



**BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
GEORGIA REGIONAL GROUP  
CONSTITUTION/BYLAWS  
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**PREAMBLE**

**WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE GEORGIA REGIONAL GROUP OF THE BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION, IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE BLINDED VETERANS OF THIS NATION, TO ASSIST IN THE REHABILITATION OF ALL BLINDED VETERANS, TO HASTEN THEIR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE COMMUNITY OF THEIR FELLOWS, AND TO PROMOTE PEACE WITH LIBERTY, DO ADOPT AND ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION/BYLAWS.**

**ARTICLE I  
(NAME)**

**SECTION 1.**

**THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION, BY WHICH IT SHALL BE KNOWN, IS AND SHALL BE THE GEORGIA REGIONAL GROUP OF THE BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION, AND ITS DURATION SHALL BE PERPETUAL, UNLESS ITS CHARTER BE WITHDRAWN BY THE BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN.**

**ARTICLE II  
(AFFILIATION)**

**SECTION 1.**

**THE REGIONAL GROUP IS AND SHALL BE A SUBORDINATE GROUP OF A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION KNOWN AS THE BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION, AS ATTESTED TO BY A CHARTER ISSUED BY SAID ASSOCIATION. THE GEORGIA REGIONAL GROUP SHALL AT ALL TIMES BE SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND TO THE PROVISIONS OF THAT CORPORATION'S CHARTER AND BYLAWS. ANY PROVISION IN THIS INSTITUTION/BYLAWS INCONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER OR BYLAWS OF THE BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE NULL AND VOID.**

**SECTION 2.**

THE REGIONAL GROUP SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY WAY IN THE PROMOTION OF PARTISAN POLITICS OR OF CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL OFFICE. ITS NAME, INSIGNIA, AND MEMBERSHIP LISTS SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO USE BY THE REGIONAL GROUP AND BY ITS PARENT BODY, THE BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION. THE GROUP SHALL NOT JOIN OR FEDERATE WITH ANY OTHER VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS OR AGENCY FOR THE BLIND.

**ARTICLE III  
(SUPREME AUTHORITY)**

**SECTION 1.**

THE SUPREME AUTHORITY OF THE REGIONAL GROUP SHALL BE VESTED IN ITS MEMBERS, WHETHER EXPRESSED IN CONVENTION, IN A REGULARLY- CALLED MEETING, OR BY A DULY AUTHORIZED MAIL BALLOT.

**SECTION 2.**

AT ALL TIMES WHEN THE MEMBERSHIP IS NOT ASSEMBLED, THE SUPREME AUTHORITY OF THE REGIONAL GROUP SHALL BE VESTED IN AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SEE ARTICLE VIII BELOW).

**ARTICLE IV  
(MEMBERSHIP)**

**SECTION 1.**

MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE LIMITED TO MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION IN GOOD STANDING RESIDING WITHIN THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

**SECTION 2.**

THE DEFINITIONS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE GEORGIA REGIONAL GROUP AND THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESTRICTIONS OF EACH CATEGORY SHALL BE AS OUTLINED IN THE



**CURRENT EDITION OF THE BVA NATIONAL BYLAWS, AS AMENDED.**

**SECTION 3.**

**ALL OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, PROVIDED THEY REMAIN IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND WITH THIS REGIONAL GROUP, SHALL HAVE AND RETAIN RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP IN SAID REGIONAL GROUP, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND HOLD OFFICE.**

**ARTICLE V  
(MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS)**

**SECTION 1.**

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE CALLED AND SUCH MEETINGS SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY TO MAKE LAWS AND BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND GENERALLY TO CONDUCT ALL BUSINESS WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE GROUP.**

**SECTION 2.**

**EVERY MEMBER AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE GEORGIA REGIONAL GROUP SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND AND ASSIST IN ALL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP, AND SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE (1) VOTE WHEN PRESENT.**

**SECTION 3.**

**A QUORUM AT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS SHALL CONSIST OF FIVE (5) MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING, TWO (2) OF WHICH MUST BE ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE REGIONAL GROUP.**

**SECTION 4.**

**ALL MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING, AS WELL AS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR), SHALL BE NOTIFIED, IN WRITING, OF EACH MEETING OF THE REGIONAL GROUP AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF SUCH MEETING. THE NOTIFICATION LETTER WILL INCLUDE THE DATE, TIME,**

