

Vietnam Veterans of America South Bay, Chapter 53

Bylaws

These Bylaws shall supersede any and all previously dated Bylaws.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the organization is Vietnam Veterans of America Inc., South Bay Chapter 53 as prescribed by the Articles of Incorporation and is hereinafter referred to as the Chapter.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purposes of the Chapter are those prescribed by the Articles of Incorporation and by the Constitution of Vietnam Veterans of America Incorporated.

ARTICLE III

Members

The requirements for membership are the same as the requirements in the Constitution of Vietnam Veterans of America Incorporated.

ARTICLE IV

General Membership Meetings

1. General Meetings. The general meetings of the Chapter shall be held at 1300 hours on the third Tuesday of every month, except December.
2. Annual Meetings. Annual meetings of the membership of the chapter shall be held in April of each year for the purpose of electing officers for a one year term, directors for a two year term, state council delegates for a two year term occurring in each even numbered year and Election Committee members for a one year term.
3. Quorum. The Chapter members present shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V

Chapter Board

1. Board Composition. The officers, plus the directors shall constitute the Chapter board. The directors shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are elected.
2. Board's Duties and Powers. The duties and powers of the Chapter board shall be those prescribed by the Constitution of the Vietnam Veterans of America Incorporated.
3. Quorum. A quorum of the chapter board shall be half plus one of the of the whole number of the Chapter Board.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

1. Officers. The officers of the Chapter shall be a President, a Vice-president, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
2. Office Holding Limitations. No member shall hold more than one elected office at a time.
3. Officers will be elected for a term of one year.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

1. Election Committee. The Election Committee shall consist of three members elected at the annual meeting who shall serve for a term of one year. A member of the election committee shall not become a candidate for office or board position.
2. Ex-Officio Member. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Election Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (most current edition) shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order and standing rules the Chapter may adopt.

ARTICLE IX

Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.

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