

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE

The purpose of this Chapter is to establish a permanent organization to further develop the common bond which exists among men and women who served with the 82nd Airborne Division, and to perpetuate the memory of the Airborne troopers who have given their lives in the service of their country.

CHICAGO CHAPTER

ARTICLE I:

SECTION 1. NAME

The name of the organization shall be "Chicago Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Incorporated." This organization shall be, and hereby is, affiliated with the National 82nd Airborne Division Association, Incorporated and is subject to its Constitution and By-Laws.

SECTION 2. AIMS AND PURPOSES:

To maintain and further the common bond existing between all troopers who served in Airborne forces.

To perpetuate the memory of Troopers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.

To perpetuate the high standards we learned as young troopers, and to safeguard our country and its freedoms by being vigilant and promoting patriotism.

To keep our members informed of all government laws and programs applying to Veterans, and of the operational status and mission activity of our parent Division, and of any other information that will help our members and their families.

ARTICLE II: OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. OFFICERS:

The officers of the Chapter shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall comprise the Executive Committee of the Chapter.

SECTION 2. CHAIRMAN:

The Chairman shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Chapter and shall also preside and maintain order at all meetings. He shall also be Chairman of the Executive Committee. He shall represent the Chapter as Delegate to the National Convention. In the event he is unable to do so, a Delegate shall be elected from the Chapter membership.

SECTION 3. VICE-CHAIRMAN:

The Vice-Chairman shall perform all the duties of the Chairman in the absence, death or disability of the Chairman. Especially should he interest himself in the membership of the Chapter, in developing Chapter activities and in the entertainment features of all meetings.

SECTION 4. SECRETARY:

The Secretary shall give written notice of meetings to all members no less than one (1) week prior to the scheduled meeting date. He shall also keep such minutes and records as are necessary, and, in general, perform all duties incidental to the office and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Chairman. He shall have a copy of these By-Laws at each meeting.

SECTION 5. TREASURER:

The Treasurer shall collect all dues and assessments, keep financial records of the Chapter in ledger form, showing receipts and disbursements. On approval of the Executive Committee he shall make proper disbursements. He shall be required to submit a monthly written report to the Chapter and a written annual report at the end of the fiscal year. Such reports are to be made available to any member upon his request, provided that a proper and reasonable period is allowed to produce other than current reports.

SECTION 6. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be appointed by the Chairman and shall be the guardian and keeper of the Chapter's Colors and rifles. He shall raise and retire the colors whenever required. He shall be responsible for maintaining orderly proceedings at all Chapter meetings and functions. He shall preside over and be responsible for all ballots, balloting and the counting thereof at all elections, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Chairman.

SECTION 7. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS:

All candidates for office in the Chicago Chapter shall be nominated at the October meeting and elected every year at the November meeting. The newly elected officers will be installed at the scheduled Installation Dinner and will assume office for the remainder of the calendar year.

SECTION 8. JUDGE ADVOCATE:

The immediate Past Chairman shall act as Judge Advocate. He will be charged with the duty of interpreting the By-Laws, and advising the Chapter members of any question of a legal Nature which may arise. A current copy of Roberts Rules of Parliamentary Law shall be present in control of the Judge Advocate for reference as to the legality or illegality of order or a point of order or a point of personal privilege as howsoever the case.

SECTION 9. SERVICE OFFICER:

The appointed Service Officer shall have the responsibility to care for the welfare of all members of the Chapter and Ladies Auxiliary and their dependents, and to investigate Cases of need for hospitalization treatment, or burial, or insurance, or the filling of claims To or through the pertinent veterans or civilian organizations involved. In cases where a point is in doubt, he shall request the assistance of the Executive Committee and shall abide by their decision.

SECTION 10. COMPENSATION:

No compensation shall be authorized any Officer or Agent, elected or appointed, other Than in payment of authorized services rendered.

SECTION 11. EMERGENCIES:

The Executive Committee shall have the power to act in all emergencies, and shall give The Chapter members immediate notification of any such action.

SECTION 12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

All candidates for office in the Chicago Chapter shall be nominated at the October meeting and elected every year at the November meeting. The newly elected officers will be installed at the scheduled Installation Dinner and will assume office for the remainder of the calendar year.

SECTION 13. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

At least sixty (60) days prior to the November meeting, the Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee to consist of three (3) members. It shall be the duty of this committee to contact members of the Chapter who would be willing to accept nomination for office in any forthcoming election. This committee shall be empowered to place in nomination the names of such prospective candidates. Such nominees need not be present to be elected.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

SECTION 1.

