

Hamburg Veteran's Committee By Laws:

Article 1

Name: The name of this organization shall be The Hamburg Veteran's Committee (HVC).

Article 2

Organization: HVC is a non-partisan organization that is composed of a Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee Members, Associate members and Honorary members.

a. the Chairperson shall be, or be appointed by, a councilmen of Hamburg, with the authority to designate a Vice Chair. The Vice Chair will nominate a Secretary-Treasurer subject to confirmation by the HVC Members. The Chairperson's approval shall be requisite to all decisions of the Members. Meetings will be held on call by the Chairperson, or may be held by petition of three Members.

b. The Vice Chair shall act as Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson, as required.

c. The Secretary-Treasurer, nominated by the Vice Chair and confirmed by the Members, shall call meetings as directed by the Chairperson or upon the request of three Committee Members. The Secretary-Treasurer will keep a record of the actions of the National Committee and inform veterans and citizens of Hamburg accordingly. The Secretary-Treasurer will maintain the accounts for the Committee and provide the Committee with fiscal statements at least four times annually.

d. The HVC will consist of three classes of membership: Members, Associate Members and Honorary Members.

1. The Members are limited to 25. Members shall be residents of Hamburg, having Honorably served, or still serving, in one of the four branches of the Armed forces, or the Coast Guard, or have been a spouse of a service member. They must be in good standing legally, fiscally and morally and demonstrate they are fit to serve.

2. Associate Members shall consist of residents of Hamburg that desire to serve on the committee in order to assist in the Committees goals. They must be in good standing legally, fiscally and morally and demonstrate they are fit to serve.

3. Honorary Members shall be prominent persons, approved by the Chairperson, who have an interest in Veterans.

Article 3

Selection: When a vacancy occurs from among the 25 Members, Associate Members in good standing meeting the qualifications stated in Article II, D1, may apply for Member status by submitting an application, which will be referred to the Member Committee.

a. A majority vote by the Members, as well as approval by the Chairperson of the HVC, is necessary for membership.

Article 4

Meetings: The HVC will convene monthly on the first Thursday of the month. The Secretary-Treasurer may call additionally meetings, as directed by the Chairperson or if petitioned by three or more Committee Members.

a. A Quorum is achieved when either the Chairperson, Vice-Chair and a minimum of half of the Committee members are present. All efforts must be made to convene the entire committee for the purpose of voting.

b. Voting will consist of up and down votes, secret ballot, or absentee voting, as determined by the Chairperson. The Treasurer-Secretary is responsible for counting votes and reporting results to the Chairperson. A majority vote is necessary for passage of new by-laws, approval for projects, distribution of funds and induction of new Committee members.

c. An agenda will be developed prior to convening the committee. The Vice-Chair is primarily responsible for the development of the agenda, in close collaboration with the Treasurer-Secretary and approved by the Chairperson. At a minimum, the agenda will review the past meetings due outs, the current state of funds and ongoing projects.