

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution of the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County, Incorporated, is established to uphold the principles, as set forth in the Constitution of the United States, and to promote the goals and objectives of all veteran organizations for the common good and welfare of all veterans, their dependents, widows, and orphans; and to foster and support all veterans, through their respective organizations, and to further the exchange of information and ideas among all veteran organizations in order to provide better service to veterans and their families. This association of veteran organizations, that is the basis of the United Veterans Council, is created to carry out the tenets of this Preamble.

ARTICLE ONE

ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INCORPORATED (hereinafter, “UVC”).

Section 2. The UVC is organized in accordance with the general Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of California.

Section 3. The UVC shall be located in the County of Santa Clara in the State of California and hold meetings at locations within the County as determined by the elected officers of the Council.

Section 4. The UVC shall be an organization that will provide a central forum within Santa Clara County to disseminate veteran information between veteran organizations and support veteran organization activities for the common good and welfare of all veterans.

Section 5. The UVC shall be a non-sectarian organization strictly prohibited from introduction, discussion, or advocating sectarian topics.

Section 6. The UVC shall be a non-political organization strictly prohibited from advocating partisan topics such as support, opposition, or advocacy of a candidate for political office, or other person(s) or faction(s), and/or dealing with the structure or affairs of the Government and/or any of its agents.

ARTICLE TWO

PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of the UVC is to function as a not-for-profit veterans group designed to promote and support the veteran activities of veteran organizations, and their auxiliaries, and

to pass on to posterity a sense of loyalty to our country, and respect for our all veterans, living or dead.

Section 2. The UVC shall disseminate information on legislation, or other actions, that might be detrimental to, or for the good of Santa Clara County veterans and veteran organizations.

Section 3. The UVC shall maintain a fitting and proper “**Memorial Day**” service and activities for deceased veterans.

Section 4. The UVC shall support all local patriotic observances such as **Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day**, or any other patriotic observances, and encourage participation in functions sponsored by individual veteran organizations.

Section 5. The UVC shall plan and direct a suitable street parade, to be known as **Veterans Day Parade**, to be held on the 11th of November each year to honor all military service personnel, past or present, living or dead.

ARTICLE THREE

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The UVC shall be composed of delegates from only those veteran organizations, and their auxiliaries, chartered by the Congress of the United States, and/or recognized by the State of California and located within Santa Clara County.

Section 2. Participating veteran organizations, and their auxiliaries, of the UVC shall appoint or elect delegates and alternates to represent their respective organizations at all regular meetings of the Council.

Section 3. Each member organization shall be entitled to three (3) delegates and any number of alternates to the Council. An alternate shall be entitled to vote only in the absence of a delegate. Delegates and alternates must have their names certified in writing immediately following their election or appointment to the Council. Any alternate acting for a delegate, or new delegate, must register with the Secretary of the UVC at any regular or special meeting prior to the convening of said meeting. No delegate, or alternate, shall represent more than one member organization at any one meeting.

Section 4. All Past Presidents of the UVC shall be an independent delegate to the UVC with voice and vote.

ARTICLE FOUR
OFFICER ELECTIONS

Section 1. The nomination and election of officers shall be during the regular meeting of the Council held in December of each year. First call for nominations shall be held during the November meeting of the Council. Elected, and appointed officers, shall take the oath and be installed at the first meeting in January. No President shall hold his/her office more than two years consecutively.

Section 2. The elected officers of the UVC shall be:

- President
- Vice President
- Judge Advocate
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Sergeant-At-Arms

Section 3. The President, upon election, shall appoint one Chaplain and a chairperson for each of the following Standing Committees:

- Legislation
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- Veterans Day Parade

ARTICLE FIVE
MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the UVC shall be held once each month of the year at a date, time, and location as agreed upon by the delegates to the Council in regular session.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called with the approval of the President as provided for in the By-Laws of the UVC.

ARTICLE SIX
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at a regular UVC meeting. The vote will be taken not less than thirty days after the proposed change is presented in writing to the Council at a regular convened meeting and to all member organizations in good standing.

