

# McMurry University

## Veterans Club

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### **Constitutional Bylaws**

1400 Sayles Blvd, Abilene, TX 79605

### **Preamble**

We, the veterans, our supporters, and the students of McMurry University—united by a shared commitment to service—hereby establish the **Veterans Club**. This organization exists as a haven for those who have carried the weight of duty, those who aspire to do so, and those who stand beside them in support.

We affirm that the spirit forged through service does not fade in peace but transforms into purpose through leadership, mentorship, and community. United in gratitude for the past, determination for the present, and faith in what lies ahead, we dedicate this Club to fostering growth, strengthening fellowship, and ensuring that no veteran stands alone at McMurry University.

In the enduring light of honor and hope, we establish the McMurry University Veterans Club.

### **Article I – Name**

**Section 1:** The official name of this organization shall be the McMurry University Veterans Club (hereafter referred to as “the Club”).

**Subsection 1.1:** The name may be amended by a majority vote of Voting Members.

## **Article II – Purpose and Mission**

### **Section 1: Purpose**

The purpose of the Club is to support, connect, and empower military veterans, active service members, and their allies within the McMurry University community.

### **Section 2: Mission Objectives**

- Foster camaraderie and mentorship among student veterans and supporters.
- Promote awareness and appreciation of military service within the campus community.
- Facilitate the transition of veterans into academic and civilian life.
- Engage in leadership, service, and community outreach initiatives.

## **Article III – Membership**

### **Section 1: Eligibility**

Membership is open to all McMurry University students, faculty, and staff who support the club's mission.

- Veterans and active service members are designated as Voting Members and are eligible to hold Executive positions.
- Non-veterans are designated as Associate Members and may hold non-Executive leadership roles.
- Associate Members may earn voting rights through demonstrated engagement and a majority vote of at least 50% of Voting Members present.
- All members must remain in good academic and conduct standing with McMurry University.

## **Article IV – Executive Board**

### **Section 1: Composition**

The Executive Board shall consist of the following officers:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Public Relations Officer (optional)

## **Section 2: Eligibility**

All Executive Officers must be verified veterans or active service members. Founding members may retain their positions until graduation or may resign voluntarily at any time. Incoming officers are encouraged to shadow their predecessors for a minimum of one month to ensure a smooth transition.

## **Section 3: Duties**

- President: Leads meetings, represents the Club officially, and coordinates with university administration.
- Vice President: Assists the President, manages internal operations, and oversees committees.
- Treasurer: Maintains financial records, budgets, and funding requests.
- Secretary: Records meeting minutes, manages membership records, and handles correspondence.
- Public Relations Officer: Oversees event promotion and communication with campus and community partners.

## **Section 4: Term and Elections**

- Executive Officers shall serve a one-year term.
- Elections shall occur in April, with terms commencing the following Fall semester.
- Election dates must be announced at least seven days in advance.
- Voting shall occur via in-person ballots or collected submissions, requiring a majority vote of members present.

## **Article V – Committees and Non-Executive Positions**

**Section 1:** Non-veteran members may hold leadership roles such as Event Coordinator, Community Liaison, or Committee Chair, provided they do not serve on the Executive Board.

**Section 2:** The Executive Board may establish committees as needed to support events, fundraising, outreach, and advocacy efforts.

## **Article VI – Meetings**

**Section 1:** Regular meetings shall occur at least once per month during the academic year.

**Section 2:** A quorum for voting purposes shall consist of at least 50% of Voting Members.

## **Article VII – Amendments**

**Section 1:** Amendments may be proposed by any Voting Member and must be approved by a two-thirds majority of Voting Members present.

**Section 2:** All amendments are subject to review and approval by McMurry University's Office of Student Affairs and the Executive Board.

## **Article VIII – Advisor**

**Section 1:** The Club shall appoint a Faculty or Staff Advisor, preferably a veteran or an individual with strong ties to veteran affairs.

**Section 2:** The Advisor shall provide mentorship, ensure compliance with university policy, and support the Club's mission.

## **Article IX – Initiation**

**Section 1:** Initiates shall recite the Club's Preamble aloud as a symbolic affirmation of unity and purpose.

**Section 2:** Non-veteran members may participate in this initiation to gain full membership rights, subject to approval by the Executive Board.

**Article X – Dissolution**

**Section 1:** In the event of dissolution, all remaining funds and assets shall be donated to a veteran-support charity or scholarship fund, as determined by the Executive Board.