

Connecticut Veterans Organization

The Connecticut Veterans Organization's Official Charter

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Section I - Mission & Who We Help

The Connecticut Veterans Organization's (CTVO) mission is to provide employment, housing, and government benefit assistance, at no cost, to all former active duty members to help ease their way into civilian life.

The Connecticut Veterans Organization helps all veterans. Veterans under CTVO Assistance Policy include; Members who have served a minimum of 6 months active duty and an honorable discharge (or any discharge other than dishonorable), Members who are currently enlisted in the Reserve or Guard, and members of the Coast Guard who were active during time of war.

Section II - Executive/ Leadership Structure

CTVO has 4 Executive Officers which are to include Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Chief Volunteer Officer (CVO), Chief Assistance Officer (CAO), and Chief Community Officer (CCO). The Executive Officer that has the most seniority will be classified as the President.

All Executive Officers are to be volunteers as well as all members of CTVO.

CTVO also has two other officers that are not an executive officer. A Legal Officer and the Veterans Advocate. The legal officer will assist the executive officer team in legal advice. The Veterans Advocate assists veterans in getting action on injustices to veterans.

All members are volunteers. CTVO does not have any paid employees. CTVO is not allowed to have paid employees. CTVO is allowed to have benefits for its veteran members, if at anytime, it is financially feasible for the organization to do so.

The CFO is responsible for all Financial Responsibilities within our organization. The CFO must provide a monthly report of the organizations financial standings.

The CVO is responsible for recruiting and maintaining Volunteers to assist our veterans.

The CAO is responsible for recruiting and finding organizations that are willing to hire veterans or provide housing to veterans

The CCO is responsible for outreaching within the community to find veterans to assist.

Section III - Meetings

CTVO will hold monthly members meetings. These meetings are open to all members, veterans, and the general public. Meetings are generally held on the third Saturday of every month. Exact dates and locations are posted online.

Section IV - Fiscal Year

CTVO's Fiscal Year ends on November 30th Yearly.

Section V - Amendment 07-031 – Secretary

CTVO Executive Officers have voted 3 in favor 0 against on electing a secretary/recorder. The recorder is to take the minutes of all Members and Officers Meetings.

Section VI - Amendment 08-011 – Conflict of Interest Policy

The Connecticut Veterans Organization, its Affiliates , and all Officers, and members shall avoid any conflict between their respective personal, professional or business interests and the interests of the Organization, in any and all actions taken by them on behalf of the Organization in their respective capacities.

If any Officer, or member of the organization has any direct or indirect interest in, or relationship with, any individual or organization that proposes to enter into any transaction with the organization, including but not limited to transactions involving:

- a. the sale, purchase, lease or rental of any property or other asset;
- b. employment, or rendition of services, personal or otherwise;
- c. the award of any grant, contract, or subcontract;
- d. the investment or deposit of any funds of the Association;

such person shall give notice of such interest or relationship and shall thereafter refrain from discussing or voting on the particular transaction in which he has an interest, or otherwise attempting to exert any influence on the Association, or its components to affect a decision to participate or not participate in such transaction.

Section VII - Amendment 08-012 – Privacy Policy

The Connecticut Veterans Organization (CTVO) does not sell or rent any personal information that a client, volunteer, customer, member, or anyone else gives to

our organization. Our organization may share your information at your request with other veteran based organizations, possible employers, possible housing companies, or any other organization that could potentially help an individual veteran, volunteer or member only with their consent.

Section VIII - Amendment 09-031 – Membership

A member is defined as a Veteran (as defined under section one of this charter), active volunteer or active duty member who has been voted in by our members. New members are voted into our organization during monthly members meetings, by the majority vote of those attending.

An active volunteer is defined as a volunteer who has 5 “events” or more per quarter. An event is a meeting, Individual Veteran Assistance, Volunteering for an outreach opportunity or and other event that is approved by an officer of the Connecticut Veterans Organization. If an active volunteer does not have 5 or more events per quarter for more than 2 Quarters in a 18-Month Period and they are not a veteran on active duty or a life member, they will no longer be eligible as a member, but can always continue assisting in our organization.

Once a member has completed 150 “Events”; served as an officer for 18 months or more; an active duty member or veteran who has been a member for 18 months or more; they are considered a life member.

This Charter is hereby Authorized

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Jason P Cap
Chief Executive/ Financial Officer

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James D Whalen
Chief Volunteer Officer

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Todd Szabo
Chief Assistance Officer

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Joseph A Agnello
Chief Community Officer