



RSL NATIONAL DEFENCE COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

PURPOSE

The RSL National Board and/or the National President task the Defence Committee to inquire into matters pertaining to defence and national security in furtherance of the Objects of the League at Rule 4.f, but excluding ADF conditions of service.

The scope of tasking for the Defence is intentionally wide and may include self-referred issues.

AUTHORITY

The Defence Committee is an advisory Committee with no executive authority.

MEMBERSHIP

No fewer than 5 Service or Life Members, or citizens with particular expertise, may be appointed by the National President in consultation with the committee chairman. Each shall hold office for a period of 3 years and be eligible for reappointment.

Committee members will be volunteers invited by the National President in accordance with policy for membership established by the National Board.

Chairman

The Chairman is appointed at the invitation of the National President, and shall hold office for a period of 3 years and be eligible for reappointment.

- Is an experienced volunteer and former member of the ADF.
- May invite guest speakers to address meetings of the Defence Committee.
- May suggest changes to the membership of the Defence Committee to the National President.

The Defence Committee does not have the authority to remove the Chairman by a vote of no confidence. The Chairman occupies the position at the pleasure of the National President or as determined by the National Board.

Ex-Officio Members

These are:

- RSL National Board representative who will act as Deputy Chairman
- National President
- National CEO
- Committee Secretariat (may be heard on any matter but shall not be entitled to vote)

Quorum

3 members present.

PLACES OF MEETING AND SECRETARIAL SUPPORT

As determined and notified by the National CEO.



REPORTING

The Chairman:

- is required to keep the National President informed of the Defence Committee meeting agendas and outcomes;
- will provide a written report to the National Board after each meeting, and
- will provide a written report for inclusion in each RSL National Annual Report.

In addition to the Chairman's reporting responsibilities noted above, the Chairman and Deputy Chairman are free to report to the National President and/or the National Board as they see fit.

REMUNERATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

There is no remuneration or compensation for travel.

COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

- The views of individual members should be informed by the views of their constituencies but contributions will be those of committee members;
- The committee should be proactive;
- Meetings will be enhanced with out-of-session effort;
- All communication is to be forwarded through the Committee Secretary.

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