

**Constitution of the Choctaw Veterans Association  
Skullyville Post**

**ARTICLE I — NAME**

This Organization shall be known as the Skullyville Post of the Choctaw Veterans Association hereafter referred to as the "Post." It is an organization for all enrolled Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma veterans of service in the United States Armed Forces, living within ???.

**ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES**

- I. The Post is dedicated to the fulfillment of the following purposes:
  - a. To enhance and accredit the cohesiveness, esprit de corps, and Choctaw traditions of service in the Armed Forces of the United States.
  - b. To seek out, using whatever means available, Choctaws who served in the Armed Forces of the United State and inform them of the existence of the Post and encourage all eligible individuals to become members.
  - c. To promote Americanism, sponsor youth activities, conduct patriotic ceremonies and functions, and to host community and social activities. Other activities may include representing Choctaw veterans before legislative bodies concerning legislation that affects veterans as a class and informing members of such proposed legislation.
  - d. To enhance the social welfare of the organization members and immediate family members, providing assistance to veterans and their families in apply for federal veterans administration benefits, and perpetuating the memory of veterans and comforting their survivors.

**ARTICLE III · OPERATION**

1. The Post will operate on a calendar year basis.
2. The Post will operate as a not for profit organization.
3. The Post will perform an annual audit, to be conducted by a recognized financial agency selected by the Executive Council.
4. The Post will not engage in partisan political politics or endorse political parties, candidates or public officials. Nothing herein shall restrict individual members from individually engaging in political activities, joining political parties or seeking political office, provided members do not mention their membership in the Post in a manner that implies an endorsement by the Post.

**ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS**

1. The Post shall meet on a monthly basis on the second Saturday of each month.
2. Meeting shall be conducted at the Spiro Senior Citizens Center, unless otherwise determine by the members,

3. The Post Commander shall announce the location, date and time of each meeting no less than one month in advance.
4. In the event of a natural disaster or a national emergency, the Post Commander shall have the authority to cancel or postpone a meeting.

#### **ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership is open to all Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma enrollees that are honorably discharged veterans of service of the Armed Forces of the United States; whether active duty, retired, Reserve or National Guard. For the purposes of the Post, the Armed Forces of the United States are the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Air Force.
2. Members shall be classified as General or Honorary. To be recognized as an active member in any of these classifications, a member must be in good standing and current in his dues.
3. Membership classifications are as follows:
  - a. General membership will be conferred upon an individual eligible for membership who pays a specified amount of dues annually, as directed by the post. Commander and approved by the general membership.
  - b. Honorary membership is open to distinguished persons, such as guest speakers and other dignitaries. Honorary memberships must be voted upon by the membership.

#### **ARTICLE VI – ORGANIZATION**

1. The officers of the Post shall be as follows:
  - a. Commander
  - b. Adjutant
  - c. Quartermaster
  - d. Sergeant-at-Arms
  - e. Chaplin
2. The Executive Council shall consist of:
  - a. the Commander
  - b. the Adjutant.
  - c. three Members-at—large
  - d. the imrnediate Past President
3. Holding office or other positions of influence and trust shall be limited to eligib1e members as defined in this Constitution.
4. The Executive Council shall be the governing body of the Association. It shall be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Post, including forms, programs and regulations. It shall have authority to approve budgets, authorize expenditures, seek and accept contributions and approve meeting sites and program arrangements.
  - a. A majority opinion of the Executive Council shall prevail in all matters pertaining to the Post

- b. The Quartermaster shall have a vote only as a tiebreaker.
- c. In addition to business conducted at the annual meeting, two. shall be three Quarterly conference calls made by the Executive council between annual meetings for the purpose of conducting Association business. Said calls are to be conducted at a time that is convenient for the majority of the Executive Council members. The President or Secretary/Treasurer shall have the authority to initiate additional conference calls as deemed necessary.
- d. The Executive Council may delegate authority and functions to the Quartermaster or specific members of the Post.
- e. The Executive Council shall perform such other duties as prescribed by the Constitution and bylaws.

#### 5. Committees

- a. The Association will have the following standing committees whose duties and responsibilities are outlined in the job descriptions and policy statements approved by the Executive Council.
  - 1. Directory
  - 2. Date Base
  - 3. Historical
  - 4. Membership
  - 5. Newsletter
  - 6. Public Relations
  - 7. Meetings
- b. Vacancies for the Chairmanship of all committees will be filled by appointment by the Commander.
- c. All appointments to chairmanship of committees are subject to ratification by the Executive Council.

### **ARTICLE VII – VOTING**

- 1. All active members, except for Honorary members, are entitled to vote.
- 2. Attending members in good standing are eligible to vote and shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of the Post. Voting by proxy is not permitted.

### **ARTICLE VIII- CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by the following procedures:

- a. Proposed amendments will be submitted to the Post Commander or any Post Officer 30 days prior to the next meeting.
- b. The Executive Council must approve the proposed amendment(s). Such approval shall be limited to verifying the legality of such amendments in accordance with the Post's constitution and bylaws, and verifying the proposing party's/parties' membership and veteran status.

c. The adoption of an amendment(s) at e meeting of the Post is by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at the monthly meeting.