

THE UNITED STATES ARMOR ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

(As Amended 14 May 1980)

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Article I. Name

The name of this Association is _____ Chapter of The United States Armor Association.

Article II. Headquarters

The Headquarters of this _____ Chapter is located at _____ or such other place as the chapter officers shall determine.

Article III. Objectives

Section 1. The Chapter objectives shall be

- a. To provide opportunities in the _____ area for achieving the aims and purposes of the United States Armor Association
- b. To provide an organized and informed forum dedicated to the enhancement of all facets Armor and Cavalry operations with emphasis upon the full integration of its various component and contributing elements.
- c. The chapter shall be fully supportive of the broad programs and objectives of the United States Army, but is in no way to be considered to bear an official relationship to that agency.
- d. To preserve the heritage and lineage of Armor and Cavalry.

In striving toward these objectives, the guidelines shall be those of sound professional judgement and good faith in the presentation of views and proponenty directed toward the best interests of the armor and cavalry community and its individual members.

Section 2. In the pursuit of its aims and purposes, the Chapter shall distribute news to be published in the Associations' digital newsletter with a frequency determined from time to time by the Chapter Officers. The Chapter can publish its own newsletter as determined by the Chapter's Officers.

Section 3. The objectives of the Chapter may be further promoted by such other lawful means as the membership of the chapter or its officers.

Article IV. Membership and Qualification for Membership

Section 1. Membership in the chapter shall be open to all members in good standing of the United States Armor Association. Eligibility in the Chapter are identical to those of the

Armor Association as Members of the Chapter United States Armor Association are classified as follows:

a. General officers of the Army; commissioned officers, warrant officers and enlisted personnel of any component of the Army or Marine Corps, and former commissioned officers, warrant officers and enlisted personnel of any component of the Army or Marine Corps, and former commissioned officers, warrant officers and enlisted personnel of any component of the Army or Marine Corps who were separated under honorable conditions, who are or have been assigned to, detailed in, or have served in Armor/Cavalry.

Section 2. All members shall have the right to attend and to speak at Chapter meetings; to receive meeting notices, newsletters and other chapter information; and to serve on committees. Only active members shall be eligible to hold office within the Chapter and to vote.

Article V – Officers

Section 1. The Chapter officers shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Officers shall be elected annually from the Chapter membership residing in the _____ area; they shall take office on the first day of the Chapter FY for which they were elected to serve. An officer may not hold the same office for more than two succeeding terms.

Section 2. Any elected officer may resign his office by submitting his resignation in writing to the Chapter Officers. Such officer shall continue to be responsible for the conduct of the duties of his office until his resignation has been formally accepted and a suitable replacement has been duly appointed.

Section 3. An Officer of the Chapter may be removed from his office through the following procedure:

a. A petition to recall must be signed by at least 10% of the membership of the Chapter and must be read initially at a Chapter meeting.

b. Notice of the Petition to recall shall be distributed to the entire membership of the Chapter together with notification for the place, date, and time of the meeting at which the petition to recall is to be read again.

c. Approval by two-thirds of the Chapter membership present at the designated meeting is required to affect recall.

Section 4. The President shall, with the approval of the officers, appoint replacements to elective offices vacated, subject to formal approval by a simple majority of the membership

present at the time a vote on this matter is taken at the next duly announced general membership meeting.

Section 5. The officers of the Chapter shall serve without compensation.

Article VI. Duties Of Offices

Section 1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter, call and preside at Executive Council meetings, and appoint committee chairmen etc. As the CEO of the chapter, the President shall have general and active management of the business affairs and activities of the Chapter.

Section 2. The First Vice President shall, in the absence or incapacity of the President perform the duties of the President. The First Vice-President shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the President; he shall normally serve as the Chairman of the Program Committee.

Section 3. The Second Vice President shall, in the absence or incapacity of the President and First Vice President, perform the duties of the President. The Second Vice-President shall perform such other duties as directed by the President and shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to Chapter membership, including serving as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Section 4. The Third Vice President shall, in the absence or incapacity of the President and the First and Second Vice Presidents, perform the duties of the President. The Third Vice President shall perform such other duties as directed by the president and shall be responsible for the development of draft policy and long range plans associated with future Chapter activities, serving as Chairman of the Policy and Plans Committee.

