



PARABAT VETERANS ORGANISATION (PVO) - GROUP

WHO IS THE PVO

A pilot group of Parabats under the support of the Cape canopy and the redundant organisation SAPA (South African Paratroopers Organisation) held a meeting at the Parabat Reunion October 2014 to restart the SAPA nationally.

After much deliberation, it was unanimously agreed that the legacy of the redundant organisation SAPA was tainted with a negative history and that a new body called the Parabat Veterans Organisation or PVO was founded in February 2015 with one idea in mind, to unite all Parabats in the Republic and internationally under one organisation that would speak and act for all our people.

This does not imply that any of the great organisations that already exist should be abandoned, replaced or interfered with in any way.

Organisations such as SAPA - Cape Canopy, LAARSA, KZN ET el have been successful and well run but are seen to be local in their membership.

As an approved member of the CMVO (Council for Military Veterans Organisation), the PVO Group is the only officially recognised Paratrooper Veterans organisation in the Republic of South Africa, is, therefore, the sanctioned national voice of the South African Paratroopers.

The PVO is the only paratrooper organisation the complies fully with the Military Veterans Act of the Republic.

VISION

To unite, assist and support Parabats and their families wherever they may find themselves, and to keep the airborne spirit alive

MISSION

To identify and organize Parabats that complies with the selection criteria under a National Association, to establish a chain of command where every PVO member (Canopy/Falcon' can operate within their own jurisdiction) abides under the broad umbrella of the Parabat Veterans Organisation (PVO)

Furthermore to strive towards establishing a bond of Parabats that will endeavour towards the achievement of common goals, inter alia promoting the interest and well-being of members by supplying a structure where the spirit of 'belonging' is of utmost importance.

AIMS OF THE PVO

THE PVO ENABLEMENT FUND

Essentially, the wellbeing of all Parabats and their families is our primary concern. Many of us are reaching the age where retirement and redundancy become threats to our continued welfare. Some of us have been suffering from the strain of wounds and disabilities sustained during our years as soldiers as well as suffered after our military service ended. Others have been made redundant by retrenchments or affirmative action.

All these people need help and support in their daily lives, sometimes of a temporary nature and at times ongoing.

This support is not happening to any great degree and the PVO aims to, over time, rectify this.

In support of this, the PVO registered as a Not for Profit Company (NPC) and approved Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) section 30 of the Income Tax Act.

We have also registered a PVO Services Pty Ltd Company in order to be able to generate profits from commercial operations and feed them to the Not for Profit arm for distribution to our people in need.

SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

Being Parabats, the social mingling of like-minded soldiers is very important to us. The monthly Canopy Meetings serve a dual purpose. An opportunity to socialize over a glass of good cheer and to conduct the essential business of that month.

These meetings have proved very popular and have become the lifeblood of the PVO with feedback being sent back to the PVO Executive for any action needed.

THE INFORMAL SOCIAL STRUCTURE OF THE PVO

At the inaugural meeting of the PVO at Hartebeespoort Dam in February 2015, the National Council was voted into place that would represent all the parabat members of the Canopies around the country.

Because of the geographical separation of all the council members, it is only possible to hold on average two meetings of the National Council annually.

The National Executive Committee (NEC) meets at least every quarter, but again, because of the expense to individual members and the long distances needed to travel, these meetings are kept to the bare minimum.

THE PARABAT VETERANS ORGANISATION (PVO) STRUCTURE

Because the PVO needs to be a few different things in different circumstances, the National Council decided to build the structure as follows:

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

"The National Council" means a council consisting of nominated PVO members elected by PVO paid up members as stipulated in the constitution. The National Council shall meet at least once every six months.

The National Council shall hold an annual general meeting not later than 6 (six) months after the end of each financial year (30th June), in addition to any other general meetings held during that year, and shall designate the meeting as such in the notice convening the meeting. Not more than 15 (fifteen) months shall elapse between the date of the one annual general meeting and the next.

The members of the National Council are elected at the annual general meeting. The term of office for any such National Council member will be a period of 2 (two) years, but no longer than 3 (three) consecutive terms.

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC)

Members serving on the NEC must be a qualified jumper verified and under the auspices of and who underwent the curriculum of and by 1 Parachute Battalion, (Parbat).

The NEC, which shall consist of members as stipulated in PVO membership paragraph 5.1.1 (five) and elected by the National Council members to represent the PVO members:

National President (Chairman)	Vice-National President (Chairman)
National Secretary	National Treasurer
Enablement Fund Officer	National Membership Secretary
CMVO Liaison Officer	National SANDF Liaison Officer
National Ombudsman	Project Officer
Events & Fundraising Officer	Memorabilia Officer
National Curator	*Additional National Executive Members

*As stipulated in the Constitution to serve on the Executive

POWERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The NEC may take on the power and authority that it believes it needs to be able to achieve the objectives that are stated in this constitution. Its activities must abide by the law and good governance.

The NEC has the power and authority to raise funds or to invite and receive contributions.

The NEC does, however, have the power to buy, hire or exchange for any property that it needs to achieve its objectives.

