



Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.
California State Council
16th Biennial State Convention
June 22 – 23, 2018

**California State Council Elections
Campaign Guidelines and Election Packets for Candidates**

The Election Committee wishes to make this campaign process as relatively painless as possible. However, there are several guidelines that must be established to maintain fairness and equal opportunity for each candidate. Therefore, it is important that each candidate follow the guidelines as described within this packet.

We wish you a positive experience with your campaign.

The letter of intent to be mailed by **March 15, 2018.**

**All other forms must be postmarked to the Election Committee by:
April 1, 2018 (Mail early, please)**

These standards are in compliance with the VVA, CSC By-Laws, Article IX, Sect. 2, Para. 1 Rev.2006

STANDARDS OF EQUITY FOR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES:

I. Each candidate *MUST* complete a Election Form

II. Candidates must provide the Elections Committee with:

- A **READABLE** copy of their DD-214,
- A Completed and signed SF-180 (request for military records form).

Those candidates that either:

- Are holding an elected position on the current CA. State Council Board (or)
- Have held an elected position on a previous CSC Board (or)
- Are a VVA Life Member (Paid in Full with DD- 214 on file at VVA National, **do not** have to submit these two (2) forms.
- If you are not in one of the above categories:
 - You **must** submit a copy of your DD 214.

III. Each candidate must provide the Election Committee with:

- A typed Candidate Biography.
- Please send a copy of the biography to: Doug Mitten mittendouglas@yahoo.com

IV. The Election Committee will send a packet containing one copy of each:

- A Candidate's Biography to:
 - Each Chapter office, California State Council Board Members, and the State website.

V. The Election Committee will provide a: Campaign area for the distribution of and posting of campaign materials. We are not responsible for the distribution of campaign materials.

The candidate must turn in all completed, required paperwork to the:

- Election Committee, **NLT 5 p.m., April 1, 2018** in order for the committee to certify them as a qualified candidate and list their name on the ballot.
- Anyone who “runs from the floor” **shall not** campaign (distribute campaign materials, participate in candidate forums, etc.) prior to having his/ her petition verified and candidacy certified by the election committee.

Any VVA member may petition for candidacy at the State Convention by:

- Obtaining and filing the Candidate Declaration Form with the Election Committee, along with the other required documents (items #2 and 3) listed above.
- The candidate doing so must collect the signatures of at least 25% of the registered and checked-in delegates at the convention, at the time of their initial declaration.

BALLOTING AND VOTING PROCEDURES:

- The method of printing and securing for the ballots will be determined by the Election Committee and will be disclosed to the designated vote tabulation organization. Candidates and delegates will be advised as to the proper procedures at the convention.

THE ELECTION PROCESS WILL TAKE PLACE ON:

June 23, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- The election results will be announced at the convention banquet.
- Each candidate will be allowed to: have one poll watcher and one representative in the vote tabulation room. The vote tabulation representative will be required to stay until all the votes are counted and verified.

Each candidate will have the right to challenge a ballot.

- This must be done in writing by **9:00 a.m. Sunday, June 24, 2018**
- The absence of any such formal challenge constitutes a final waiver of rights to later contest the election process.
- If a position "run-off" is necessary, the details will be announced at the convention.

All State Council positions are open for election:

- President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer
- Three (3) District Directors and one (1) At Large Director
 - Chapter Delegates from each of the Districts (Northern, Central, and Southern) shall vote for: **their own District Director.**

All delegates should vote for:

- President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer
- **Their** District Director and one (1) At Large Director.

ALL CANDIDATE FORMS & MATERIALS MUST BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS

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