Constitution
Of
Veterans Today

Preamble:

We, the members of Veterans Today, (Cuyahoga Community College, Metropolitan campus), do hereby establish this Charter of the Veterans Today to assist and enable students, who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces to adapt to academic life; to secure and advance veterans’ rights and benefits; to aid and assist fellow veteran on campus to achieve his/her academic goals. Furthermore, to provide a forum for faculty, staff, and administration to foster a better understanding of the veteran’s needs within the student body, and the community-at-large.

ARTICLE I. Name and Authority

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be Veterans Today.

This name applies to the veterans support group on all of the campus of Cuyahoga Community College.

Section 2. Authority

In the event a situation or circumstance arises during a meeting or event which is not covered within this Charter, or its amendments, the handling of that situation or circumstance shall be at the discretion of the ranking duly elected officer of this organization present at said meeting or event. His/her decisions will be guided by current policies and procedures as set forth by the Cuyahoga Community College Administration and/or the Student Senate of Cuyahoga Community College.

ARTICLE II. Purpose and Objectives

Section 1.

The purposes of Veterans Today are to:

A. Help to increase veteran enrollment on the Cuyahoga Community College, Metropolitan campus

B. Provide a means where veterans on campus can meet and socialize with fellow veterans.

C. Provide a means where veterans can work together to foster a better understanding of the veteran’s needs within the campus community.

D. Provide an official organization on campus that is able to address the special needs and problems that are unique to the veterans in the academic setting.

E. Provide a means where veterans can work together to assist each other in achieving their academic goals.
ARTICLE III. Membership Eligibility

Section 1.

Membership is open to all veterans who have been discharged from the United States Armed Forces under HONORABLE conditions, regardless of race, creed, sex, age, handicap, or national origin, who:

A. Are students and who are enrolled in at least one (1) course at Cuyahoga Community College.

or

B. Are members of the faculty, staff, and administration of Cuyahoga Community College.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1.

The providing Officers of Veterans Today shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2.

The duties of the officers of Veterans Today shall be as follows:

A. The President shall;
   1. Preside at meetings of Veterans Today.
   2. Have the authority to create such committees as he/she agrees necessary to carry out the activities of Veterans Today.
   3. Be the organization’s representative to the college administration and the campus Student Senate.
   4. Be enrolled in at least one (1) course and have and maintain a 2.0 accumulative grade point average
   5. Serve a term of one (1) year.

B. The Vice President shall;
   1. Fulfill the duties of the President in his/her absence.
   2. Assume the title and duties of the President in the event that the president can no longer serve in his/her elected office.
   3. Be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees of Veterans Today with the responsibility of reviewing all said committee activities.
   4. Be enrolled in at least one (1) course and have and maintain a 2.0 accumulative grade point average
   5. Serve a term of one (1) year.

C. The Secretary shall;
1. Conduct the roll call and maintain permanent records of the attendance of the membership at all meetings of Veterans Today.
2. Record the minutes of all meetings of Veterans Today and maintain a permanent record of said minutes.
3. Conduct all official correspondence for Veterans Today and maintain custody of the correspondence files and other records of Veterans Today.
4. Create an order of business and Agenda prior to each meeting as requested.
5. Contact all members of Veterans Today regarding all general and special meetings of Veterans Today.
6. Be enrolled in at least one (1) course and have and maintain a 2.0 accumulative grade point average
7. Serve a term of one (1) year.

D. The Treasurer shall;
1. Maintain a permanent records and report at all meeting of Veterans Today on the financial status of Veterans Today.
2. Prepare and obtain all required signatures on all payment vouchers and deposit forms for Veterans Today expenses and/or accounts.
3. Submit all payment vouchers and deposit forms to the campus office of Student Activities.
4. Collect and deposit any and all dues or special collection, the amount of which is to be determined by vote of the membership of Veterans Today.
5. Be enrolled in at least one (1) course and have and maintain a 2.0 accumulative grade point average
6. Serve a term of one (1) year.

The membership of Veterans Today shall elect a member to fill any office, other than president, in the case of its vacancy. A simple majority vote of the membership, at the next general assembly meeting following the nominations, is needed for election.

ARTICLE V. Elections

Section 1.

Election shall be held during the first week of October for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of Veterans Today. A simple majority vote is needed for election to office. In the case of a tie, the current Veterans Today Advisor will flip a coin, with the candidates in an effort to break the tie.

Section 2.

Nominations for Veterans Today officers will be taken at the general assembly meeting in September.

Section 3.
The newly elected officers will take office at the general assembly meeting in November. The newly elected officers will serve until the following November general assembly meeting.

**ARTICLE VI. Meetings**

Section 1.

General Assembly meetings of Veterans Today will be held (4) times per year.

Section 2.

Special Meetings shall be:

A. Called as necessary by only the Advisor, President and/or Vice President of Veterans Today.
B. When calling a special meeting, all members must be provided notice no less than 24 hours prior to said meeting.
C. No other business shall be conducted at a special meeting other than the specific business for which the special meeting was called.

Section 3.

Quorum

A. A quorum shall consist of five (5) members, one (1) of which must be an officer of Veterans Today.
B. In order for a general assembly meeting of Veterans Today to be called to order and matters of business be voted on, a quorum of members must be present.
C. The quorum for a special meeting of Veterans Today is the same as for general assembly meeting.

**ARTICLE VII. Amendments**

Section 1.

The procedure for amending this Charter shall be:

A. A request for amendment must be submitted in writing to the President of Veterans Today.
B. The President shall then submit the proposed amendments to the general membership at the next general assembly meeting.
C. The proposed amendment shall then be voted on at the next general assembly meeting following the submission to the membership. The amendment must be approved by a simple majority of the voting membership.
D. If the amendment is passed by the membership of Veterans Today it will then take effect on the next general assembly meeting.
E. All amendments passed by the membership of Veterans Today must be submitted to the Campus Student Senate for its final approval.
ARTICLE VIII. Charter Review

Section 1.

This Charter shall be reviewed and revised and/or rewritten after a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the total membership of Veterans Today.

ARTICLE IX. Recall

Section 1.

Recall proceedings against any officer of Veterans Today, must be initiated with a petition being submitted to the membership of Veterans Today at a general assembly meeting. The said petition must contain at least seven (7) signatures of current members of this organization. At that point, Veterans Today shall take a vote to determine recall. The recall is then to be decided through a vote by the general membership. The issue shall be decided by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the total membership of Veterans Today.