The NEC has the right to make by-laws for proper management, including the procedure for application, approval and termination of membership.

Members will decide on the powers and functions of office bearers.

COMMITTEES (NEC)

Management Committee Finance, Governance and audit committee

Fund Raising & Events Committee CMVO & DMV Committee

Communication & Social Media Committee Membership Committee

PVO MEMBERSHIP

The following categories for membership of the PVO as listed below are fully explained in detail in the PVO constitution.

Full members (Ordinary)

Associate Members

Affiliated members including International & Country members

Life members

Honorary members

Cyber members

SANDF members (social only)

Supporter Members (social only)

CANOPIES AND FALCONS (VALKS):

These social and semi-formal entities are the life of the organization. Primarily they serve a social function to get all Parabats in a regional area together on a regular basis to socialize and network.

These Canopies and Falcons (Valks) are self-standing, governed by their own Constitutions and rules, and have their own Executive.

The aim of the Canopies is to hold monthly meetings of short duration leaving plenty of time to socialize with family and friends.

Every year, an Annual General Meeting is held to discuss the finances and business of the Canopy and every second year, depending on the Canopies Constitution, new members of the Canopy Executive are chosen.

Naturally, new and young blood is essential to keep the Canopies and Falcons (Valks) moving forward and the change of guard is encouraged within the organisations

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PVO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE (NEC) 2018-20

OFFICE BEARERS

Portfolio	Name
National Founding Patron	Ronnie Claassen
President	Mike Mc Williams
Vice President & National Secretary	Ken Viljoen
National Treasurer	Johann Strauss
Enablement Fund & Memorabilia Officer	Willoughby Brits
Membership Secretary	Jannie Kotze
CMVO & DMV Liaison Officer	Vacant
SANDF Liaison Officer	Mynhardt Marais
Projects Officer	Johann MacAlpine
Events & Fund Raising Officer	Deon Benadé
National Ombudsman	Justus Rothman
PRO-Communications Officer	Herman Palm
Curator	Johan de Bruyn
Executive member	Andre van Niekerk
Executive member	Theo Kleinhans
Executive member	Martin van Rensburg

PVO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE (NEC) CO-OPTED OFFICE BEARERS

Website Manager	Vacant
Financial Manager	Vacant
CMVO-DMV Benefits Manager	Vacant

PVO - NEC COMMITTEES

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The role of the committee is to manage the association in accordance with the purposes or objects as stated in its rules.

Mike	McWilliams	President
Ken	Viljoen	Vice President
Johann	Strauss	Treasurer
Willoughby	Brits	Enablement Officer
Jannie	Kotze	Membership Secretary
Justus	Rothman	Ombudsman
Herman	Palm	Communications

FINANCE, GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - GROUP

The Finance, Governance and Audit committee, which consist of NEC Members, deals with risk management, corporate governance, internal and external audit, accounting policies and financial reporting.

Ken	Viljoen	Chairman
Johann	Strauss	Treasurer
Theo	Kleinhans	NEC Member
Deon	Benadé	NEC Member
Mark	Gevers	Co-Opted Member

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE PVO GROUP

Deon	Benadé	Chairman
Johann	Strauss	National Treasurer
Willoughby	Brits	Enablement Fund & Memorabilia
Herman	Palm	PRO & Communication
Andre	van Niekerk	NEC Member

PROJECTS COMMITTEE PVO GROUP

Johan	McAlpine	Chairman
Johann	Strauss	National Treasurer
Herman	Palm	PRO & Communication
Andre	van Niekerk	NEC Member

MEMBERSHIP & CANOPY COMMITTEE

Jannie	Kotze	Chairman
Mike	McWilliams	President
Ken	Viljoen	Vice President/Secretary
Deon	Benadé	Nomad & Vetting Member

CMVO & VETERANS LAISION COMMITTEE

Mike	McWilliams	President
Willoughby	Brits	Enablement Fund Officer
Vacant		DMV Benefits Manager

COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA COMMITTEE – GROUP

Name	Portfolio
Mike McWilliams	President/Chairman of the Committee
Herman Palm	Communications Officer
Jannie Kotze	Membership Secretary
Johann Strauss	National Treasurer/Financial Director
Ken Viljoen	Vice President & National Secretary

PVO WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Jannie	Kotzé	Chairman
Deon	Benadé	NEC Member
Vacant		

PVO CANOPY EXECUTIVES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Canopy</u>
Willoughby	Brits	Chairman	Pretoria
Andre	Van Niekerk	Chairman	Bay
Herman	Palm	Chairman	Suikerbos
Gavin	Moultrie	Chairman	KZN
Deon	Benadé	Membership Officer	Nomad
Johan	McAlpine	Chairman	G-Coy
Craig	Rheeders	Chairman	Westrand-JHB
Martin	v Rensburg	Chairman	VrystaatBloemfontein
Johan	Cronje	Chairman	Maluti

ASSOCIATED/AFFILIATED CANOPIES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Brandon	Morris	Jumpmaster	LAARSA
Derek	Wood	Jumpmaster	LAARSA –Jhb
Andrew	Leece	Chief Clerk	LAARSA
Jan	Joubert	Stick Commander	SAPA - CC

THE FORMAL STRUCTURE OF THE PVO

PARABAT VETERANS ORGANISATION NPC – (HOLDING COMPANY)

The Parabat Veterans Organisation NPC, registration No - 2015/256965/08 is registered as a not-for-profit company (section 21 company), with no members.

