

VETERANS FOR PEACE

Clarence Kailin Chapter 25 BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Clarence Kailin Chapter 25, Veterans For Peace

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Current membership in good standing in the national organization, VETERANS FOR PEACE, INC. entitles one to membership in this chapter. However, the number of associate members included as active members at any one time cannot exceed 25% of the chapter membership.

ARTICLE III: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This chapter and its members subscribe to the purposes and goals of VETERANS FOR PEACE, INC. It is expected that official activities undertaken by and in the name of this chapter will be consistent with those purposes and goals.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- (a) The Board of Directors will consist of seven full (veteran) members, elected by the membership of the chapter
- (b) Elections for the board will be held in January of each year.
- (c) Directors will be elected to overlapping three-year terms; two directors will be elected in the first year, two in the second year, and three in the third year.
- (d) Nomination of candidates for the board will be made in November.
- (e) Each year one person will be elected to serve as an alternate member

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Election of officers and definition of their duties is the responsibility of the board.

ARTICLE VI: RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

All meetings of the membership will be open to all. Meetings of the board will also be open, with the exception of any meetings dealing with personnel or disciplinary issues. Meetings, both of the chapter and of the board, will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. Minutes will be kept of all open meetings and will be available for inspection by any member. Such

minutes will include a statement of the final recommendations reported out from any closed meeting.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

All committees will be appointed and approved by majority vote of the board of directors. Such appointment will specify particular duties of the committee.

ARTICLE VIII: DUES

Assessment of dues is a matter subject to majority vote of the membership, with the provision that any such vote shall be announced publicly at the prior month's meeting.

ARTICLE IX: SANCTIONS

This chapter reserves the right to take appropriate action with regard to any member whose actions are not in the best interests of the organization; in particular –

- a. At any meeting or activity, behavior of a disruptive nature which significantly impedes the activity at hand, will be deemed, after appropriate warning, to be sufficient ground for exclusion from further participation in that activity.
- b. If any member who, while in any way identifying himself or herself as a member of Veterans For Peace, takes action or makes a statement which violates the principles of VFP, or which would compromise the organization's status as a 501 (c) (3) organization, or in any way fraudulently solicits or misappropriates money in the name of VFP, will be referred to the National Board of Directors for expulsion.

Before a member is referred to the National Board of Directors for expulsion, a panel of three members of the local board will be directed to determine the appropriate facts and prepare a written bill of particulars. This bill of particulars will be sent by certified mail to the subject member, who will be given an opportunity to respond before the matter is forwarded to the national board.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Proposed amendments to these by-laws must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors at least thirty days prior to the membership meeting at which they are to be considered. A two-thirds vote of members present at the membership meeting shall constitute ratification.