A minimum of six (6) regular Chapter meetings per year shall be scheduled at a time and place prescribed by the Chapter or the Executive Committee. Furthermore, the Chairman may call a meeting at his discretion or shall call a meeting at the request of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2.

At all regular Chapter meetings, the members present shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3. OPENING OF MEETING:

All Chapter meetings shall be appropriately opened by the designated Opening Universal Prayer and/or the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. (It shall be construed by the Chapter that the definition "Universal Prayer" shall be the official 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc. Prayer, less the last line of the Prayer, to conform to all faiths.)

SECTION 4. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The order of business for regular Chapter meetings shall be substantially as follows:

- a. Airborne Prayer
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll-call of Officers
- d. Reading of the Minutes of the preceding meeting
- e. Treasurer's report
- f. Recognize new or returning members and guests
- g. Reading of correspondence
- h. Committee Reports
- i. Unfinished business
- j. New business

ARTICLE IV: FISCAL YEAR

SECTION 1.

The Chapter's fiscal year begins on the first day of January each year and ends on the thirty-first day of December of each year.

ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES

SECTION 1.

The Chairman shall appoint such committees that are necessary to carry out the Aims and Purposes and functions of the Chapter.

SECTION 2.

All committees responsible for any monies shall be accountable to the Chapter. The committee treasurer shall submit full disclosure of all receipts and expenditures.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.

Membership in the Chapter shall consist of Life Members, Charter Members, Regular Members, Paid Up Members, Associate Members and Honorary Members as defined in the By-Laws of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc., Article II, Section 1.

SECTION 2. HONORARY MEMBER:

Any member who has fostered the Airborne ideals on a National or local scale or who has contributed to the success and/or well being of the Chapter may be elected an Honorary Member of the Chapter by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a duly constituted Chapter meeting. Any member of the Chapter may propose a candidate for Honorary Membership in written recommendation to the Chapter Secretary outlining detailed qualifications of the candidate. No election on said candidate shall occur earlier than the second (2nd) meeting following proposal of any candidate. The Chapter Secretary shall notify the membership of the proposed candidate and his qualifications in the next Chapter meeting notice. Any Honorary Membership may be withdrawn by a majority vote of the Chapter at a duly constituted Chapter meeting.

SECTION 3. VOTING:

Life, Charter, Regular, and Associate Members of the Chapter shall be entitled to one (1) vote, in person on each matter submitted to the vote of the membership.

SECTION 4. THE VOTE:

The Chapter Chairman shall cast his ballot only in the event of a tie vote. However, he shall be entitled to a regular vote in all elections.

SECTION 5. DUES:

The dues of the Chapter members shall be determined by the Chapter membership as may be necessary.

SECTION 6. MEMBER SUSPENSION:

Should the National and/or Chapter dues of any member remain unpaid for three (3) months following the beginning of the fiscal year, this member will be suspended from the Chapter. Any member thus suspended may be reinstated by payment of said dues for the current year.

SECTION 7. MEMBER EXPULSION:

Any officer or member may be suspended or expelled by the Chapter for failure to perform his duties or for conduct unbecoming any officer or member. Before any member is suspended or expelled, written notice of the charges against him and of the time and place of the meeting of members at which same area to be considered, shall be mailed to him at his last known address as it appears in the records of the Chapter, at least fifteen (15) days prior to such meeting, and he shall be given the opportunity to defend himself and shall have the right to appeal the decision of the members and upon his written request, the Chairman shall call a special meeting of the members to consider such appeal.

SECTION 8. MEMBER WELFARE:

The Chapter's expression of sympathy and condolence shall be limited to the member, the member's wife and the member's children. The Executive Committee may, at their discretion and under certain circumstances, extend condolences to special friends of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS, REPEALS, REVISIONS

SECTION 1.

The By-Laws of the Chapter may be amended, repealed, or revised and new By-Laws adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any duly called and constituted meeting, provided that prior notice is given to each member at his last known address as same appears in the records of the Chapter, specifically citing the article and section to be revised, repealed or amended and further fully stating in it's entirety, and article to be adopted. Amendments, repeals, and revisions shall be acted upon at the first meeting following written notice.

ARTICLE VIII: RULES OF ORDER

SECTION 1.

Wherein these By-Laws shall not cover a particular situation, the National 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc. By-Laws shall be used as guides.

SECTION 2.

Except as herein provided, Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail.