ARTICLE I—NAME
The name of this organization shall be Students Affected by the Military, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

ARTICLE II—PREAMBLE
Section 1. Mission
The primary mission of Students Affected by the Military (SAM) shall be to foster and develop a support and a social network for UALR students affected by the military by performing the following:

• Assist students affected by the military in achieving their educational goals and providing assistance in the transition process.
• Provide future veterans and family members with the support needed to succeed by means of scholarships for higher education.
• Promote and make accessible all benefits and entitlements afforded to military veterans and their families.
• Ensure for the needs and overall wellness of student veterans and students affected by the military.
• Promote and represent the interests of students with prior or current military associations and students affected by the military.
• Foster and develop a social network for students affected by the military.
• Provide outreach services to students affected by the military.
• Work with other military veterans organizations to overall enhance benefits and services provided to military veterans and their families.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP
Section 1. Eligibility
Membership shall fall into the following three categories:

1.1 Active
Any student enrolled in at least one credit with The University of Arkansas at Little Rock who is

• Active duty (all branches of the military, reserves, and National Guard).
• Veterans (anyone with prior service who was discharged with an other than dishonorable discharge)
• Family members including parents, children, spouses, siblings, and partners.

1.2 Alumni
Any former student who has graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock who is a student affected by the military may be an Alumni member.
1.3 Honorary Members
Any member that does not meet the above eligibility requirements may be considered for membership. This includes the faculty/staff and current enrolled students of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock who support those serving or have served in the Armed Forces.

Section 2. Non-discrimination
Students Affected by Military is committed to the elimination of discrimination based on gender, race, class, economic status, ethnic background, sexual orientation, age, physical ability, and cultural and religious backgrounds.

ARTICLE IV—MEETINGS
Section 1. Meetings
Meetings will be held at least four times an academic year. The president and board will determine when.

Section 3. Annual Meeting
Annual meetings of the Students Affected by Military (SAM) shall be held at the beginning of the Spring semester.

Section 4. Special Meetings
Elected officers, unless otherwise prescribed by statute or by the Constitution, may call special meetings of the Students Affected by Military, for any purpose or purposes.

Section 5. Place of Meetings
All annual meetings of the Students Affected by Military shall be held at a facility located on University of Arkansas at Little Rock or such place designated by the President in consultation with the other officers. Special meetings of the Students Affected by Military may be held at such time and place within a designated facility at UALR or designated area approved by the President. All meeting places shall be stated in the Notice of Meeting, or in a duly executive Waiver of Notice thereof. All Notices of the Meetings shall be sent to all members of SAM with agenda topics, time, and place of said meeting either by email or hardcopy; notice shall be provided a minimum of 10 days before said meeting. Business transacted at any meeting of student veterans shall be limited to the purposes stated in the notice.

Section 6. Voting
Each student veteran on record with an Active status membership is entitled to (1) vote in the election process. Voting may be accomplished electronically.

   6.1 Non-voters
   Alumni and Honorary status membership will not be allowed to participate in voting.
   All opinions and comments may be discussed before voting.

Section 7. Quorum
The minimum number of officers needed to conduct business at a Board meeting shall be at least 50% of the Board.
ARTICLES V—ELECTIONS

Section 1. Elected Officers
The elected Officers shall be named and designated in the Resolution of Elected Officers.

Section 2. Eligibility
To be eligible for office, candidates must be enrolled in at least six (6) credits with University of Arkansas at Little Rock and be an Active member of SAM. Candidates must be able to perform all duties required of them as stated in the Constitution and Bylaws. All candidates must also hold an overall 2.75 GPA.

Section 3. Nominations
Nominations for office shall occur approximately one month before the end of the fall semester. Members must indicate in writing with proof of above eligibilities to the Faculty/Staff advisor. Candidates who do not meet the above requirements will not be eligible for office. Deadline date will be set well in advance for all members.

Section 4. Elections
Elections shall occur no later than February 15 each year. All eligible nominations will be passed down from the Faculty/Staff Advisor to the appointed election officer. The election officer will send out Notice of Meeting 30 days in advance of election with the list of candidates with the position he/she is running for.

Section 5. Term
The term of office shall be 12 months beginning in August.

Section 6. Vacancies
The Executive Board will appoint vacancies. This does not apply to the position of the President; the President must be elected

Section 7. Removal
Officers can be removed from office by completion of their term or unanimous decision by standing Officers. If an Officer's GPA falls below an overall GPA of 2.75, they will resign from their position.

ARTICLE VI—OFFICIAL POSITIONS

Section 1.
The elected, official position of officers shall be:

1.1 President
The President shall have active management, meeting with UALR officials and representation of the organization at all major events of the Students Affected by Military and campus events.

1.2 Vice-President
The Vice President shall act under the direction of the President and in the absence of the President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. The VP shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the President may from time to time prescribe. The Vice-President shall act as presiding officer of board meetings.
1.3 Secretary
The Secretary shall keep accurate and detailed records of all meetings and affairs, transmit all official organization correspondence, and coordinate preparation and distribution of information and materials.

1.4 Treasurer
The Treasurer shall receive and distribute organization funds in accordance with University and State of Arkansas regulations, make financial reports at appropriate meetings, create an organizational budget for the semester or year and coordinate fund-raising activities.

1.5 Board of Directors
The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the SAM Officers and the Faculty/Staff Advisor. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for establishing the administrative, legislative, and operational priorities of the organization. All officers on the board shall decide the direction and operation of SAM. Each officer is allotted one (1) vote and the majority vote shall prevail on items. In the event an officer abstains to vote and there is a tie, the items shall be presented to the membership at the next meeting. The voting membership shall decide on the item; a 2/3 vote is needed to see the item passed. The President and Vice-President essentially act as the “face” of the organization, but the extent of their power does not supersede any other member of the board.

1.6 Faculty/Staff Advisor(s)
The Faculty/Staff Advisor(s) shall maintain communication and meet with the officers regularly; maintain awareness and approval of all financial expenditures; ensure that the organization is operating in conformity with the standards set forth by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Note: It is recommended that the board be as diverse as possible with respect to military branch and components representation or a board member be knowledgeable of all branches. In order to adequately represent our Students Affected by Military population, it is recommended that one member be a graduate student.

ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS
Section 1. Amendments by Members
The Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present at one regular scheduled meetings, provided notice of intention to amend shall have been contained in the Notice of the Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII—DISSOLUTION
Section 1.
Upon dissolution of the organization, all assets shall be used exclusively for charitable purposes. Funds donated by outside sources will be returned first and foremost. Any funds that exist thereafter shall be first used for scholarships to students within the Students Affected by Military. If this is not attainable, funds may be donated to University of Arkansas at Little Rock or an IRS recognized nonprofit organization.
CERTIFIED BY OFFICER(s)
I hereby certify that I am the President of Students Affected by Military. And that the foregoing Bylaws, constitute the code of Bylaws of Students Affected by Military, as duly adopted at a regular meeting of the members of the organization.

[Signature]

President Signature

8-1-13

Date