



Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

POLICIES and PROCEDURES

§ Appendix 1

ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSES

At the 2013 National Convention the Delegate body voted to remove the Purposes of the Corporation from the Bylaws, and requested that they instead be listed in the Policy and Procedure Manual.

- 1. The Corporation, which may have State Associations and Chapters, is organized and will be operated for the following purposes:**
 - a. To support the purposes of AVVA, VVA, their families and others;
 - b. To help foster, encourage and promote the improvement of the conditions of all Veterans, their families and others, so that the conditions experienced by Veterans, but especially Vietnam-era Veterans, are not replicated for any other generation of Veterans, their families and others;
 - c. To promote physical and cultural improvement, growth and development, self-respect, self-confidence and usefulness of all Veterans, their families and others;
 - d. To eliminate discrimination suffered by Veterans, but especially the Vietnam-era Veterans, and to develop channels of communication which will assist all Veterans to maximize self-realization and enrichment of their lives and enhance fulfillment;
 - e. To study, on a non-partisan basis, proposed legislation, rules or regulations introduced in any federal, state or local legislative or administrative body which may effect the social, economic, educational or physical welfare of all Veterans, their families or others, and to develop public policy proposals designed to improve their quality of life, education, training and health;
 - f. To conduct and publish, on a non-partisan basis, research pertaining to the relationship between Veterans, but especially Vietnam-era Veterans, and the American society, the Vietnam war experience, the role of the United States in securing peaceful co-existence for the World Community, and other matters which effect the social, economic, educational or physical welfare of the Veteran, but especially the Vietnam-era Veteran, their families and others;
 - g. To assist all disabled and needy Veterans and their dependents, and the widows and children of deceased Veterans.