

SIGNAL CORPS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

THE NAME OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE THE SIGNAL CORPS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE ASSOCIATION. THE ASSOCIATION OPERATES AND EXISTS ON FORT GORDON, GEORGIA WITH THE CONSENT OF THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER. THIS CONSENT IS CONTINGENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS OF ALL ARMY REGULATIONS, SPECIFICALLY AR 210-1, WITH ALL CHANGES AND SUPPLEMENTS. THIS ORGANIZATION IS NOT AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. THIS ORGANIZATION WILL NOT COMPETE WITH ANY NON-APPROPRIATED FUND INSTRUMENTALITY, RECREATION SERVICE, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT FUNCTION USING APPROPRIATED FUNDS ON THE INSTALLATION.

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

SECTION 1. THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE A PATRIOTIC, EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, NON-POLITICAL AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, ALLIED PERSONNEL, AND CORPORATE AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS WHO SUPPORT OUR PURPOSE.

SECTION 2. THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS TO AID IN PRESERVING FOR POSTERITY THE PROUD HERITAGE OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY SIGNAL CORPS. THE ASSOCIATION SHALL PUBLICIZE AND REINFORCE THE GOALS OF THE SIGNAL CORPS REGIMENT AND THUS ENSURE THAT THE LESSONS OF HISTORY AND THE PROUD TRADITIONS OF THE SIGNAL CORPS ARE REMEMBERED BY FUTURE GENERATIONS. IT SHALL PROMOTE THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF ITS MEMBERS BY DISSEMINATING INFORMATION TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE OF MILITARY ART AND SCIENCES WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE ROLE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS AND WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE REGULATION AS STIPULATED IN PARAGRAPH 2-3, AR 210-1.

SECTION 2. NO PERSON SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM MEMBERSHIP, SEGREGATED, OR OTHERWISE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION ON THE GROUNDS OF RACE, COLOR, SEX, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, RELIGION, OR HANDICAP.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE OPEN TO CORPORATE AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TO INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN FURTHERING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION. FULL MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND TO CITIZENS OF FRIENDLY ALLIED NATIONS.

SECTION 4. ALL MEMBERS UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE PERSONALLY LIABLE IF THE ASSETS OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE INSUFFICIENT TO DISCHARGE LIABILITIES. AS A CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP, ALL MEMBERS MUST READ THIS CLAUSE.

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. THE AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE DIRECTED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND VOLUNTARILY OFFER TO SERVE.

SECTION 2. BOARD MEMBERS, TO INCLUDE THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL BE VOTING MEMBERS WITH EQUAL VOTE. THE GOVERNMENT LIAISON TO THE SCRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE A NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

SECTION 3. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL CONDUCT ASSOCIATION BUSINESS WITH THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 4. ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL SERVE AT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PRESIDENT. IN THE EVENT A BOARD MEMBER IS UNABLE TO FULFILL THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIS/HER OFFICE, THE BOARD WILL NOMINATE A REPLACEMENT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR APPROVAL.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

SECTION 1. THE BOARD WILL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EACH YEAR. SPECIAL MEETINGS MAY BE CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT OR, IN HIS ABSENCE, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR BY A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD PROVIDED THAT FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS NOTICE INCLUDING THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS GIVEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD.

SECTION 2. A QUORUM MUST BE PRESENT TO CONDUCT ANY ASSOCIATION BUSINESS. A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS AT THE MEETINGS. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS CONSTITUTION OR THE BYLAWS, A MAJORITY VOTE SHALL PREVAIL.

ARTICLE V

CHAPTERS

SECTION 1. LOCAL PRIVATE CHAPTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION MAY BE ESTABLISHED SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION. THESE CHAPTERS MAY BE AFFILIATED WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE LOCATION OF THE CHAPTER WILL NOT CONFLICT NOR INFRINGE UPON THE LOCATION OF ANOTHER CHAPTER.

SECTION 2. ALL MEMBERS WILL BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER TO MAINTAIN A CHAPTER ROSTER THAT CORRELATES WITH THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP ROSTER. RECONCILIATIONS WILL OCCUR NOT LATER THAN THE LAST DAY OF JANUARY AND JUNE OF EACH YEAR.

SECTION 3. EACH CHAPTER WILL RENDER A WRITTEN ANNUAL REPORT ON CHAPTER ACTIVITIES TO THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. THIS REPORT WILL COVER THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER AND BE DUE TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS NO LATER THAN 31 JANUARY OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

SECTION 4. EACH CHAPTER WILL HAVE, AS A MINIMUM, A PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMS, VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND AWARDS, VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP AND A SECRETARY/ TREASURER.

SECTION 5. ALL CHECKS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE TREASURER AND ONE OTHER ELECTED OFFICER.

