

# **The Constitution for University of the Rockies chapter of the SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society**

Students selected for membership can either become part of a locally organized chapter or simply be nominated to the National Chapter. The locally created and registered/recognized chapters can take every imaginable form. Some are honorary societies in the strictest sense of the word, existing solely to honor their members. Others can meet campus social needs, leadership needs, even activism needs on some campuses. The goal is to recognize outstanding students through SALUTE to meet their greatest needs and SALUTE is a way to show the hard work and dedication of student veterans.

## Article I Name and Purpose

- Section 1. The name of this organization is the University of the Rockies chapter of the SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society.
- Section 2. Its purpose is to provide an association for and recognition of academically outstanding student veterans and military in continuing higher education.
- Section 3. The society shall be a non-profit organization devoted to the advancement of scholarship.

## Article II Membership

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- Be currently enrolled as a student;
- Qualify as a military/veteran student under locally-derived and maintained definitions;
- Have a minimum GPA of a 3.5;
- Have served or currently be serving in the military, National Guard, or reserves. If no longer serving, have been honorably discharged from service (applicant must submit a DD-214 Member 4 copy that displays the character of service (honorable discharge)); and
- Maintain the highest ethical standards.

**Membership in SALUTE is open to qualified candidates including persons with disability, without regard to age, color, gender, national origin, race, religion, and/or sexual orientation.**

Section 3. Process

a) Lifetime Membership

Any individual who joins SALUTE is considered a lifetime member. Lifetime membership affords access to all benefits and services not otherwise restricted to other membership categories.

b) Membership Fees and Dues

i. Determination of Membership Fees and Dues

The Board of Directors shall determine the membership fees and dues. Society chapters may not add local membership fees or dues unless they first obtain written approval to do so from the International Staff.

ii. Payment

The Society membership fee shall be paid in accordance with the policy and procedure established by the International Staff.

iii. Membership Fee

a. Members must pay a \$20 one-time lifetime membership fee

b. If a member fails to pay dues, fees, or assessments, active membership shall automatically terminate. A member may be reinstated by payment of required dues, fees, or assessments.

Article III

Chapter Advisors

Section 1. Primary Advisor

a) An individual – faculty, administrative staff or other – acceptable to the host college/university shall be selected to serve as the Primary Advisor for the Society chapter. If not already a member, the advisor shall be inducted into the Society as an Honorary Member and shall have all the rights and privileges of Society membership. The induction of a Primary Advisor does not count toward the five annual honorary members who are eligible to be inducted.

Section 2. Co-Advisor(s)

a) Chapters may have more than one advisor – faculty, administrative staff or other. If not already a member, the Co-Advisor(s) shall be inducted into the Society as an Honorary Member and shall have all the rights and privileges of Society membership. The induction of a Co-Advisor does not count toward the five annual honorary members who are eligible to be inducted.

Article IV

Representation and Legislative Authority

Section 1. The continuing education dean or director or a designated deputy of University of the Rockies shall be the Chapter's National Councilor and the Chapter's representative to the national convention. The Chapter's National Councilor shall be registered with the Society's National Executive Director.

Section 2. Except as otherwise specifically stated in this constitution, in the absence of a standing rule to the contrary, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern meetings of this organization.

Article V  
Officers & Committees

- Section 1. The Director of Student Affairs, or designee, at University of the Rockies, serving as the National Councilor for SALUTE shall serve as the sole member of the executive committee when this chapter is chartered.
- Section 2. The chapter shall operate strictly as an honorary unless or until sufficient student interest has been shown to warrant the election of student officers. At that time, student members shall elect officers as outlined by the National Constitution guidelines in effect at that time.
- Section 3. The National Office shall be notified when the change in procedures is established and the date and manner in which the changes shall take effect

Article VI  
Finances

- Section 1. The fiscal year shall begin on January 1 of each year.
- Section 2. The amount of any national dues, fees, and assessments for any class of membership in SALUTE shall be established by the Board of Directors. The dues year shall be the same as the fiscal year, July 1 - June 30.

ARTICLE VII  
Amendments

- Section 1. Constitutional amendments for this chapter will be drafted by the National Councilor and/or the Executive Committee of the chapter.
- Section 2. A draft of the proposed amendment will be submitted for approval to the National Executive Director of the SALUTE Veteran's Honour Society National Office.
- Section 3. Upon approval by the National Executive Director, the amendment shall be considered ratified and a finalized copy will be placed in both the files of the chapter or national headquarters.
- Section 4. Amendments may be proposed to the National Headquarters Staff by any voting delegate, chapter advisor or board member.
- Section 5. Corrections of typographical and other non-substantive errors, omissions, edits or changes in the bylaws may be made by the Board of Directors.