

# Military Order of the Purple Heart Conflict of Interest Policy

Effective August 4, 2021

## ARTICLE XX Conflict of Interest

### Section 1 ~ Conflict of Interest Policy

A. The Military Order of the Purple Heart shall have a specific policy to prevent duality of interest and conflicts of interest adversely affecting the Order approved and revised as needed by the National Convention.

B. The Conflict-of-Interest Policy shall pertain to all members, associate members, affiliates, and employees with a vote (Concerned Parties).

C. A conflict of interest is any duality of interest or direct personal or pecuniary interest not common to other members of the Order on matters being considered by any voting entity of the Corporation.

### Section 2 ~ Implementation of Conflict-of-Interest Policy

A. Concerned parties shall disclose to the voting body any duality of interest or possible financial interest whenever the possibility exists.

B. In the event a member's right to vote based on a potential conflict of interest is questioned, the meeting body will suspend further action on the question on the floor until the member's right to vote is resolved or the questioned member abstains from the vote.

1) The member being challenged has a right to explain their situation and speak on their own behalf.

2) The meeting body will decide, by a majority vote of those present, whether or not a conflict of interest exists.

3) The party if found to have a conflict of interest will not be allowed to vote on the issue in question.

C. Members found in violation of the Conflict-of-Interest policy may be subject to the provisions of Article XV, Section 13 Discipline, Transfer, and Expulsion of Members, Paragraph A, 1).

D. Members of the National Executive Committee (NEC) will certify they understand the Conflict-of-Interest Policy by signing and returning Section 3 Acknowledgement of the Conflict-of-Interest Policy via USPS or E-mail.

Section 3 ~ Acknowledgement of the Conflict-of-Interest Policy I hereby certify that I have read and understand Article XX of the Order's Bylaws. I will comply with the Conflict of Interest policies. I further understand I will not be allowed to vote on matters before the NEC unless this acknowledgement is on file with the National Adjutant.

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Signature

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Date

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Member Name

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Possible Conflicts: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
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