

Article I – Name and Purpose/Objectives

Section 1- Name

The name of this organization shall be the Indiana Democratic Veteran Caucus also referred to as IDVC or Caucus.

Section 2- Mission Statement

The Indiana Democratic Veterans Caucus (IDVC) is a Veteran-led political organization within the State Democratic Party dedicated to organizing a state-wide presence to welcome and engage other Democratic Veterans. The IDVC will be the voice for the issues, candidates, and legislation important to all veterans and their families to promote camaraderie and unite to advocate for every Hoosier Veteran in the political process.

Section 3- Purpose/Objectives

1. Recognize the substantial sacrifice veterans have made to their communities and our country by not forgetting their needs and concerns.
2. Provide voice and community for Indiana Veterans and families in the Indiana Democratic Party.
3. Recruit and Promote veterans running for office: Federal, State, Local
4. Elect Democrats and work with veterans, the military, including the Guard and Reserve, and all associated family members to strengthen the Democratic Party.
5. Encourage participation in all electoral and legislative processes within the state of Indiana.
6. Will maintain and promote the values of our military service and strive to share those values throughout our communities. Namely; integrity, honor, duty, selflessness, and personal courage.

Article II – Veteran Eligibility, Membership, Voting Rights

Section 1- Veteran Eligibility

1. A person who served in the military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged, or released, under conditions other than dishonorable.
 - a. Marines
 - b. Army
 - c. Air Force
 - d. Navy
 - e. Coast Guard

Section 2- General Caucus Membership

1. Any Person Clause
 - a. Any person whose ideals align with IDVC mission statement and objectives

Section 3- Caucus Voting Rights

1. Voting Members shall include all Veteran status members in good standing
2. Each Voting Member shall have one (1) vote in the IDVC for all regular business and elections.

Section 4-Nominations

1. Nominations shall be made from the floor by any member
2. All nominees must be voting members

Section 5-Quorum

When conducting IDVC regular business, a quorum shall be achieved through a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Executive Committee

Article III-Executive Committee, Officers, Standing Committees, and Chapters

Section 1-Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of one (1) representative from each of the nine (9) Congressional Districts in the state of Indiana. The Board of Directors will exist to identify a state-wide presence in Indiana and represent the under-served Democratic Veteran population.

1. Board of Directors will act as the overseeing body for IDVC
 - a. Board of Directors will initially elect IDVC Executive Committee
1. Qualifications:
 - a. Board of Directors members shall be a Veteran as described in Article II, Section 1

Section 2-Executive Committee Officers

1. Officers will conduct and carry-out the management and regular business of IDVC
2. Maintain by-laws set forth in this document
3. Duties are defined as stated in the Indiana Democratic Party rules
4. Executive Committee Officers:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Secretary

Section 3-Resignation and Removal

1. Any officer may resign effective upon giving written notice to the Secretary of the Caucus, unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation. The acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
2. Any member of the Executive Committee may be removed, with or without cause, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of both the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Ties will be decided by the chair of said committee.

Section 4-Vacancies

1. Vacancies of either the Board of Directors or Executive Committee shall be filled by special election to be scheduled within thirty (30) days and held within sixty (60) days

Section 5-Compensation

No Board of Director or Executive Committee member in performance of their elected duties shall accept any compensation other than for expenses required to fulfill the duties and expectations of the Caucus.

Section 6-Standing Committees and Duties

Standing Committees chairs shall be appointed by IDVC Executive Committee.

IDVC Standing Committees shall be:

1. Service Committees
2. Legislative Committees
3. Campaign Committees

Section 7- Proposal of Chapters

1. Proposals will be submitted to the Secretary
2. Proposals will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote by Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Article IV-Meeting and Due

Section 1-Meeting Requirements

1. All IDVC members shall meet annually, alternating each year to a location in one of the nine (9) Congressional Districts.
 - a. Annual shall be defined by the calendar year
 - b. The annual meeting location will be determined by the Executive Committee by majority vote

2. Executive Committee shall meet monthly
 - a. Executive Committee may meet by any conference means available
3. Board of Directors shall meet Quarterly (every 3-months) at a minimum
 - a. Board of Directors may meet by any conference means available

Section 2-Meeting Notification

1. Thirty (30) day notice shall be submitted

Section 2-Dues

1. All members shall pay annual dues in the amount of \$20 per member.
 - a. Dues shall be paid to 'Treasurer' by any collection means available
 - i. An 'Act Blue' account shall be established as the electronic payment method
 - b. Dues shall be paid at any time during the calendar year to maintain good standing among IDVC
 - i. Dues are valid for one (1) year from date of payment submission
 - c. Hardship waivers may be filed to 'Treasurer' for exemption of dues and considered by the Executive Committee
 - d. Disabled Veterans are exempt from annual dues

Article V-Candidate Endorsement

1. Candidates seeking endorsement shall be agreed upon by Executive Committee/Officer quorum by vote
2. Candidate endorsement shall not be provided prior to 'Primary' unless uncontested
3. IDVC Membership dues shall not be applied or provided to campaigns