

# VVA Honorary Life Membership Policy

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Pursuant to *ARTICLE I: SECTION 3- MEMBERSHIP*, Paragraph B of the VVA Constitution, the VVA National Board of Directors hereby designates Honorary Life Membership (HLM) as a class of membership within the Corporation. This membership policy describes the criteria for consideration, eligibility requirements, dues, entitlements, and available services pertaining to HLM membership.

An Honorary Life Membership may be requested from the following:

1. A VVA National Officer, National Board Member, the Conference of State Council Presidents, a State Council, or a Chapter for an individual not otherwise eligible for VVA membership.
2. A VVA State Council for a DoD-designated MIA veteran who resided in said state or by a Chapter for a DoD-designated MIA veteran who resided in the Chapter's community or areas served.

Criteria for Consideration:

- An individual who has provided support through the public or social media (radio, TV, Internet, newspaper) on veteran issues and other veteran-related endeavors undertaken by the National organization, State Council, or Chapter.
- An individual who is elected or appointed governmental duties (national, state, or local) that allow him/her the opportunity to encourage/support veteran-related legislature that improves or impacts the lives of VVA members, their families, or all veterans.
- An individual who by their own monetary stature has continually provided "financial or pro bono" support to VVA National, State Council, or Chapter that has assisted us with our mission to provide service to veterans and families.
- An individual who has been instrumental in providing veterans with support and/or services that improves or beneficially impacts the lives of veterans.

Type:	Requested by:	Dues/Rebates	Entitlements:	Services:	Database/Roster
Individual	National Officer, National Board Member, CSCP, State Council, Chapter	Dues waived; no dues rebate	No office; no vote. Not counted for delegate representation	No <i>Veteran</i> magazine; no member services	HLM entry; not listed on roster
DoD Designated MIA	State Council, Chapter	Dues waived; no dues rebate	No office; no vote. Not counted for delegate representation	No <i>Veteran</i> magazine; no member services	HLM entry; listed on roster

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The National Officers shall review each nominee and recommend granting or denying HLM membership to the Board of Directors. The Board of Director shall have the final decision and vote.

The VVA Membership Department shall maintain a listing of Honorary Life Memberships which shall be available upon request from State Councils or Chapters. Honorary Life Members may speak at any VVA state or chapter meeting or event at the discretion of the State Council President or Chapter President.

Since the policy waives dues for a current or future DoD-designated MIA veteran, the State Council or Chapter requesting a new Honorary Life Membership for such a MIA veteran will not need to show that previous IND dues were paid for the MIA veteran. IND dues previously paid for such a member are ineligible for refund.

The National BOD will consider request for HLM only at regularly scheduled BOD meeting in Jan, April, July/Aug, and Oct., if received 30 days in advance of scheduled meeting. If not received within 30-day timeframe, the HLM application will be considered at the next scheduled BOD meeting.