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1. The SA veterans' community

Dept of Defence and Military Veterans

Department Military Veterans (DMV)

- Military Veterans Act 18 of 2011

South African National Military Veterans Associations (SANMVA)

(statutory and non-statutory forces)

Council of Military Veterans Organizations of SA (CMVO)

- Constitution Amended 2023

(statutory forces)

PVO

MOTH

SAIA

32 BN

SA Legion

Veterans community

61 Meg

SADFA

SAAFA

Sapper Foundation

Gunner Assoc

...and more

- Constitutions/Founding Documents



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2. A concise PVO history

- Founded at Hartebeespoort Dam 2015
- National Council appointed
- NPC and Pty (LTD) companies registered
- Canopies established
- CMVO Member Organization status approved 2016
- First National Council election 2017
- Strategic White Paper developed 2018
- SARS awarded the NPC 18A status
- Organizational structure refinement
- Implement a PVO-document repository 2019
- Re-affirm association with ARMC and LAARSA

- Second National Council election
- First National Council Strategy Bosberaad March 2020
- 5-year commemoration
- Adopt Parabat Veterans Code of Honour
- Adopt Prayer of a Parabat Veteran
- Third National Council election 2021
- National Council Strategy Bosberaad March 2022
- First exhibition at the PPM-exhibition at the VTM
- Elected as additional member to the CMVO Manco
- Commence internal process automation project
- Adoption of the PVO Strategy 2020 2025

Current membership – 520



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3. The PVO Vision, Mission and Values

- As confirmed at the 2022 Strategy Bosberaad

The Vision

 To maintain the proud heritage of the South African paratrooper within the local and international veterans' communities

The Mission

 To promote, unite, assist and support all para veterans through a consolidated strategy within the PVO structures



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3. The PVO Vision, Mission and Values (continued)

- As confirmed at the 2022 Strategy Bosberaad

The Values

We will at all times recognize and remember the Code of Honour and Values of our mother unit and the training we received in upholding this.

We will at all times promote and maintain the unique South African paratrooper brotherhood, camaraderie, traditions and support of each other amongst all the South African Paratrooper Veterans and their families

We acknowledge the voluntary participation and uniqueness of our members.

We uphold core values such as but not limited to

- Believe in our Creator,
- Mutual respect,
- Uncompromised honesty,
- Peremptory integrity,
- Diversity,
- Courage.



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4. Strategic goals

Individual membership

- 3 Categories
- Membership application completed
- Annual membership fee

Canopy affiliation

- Ascribe to the PVO Constitution
- Membership register and annual fees in good standing

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5. Membership simplified

- Article 6 of the PVO Constitution Amended 2022

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5. Membership simplified (continued)

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Why membership fee to canopy?

- Enables canopy to support members in need
- Arrange canopy events
- Confirms member's commitment

Why membership contribution to PVO?

- Enables PVO to support members in need
- Ensures that annual operating expenses are covered
- Confirms canopy's support of PVO Constitution and objectives



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5. Membership simplified (continued)

	Canopy	Honorary	Ordinary	Life	Supporter	Total
1	FS Bloem Canopy		25	20	1	46
2	KZN Canopy	1	26	53	2	82
3	Maluti Canopy			15		15
4	Nomad Canopy	2	187	49	6	244
5	Pretoria Canopy	2	73	1	1	77
6	Suikerbosrand Canopy		10	21		31
7	West Rand Canopy		23		1	24
8						

Totals 5 344 165 11 525



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6. Governance within the PVO

- Article 8 of the PVO Constitution Amended 2022

National Council is the highest policy and decision-making body

- 2 in-person meetings per year
- Feedback from canopies and national committees
- Discussion and decision making on agenda items

National Executive Committee ensures that NC-decisions are implemented

- 4 Zoom-meetings per year
- Maintain momentum between council meetings

Corporate governance

- Directors nominated by the National Council
- Ensure compliance with Company's Act



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7. The Structure

- Article 8 of the PVO Constitution Amended 2022



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June 2023





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8. Canopy Affiliation

- Article 6 of the PVO Constitution Amended 2022

Affiliation Criteria

- Criteria apply
- Application made to Membership Committee
- Final approval required from the NC

Maintaining affiliation

- Membership register maintained
- Annual fees in good standing
- Participation in NC-meetings and voting

Canopy activities

- As planned by the canopy members
- Frequency of meetings/events as planned by members
- In support of PVO strategic goals



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9. National standing committees

- Article 8 of the PVO Constitution Amended 2022

Purpose and functioning of the standing committees

- Realize PVO strategic objectives
- Individually focus on common interests across the PVO
- Each have a Charter, which define the scope and mandate
- Chairmen are elected as per the Constitution
- PVO-members encouraged to become member of any committee of choice
- Committee activities approved by the NC
- Committee Chairman give progress feedback to NC



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10. PVO Relationships

Affiliated with

- Council of Military Veterans of SA (CMVO)/ member of the MANCO
- Annual affiliation fee
- Member of the CMVO national Council with voting rights
- Elected to the MANCO of the CMVO

Associated with

- Airborne Riders Motorcycle Club (ARMC)
- Legion of Associated Airborne R.S.A. (LAARSA)
 - No fees payable
 - No voting rights
 - No policy decision making rights



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11. PVO Initiatives and Projects

Purpose of the initiatives and projects

- Fundraising for Bats in need
- Promoting PVO strategic objectives
- Recognizing commemorative events

Types of initiatives and projects

- Bring Skillie Home
- Recognition Club 50
 - Canopy/Organisation of the Year
 - Order of St. Michael

- Events
- Memorabilia and Apparel
- Fundraising
- Internal governance



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12. Internal guidelines to keep in mind

- Article 8.3 of the PVO Constitution Amended 2022

- PVO Constitution Amended 2021
- Committee charters
- Code of Conduct (revision in progress)
- Dress Code (to be finalized)
- Social media policy



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13. What do we do and how do we do it?

What?

- Create a social environment for paratroopers
- Support paratroopers in need
- Honour and maintain our heritage

How?

- Regular canopy meetings and events
- Involve our families
- Maintain a presence in the broader veterans' community



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14. Accomplished since founding

- Value of support to paratroopers > R500k
- Commemorative services attended 80, in total
- 288 Canopy meetings and events
- 13 National Council meetings
- 1? National Executive Committee meetings
- Assisted members to register as Military Veterans and access medical aid support through DMV
- Assisted members with employment
- Established a network across borders and communities where paratroopers can tap into