

**Submitted by:**

Name: Working Group I – Robert C. Seal, Chair

**Article:**

ARTICLE I – NATIONAL PROVISIONS

**Section:**

New SECTION 12 – DISSOLUTION

**Paragraph:**

New Opening paragraph and Paragraph A

**Proposed Change:**

New Section and paragraphs as follows:

**“SECTION 12 - DISSOLUTION**

The last date for membership eligibility was May 7, 1975, and the average age of the membership is increasing. As a result, at some point in the future the Corporation will legally dissolve, either as a final involuntary action, or as a planned action associated with the transfer of assets to one or more other organizations. To successfully conduct dissolution of the Corporation well planned and timely actions will be required by the VVA National Board of Directors.

A The national board, including the officers, shall actively manage the legal dissolution of the Corporation to include adopting, updating, and implementing a strategic plan for dissolution, and to take all actions necessary to accomplish the orderly dissolution of the Corporation.”

**Reason for Proposed Change:**

Currently the VVA Constitution is silent regarding legal dissolution of the Corporation. The purpose of this amendment is to assign responsibility to the VVA National Board of Directors, including the National Officers, to prepare for the eventual dissolution of the VVA National Corporation in a manner that will preserve the legacy of the Corporation and distribute assets to worthy organizations. Without well planned and timely actions by the VVA National Board of Directors, default dissolution actions will be determined by the State of New York without input from the VVA National Corporation.

In accordance with ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 of the VVA Constitution membership in the Corporation is open to any veteran of the military service of the United States of America who served on active duty during the dates established by federal law for the Vietnam War. The last date for membership eligibility was May 7, 1975, and as a result the membership is aging, and in 2018 the average age of VVA members was 72 years old. At some point in the not too distant future members will not be able to physically perform the tasks necessary to effectively manage the activities necessary to continue operation of the Corporation.

**Related Articles/Sections/Paragraphs Affected:**

None

**Additional Notes or Comments:**

None

Has the amendment been endorsed by a Chapter? No

Has the amendment been endorsed by a State Council? No

Has the amendment been endorsed by the Conference of State Council Presidents? No

**For Constitution Committee Action Only:**

Reported Out:

Recommendation: