

## 70TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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**ARTICLE I: PURPOSE OF ASSOCIATION.** This ASSOCIATION shall be called the 70th Infantry Division Association and the purpose shall be to promote the interest of the Division, to perpetuate its memory, and to hold regular reunions.

**ARTICLE II: MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:** Membership of this Association shall consist of the following categories.

**Members** are those who served with the 70th Infantry Division for any period from its activation, June 15, 1943 to the present and have maintained their membership by paying lifetime or annual dues.

**Associate Members** are relatives and friends of men who served with the 70th Infantry Division at any time during the period of June 15, 1943 to the present.

**Inactive Members** are former members and associate members whose dues are two years or more in arrears. Members may reactivate their membership by paying lifetime dues or current dues, plus one additional year of dues. Associate members must pay current dues plus one additional year of dues.

**Auxiliary Members** are the spouses of members and also the widows and widowers of deceased members who have requested complimentary subscriptions to the "Trailblazer".

**Inactive Auxiliary Members** are widows who have not requested complimentary subscriptions to the "Trailblazer".

**Honorary Members** are persons who have been recognized by vote of the Executive Committee for unusually valuable service in furthering the aims of the Association.

Voting rights at meetings and mail elections are limited to eligible members and associate members.

**ARTICLE III: ANNUAL DUES.** The annual membership dues are an amount consistent with the financial needs of the Association and as determined by the Executive Board of the Association. They are payable to the Association Treasurer during the month of December.

**ARTICLE IV: REUNIONS.** The Association shall meet biennially at a site selected alternately in regions east and west of line formed by western boundaries of Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota. Four years in advance, the time and place Committee, after consideration of recommendations by members and associate members and in consultation with the Executive Board -- shall recommend a specific site for ratification during the general meeting.

**ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND DUTIES:** Offices will be elected by majority vote of members and associate members at the Reunion, by ballot and shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Elected officers shall serve until their duly elected successors take office immediately at the close of each biennial Reunion meeting.

**PRESIDENT:** It shall be the duty of the president to give overall guidance to the Association; preside at the Reunions; appoint the Historian, Chaplain, Reunion Committee, editor of the "Trailblazer" magazine (who shall receive a \$600 gratuity annually) and all other duties necessary to carry out the activities of the Association. Should a vacancy occur in an Elected Office, the President, in consultation with other officers, shall appoint a member or associate member to fill the unexpired term of office.

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**PRESIDENT ELECT:** The President Elect will serve for two (2) years as a member of the Executive Board. Then he or she shall serve as President for two (2) years. He or she shall assist the President in any projects assigned, receive copies of all correspondence, and be informed fully as to all plans, membership matters and finances, so that when the position of President is assumed, the affairs of the Association shall continue without interruption.

**VICE PRESIDENTS:** It shall be the duties of Vice Presidents to establish and maintain a vigorous program to enlist new members into the Association, and shall appoint a committee to assist them. Vice Presidents shall assist the President in any appropriate manner.

There shall be four Vice Presidents.

**Vice President -- North** shall represent the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

**Vice President -- South** shall represent the states of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

**Vice President -- Central** shall represent the states of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

**Vice President -- West** shall represent the states of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, Hawaii and Alaska.

The Vice President from the same geographical area as the President shall be designated First Vice President.

**SECRETARY:** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to take the minutes of the business meeting held at the Reunions, maintain membership lists, publish the membership roster, keep on file the committee reports, handle members correspondence, and reunion registration, maintain the record book of the Constitution, By-laws, and Amendments, and secure the Association files and other properties in a secure manner as to insure their permanence. The Secretary shall be authorized to purchase the necessary supplies to perform the duties of his office. An annual gratuity of-\$400 shall be paid to this officer.

**TREASURER:** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect membership dues and issue quarterly financial reports, advise the Secretary when Active and Associate Membership dues become past due, handle Reunion Registration fees and provide the "Trailblazer" editor with current membership lists and mailing labels and pay all regular expenses of producing and mailing the magazine. An annual gratuity of \$400 shall be paid to this officer.

**HISTORIAN:** It shall be the duty of the Historian to gather and perpetuate the deeds and events of the unit, to preserve mementos in the archives and to continually search for materials, which will be made part of the permanent historical records. For the purpose of continuity, the Historian's appointment shall be permanent or until such time as it becomes necessary to appoint a successor.

**VACANCIES:** When the office of the President is vacated by death or resignation, the President Elect shall fill the vacancy until the next biennial Reunion. At that time he or she shall begin the term of President to which he or she was previously elected. The office of President Elect will remain vacant while he or she assumes the vacant Presidency.

If the office of President becomes vacant by death or resignation and there is no current President Elect, the Presidency shall be assumed by the First Vice President.

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**ARTICLE VI: The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Four Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Editor of the "Trailblazer". An Editor of the "Trailblazer" must be a member or associate member of the Association.

The Executive Committee shall seek to establish policies for the benefit of all categories of membership, and shall be responsible for the administration of all funds accrued and due by the Association and for the expenditure of such funds that may be necessary for proper support an administration of the Association.

**ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.** This Constitution or the By-laws may be amended, after notice in the "Trailblazer", by two thirds majority of the members and associate members present and voting at any biennial meeting, or by two thirds majority of the members and associate members voting by mailed balloting as may be provided for in the By-laws.

**ARTICLE VIII: DISSOLUTION.** The Association may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the members and associate members present and voting at any reunion after notice of such action has been published in the Association news medium. Any assets remaining after dissolution expenses have been paid shall be distributed only to a successor non-profit or other non-profitable organization or to a government agency or agencies.

Note: Original Constitution adopted July 1, 1966, St. Louis, MO; amended August 3, 1968, amended August 8, 1986, Portland, OR; amended, October 2, 1992, Louisville, KY; amended by mail ballot as published in the Winter 1994 "Trailblazer"; amended September 7, 1996, at Orlando, FL; amended September 5, 1998 at Minneapolis; MN, amended October 21, 2000 at Cincinnati, OH; amended September 4, 2004 at Arlington Heights, IL., amended September, 2006 at St. Louis and September 13, 2008 at Erlanger KY.

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## 70th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION By-laws

1. Meetings of this Association shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.
2. A quorum shall be one half of members and associate members registered at the current Reunion and are present for voting.
3. Voting by mail.
  - a. A motion to amend this Constitution or the bylaws, or for any purpose that would be in order if introduced at a reunion of the Association, may be introduced for voting by mail in the form of either (1) a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee, or (2) a petition submitted by at least 25 members or associate members who are eligible to vote in mail elections.
  - b. Any motion for voting by mail shall be submitted to the President, who shall supervise its administration and disposition.
  - c. Any motion must be received in time to be completely administered and disposed of, with the results of voting ready to be announced not later than the opening day of the next scheduled biennial reunion.
  - d. In case a motion has been received and is pending, and a further motion is received, the latter may be put to voting simultaneously with the first received, provided that its purpose is compatible for voting with the first received. Any further motion(s), if compatible and timely received, shall be treated similarly.
  - e. The motion(s) shall be printed in the "Trailblazer," including explanations and arguments for and against by members appointed by the President.

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f. The President shall establish deadlines to assure timely actions, including "Trailblazer" publication of the motion(s) with ballots; mailing of ballots by members; certifying and counting of ballots by the Secretary and one other member appointed by the President; and 'Trailblazer' publication of the results of voting.

g. A quorum for voting by mail shall consist of timely receipt of certified ballots from at least one-tenth of the number of members entitled to vote.

4. This Association was formed to extend the fellowship and patriotism of living members as well as to perpetuate the memory of all persons, whether they were members or not, who served in the 70th Infantry Division. No monetary profit shall ever be derived by any member of himself or any non-member from any activity conducted by the Association.

5. Mail ballots shall not be combined with any voting at a reunion. Any action created by a mail ballot shall become effective thirty (30) days after the close of voting.

Note: Original By-laws were adopted August 12, 1978; amended October 2, 1992; amended September 7, 1996; amended October 21, 2000; amended September 7, 2002; amended September 9, 2006, amended September 13, 2008.