The Parabat Veterans Organisation NPC has been approved as a public benefit organisation in terms of section 30 and also section 18A(1) of the Income Tax Act, where donations to the PVO-NPC will be tax deductible in the hands of the donors in terms of and subject to the limitations prescribed in section 18A of the Act.

The Parabat Veterans Organisation NPC is approved and registered by SARS as a Public Benefit organisation registration No – 930052421

MAIN OBJECTS OF THE NPC AS PER THE MEMORANDUM OF INCORPORATION (MOI)

The main objects of the Company are to further moral, educational, and socio-economic upliftment and development of the unemployed Parabat Veterans and their next of kin, which is important to the Republic's future.

The objectives specifically include:

1. Community development for poor and needy persons and anti-poverty initiatives, including:
2. The promotion of community-based projects relating to self-help, empowerment, capacity building, skills development or anti-poverty;
3. The provision of training, support or assistance to community-based projects contemplated above;
4. Training for unemployed persons with the purpose of enabling them to obtain employment; and
5. Educational enrichment, academic support, supplementary tuition or outreach programs for the poor and needy.
6. Establish the Enablement Fund for the use of Parabat veterans and next of kin. Out of this fund, payments will be made to assist such veterans and their families financially.
7. To organize social functions/events/projects and receive donations thereby raising funds for the Enablement Fund and which will strengthen the bonds of friendship, camaraderie

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To keep the incoming funds separate from the outgoing, and to ensure all is above board, the Enablement Fund will be governed by the NPC separately under a board committee and audited annually.

The NPC is run by a board of directors as prescribed in its MOI

PARABAT VETERANS ORGANISATION SERVICES (PTY) LTD

(Wholly Owned Subsidiary of the NPC)

Parabat Veterans Organisation Services (Pty) Ltd, registration No - 2015/140291/07 is the arm of the organisation that generates sufficient profits to run the administration.

This company will be the main marketing and sales company for the NPC and PVO.

Profits from the sale of Memorabilia, Apparel, the Business Forum, Events, Projects and other enterprises will be channelled through this company, whose only shareholder is the NPC (Not for Profit Company). Any surplus funds will then be channelled to the Enablement Fund.

BOARD STRUCTURES

The Boards of both companies meets at least three times a year, consists of members who represent the Board elected by the National Executive Council, and serve for a period of two years. They can make themselves available for re-election thereafter.

PVO – NPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Portfolio	Name
National Founding Patron	Ronnie Claassen
Non-Executive Chairman	Mike McWilliams
Executive Director & Company Secretary	Ken Viljoen
Financial Director	Johann Strauss
Enablement Fund Director	Willoughby Brits
Non - Executive Director	Theo Kleinhans
Non - Executive Director	Martin van Rensburg

PVO – (PTY) LTD DIRECTORS 2018-2020

Portfolio	Name
Non-Executive Chairman	Mike McWilliams
CEO & Memorabilia Director	Willoughby Brits
Company Secretary/Director	Ken Viljoen
Financial Director	Johann Strauss
Project & Fund Raising Director	Johann MacAlpine
Non - Executive Director	Theo Kleinhans
Non-Executive Director	Martin van Rensburg

EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEES FOR NPC & PTY

FINANCE, GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - GROUP

The Finance, Governance and Audit committee, which consist of directors, deals with issues relating to risk management, corporate governance, internal and external audit, accounting policies and financial reporting.

Ken	Viljoen	Chairman
Johann	Strauss	Financial Director
Theo	Kleinhans	Director
Mark	Gevers	Co-Opted Member
Deon	Benadé	Co-Opted Member

ENABLEMENT FUND COMMITTEE - NPC

The committee is to generate funds, to manage and administer the distribution and allocation of such funds for this purpose in association with recognised Veteran organisations and government bodies. It must comply with specific rules procedures and guidelines when approving applications.

Willoughby	Brits	Chairman
Ken	Viljoen	Director
Theo	Kleinhans	Director
Johann	Strauss	Director
Deon	Benadé	Co-opted Vetting Officer

MEMORABILIA COMMITTEE – SERVICES (PTY) LTD

Willoughby	Brits	Chairman & CEO
Mike	McWilliams	Board Chairman
Johann	Strauss	Financial Director
Theo	Kleinhans	Director
Ken	Viljoen	Director
Deon	Benadé	Co-opted

PROJECTS & EVENTS COMMITTEE – SERVICES (PTY) LTD

Johan	Mc Alpine	Chairman
Johann	Strauss	Financial Director
Willoughby	Brits	CEO
Deon	Benadé	Co-opted