

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
NEBRASKA MILITARY RETIREE COUNCIL
1300 MILITARY ROAD
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68508-1090

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The Nebraska Military Retiree Council shall be construed to include the retired members of the Nebraska Army National Guard; Air National Guard; State Military Department employees; Technicians of the Nebraska Army and Air National Guard and other retired members of the Armed Forces as approved by the council. The purpose of this Organization is to unite the above persons; their spouses; and associate members in a harmonious fellowship to promote the common welfare of the members through cooperation, education, and organization. We adopt this constitution and by-laws on 13 June 1990.

ARTICLE I
OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

SECTION 1. The objectives of the Nebraska Military Retiree Council, hereafter referred to as the Council, will be to promote the social and economic welfare and education of its members that will make for:

- a. Fellowship and camaraderie.
- b. Supporting the mission of the Nebraska National Guard when called upon by the Adjutant General of Nebraska or such persons as designated by him.
- c. Keeping the retired members informed on current issues and policies regarding the retired.
- d. Provide assistance to the surviving spouse or estate administrator to help ensure they are made aware of all benefits to which they are entitled.

SECTION 2. All activities will be conducted as directed by the Board of Directors. Board composition will be the four elected officers of the Council, six members at large as elected by the membership plus any chapter chairmen. Three members at large shall be retired Army Guard and three shall be retired Air Guard members. Elected Board members will assume their duties at the 1st quarter regular meeting for the designated term of office.

SECTION 3. In order to meet these objectives, the Council shall elect officers, form committees, hold meetings, and initiate programs that will benefit council members, their spouses and the National Guard.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Any person is eligible for membership in the Council who:

- a. Meets the pre-requisites for membership as set forth in the Preamble.
- b. Has received proper documentation certifying valid retirement from the appropriate headquarters charged with that responsibility to cover each category of retired personnel noted in the Preamble.
- c. Is approved for membership by Council as Associate members for faithful service to or with the National Guard.
- d. Spouses of any of the above qualified individuals.

SECTION 2. When a qualified member joins, their spouse will become a member in dual membership status. Surviving spouse will be eligible for membership even though the qualified spouse was not a member prior to his/her death.

SECTION 3. The dues of the Council will be \$5.00 per year (this includes dual spouse membership), payable in advance for one year (1 January – 31 December). Members attaining the age of 85 will be eligible for membership in good standing without the payment of dues. Members will not be in good standing, except those attaining age 85, during any period for which dues have not been paid.

SECTION 4. No eligible person will be denied membership because of race, color, sex, creed or national origin. No individual advocating overthrow of the Government of the United States of America will be eligible for membership or to retain membership in the Council.

SECTION 5. When an eligible member dies, their surviving spouse will become a lifetime member of the Council without payment of dues.

ARTICLE III
OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

SECTION 1. The elected officers of the Council will be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 2. The term of office for all officers shall be two years and they may succeed themselves. The President and the Secretary shall be elected in even number years. The Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in odd number years.

SECTION 3. Officers will service until their successors are duly elected and installed, unless an officer resigns or is recalled. Upon separation from office, they will turn over to their successors or to the properly designated officials all books, money, or other effects of the Council in their possession.

SECTION 4. The President will preside at all meetings of the Council unless absent or unable to serve; have general supervision of all activities of the Council. The President shall appoint all committee chairpersons.

SECTION 5. The Vice President will preside at all meetings of the Council in the absence or inability of the President to serve.

SECTION 6. The Secretary will keep minutes of all scheduled and special meetings called by the President. The Secretary will be the point of contact for all retiree information.

SECTION 7. The Treasurer will receive and account for all money received by the Council; will pay all bills by check on or before the scheduled due date; will give a financial report at regular meetings and other such meetings as required by the President and will be responsible for maintaining a bank account in the name of the Nebraska Military Retiree Council. The Treasurer is authorized to sign checks up to \$300.00 for Council obligations. Checks for amounts greater than \$300.00 will be co-signed by President or other designated council officer. A full and complete accounting of money received and dispersed by the Council will be completed at the end of each calendar year and presented to the Council at the 1st quarterly meeting of the calendar year. The Treasurer will keep an updated roster of all members.

SECTION 8. Members at Large will be elected by the membership plus any chapter chairmen. Term of office for the six Members at Large will be three years. Nomination for Board membership for the six Members at Large will be presented at the 3rd quarter regular meeting; election will be held at the 4th quarter regular meeting. Term of office for the chapter chairpersons will be as designated by the respective chapters. The Members at Large will attend monthly meetings and assist and advise the President in the operation of the Retiree Council.

ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint all Committee Chairpersons. The Board of Directors will determine when a committee is required for conducting Council activities. Committees will be terminated when the need for the committee no longer exists as determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

SECTION 1. A regular meeting shall be held quarterly on the second Wednesday of the first month of each Quarter. The elected officers of the council are authorized to select time and place for each meeting. Special and/or social meetings of the council shall be held at such time and place as the elected officers shall determine.

SECTION 2. Those members present at any properly convened meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI
ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. A member must be in good standing as provided in Article II of this Constitution to be eligible for any office. Officers will be nominated at the regular October meeting; election will be held during 4th quarter of year; elected Officers will assume their duties at the following 1st quarter regular meeting.

SECTION 2. If a majority of votes are not obtained for each office, the person receiving the lowest number of votes is automatically dropped and voting is continued until a majority of votes cast are obtained for each office.

ARTICLE VII
RECALL/RESIGNATION

An elected officer or committee chairperson of the Council may be recalled or may resign prior to expiration of their term of office, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. The President or Vice President will appoint an individual to serve any remaining term of office until the next election of officers.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Council by a majority vote of the members voting in person or by absentee ballot; provided that such amendment has been introduced at a previous regular meeting called for that purpose by the President of the Council.

ARTICLE IX
FORBIDDEN ACTS

No officer or member shall have the authority to obligate the Council to any extent, except as defined by the scope of this constitution and/or approved at a scheduled quarterly and/or special meeting by a vote of the membership.

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