



# WWII HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY Inc.

## By-Laws

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### ARTICLE I NAME AND OFFICE

#### Section 1. NAME

The name of the corporation shall be "The World War Two Historical Reenactment Society, Inc." Hereinafter referred to as the SOCIETY.

#### Section 2. MOTTO

The motto of the SOCIETY shall be "More Majorim", a Latin phrase meaning "in the tradition of those before us."

#### Section 3. PRINCIPLE OFFICE & REGISTERED AGENT

The principle office of the corporation shall be concurrent of that of the registered agent.

#### Section 4. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation shall be from January 1 through December 31 in each calendar year.

#### Section 5. LEGAL ENTITY RECOGNITION

The SOCIETY shall be a legally recognized, non-profit corporation and shall abide by all state, local and federal laws that govern non-profit organizations.

### ARTICLE II CREDO

#### Section 1. CREDO

The SOCIETY is a non-profit society composed of historians and hobbyists whose purpose is to preserve the history of the Second World War by re-enacting battles, living historical campsites, displays, and collecting and preserving memorabilia of the era. The corporation provides for its members a means to do this, thereby keeping alive the history of all nations that participated in the Second World War. We shall endeavor to seek greater authenticity in the presentation of all activities of this corporation. We shall strive to foster the growing interest in the Second World War and educate the general public of this corporation's purpose through active public relations.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

## **Section 1. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Society is open to all individuals who qualify in any of the categories stated below, regardless of their race, sex, religion, physically challenged and who does not belong to any controversial political or illegal para-military organization.

## **Section 2. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS**

A. **REGULAR MEMBER** shall be any legally competent person 16 years of age or older who applies for membership, belongs to a recognized unit or a unit forming, signs the required documents, pays the required membership fees, and agrees to follow all SOCIETY by-laws and Safety and Authenticity Rules. Regular Members who have attained the age of 16, but are not yet 18 years of age agree to submit a notarized letter of consent/hold harmless agreement signed by their parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Unit Commanders shall take full responsibility for the conduct and safety of any Regular Member who has attained the age of 16, but is not yet 18 years of age, who attends a SOCIETY sponsored event without their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) being in attendance.

B. **A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** shall be available to any legally competent person, 16 years of age or older who is part of a Regular Member's family, living at the same place of residence, has family membership fees paid, and agrees to follow all SOCIETY by-laws. Family memberships shall be limited to four (4) members per family.

Minor aged family members, below the age of 18, will be the sole responsibility of said parent(s) or guardian(s) who will sign a separate membership application naming the minor and sign all appropriate waivers and/or other documents required for the minor attending each event.

Minors, under the age of 16, will have no voting rights nor may they participate in tactical or public battles in any capacity. They may, however, participate at Living History and Static Displays providing the portrayal is age-correct and non-political in nature. Minors, under the age of 16 shall not be allowed to handle any weapons, including edged weapons, ammunition, non-functioning reproduction armaments or ordinance of any kind or nature. (Participation of under-18 members is covered in Safety rule #3.)

C. **AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER** is any person or business that wishes to receive the SOCIETY official publications or buy advertising in its publication(s), but cannot take part in any event private or public. An associate member can vote and must have all dues/fees paid as prescribed in Society by-laws.

## **Section 3. ANNUAL DUES**

The membership shall determine by vote all dues and fees to be accessed. All renewals must be paid by January 1st of each year. This will insure delivery of the official publication(s) are uninterrupted. Elected officers must have their dues paid in order to hold office. An elected officer who does not have his/her dues paid on time shall lose their office and membership and the office shall be declared vacant.

#### **Section 4. DISCHARGING OF MEMBERS**

Any member may be discharged from the Society by a majority vote of the Board of Directors for convictions of federal and state laws, federal and state unlawful acts against the Society or its officers, or for violation of Society by-laws and/or Safety and Authenticity Rules. Any member discharged for any of these reasons shall not be eligible for any refund, in part or whole of any dues paid. The member may also be subject to criminal prosecution.

The member may appeal the finding through a hearing, organized as a teleconference not less than 45 days after recommended removal by the board. A meeting will then be convened for disposal of the charges, with the jury being unit commanders. After the meeting, unit commanders will be given 14 days to mail in their vote to remove or retain the board member in office. The date shall be determined on the postmark on the letter, and two weeks shall be waited before a public counting of the ballots can occur. The ballots must be kept and made available for public viewing for not less than one year after the vote is complete. (Amended Dec 2009)

#### **Section 5. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP**

The membership period shall run from January 1 through December 31 of each year of membership, regardless of the actual initial date of membership. At this time there shall be no life-time or honorary memberships available.

### **ARTICLE IV UNIT RECOGNITION**

#### **Section 1. UNITS FORMING**

A unit forming shall have no less than five (5) individuals of REGULAR or FAMILY membership. Each unit forming shall have two (2) years from its date of acceptance to apply for a charter and gain status as a recognized chartered unit. A Unit Forming that has not applied for a charter by its second year anniversary may apply for a one year extension to the Board of Directors or disband. Said unit may join with another chartered unit or a Unit Forming, but cannot simply change its name to stay in existence. Any unit which has received a charter, which falls below the five (5) member requirement for more than two (2) continuance years, must also disband and cannot revert to unit forming status or reapply under a new name.

#### **Section 2. RECOGNIZED CHARTERED UNITS**

A. Qualifications for a charter:

1. Five (5) or more individuals of REGULAR or FAMILY membership.
2. Apply to the Board of Directors for a charter.

B. Charter application must include:

1. Full unit designation title (division, regiment, etc.).

2. Purpose and goals for re-enacting.
  3. Complete history of unit.
  4. List of authorized uniforms, weapons, equipment, and vehicles.
  5. List of all awards, medals and ribbons worn by members of the unit and the unit's criteria for the wearing of the above mentioned.
  6. List of names, addresses, and phone numbers of unit commander, safety, authenticity, and relations officers.
  7. A statement of intention for following the Society's by-laws, safety, and authenticity.
- C. This information must be submitted in writing with any required documentation.
- D. The unit charter must be approved by the Authenticity Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors. Upon full review and approval Charter certification shall be awarded.
- E. Members may form a unit comprising of less than five (5) members for the purpose of an impression that is supportive in nature, to wit: non-combative. The variance is for units that shall be non-tactical in nature or support related who wish to honor the non-combatative services of all nations of WWII. This variance shall also allow for a support related impression to not be bound by authenticity requirements in regards to rank-structure as historical accuracy so requires.
- F. The Unit Commander, Unit Co-Commander and/or Acting Unit Commander MUST be a member in good standing of the World War II Historical Re-Enactment Society, Inc. at all times. (10-2005)

The proposed unit shall submit to the board a short and concise statement of the unit to be represented to include, but not limited to:

1. Unit designation, nationality, occupation or specialty, size, rank structure, uniforms and equipment needed.
2. Names and addresses of originating members, other units that members may belong to.
3. Whether other units in the society are currently a like kind impression, if so, how or why this unit should be separate.
4. Unit Commanders shall have the responsibility to substantiate, upon request, any questionable portrayals within the support unit.
5. The board must approve or deny the variance within thirty (30) days of submission to the vice-president. If a denial of the grant is so passed, the reason must be stated specifically along with a recommendation for amendments to the submission.

### **Section 3. OTHER GROUPS**

Other recognized re-enactment groups, approved by the Board of Directors, must abide by all SOCIETY By-Laws and Safety and Authenticity Rules to participate in Society events. Recognized re-enactment groups shall be defined as those groups that can provide evidence of current insurance coverage, whose safety and authenticity guidelines, by-laws and unit rosters have been reviewed by the SOCIETY's Board of Directors. A list of all recognized units will be published in the Society's publication(s) by the end of the first quarter annually.

### **Section 4. UNIT DISBANDMENT**

Chartered units that have no members that belong to the Society and/or have had no active participation in any World War II Historical Re-Enactment Society, Inc. event for a period of two (2) years will be deemed to have disbanded and the unit charter shall be revoked.

## **ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

### **Section 1. MEETINGS**

All general Board of Director's meetings shall be open to the membership. However, in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the SOCIETY Board of Directors reserves the right to hold closed meetings for the purpose of discussing specific topics. These topics may include:

1. Legal proceedings
2. Pending or proposed litigation
3. Specific member issues
4. Issues that may be potentially damaging to the reputation or substance of the Society
5. Contract negotiations

Any decisions, votes, mandates or other decisions voted on and passed by a quorum vote during these closed sessions must be disclosed to the general membership and shall be detailed in the Society's next scheduled publication.

### **Section 2. ANNUAL MEETING**

Once per calendar year the annual general membership meeting shall be held at a designated place and time by the Board of Directors for the purpose of the transaction of such business as may need to come before the general membership. Notice of the annual meeting shall be published by written notice in the SOCIETY' newsletter no less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. It is understood that this newsletter is sent to each member in good standing upon each scheduled publication date.

### **Section 3. NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

Notification of all meetings shall be given in the Society's newsletter whenever time permits except in the case of an emergency Board of Directors meeting.

### **Section 4. QUORUM**

There must be three (3) board members present to conduct a general membership meeting. In the event a quorum is not attained, either a meeting may be called to order by any current sitting Board member for informational purposes only, or the general membership meeting will be conducted by the rules set down in the Emergency Powers Act.

## **ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1. GENERAL POWERS**

The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed and directed by a consensus of its officers and directors.

### **Section 2. NUMBER AND TENURE**

The number of Directors shall be seven (7). Newly elected Directors shall succeed the Directors named in the Articles of Incorporation. Board members shall be elected to serve for a period of two (2) calendar years and may run for re-election. All Directors must be members of the Society. All candidates running for a position on the Board of Directors must have been a member in good standing of the Society for at least the previous twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the candidate's proclamation of candidacy. Any candidate, or member of the board may not be a relative of any other board members, to include father, son, daughter, mother, and any other relationship including first cousin. This also includes relationships by marriage like son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, and stepsons and daughters. Additionally, no two board members may reside in the same residence if not related. A relative of a board member may run for an office in the HRS, as long as the terms of the sitting board member and candidate do not overlap in any way. (Revised Dec 2009)

### **Section 3. POSITIONS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following members:

- A. **President:** The office of the President will be responsible to the membership to enforce and protect the by-laws and Safety and Authenticity Rules. He or she will chair all meetings of the general membership and/or authorized closed meetings, held by the Board of Directors. In the event of a tie vote of the Board of Directors the President's vote shall not be counted. The President is answerable to the membership for the conduct of SOCIETY business. The President shall be the principle executive officer of the corporation. He or she will sign any and all deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments the Board has authorized to be executed.

Job Description:

Must be available for all board meetings. Serve as presiding officer of the organization and to oversee and conduct the business of the organization with the approval of the Board of Directors. To be responsible for all aspects of the Society's business, legal

proceedings, corporate business; insure the safekeeping of all corporate records, oversee the filing of all pertinent and required tax returns, statements, affidavits, and any and all other documents that are, or may become, required by the Federal Government or state in which the WWII HRS is incorporated.

- B. **Vice-President** The Vice president shall be the chairman of all committees connected with safety, authenticity, and public relations, and shall be authorized to constitute committees as needed. The Vice president shall report the findings of all committees to the President. It shall be his or her duty to see that any information necessary **for** the proper, **and** smooth functioning of the Society or its subdivisions is promptly distributed to all parties concerned. In the absence of the President, the Vice president shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have the powers of, and be subject to, all the restrictions of the President.

Job Description:

Must be available for all Board meetings. The Vice President shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the President. Assist in conducting the business of the organization and oversee and monitor all aspects of safety and authenticity. The Vice President shall have final say in all matters of Safety and Authenticity and shall work with new and existing units in order to keep updated unit files and to build public relations with event and unit organizers.

- C. **Secretary** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the annual, as well as all Board of Directors' meetings. The Secretary shall keep a roster of all members and their mailing addresses and a list of all the Society's units. The Secretary shall be responsible for unit recognition and issuing annual membership cards to all new and renewing members of the Society.

Job Description:

Must be available for all Board meetings. The Secretary shall keep accurate membership records and send out membership cards in a prompt manner. All membership applications shall be examined to ensure the presence of the Unit Commander's signature and verification of age. If under age 18, verify that a parental/guardian release form has accompanied the application. The Secretary shall contact the applicant and/or Unit Commander if any pertinent information is missing. Membership records shall include, but not be limited to, a roster of paid members by unit, alphabetically by last name and by card number. These rosters shall include member's name, address, phone number, unit and electronic mail address (if any), and if permission has been granted by the member to have his or her information included in an annual WWII HRS Membership Directory. Unit rosters shall be distributed to each unit commander bi-annually (mid-year and December). Additionally, the Secretary shall be responsible for the annually published Membership Directory.