Section 5. The Secretary shall keep and maintain such records and files as may be required in the conduct of Chapter business. He shall act as the official custodian of the Chapter By-Laws, Charter, and all current and past records, including the official file copies of past financial records. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all business meetings for the Chapter and the Executive Council, including actions taken by vote or direction of the President. He shall assist the President and the Executive Council with the correspondence of the Chapter. He shall give notice of all Executive Council and general membership business meetings as requested by the President.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of all receipts, funds, and securities of the Chapter, and shall secure them in the name of the Chapter in such a depository as designated by the officers.

Article VII. Executive Council

Section 1. The Executive council shall consist of the President, the three Vice-Presidents, the secretary, the treasurer, and such Chapter Past Presidents as may be willing to serve. Four members present at a meeting of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall be responsible to ensure implementation of all policies, orders, and resolutions of the Chapter membership. Lacking such guidance, the Executive Council shall formulate and execute policy and initiatives deemed necessary and in the best interests of the Chapter. It shall determine the number and functions of committees and shall generally supervise the business affairs of the Chapter. Decisions and actions taken by the Executive Council shall be reported promptly to the Chapter membership at business meetings or through appropriate Chapter publications.

Section 3. The Executive Council shall meet at the times and places set by the President, but no less than three times each fiscal year. At the last Council meeting of each FY, appropriate arrangements shall be agreed upon for an orderly transition of authority and management to the incoming Executive Council.

Article VIII. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee annually not later than four months prior to the end of the Chapter FY. The Nominating Committee shall elect a slate of at least two nominees for the Chapter. Persons may be nominated for more than one office but cannot hold more than one office at a time. Each nominee must agree to serve and to accept the responsibilities of the office(s) for which nominated.

Section 2. After approval by the Executive Council, the slate of nominees will be announced in writing to the Chapter membership no later than three months prior to the end of the Chapter FY. Additional nominations for Chapter officers may be submitted in writing to the secretary in the form of a petition signed by no less than 10 members of the Chapter in good standing, and accompanied by the written acceptance of the nomination by the nominee. Such petitions must be in the possession of the Secretary no later than three calendar weeks subsequent to the date of the announced slate of nominees.

Section 3. No later than one month prior to the end of the Chapter FY, a duly announced general membership business meeting shall be conducted for the purpose of electing Chapter officers and considering such other business as may be appropriate at that time. Officers shall be elected individually in the sequence listed in Article V. A simple majority of the membership in good standing present at the time the vote is taken will be required for the election of each officer.

Article IX. Meetings

Section 1. There shall be a minimum of two business meetings of the Chapter per year. Additional meetings featuring matters of interest to the Chapter membership shall be scheduled as directed by the Executive Council.

Section 2. Although primarily a professional society, the Chapter shall sponsor a annual Armor Ball and such other social events as may be deemed appropriate.

Section 3. Special meetings may, and upon the written request of twenty members shall, be called by the President at other times.

Article X. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these by-laws may be initiated by individual written petition to the Executive Council. In its wisdom and in light of other Chapter affairs, the Council shall formulate a position on the petition. The proposed amendment and the position of the Council shall be presented at the next Chapter business meeting and provided to the entire Chapter membership.

Section 2. At the next subsequent business meeting, the amendment will be called to vote. A two thirds majority of the members in good standing present at the time the vote is taken will be required in order to amend these By-Laws.

Article XI . Fiscal Matters

Article XII. Other Considerations

Section 1. Other aspects of the Chapter's objectives, organization, operations, and management not specifically covered by these Chapter By-Laws are governed by the By-Laws fo the United States Armor Association, mutatis mutandis.

Section 2. Chapter and Executive Council meetings will be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.

Certified as approved by Chapter membership _____ (date)

Chapter Secretary

Membership Roster
_____ Chapter
US Armor Association