

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA



VETERANS ACT

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"INCORPORATES THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE 2010 AGM"

ARTICLE ONE - TITLE

1.1 This act may be cited as the Veterans Act (the “Act”).

ARTICLE TWO – PURPOSE OF THE ACT

2.1 The purpose of this Act is to define the role and status of the Métis Veterans of British Columbia (the “MVBC”) within the MNBC.

ARTICLE THREE - MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Métis who have received a MNBC Citizenship Card and who are serving or have served in the Regular Forces or Reserve Forces, Canadian Coast Guard, RCMP or Merchant Navy (the “Veterans”) shall, upon submission of proof of service and Métis Citizenship and upon application to the MVBC being approved, be the members of the MVBC (hereinafter “Members”).

3.2 The spouses and children of MNBC Veterans shall, upon acceptance and approval of an application submitted to the MVBC, shall become an associate member of the MVBC (the “Associate Member” or “Associate Members” as the case may be).

3.3 Associate Members shall not be permitted to participate or vote at a meeting of the MVBC and shall not be entitled to appointment to the MVBC Committee.

ARTICLE FOUR – MÉTIS VETRANS COMMITTEE

4.1 A MNBC-Metis Veterans Committee (the “MVBC Committee”) shall be constituted of seven Métis Veteran Representatives (the “Regional Representatives”), who shall be appointed by the applicable Regional Governance Council, and a Women’s Representative being a MVBC Member who shall be appointed by the MNBC Minister responsible for Veterans (the “Minister”) in consultation with the Métis Women of British Columbia.

4.2 A Métis Veteran shall not be qualified for appointment to the MVBC Committee if that person holds a political position with the MNBC, a Chartered Community, with the MNBC Women or the MNBC Youth or if that person is an employee, manager, supervisor or contractor with the MNBC or a Chartered Community.

4.3 The MVBC Committee shall elect from among them a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer who, together with the Women’s Representative, shall collectively act and be known as the “Executive Committee” and who shall, in consultation with the Minister and the approval of the MNBC Board of Directors, be responsible for the following duties and functions on behalf of and at the direction of the Executive Committee:

- a) The creation and maintenance of policy and procedures relating to the conduct and mandate of the Métis Veterans and Associate Members;
- b) The creation and maintenance of a list of all Métis Veterans and Associate Members in British Columbia;

- c) Prepare an annual report for presentation at the MNBC Annual General Meeting;
 - d) Coordinate and organize the constitution and activities of the *Gabriel Dumont Scouts* as may be requested by MNBC from time to time;
 - e) Coordinate and organize flag processions as may be requested or appropriate from time to time; and
 - f) Conduct promotions and other activities for the purpose of enhancing the status of Métis Veterans and fund raising.
- 4.4 Subject to available funding, the MVBC Committee shall meet at least twice per year at a location chosen by the MVBC Committee and may be held in conjunction with the MNBC Annual General Meeting or MNGA Assembly.
- 4.5 Meetings of the MVBC Committee shall be called by the Chairperson, or in the event that the Chairperson is unwilling or unable to call a meeting, on no less than fourteen days' notice to all of the MVBC Committee members.
- 4.6 A Veteran shall not be subject to any civil action, law suit or prosecution as a result of anything done or not done in relation to their duties as a Métis Nation British Columbia Veteran.

ARTICLE FIVE – MVBC MINISTER

- 5.1 The Minister shall provide Provincial and Federal representation on behalf of the MVBC and be accountable to the MNBC Board of Directors.
- 5.2 The voice of the Métis Veterans in British Columbia shall be brought to the MNBC, Métis National Council, Federal and Provincial Governments, organizations and associations through the Minister.