- D. **Treasurer** The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever; deposit all such monies in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as meet geographical requirements. The Treasurer shall report to the Board of Directors the state of the finances quarterly. The Treasurer shall receive all new and renewal membership applications, and upon acceptance of the dues, forward the applications to the Secretary.

Job Description:

Must be available for all Board meetings. The Treasurer shall have a fiduciary duty to the Corporation to safeguard its financial integrity. Quarterly Financial Statements shall be published in the Society's publication as soon after the end of each quarter as is possible. An annual budget shall be prepared and presented to the Board of Directors for approval prior to November 30th of each year for their review and approval. Bank records, including monthly statements and cancelled checks shall be kept in an orderly fashion. Expenses of the Society shall be paid promptly, within 30 days after receipt and verification of invoice or other such notice of debt. All paid invoices shall be kept in an orderly manner. The Treasurer shall ensure that all bank accounts shall have a minimum of two Board members as signatories and that the full Board is notified as to the name and location of the banking institution(s), all account numbers and signatories on the accounts. Copies of bank statements shall be delivered to the other Officers of the corporation monthly. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to report to the Board a need for a special assessment against the general membership. Such need must be documented and substantiated in writing. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the insurance records performance bonds of the Corporation and insuring the best possible premium for such coverage. Additionally, it shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to communicate with the Registered Agent of the Corporation annually, prior to the anniversary of the incorporation date, to verify the receipt of the state of incorporation's annual report documents. The Treasurer shall certify that the corporate dues are paid in advance annually.

#### **E. Member Representatives**

There shall be three (3) representatives of the general membership, one (1) each from the American impressions, Axis impressions, and British Commonwealth impressions. Member Representatives must be available for all Board meetings. A member may run for a representative position based on their primary impression. These officers shall represent their respective sides to the Board of Directors and shall be the initial contact between the membership and the Board of Directors pertaining to all Society matters. It shall be their duty to present the position of the individual member before the Board.

All members of the Board of Directors shall automatically become a member of the Safety and Authenticity Committee.

#### **Section 4. VACANCIES**

Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board members appointing an interim member. The interim member is to remain in office for the duration of the term. If the term of office is more than one (1) year, a general election will be held.

#### **Section 5. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE** (Amended December 2009)

1. Any Board member may be removed from office for: Failing to attend meetings/inactivity of board actions for 4 months, violation of federal and state laws as reported through a conviction or pleading of guilty in court, misappropriation of goods or property belonging to the Society, or for flagrant disregard for the current by-laws of the Society.
2. The process for removal is:
  1. Anyone in the General Membership may submit a written statement of charges accompanied with documentation that substantiates such charges, to the Board of Directors.

2. Within forty-five (45) days of receiving the written statement, the Board of Directors then will convene a hearing to review the charges, interview all concerned and/or involved parties. A teleconference meeting will then be convened for disposal of the charges, with the jury being unit commanders. After the meeting, unit commanders will be given 14 days to mail in their vote to remove or retain the board member in office. The date shall be determined on the postmark on the letter, and two weeks shall be waited before a public counting of the ballots can occur. The ballots must be kept and made available for public viewing for not less than one year after the vote is complete.

3. If the action taken by the Board of Directors is not satisfactory to the charging member, or the individual charged he or she may present the charges of impeachment to the general membership through the Society's newsletter.

3. If appealed, the final solution will be determined by a majority of the votes received from the membership via a mail-in ballot.

### **Section 6. RULES OF SUCCESSION**

In the event the President cannot perform his or her duties, the Vice-president must take over the office of the President, vacating the office of Vice-president. The Vice-president's office will then be filled in accordance with Article VI, Section 4.

### **Section 7. QUORUM FOR A BOARD MEETING**

There must be three (3) Board members present to conduct any Board meeting and at least one of these must be an officer of the corporation, either President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

### **Section 8. BOARD APPOINTED POSITIONS**

The Board of Directors has the authority to appoint persons to the following positions: Registered Agent, Officer's Assistants, Editors of the Society's publications, and committees.

## **ARTICLE VII: FINANCES AND CONTRACTS**

### **Section 1. LOANS**

No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation, and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name, unless authorized by vote of the General Membership.

### **Section 2. CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC.**

Except for legitimate expenses of the Society or the Society's publications and legitimate expenses of authorized persons, no money in any form shall be issued without the approval of the Board of Directors. No donations of any kind shall be made with corporation funds without the approval, by vote, of the General Membership.

### **Section 3. GIFTS**

The Board of Directors may accept, on behalf of the corporation, any contributions, donations, bequest, or device(s).

#### **Section 4. COMPENSATION & REIMBURSEMENT**

Members of the Board of Directors shall not receive any salaries for performing their duties. Members of the Board of Directors, The Registered Agent, and the Editors of the Society's publication(s) may, if the funds exist, apply for reimbursement, but must present to the Treasurer proof through receipts, of legitimate expenses. Refer to the duties of the President, Article VI, Section 3.

#### **Section 6. LATE FEES & SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

The Board of Directors, upon presentation of proof of need from the Treasurer or other knowledgeable party, shall have the right to enact Special Assessments against the General Membership. However, details evidencing such need for a Special Assessment must first be fully disclosed to the General Membership promptly upon discovery via whatever means are available including, but not limited to printing in the Society's publication(s), via electronic mail and/or via U.S. postal service. The Board of Directors has the right, however not the duty, to assess late fees on members whose renewal membership dues are not paid in accordance with these By-Laws (refer to Article 3, Section 3).

### **ARTICLE VIII: BOOKS & RECORDS**

#### **Section 1. CURRENT FILES**

- A. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, the working copy of the Society By-laws, and the membership roster.
- B. The Treasurer shall keep complete books and records of accounts. The financial records of the Society may be inspected by any member, for any proper purpose, by making an appointment with the Treasurer.
- C. The Treasurer shall submit a detailed quarterly financial statement to the Board that shall be printed in the Society's publication.

#### **Section 2. PRIOR RECORDS**

All other records and files shall be kept by the Registered Agent. Files that are more than ten (10) years old shall be destroyed.

#### **Section 3. MINUTES**

The Board must keep accurate minutes of all meetings and are to be completed and submitted by the Secretary. If the secretary is not available, then another board member shall take the minutes. The minutes shall include all matters discussed by the board, financial transactions approved by the board, and include the dollar amounts for any financial transactions as approved at the meetings. All minutes must be published in the next newsletter and posted on the HRS website in a timely manner.. The actual expenditure, when spent, must be reflected in a quarterly financial statement published in the next newsletter. The board may conduct closed door sessions only for matters

outlined in the laws relating to closed door matters for 501(c)(3) corporations, but records of these closed door meetings must be kept and maintained in the secretary's files. (2006)

## **ARTICLE IX: REGIONAL EVENT**

(Amended Sept 2009)

### **Section 1. ADMINISTRATION OF EVENTS**

A map with all the Unit Commander's home locations included of every unit chartered by the Society should be made. For planning purposes, the unit Commander's home will be considered the location of that unit's "HQ". This will give us a rough idea of how the membership of the Society is dispersed. Using this map, the Board will draw borders of various Regions that make geographical sense when considering distance and travel times.

All Unit Commanders from every chartered unit will be invited to serve on a committee whose sole purpose will be to plan, once yearly, their Regional Battle. Unit Commanders may decline this invitation without penalty, understanding that their unit can therefore not host the event. The various Regions, as defined by the Board, are encouraged to plan and execute their event to encourage maximum participation within their Region. Individual units may petition the Board to be assigned to a different Region after their initial assignment if logistical reasons would so benefit them. This should give more Society members the opportunity to attend their Regional Battle than could attend any National Event. The Regions may be redrawn as the Board sees appropriate. The Regional Events shall be organized and administrated by one or more sponsoring units. Such units must be chartered by the Society and be in good standing. The Society's Board of Directors shall not be responsible for organizing or sponsoring these Regional Events nor a National Event.

