

# **SAMVO Guidelines on the SAMVO Facebook Page.**

( <https://www.facebook.com/groups/samvoa.nsw/>)

## **SAMVO**



**South African  
Military Veterans Organisation**

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### ***SAMVOINT's dedication, motto and inspiration:***

*This Veteran Organisation, through its subordinate organisations, globally, dedicates itself, in grateful recognition and memory of our countrymen, the Immortal Dead of South Africa, who, at the call of duty, made the supreme sacrifice on the battlefields of Africa, Europe and Asia, on land, at sea and in the air.*

***Their ideal is our legacy, their sacrifice our inspiration***

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### The Objectives of this Guideline:

- To provide an overview of the expectations of the SAMVO Executive in terms of the SAMVO Facebook operation.
- To enable new-users, potential users, non-users, SAMVO Leaders and those seeking to gain an overall understanding as to what the SAMVO Facebook is all about, without having to necessarily go onto Facebook.

### The aim of the SAMVO Facebook page / digital social media presence:

The SAMVO Facebook presence aims to meet the needs of our members and the requirements of our Constitution by providing a modern communication tool that enables users to:

- Catch up with former colleagues and make new friends.
- Conduct healthy discussions and exchange views on various subjects excluding anything to do with politics, the opposite sex or religion. (As per the SAMVO Constitution and Page Rules). This includes any written word or pictures that might bring SAMVO or its Entities into disrepute.
- Receive SAMVO Media and Communication information.
- Provide a modern means to help Regional office bearers to better advertise and manage Regional events.

### The Rules of the SAMVOINT Facebook Page:

The latest version of the Rules of the SAMVOINT Facebook Page is always available on our SAMVO Facebook page. These rules are located under the heading of the "Description" heading on the right-hand side of the landing page when you access the SAMVO Facebook page by clicking the link provided above.

The Rules are managed and reviewed from time to time by the SAMVO Administration/Moderating Team to ensure best social media practice and a great user experience. There is also a Word document available, however, the latest version of the Rules as they appear on Facebook, will prevail.

### The Administration Team:

The Administration Team is headed by a Chief Administrator who is appointed by and reports to the SAMVO Chairperson. The Chief Administrator is responsible to the Chairperson for the overall running of the FB, the implementation of its values and rules, the satisfaction of its members and for staffing the Team with adequately trained and disciplined administrators and moderators.

The Chief Administrator is one of three Administrators who are skilled and experienced professionals who voluntarily give of their time and expertise. There should be no less than three Administrators and these will be drawn evenly from the four SAMVO Entities. Members of this Team are entrusted with the Administration rights relating to the good functioning of the SAMVO Face Book.

### The Moderating Team:

The Moderating Team is made up of skilled moderators, who report to the Chief Administrator who voluntarily give of their time and expertise. There should be no less than three Moderators at any one time, and these will be drawn evenly from the four SAMVO Entities.

The Chief Administrator may increase this minimum level of administration and moderating, based on the growth of the Face Book community. During the integration of the Face Books into one, SAMVO Face Book, his/her focus will be to build the Team perceptibly to the minimum number requirement.

### Facebook terms:

In order to avoid confusion between the terms delete, remove and block, as used on social media and those used on Face Book, the following will apply:

- The term “delete” means the deletion of a post by a user from a page.
- The term “remove” refers to the removing of a user from that page
- The term “block” refers to an action by a Facebook user on their own page, where they might block or unfriend someone.

### Face Book usage:

Face book users are a combination of SAMVO members and non-SAMVO members. The policy is to move towards having only SAMVO members.

While Facebook may allow for the use of user-pseudonyms, SAMVO requires users to provide their correct names and locations which will be retained confidentially by the Moderators.

Most members conform to the rules and transgressions are very much the exception rather than the rule.

Postings outside the Rules are handled as follows:

- All posts outside the rules are immediately deleted by Admin.
  - No SAMVO member is summarily removed from the site without prior consultation with the relevant Regional Chairman, who will counsel that member accordingly. (*This is when the offender is identifiable or known as a SAMVO member, and traceable to a Region*)
  - Such member will only be suspended for 90 days and not banned indefinitely. The Regional Chairman can request that the member be added back onto the site, providing that the Regional Chairman believes that the member will henceforth comply with the rules and regulations.
- Repeat offenders will be removed from the page at Admin's discretion.