

Veterans Club of **Solivita Bylaws**



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Article I. PURPOSES

The Veterans Club of Solivita is a 501(C)(19) organization with the following purposes:

Section 1 Promote Awareness

To promote awareness and interest in veterans' affairs including the role the US military plays in our national defense.

Section 2 Sponsor Patriotic Activities

Sponsor and/or participate in community patriotic activities to promote awareness of the roles of our veterans and demonstrate national pride.

Section 3 Honor Deceased Veterans

Provide social support to surviving spouses of deceased club members and/or veterans within Solivita.

Section 4 Provide Member Activities

Provide social and recreational activities for its members.

Section 5 Vet Connect

Provide assistance to club members as requested. Encourage programs for veterans in Lake Nona Veterans Affairs facilities. Coordinate with other clubs in Solivita for VCS activities & support.

Section 6 Promote Education and Armed Forces Service

Partner with Scholarship Foundation to encourage Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, (JROTC) to further their education and encourage these same young people to seek service in the Armed Forces.

Section 7 Support Charities

To support local veteran and community not-for-profit charities.

Article II. MEMBERSHIP

The membership categories are Members and Lifetime Members.

Section 1 Membership

The VCS accepts any resident of Solivita who has honorably served in any branch of the United States Military or a currently recognized allied armed forces. Acceptance is verified by presenting appropriate proof.

Section 2 Lifetime Membership

All members age 82 and older, as of 1 Jan, shall be granted Lifetime membership status and shall be exempt from paying annual dues.

Section 3 Dues

Members are obligated to pay annual dues before January 31st in an amount agreed upon by the membership. New members who join in October through December shall have their dues applied for the upcoming year. Unpaid members will be dropped for the remainder of the year or until they re-join for the remainder of that calendar year only.

Section 4 Dismissal

A member may be dismissed from the VCS for cause due to a conflict of interest, unethical/disruptive behavior, or obstructs VCS activities. Removal requires a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Notification of dismissal will be by letter mailed to the last known address. The dismissed member has a right to appeal within 30 days of the date of the dismissal letter.

Article III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is elected by the members:

Section 1 Titles

The Board of Directors is elected by the membership and shall consist of a Commander, Deputy Commander, Admin Officer, Finance Officer, and the Operations Officer. The board shall meet before all membership meetings to conduct its business and develop a membership meeting program.

Section 2 Term

The term of office shall be one-year beginning with the first VCS meeting of the new calendar year and ending with the first VCS meeting of the following calendar year.

Section 3 Vacancy

The Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of any board member's vacancy.

Section 4 Quorum

A quorum of the Board of Directors is established when a simple majority of the elected and/or members are present.

Article IV. BOARD OF DIRECTOR DUTIES

Section 1 Commander

The Commander, leads the VCS, presides over meetings; supervises activities; serves as an ex-officio member teams and committees; appoints team and committee leads; and serves as the official spokesperson on all Club matters.

Section 2 Deputy Commander

The Deputy Commander assists the Commander as required and assumes the Commander's duties during absences.

Section 3 Administrative Officer

The Administrative Officer records votes, minutes and proceedings of meetings; preserves official records; and oversees the VCS web master and email platform, ensuring the smooth flow of information.

Section 4 Operations Officer

The Operations Officer's core function is the planning, coordination, and execution of programs and events in which the Club participates. Responsibilities include committee coordination, resource management, contingency planning,

Section 5 Finance Officer

The Finance Officer shall receive, deposit, and disperse all monies; keep financial records and accounts; prepare statements of income and expenditures. A review of financial records and accounts will be performed annually or at the change in office by an individual appointed by The Commander. That review will be presented to the Board and at a future membership meeting.

Article V. COMMITTEES

Section 1 Standing Committees

Standing Committees are led by a club member appointed by the Commander. Committees are Auxiliary, Flags Over Solivita, Giving, Honor Guard, Membership, Bricks, Vet Connect, and Scholarship.

Section 2 Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committees and event committees are led by a club member appointed by the Commander for a specific task, which at the end of activities will dissolve.

Section 3 Reports

Committees will report their activities to the Board as required.

Section 4 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee presents a slate of candidates for the membership no later than the October meeting for Board positions for the following year. Voting will be conducted at the next meeting. The Nominating Committee will tabulate votes and announce election results at that club meeting.

Section 5 Scholarship Foundation of the VCS

The Veterans Club of Solivita Scholarship Foundation is a separate 501(C)(3) organization that exists to provide scholarships to select students graduating from local High Schools. The Foundation shall be governed by its own bylaws and operates independently from the VCS. The VCS Commander shall appoint members from the Club as recommended by the Foundation's Trustee. Changes to the bylaws must be presented and approved by the VCS Commander.

Section 6 Veterans Club of Solivita Auxiliary (VCSA)

The Veterans Club of Solivita Auxiliary (VCSA) serves to complement the VCS by participating in veteran-associated activities. Membership in this committee is membership in the Veterans Club of Solivita, with neither voting rights nor dues. One must be a Solivita resident who is a spouse, partner, or widow/widower of a veteran. Activities include involvement in: Welcome, Hospitality, Fundraising, Sunshine, and other activities as needed. The VCSA will select its committee lead. Committee lead reports to the Commander.

Article VI. FINANCIALS

The Board of Directors shall manage VCS finances and FO shall present financial reports to the membership no less than quarterly. Members will serve the VCS without compensation. Committee leaders will present any approved expenses, grants, and Veterans donations at the next membership meeting. FO shall present financials at each monthly BOD meeting.

Article VII. MEETINGS

Meetings will be held at a time and place determined and announced by the Commander. All meetings will be conducted following Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VIII. VOTING

Section 1 Members To decide on an issue, each member has the right to one vote. For a vote to be counted, the members must be present at the meeting. A majority carries a Vote. Vote verification is the responsibility of the Admin Officer.

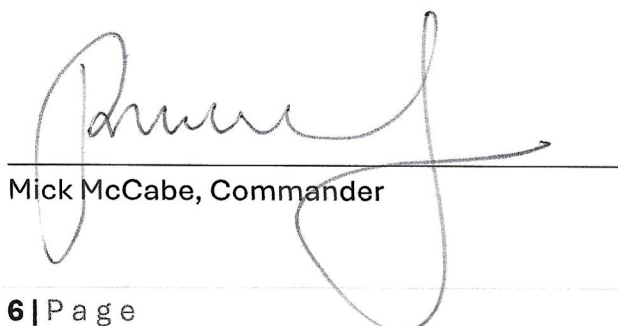
Section 2 Board of Directors

Board of Director votes require a majority.

Article IX. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS.

A two-thirds vote of the present membership is required to amend the bylaws. Bylaw amendment changes are effective upon adoption.

These bylaws were approved by the Board of Directors (09/16/2025) and the Membership at a meeting (09/24/2025).



Mick McCabe, Commander

24 SEPT 2025
Date: