

THE CONSTITUTION (08 AUG 03) WORLDWIDE ARMY RANGERS, Inc. (WAR)

ARTICLE I - NAME

This Association shall be known as WORLDWIDE ARMY RANGERS, Inc.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

1. To foster, worldwide, camaraderie among all Army warriors who have earned the title "RANGER" [*Henceforth, Ranger(s) shall include LRPs, LRRPs, and LRSUs*].
2. To preserve the heritage and spirit of all Army Rangers by strengthening, worldwide, the relationship among all past, present, and future Army Rangers.
3. To provide an extended community for all Army Rangers and all Army Ranger families.
4. To commemorate the memory of all Army Rangers who gave and who will give their lives in defense of freedom.
5. To enhance and to assist in the preservation, protection, history, documents, artifacts, memorabilia, recollections, accounts, characterizations, research, incidents, and origins of the Army Ranger.
6. To encourage the maintenance of the high standards of excellence in: Leadership, Esprit de Corps, Professional Competence, and in the Care of Equipment (as affirmed to in "The Ranger Creed") for all Army Rangers who serve nations that ensure self-determination and the freedom of individuals to pursue life, liberty, and happiness.
7. To engage in any lawful business or activities related thereto; and to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Georgia Non-profit Corporation Code and under the IRS Code 501(c)(19).

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this Association (Assoc.) shall be open to all (except the dishonest, brigands, and such) who have earned the title Ranger of an Army and who meet the qualifications for Ranger and Associate Membership as provided in the Bylaws, WAR. Rangers who fought fifty years ago may be offered special individual memberships.

Section 2. Membership in this Association shall be established as follows:

- A. Ranger Members: which shall include Annual and Life Members.
- B. Associate Members: which shall include Annual, Life, Spouse/Widow, *Heir* & Honorary Members.
- C. Dues shall be as provided by the Bylaws, WAR.

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNMENT

Section 1. The Association shall be governed by the Bylaws of this Association (WAR). In the absence of guidance in the Bylaws for a specific instance, the rules contained in "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, REVISED", shall govern this Association in all cases to which they are

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applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the WAR Bylaws, the laws of the State of Georgia, or the IRS Code 501(c)(19).

Section 2. Organization.. The Association shall have an organization composed of *Members, *Sub-elements if and as desired to Patrols (Ptls) (*or a title of choice*), *Patrols (*or a title of choice*), the *Executive Council (EC), and the *National Office (Nat'l O).

A. Ranger Members, as individuals, by majority vote during a duly constituted meeting or vote, impose controlling power and final authority in all matters, acts, activities, and business of this Association (WAR).

B. Sub-elements of a Patrol (*or a title of choice*), are not required. When established, they may be of any size, any organization, may choose a distinct uniform, and in all cases they must be a part of a Patrol (*or a title of choice*), and function under that Headquarters.

C. Patrols (Ptls) (*or a title of choice*), shall be either Combat or Recon (*or a title of choice*). *Regardless of title*, all will function either as and have all rights and privileges as a Combat or as a Recon Patrol. Existing Ranger Associations, *regardless of size or title of choice, that join or form an alliance with WAR may function as and shall be given all rights and privileges as are prescribed herein for Combat Patrols* and are authorized three voting members in the Nat'l O. All other Cmbt Ptls shall have, as Ranger members, at least ten per cent (10%) of the Ranger Members in WAR and shall vote to have the Patrol Leader to also serve with one vote in the WAR Nat'l O. Recon Ptls are those that have not chosen to have the Patrol Leader (PL) also serve in the WAR Hqs, regardless of number of members. All Ptls may have elements and sub-elements as the Ptl organizes to take maximum advantage of its potential. Recon Ptls shall consist of at least two Ranger Members. The maximum number in a Ptl is limited only by logic and reason. The final approval authority for the organization of Ptls other than existing Ranger Associations is the majority vote during a duly constituted meeting/vote of the voting Ranger Members.

D. The National Office (Nat'l O) consists of:

(1) Executive Council (EC) = President/Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Vice President (VP), and Secretary/Treasurer (S/T). They shall be representative of the Members of WAR in their entirety with one vote each in the EC. Only Ranger members who have served in a US Army Ranger unit, or US graduates of the USAIS Ranger Crse may serve as elected officers in the EC. Other officers may be appointed as desired and shall have no vote in the EC.

(2) Governors (Gvnrs) = The Command-Sergeant-Major (CSM) of each US Army Ranger Battalion and each higher US Army Ranger Hqs and one representative, Ranger Memorial. Governors have the power of recommendation only.

(3) Ex officio Officers (EO) = The three delegates from existing Ranger Associations who are Combat Patrols (*or a title of choice*), in WAR. The Patrol Leaders of Patrols consisting of at least ten per cent (10 %) of the Ranger members in good standing of the WAR AND who were chosen by vote of their Patrols to so serve. Each Ex officio officer has one vote in the National Office/BOD.

(4) Appointed Officers (AO) = As prescribed in the Bylaws, WAR. AOs usually have no vote.

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E. Each one and each element listed above shall be governed by the Constitution and Bylaws (C&B1), WAR.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, or distributed to, or dispersed to any member, trustee, officer, or other private persons of WAR.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1. National Office (Nat'l O).

A. Executive Council (EC). The EC shall be the Pres/CEO, VP, S/T, and appointed officers.

B. Governors (Gvnrs) shall be the CSM of each US Army Ranger Cmnd of Bn & higher Hqs and one representative from the Ranger Memorial Foundation.

C. Ex officio Officers (EO). EOs shall be the three delegates from each existing Ranger Association who, as an Association, has joined WAR and Patrol Leaders of Combat Patrols consisting of at least ten per cent (10%) of the Ranger members in good standing of WAR and who have voted to have the Patrol Leader serve as a Director.

D. Appointed officers (AO) shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws, WAR.

NOTE: The last three, two, and single Ranger(s) standing of an existing Ranger Association/- Combat Patrol (*or a title of choice*) may be voting officers in the National Office of WAR.

Section 2. Patrols (Ptls) (*or a title of choice*).

A. Elected officers shall be Patrol Leader (PL), Assistant Patrol Leader (APL) (*or a title of choice*) and others as the Patrol (*or a title of choice*) may desire.

B. Appointed officers shall be chosen by the Patrol Leader (*or a title of choice*) and approved by the Ranger members of that Patrol (*or a title of choice*).

Section 3. Sub-element(s) of a Patrol (*or a title of choice*). Elected and appointed officers shall be as chosen by the element.

Section 4. Members (Mbrs).

A. Ranger and Associate Members shall be a member of a Patrol (*or a title of choice*), to include any Sub-Element.

B. Ranger members have one vote in duly called and convened meetings of WAR.

C. Associate members have no vote in the election of Patrol or National Office officers nor in Association-wide matters. When appointed to an element, they may or may not have a vote per the Bylaws, in the element to which appointed.

Section 5. Terms of office for all officers shall be as prescribed by the Bylaws, WAR

Bylaws, cont'd:

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings shall be per the Bylaws, WAR, for the Annual (A WAR) and all Special Meetings (Spec WAR).

Section 2. The major purposes of all meetings shall be: Camaraderie, fun, and fraternal aspects and the promotion and maintenance thereof and to conduct the official business of the element calling the meeting.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

Elections to the EC shall be conducted so that the officers have three-year terms on an alternating basis. Such elections shall be held by Postal Mail Vote, secret ballot, just prior to the A WAR. Any officer may succeed himself as often as he wins the majority of the votes cast for that office. Patrol elections are held when and as called for by the members of that Patrol.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

The Ranger members of this Association may make, amend, and repeal the Constitution and Bylaws (C&BI) of this Association by:

1. A US Postal Mail vote sent to all active Ranger members, with proper notice, proper time duration, and fair discussion of issues, by a majority of those voting; OR
2. By a majority vote of the members present at the A WAR or any Spec WAR properly called and convened after proper notice of the purpose is given thereof.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of this Association (WAR), its assets shall be distributed to one or more organizations included in 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19), IRS Code, or the corresponding section of any future IRS Code, or they may be distributed to the federal government for veterans' assistance. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the appropriate Court of the county in which the principal office of WAR is then located, exclusively to such exempt veterans' organization(s) or to the state government for veterans' assistance, as the Court shall determine.