### **Section 2. LOCATION & FUNDING**

The sponsoring unit(s) shall acquire the location for the Regional Event and fund any and all expenses associated with the Regional Event. Accordingly, the sponsoring unit(s) shall collect and retain any and all income generated by the Regional Event. The Society shall not be responsible for funding the Regional Event, however the sponsoring unit(s) may request financial aid from the Society. Such request must be in writing and must detail the total amount of funds requested and the purpose for such funds. Such request must be submitted to any of the officers of the Board of Directors at least 45 days prior to the event. If such financial aid is approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, then the sponsoring unit(s) must repay the total amount of the financial aid within 45 days after the Regional Event. Any Society member in good standing will have the right to request in writing a financial statement regarding the income and expenses involved with the Regional Event from the sponsoring unit(s) within 30 days of the Regional Event.

### **Section 3. EVENT SCENARIO**

The sponsoring unit(s) must submit a written outline of the Regional Event no later than August 1st of each year. This outline must include the following:

- Location

- Ownership of Location
- Request for Certificate of Insurance
- B.A.T.F. Information
- Points of Contact

#### **Section 4. EVENT DESIGNATION**

In the event no unit(s) volunteer to sponsor the Regional Event, the Board of Directors shall have the right to designate a bordering area's Regional Event as the Regional Event in which that area should participate, or any reenacting event remaining on the season's calendar in that area as the Regional Event. Accordingly, although it is preferable to hold a tactical Regional Event, the Regional Event may be deemed a non-tactical/public display event.

## **ARTICLE X: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

#### **Section 1. IMPRESSIONS**

Any REGULAR or FAMILY member may do two (2) impressions; the first impression being his/her primary unit; the second impression being from any other nationality. A person doing a secondary impression must gain permission from, and be attached to, a chartered unit while he is in the field.

#### **Section 2. FIREARMS**

All sales and transportation of firearms must be done in strict compliance with all local and federal laws.

#### **Section 3. CANDIDACY FOR OFFICE**

Any individual wishing to run for a Board position, who is at least 18 years of age and has been a member in good standing of the Society for at least one (1) year, may announce his or her candidacy for office at any time after April 1 of an election year. A written statement of intent and goals shall be delivered to at least two (2) Board members and the editor of the Society's publication(s).

#### **Section 4. VOTING**

- A. Ballots for positions on the Board of Directors are to appear in the September/October issue of the Society's newsletter. The newly elected officers will be named in the November/December issue. Election of officers shall be held in even-numbered years.
- B. When a member recognizes the need for a by-law change, the proposed By-Law change must be submitted to at least two (2) of the following individuals:
  - Proposing member's Unit Commander
  - Board Representative
  - Any Officer on the Board
  1. These two individuals must agree that the proposed change is warranted.
  2. Then a second unit commander's approval is required.

3. The proposal must be sent to at least three (3) active Board members and the editor of the Society's publication(s).
4. The proposed change will then be printed in the Society's publication, in ballot form, and voted on by the General Membership.
5. Majority vote rules whether proposed change is enacted.
6. All ballots must be tabulated by at least two (2) board members independently.
7. The voting results shall be posted in the society's newsletter. This voting procedure shall not effect the voting of elected board members as set aside in Article XI, Section 5, Subsection A.

C. It would require a by-law amendment to change the voting schedule.

### **Section 5. COMMENCEMENT OF NEW OFFICER'S TERMS**

Newly elected Board of Directors will take over on January 1 of the post-election year.

## **ARTICLE XI: MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS**

### **Section 1. INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS**

Upon acceptance into the WWII HRS, each member is entitled to:

- A. An ID card.
- B. A copy of the Safety and Authenticity rules.
- C. A subscription to the WWII HRS newsletters beginning with the date of acceptance.
- D. The right to attend all WWII HRS events, but must be in accordance with any and all sponsor announced stipulations.
- E. To vote, by mail, on WWII HRS matters covered by Board of Directors Housekeeping Rules.
- F. The right to appeal any decision by the Board of Directors that will forfeit their membership.

### **Section 2. UNIT RIGHTS**

Units/Unit C.O.'s have the right to:

- A. Accept or deny membership in keeping with unit policy.
- B. Protect their unit's name & charter.
- C. To authorize individuals wishing to form a subsection that is part of the parent unit.

## **ARTICLE XII: OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS**

### **Section 1. NUMBER & PUBLICATION DATES**

- A. There shall be at least one (1) official Society publication.
- B. This publication shall be published no less than once per quarter annually.
- C. Future publications may, in addition to being printed on paper, may be distributed electronically if the membership so chooses and the technology is readily available.

