

Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc.

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Resolution: 2020-3a

TITLE:

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REFERRED TO: NSVA Resolution Committee

Whereas, the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc. 2019 National Convention established a committee to discuss/work with a committee from Seabee Historical Foundation, for a possible combined organization or alliance; and

Whereas, both SVA and SHF have common interests supporting Seabee veterans and preserving Seabee Legacy; and

Whereas, there is strength in numbers by aligning organizations to better support and strengthen the Seabee community; and

Whereas, the rolls are shrinking due to attrition of WW2, Korea and Vietnam veterans, producing the urgent need to attract “next” and “future” generations to keep the Seabee Legacy alive; and

Whereas, the majority of the national administrative burden is placed on a few overworked volunteers, much of which could be supported by SHF staff; and

Whereas, it is all about the Seabee, past, present and future; **therefore, be it**

Resolved, that the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc. and the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation will align and work together to represent the interests of the Seabees and incorporates the charter and bylaws of both organizations;

Further Resolved, that this alliance, under a board of trustees, comprised of SVA and SHF membership, shall have equal standing with the number of board members to be determined by an agreement of both organizations.

Further Resolved, that the Seabee Veterans of America retains its identity, including organizational structure (National, Department, Island), Auxiliary, logo, uniforms, etc.;

Further Resolved, that Seabee Veterans of America retains its funding stream from investment and membership income;

Further Resolved, that SVA membership is aware and able to review the entire proposal package of information in order to make an informed decision.

Further Resolved, that any amendments to this resolution prior to the 2020 SVA National Convention Business Meeting must be approved by the joint SVA-SHF committee and does not nullify nor cancel the resolution timeline.

Finally Resolved, that we will continue to maintain an open dialogue to build upon this alliance to better support Seabees past, present, and future.



NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA

MARCH 6, 2020

Resolution # 2020-1

Whereas National By-Laws - RULE 7: FINANCIAL, Section C states:

The Life Membership Committee shall, from the Life Membership per-person tax, pay Interest earned in the following amounts: 60% which shall be designated to support the National Headquarters, 10% which shall be designated to the Department of said Member's affiliation, and 30% which shall be designated to support the Island, Battalion, or Unit At Large of said Member's affiliation. Departments and Islands will be prorated based on the number of Life Members.

Said amounts shall be paid annually during the lifetime of said Life Member in the month of September.

Whereas: This rule has been standing with updates in 2011 for some time it is the Believe the moneys that are sent to departments and island would be better suited and utilized in the publication of the Can Do magazine in hopes of increasing the number of printed copies back to four

Whereas be it resolved: The Life Membership Committee shall, from the Life Membership per-person tax, pay Interest earned in the following amounts: 60% which shall be designated to support the National Headquarters, 40% which shall be designated to support the Can Do publication of its quarterly printing

**Respectfully submitted by:
Charles Coffin
National Secretary NSVA**

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC.

January 27, 2020
Resolution

To: Volunteer Committee of:
2020-2

James **FUREY**, Commander, NSVA
Douglas **BOWER**, V. Commander, NSVA
Charlie **COFFIN**, Secretary, NSVA
Jerry **SCHMUCK**, Treasurer, NSVA
David J. **BUCHANAN**, PNC, NSVA

Proposed

RESOLUTION

For changing the method of voting

Whereas, the NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC. has been a Non-Profit, non-political Veterans Service Organization, comprised of Navy SEABEES, or any personnel ever attached to a SEABEE unit: and

Whereas, the NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC. is governed by its own Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules since 1948; and

Whereas, from time to time a need arises to alter the content of the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules to allow for changes through the decades to conform to present day operations; and

Whereas, the membership has been declining for several years and the age of its existing membership is prohibiting continued participation in Convention and Reunion functions as to voting practices and obtaining quorums for meetings; and

Whereas, the NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC. leadership needs the ability to conduct business twice a year with a quorum established, and voting members to conduct that business; now therefore let it be

RESOLVED that the National Executive Committee of the NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC., advised by a five man committee including the National Commander, proposes that any and all reference to **DELEGATES** in the NSVA Constitution, By-laws or Standing Rules **be eliminated** and each member shall have his or her own **ONE SINGLE VOTE** on all matters when **present** at the NSVA Convention and Reunion; and let it be further

RESOLVED that when there is a vote to change the Constitution, By-Laws or Standing Rules a vote of the entire membership shall be needed and **then and only** then will a **“PROXY”** vote be accepted