

## Membership

**Section 1.** The membership of the Association shall be composed of the following:

- a. **Active.** All active commissioned officers and warrant officers of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard of the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be eligible for Active membership. All active commissioned officers and warrant officers of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard of the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be Active members of the Association upon payment of dues, ~~as herein set forth. Any Active member whose dues for the preceding fiscal year remain unpaid at the opening of the annual conference shall be deemed in arrears and shall be suspended from membership until his/hers arrears are paid; provided, however, that he shall not be required to pay more than two years dues to receive reinstatement.~~ Any member whose qualifications for membership change from those for Active member to those for a Retired or an Associate member during the fiscal year shall automatically become a Retired or an Associate member for the balance of that fiscal year.
- b. **Retired.** All commissioned officers and warrant officers of the Army and Air Force National Guard of the Commonwealth of Virginia who have attained an approved retirement shall be eligible for membership in the Association. Any Retired member of the Association shall be eligible to vote and hold any office of the Association.
- c. **Associate.** All former commissioned officers and warrant officers of the Army and Air National Guard of the Commonwealth of Virginia, whose separation was under honorable conditions, and officers/warrant officers of the Virginia Defense Force, that meet the veteran criteria, as defined under 501(c)19, and are currently actively serving/participating in monthly drills and annual field training exercises shall be eligible for Associate membership. A member of the Association who is an Associate member, by virtue of not having retired (as described above), shall be eligible to vote and hold any office except that of the President or President-Elect.
- d. **Life.** There shall be two classes of membership entitled to hold Life membership in the Association. Full Life membership may be granted to any Active member of the Association upon payment of the dues established for such a membership. A Retired or Associate Life membership may be granted to any person eligible for Retired or Associate membership upon payment of one half of the amount of the dues established for a full Life membership. A Life member who is a Retired Life member by virtue of having retired (or having completed 20 years of service and eligible to receive retiree pay, even though not in pay status) shall be eligible to hold any office. A Life member who is an Associate Life member by virtue of not having retired (as described above), shall be eligible to vote and hold any office except that of President or President-Elect.
- e. **Affiliate.** Any commissioned officer or warrant officer of the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marines on active duty who is presently serving in an advisory or liaison capacity with any element of the Virginia National Guard shall be eligible to become an Affiliate member upon payment of dues hereinafter set ~~fourth~~forth. Such membership shall

terminate upon such officer no longer being associated with the Virginia National Guard. Affiliate members shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

- f. **Honorary.** The Executive Council of the Association may, by majority vote, confer Honorary membership upon a person who has rendered outstanding service to the United States, the Army or Air National Guard of the United States, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Virginia Army or Air National Guard, or the Virginia National Guard Association. Such members shall not be entitled to vote nor be subject to payment of dues.
- g. **Auxiliary.** Any enlisted member of the Virginia National Guard Association Life Insurance Program, or any successor insurance or benefit program administered through Virginia National Guard Ventures, Inc.) shall be an Auxiliary member of the Association. Auxiliary members shall not be entitled to vote, hold office nor be subject to payment of dues. Such membership status shall terminate on the same date that coverage under the VNGA endorsed Life Insurance Program or successor program (currently administered through Virginia National Guard Ventures, Inc.) ceases.

**Section 2.** ~~The annual dues to the Association shall be based on rank as follows:~~

<b>RANK</b>	<b>DUES</b>
General Officers	\$ 70.00
Colonels	\$ 55.00
Lieutenant Colonels and CW5s	\$ 40.00
Majors and CW4s	\$ 35.00
Captains and CW3s	\$ 25.00
1st Lieutenants, CW2s	\$ 20.00
2nd Lieutenants, WO1s	\$ 15.00
Associates/ Retired	\$ 20.00
Active Life Membership	\$250.00
Retired Life Membership	\$150.00

Association dues for active members shall be established by the VNGA Executive Council. Dues are payable to VNGA by the first day of January of each year.

- a. Any active, retired, or associate VNGA member whose dues for the current year remain unpaid shall be suspended from membership and Association activities until the current membership year's arrearages are paid

- b. **“Complimentary: Active membership will be offered to all commissioned officers and warrant officers for a period of one full year and any portion of the year in which initially appointed. Membership begins upon initial state appointment, when reported to the Association, and ends 31 December of the following year, (Dues none). Any Complimentary member of the Association SHALL NOT be eligible to hold any office of the Association”.**

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