

Veterans For Peace

Resolutions Protocols – Revised 2026

Purpose

Resolutions are intended to establish, revise, clarify, or express the positions, priorities, and organizational guidance of Veterans For Peace.

The resolutions process exists to provide Veterans For Peace members, chapters, committees, working groups, and national projects with a mechanism for bringing proposals before the membership. The role of the Resolutions Committee and Board of Directors is to facilitate this process, ensure compliance with established protocols, and assist the membership in its deliberations.

Submission Deadline

Proposed resolutions must be submitted to the Resolutions Committee no later than *11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, thirty (30) days prior to the annual pre-Convention Board of Directors meeting: July 9, 2026.*

Resolutions should be submitted electronically to the Resolutions Committee Chair at josh@veteransforpeace.org

Submission Requirements

1. Each resolution must include:
 - A short title.
 - The name, email address, and telephone number of the submitter.
 - Confirmation that the submitter is a current member of Veterans For Peace.
2. Each resolution should address a single subject. Members wishing to address multiple subjects should submit separate resolutions.
3. Resolution sponsors are strongly encouraged to seek endorsement from a Veterans For Peace Chapter, Working Group, National Project, Committee, Independent Members Committee, or other recognized Veterans For Peace body prior to submission. Such review often strengthens the language and intent of a resolution.

Drafting Guidelines

4. Before submitting a resolution, sponsors should review previously adopted Veterans For Peace resolutions to avoid duplication of existing policy.
5. Proposed resolutions should advance, clarify, or otherwise relate to the mission, values, and Statement of Purpose of Veterans For Peace.
6. Resolutions should be concise and focused. Resolutions should ordinarily not exceed 200 words and may not exceed 300 words, excluding the title and sponsor information.
7. Resolutions must clearly state the action, position, or policy being proposed and must be submitted in resolution format.

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8. Resolutions that require expenditures of organizational funds, substantial staff or volunteer labor, or mandatory action by chapters should identify how such work will be accomplished. Resolutions creating obligations without identifying realistic means of implementation may be rejected by the Resolutions Committee.

Committee Review

9. The Resolutions Committee shall review all resolutions received prior to the submission deadline.
10. The Resolutions Committee may:
 - Accept a resolution as submitted;
 - Return a resolution with suggestions for revision;
 - Reject a resolution for failure to comply with these protocols, subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors.
11. The Resolutions Committee evaluates resolutions for compliance with these protocols and does not reject resolutions based upon disagreement with their content or viewpoint.

Late Resolutions

12. Resolutions submitted after the deadline will not be accepted except in extraordinary circumstances involving significant events occurring after the submission deadline.
13. Any such late resolution must be submitted to the Resolutions Committee Chair prior to the convening of the Convention business meeting at which resolutions are to be considered.

Board Review

14. Resolutions accepted by the Resolutions Committee shall be assigned a number and forwarded to the Board of Directors for review prior to the Convention.
15. The Board of Directors may provide comments, recommendations, or suggested revisions to resolution sponsors. The Board's review is intended to assist the membership's consideration of resolutions and to identify procedural concerns.
16. Resolutions that comply with these protocols shall be forwarded to the membership for consideration.

Convention Consideration

17. To ensure adequate review by the membership and Board of Directors, resolutions reaching the convention floor shall be considered in the form distributed to the membership. **Substantive amendments will not be considered during the business meeting.**

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18. The Board of Directors reserves the right to submit resolutions addressing issues or concerns not otherwise covered by member-submitted resolutions.

Co-Sponsors

19. Resolutions listing co-sponsors shall be limited to ten (10) named co-sponsors within the resolution itself. Additional supporters may be listed through an external web link provided by the sponsors.

General

20. The Resolutions Committee does not draft resolutions on behalf of members, chapters, committees, projects, or working groups.