## **Section 2. PURPOSE**

- A. The purpose of the Society's publication(s) shall be to provide the membership a means of communication and to take care of such other official business as needed to keep the Society running smoothly. Official business shall include, but **NOT** be limited to, the printing of:
1. Reports to the membership on Board meetings and decisions.
  2. Ballots as needed.
  3. Listing of units and their commanders.
  4. Unit articles.
  5. Battle/event listings.
  6. Advertising.
  7. A timely source of information on events and/or Society activities.

## **Section 3. EDITORSHIP**

- A. The editor(s) of the Society's publication(s) shall not be officers of the corporation or of the Society and shall not take sides on any political matters via the Society's publications.
- B. The editor of each publication shall endeavor to have the publications printed in the President's directives regarding public relations.
- C. The editors shall submit in writing to the Board of Directors an annual budget for the forthcoming fiscal year, during or before the annual meeting, and shall not proceed to print in the following year unless this budget has been approved by the Board. This budget shall include estimates for:
1. Printing charges.
  2. Labeling charges.
  3. Postage.
  4. Editor's expenses.
- D. The editors shall not allow anything to be printed involving the use of profanity or personal attacks.
- E. Any and all funds collected by the editors for advertising, half-toning of photos, or sales shall be turned over to the Treasurer quarterly.
- F. No copies of Society's publication(s) of a current yearly status may be given out free of charge.
- G. Members of the Board of Directors may not interfere with the editor's duties as long as the above guidelines are followed.

## **ARTICLE XIII: WWII HRS ETIQUETTE**

All members of the WWII HRS shall, in keeping with our goals and objectives, be governed by and subject to the following code of ethics:

1. The use of any item that does not belong to you without permission is prohibited. The theft of any item, no matter how small, is grounds for prosecution and dismissal from the Society.

2. While in a camp or barracks area, respect the right of privacy of other campers.
3. The use or possession of illegal drugs/narcotics is cause for immediate expulsion.
4. Failure to follow event posted or announced rules can and will lead to expulsion from the Society and from future Society events.
5. Keep safety and authenticity in mind at all times.
6. Do not use profanity, slander, libelous statements in correspondence to convey any threat, implied or real, to any member.
7. Members of the WWII HRS cannot use WWII HRS publications or events for any political purpose.
8. Proprietary Society membership information cannot be released without the Board of Directors as well and the individual member's approval.
9. It is the responsibility of all members and units present at any event to stand safety and authenticity inspections.
10. As a point of etiquette, keep late night activities reasonable.
11. Unit Commanders shall be responsible for the control and behavior of all minors in their unit.
12. Keep all campsites and barracks policed and secure.
13. Do not leave campfires unattended.
14. Do not argue over the calling of hits.
15. No flag other than the United States, and the British Commonwealth flags are ever to be saluted. The Nazi or Fascist salute is never to be used. No goose step marching by Axis troops.
16. All non-political flags may be displayed, however only American and commonwealth flags may be flown from a pole or staff.
17. Black SS, Brown SA, and political uniforms and Hitler Youth uniforms and any WWII German uniform that uses a swastika arm-band may not be used at any WWII HRS event.
18. When traveling to or from any event, do not display weapons or WWII German uniforms where they may be seen by the public.

**ARTICLE XIV:  
HOUSEKEEPING REGULATIONS**

In addition to the by-laws, the WWII HRS shall also be governed by such "Housekeeping Regulations" as the Board of Directors feel necessary to carry out WWII HRS objectives.

1. If a member wishes to change units, the member must notify the WWII HRS Secretary. This will not be done by the Unit Commander.
2. Membership dues for each fiscal year are as follows:
  - A. Regular Membership - \$20.00 per person
  - B. Family Membership - \$25.00 per family
  - C. Associate Membership - \$20.00 per person
3. For a period of two (2) fiscal years, no elitist units will be allowed to form (1996 - 1998).
4. No joining or renewing at events. All of this must be done through the mail on the approved application.
5. No new member application or renewals will be processed within 21 days of the National Battle.
6. Board of Director meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at a board member's place of residence. Meetings will be open to membership. Any member may call any board member to get time and location. Appointments are needed as room is very limited. Also, a speaker-phone will be present at all Board of Directors meetings so anyone can call if they have any emergency business to conduct with the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XV:  
EMERGENCY POWERS ACT**

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