SECTION 6. EACH CHAPTER WILL MAINTAIN, AS A MINIMUM, RECORDS OF CHAPTER COUNCIL MEETINGS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SECTION 7. ANY CHAPTER ACTIVITY BEYOND THE SCOPE AND INTENTION OF THE STATED NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES IS PROHIBITED.

NATIONAL CHAPTER

SIGNAL CORPS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE VOLUNTARY AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION. A MEMBERSHIP SHALL BECOME ACTIVE FROM THE DATE AN INDIVIDUAL INITIALLY BECOMES A MEMBER AND WILL REMAIN ACTIVE FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OR UPON RENEWAL. MEMBERSHIPS AND RENEWALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ONE OR THREE YEARS. THERE IS ALSO A PROVISION FOR A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP WHICH REQUIRES A ONE-TIME FEE AND IS VALID FOR THE NATURAL LIFE OF THE MEMBER. CORPORATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE COMMON INTEREST IN THE PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE ALLOWED TO JOIN AS CORPORATE MEMBERS.

ARTICLE II

FINANCE

SECTION 1. DUES FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE FIXED FROM TIME-TO-TIME BY THE BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE. A CHANGE IN DUES WILL NOT AFFECT THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AT THE TIME OF THE CHANGE. THE BOARD WILL SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR ANY CHANGES AND RETROACTIVE DUES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED FROM CURRENT MEMBERS.

SECTION 2. THE ASSOCIATION MAY OPERATE, CAUSE TO BE OPERATED OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY, CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, WHICH WILL FURTHER THE ASSOCIATION'S PURPOSE AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION. THIS INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE TYPE OF ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 4-2, AR 210-1.

ARTICLE III

GOVERNMENT LIAISON

SECTION 1. A GOVERNMENT LIAISON WILL SERVE AS A NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE GOVERNMENT LIAISON WILL BE AN EXPERIENCED MEMBER OF THE SIGNAL CORPS REGIMENT FAMILIAR WITH THE GOALS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE LIAISON WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE CHIEF OF SIGNAL AND REGIMENTAL ADJUTANT.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES

SECTION 1. **DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT:** IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT TO PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND/OR THE ASSOCIATION AND TO PERFORM SUCH TASKS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE EFFICIENT CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE PRESIDENT SHALL ALSO APPOINT SUCH COMMITTEES AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY AND SHALL FIX THE DATES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH COMMITTEE.

SECTION 2. **DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHALL ACT FOR AND AS THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 3. **DUTIES OF THE BOARD:** IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE BOARD TO SET POLICY FOR MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND FEES, AWARDS PROGRAMS AND FEES, AND FUND RAISING. THE BOARD WILL APPROVE EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$1,500 AND WILL PROVIDE GENERAL GUIDANCE AND SUPERVISION TO THE MANAGER.

SECTION 4. **DUTIES OF THE MANAGER:** THE MANAGER WILL BE A PAID EMPLOYEE OF THE ASSOCIATION. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE MANAGER TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND/OR THE ASSOCIATION AND TO KEEP, OR CAUSE TO BE KEPT, A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF SUCH MEETINGS. THE MANAGER WILL ADMINISTER THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS TO INCLUDE: MAINTAIN ALL RECORDS AND REPORTS PERTAINING TO THE ASSOCIATION; ESTABLISH, PROMOTE, AND MAINTAIN PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS MEMBERSHIP, PLANS AND PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL STATUS, AWARDS AND PUBLICITY; CAUSE THE PUBLICATION OF A NEWSLETTER ON A REGULAR BASIS AND ANY OTHER DUTIES DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

ARTICLE V

AMENDMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS MAY BE PROPOSED BY ANY MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION PROVIDED THAT SUCH PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH SUCH ACTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS TO BE TAKEN. AMENDMENTS MUST BE APPROVED BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER OR HIS/HER REPRESENTATIVE.

ARTICLE VI

RATIFICATION

THIS CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS TO CARRY OUT ITS PROVISIONS ARE ADOPTED SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP WITH FINAL APPROVAL BY THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE.

ARTICLE VI

DISSOLUTION

THIS ASSOCIATION MAY DISSOLVE VOLUNTARILY ONLY UPON THE APPROVAL OF A BALLOT OF NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING, OR BY DETERMINATION OF THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE. IF THE ASSOCIATION IS DISSOLVED, ALL FUNDS IN THE TREASURY AT THE TIME OF DISSOLUTION WILL BE USED TO MEET ANY OUTSTANDING DEBTS, LIABILITIES, OR OBLIGATIONS. THE BALANCE OF THESE ASSETS WILL BE DISPOSED OF AS DETERMINED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

/ORIGINAL SIGNED/
LTG(Ret) Robert Donahue
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

/ORIGINAL SIGNED/
COL Craig L. Zimmerman
ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE OFFICER