affairs to reach out to the US assistance. Pan Kym and Chym said that they cannot lobby for Ministry of Non-Veteran Affairs because that would make acting as a foreign agent on behalf of a foreign government. Pan Kym and Pan Chym informed Pan Khrymilo and Pan Ya'pyanni that they will take the information from their meeting back to the UAV National Executive Board for consultation on how best to assist the Ministry of Veteran Non-Affairs in identifying contacts to assist in developing and funding their program. The meeting concluded at 1500hrs. POC for Ukrainian Ministry of Non-Veterans Affairs, Pan Khrymilo Email: Khrymilo@Blyskalo.nonsense.com; tel 00- 000-000-0000.

For Decision: UAV cannot act as a Foreign Agent on behalf of the Ukrainian Ministry of Non-Veterans Affairs, but can they provide contact points within the State Department and Veterans Administration to assist in the Ukrainian Ministry of Non-Veterans Affairs with program development.