

BY-LAWS OF THE
UKRAINIAN AMERICAN VETERANS
NATIONAL WELFARE FUND
2017

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

The purpose of the National Welfare Fund is to provide assistance in the form of grants to veteran members, their families, or a Ukrainian American Veteran Post as aid in times of distress; also to provide gifts or grants to the Ukrainian men and women serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section I: All members of the Ukrainian American Veterans deemed in good standing by their Post shall be eligible to receive assistance for themselves and their families, in accordance with these Articles and Regulations as shall from time to time be adopted.

Section II: The families (which are in need) of all deceased members of Ukrainian American Veterans, in good standing at the time of such decease, shall be similarly eligible for assistance as aforesaid. “Family” is interpreted to mean wife, husband, parents and children of said veteran, which can be verified by the Post.

ARTICLE III – WELFARE FUND COMMITTEE

The management of the Welfare Fund of the Ukrainian American Veterans shall be conducted by the Welfare Fund Committee, which shall be appointed and conditioned as follows:

- A. The Chairman of the National Welfare Fund shall be elected at the annual/biennial National Convention for the period of two (2) years.
- B. In the absence of the Annual Convention, the National Welfare Fund Chairman shall be appointed by the National Commander, subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee.
- C. The members of the National Welfare Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the National Welfare Fund, the National Commander, National Finance Officer, plus two (2) additional members appointed by the National Welfare Chairman.
- D. Signatories for the withdrawal of funds shall be two (2) out of three(3) of the following:

- National Welfare Fund Chairman
- National Commander
- National Finance Officer

E. Removal of a member of the Welfare Fund Committee shall be effected only by a 2/3 vote of the members of the National Executive Committee; provided, however, the subject shall have full opportunity for a hearing before the National Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF THE WELFARE FUND COMMITTEE

Section I: The Welfare Fund Committee shall have complete control and responsibility of all monies and proceedings of the Welfare Fund; subject to express limitations as specifically set forth in these Articles.

Section II: Each newly appointed Welfare Committee shall select a Treasurer, a veteran who shall be the Custodian of the funds and who shall be bonded at a sum to be settled annually.

Section III: Each newly appointed Welfare Fund Committee shall select a Secretary and such other officers as they shall from time to time deem necessary and, with the approval of the National Executive Committee, shall have the power to employ secretarial assistants.

Section IV: The Welfare Committee shall promulgate regulations governing the acquisition and distribution of funds, mechanics of application and other matters in accordance with the Ideals and Purposes of these Articles, and shall have the power to alter and change regulations in its discretion, PROVIDING HOWEVER, that all applications of families of deceased members shall be subject to approval by the National Executive Board.

Section V: All grants by the Welfare Fund Committee shall be made free of interest payments.

Section VI: The Welfare Fund Committee shall have complete charge and responsibility for the Annual Welfare Fund Drive.

Section VII: The Chairman of the Welfare Fund Committee shall sit as a member of the National Executive Committee with vote, and shall submit a report in writing at each quarterly meeting of said National Executive Committee.

Section VIII:- The Welfare Fund Committee shall submit an Annual Report in writing to the Annual Convention of the Ukrainian American Veterans, which report will be subject to further audit by the Convention Auditing Committee.

ARTICLE V – LIMITATIONS

Section I: The funds of the Welfare Fund shall be used for no other purpose than as set forth in these Articles and under no circumstances will be used for the General Treasury of the Ukrainian American Veterans.

Section II: There shall only be three (3) grants allowed in a member's lifetime of one thousand, two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,250) each. The first three (3) grants are approved by the Welfare Committee. A fourth grant of one thousand, two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,250) is a special grant. This fourth grant is to be used in an emergency and shall be considered only for special occasions such as wheelchairs, hospital beds, special medications, etc. This fourth grant will cover what is needed up to one thousand, two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,250) upon presentation of receipts which have not been covered by any form of health insurance. The National Executive Board must approve this fourth grant after reviewing all the information submitted by said member.

ARTICLE VI – DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Welfare Fund, all remaining funds in said Fund shall be paid over to a worthy veterans charity at the sole discretion of the National Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

These Articles shall be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates present and voting at the Annual Convention of the Ukrainian American Veterans.

The aforesaid Articles of the Welfare Fund of the Ukrainian American Veterans were adopted at the 50th Ukrainian American Veterans Annual National Convention held September 1997, in Kerhonkson, New York.

They were amended at the 65th convention held October 2012, in Boston, Massachusetts, to increase the amount of the three grants from \$600 to \$750.

They were further amended at the 69th annual convention held October 2016, in Somerset, New Jersey such that all three grants are to be approved by the National Welfare Committee; the third grant no longer requires approval by the National Executive Board.

They were further amended at the 70th annual convention held November 2017, in Yonkers, New York, to increase the amount of the three grants from \$750 to \$1,000.

They were further amended at the 74th annual convention held October 2021, in Quantico, Virginia, to increase the amount of the three grants from \$1,000 to \$1,250.