

VETERANS BENEFITS COMMITTEE

(Assigned to the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission)

Authorization

Resolution 1, May 2013 NEC created committee and established membership and purpose.

Membership

The Veterans Benefits Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and not to exceed twenty-four members selected at large; provided, however, that the Chairman shall not be appointed from among the members of the Committee, and the Vice Chairman shall be appointed from among the members of the Committee.

Of the twenty-four members who shall be appointed to the Commission at the Fall 2013 meeting of the National Executive Committee, eight shall be appointed for a term of one year, eight shall be appointed for a term of two years, and eight shall be appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, appointments to fill expiring terms shall be made annually at each Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee and such appointments shall be for a terms of three years. The National Commander is authorized to make such interim appointments as may be required to fill vacancies of unexpired terms, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next ensuing meeting.

At its Fall meeting each year, the National Executive Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Committee to serve in such capacity for one year.

The Chairman of the Veterans Benefits Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission.

Purpose

- To formulate and recommend to the National Executive Committee, through the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission, policies, plans and programs to insure that veterans, widows and dependents are receiving timely decisions on claims and timely receipt of earned benefits;
- To review these veterans benefits to make sure they remain consistent with changes in the economy;
- To review the Department of Veterans Affairs' veterans benefits budget to make sure the above objective can be reached;
- Such other purposes as may be assigned to it by the National Executive Committee.