

CONSTITUTION

AND

BY - LAWS

8TH & I REUNION ASSOCIATION

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PREAMBLE

It being a well-established fact that a number of individuals laboring for the accomplishments of the same purpose, and more likely to obtain the objects desired by combining their efforts than by separate action, and by forming themselves into an organized body will better protect their individual rights, promote their welfare and forward their interest, as well as extend their sphere of usefulness, we do therefore form ourselves into an association, under the name and for the objects hereinafter set forth and do hereby adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws for its rules and guidance.

ARTICLE I

Title

This association, known as the "8TH & I REUNION ASSOCIATION", is an organization having one body. Each and every member of the Association is subject to its control and regulation.

Logo

The official logo for the 8th & I Reunion Association is Red or Blue back round and Gold lettering. The logo is circular. The inscription:

8th & I, Marine Barracks printed on a curve on the top,
Centered is the authorized USMC emblem from Marine Barracks
8th & I. The number '18 on the left of the emblem and
The number 01 on the right of the emblem. Below the emblem
Is the inscription Washington, D.C., Ceremonial Guard Co.
Again these letters are arched in a curve.



ARTICLE II

Object

This association is formed to preserve the memory and standards of those who served at Marine Barracks 8th & I, Washington, D.C., and to promote goodwill and brotherhood between its members. "SEMPER FIDELIS"

ARTICLE III

Powers

This association shall have the power:

- A. To enact all by-laws and adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent herewith:
- B. To enact and adopt any and all such rules and regulations as may be required and deemed necessary for the best interest and welfare of the association and its individual members:
- C. To approve, modify or reject any association by-laws or amendments thereto which shall be submitted to this association for approval prior to adoption, which approved shall be and is a condition to the amendment of any such by-laws:
- D. To require and collect from the members, payment of such monies necessary for the best interest for expenses of this association:
- E. To take such action as may be deemed necessary consistent with and under these by-laws.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

- A. Any Marine who served at 8th & I, Washington, D.C.:
- B. This association may expel any individual member of the association for a violation of its rules, regulations or by-laws, hereof, and there upon said member, ceases to be a member of the association:
- C. Only individual members in good standing who are present shall be permitted to vote for committee members:
- D. An up to date mailing list of this association's membership shall be made available to its members upon request for association business only.

Associate Membership

- A. Any family member of a deceased Marine who served at 8th & I, Washington, D.C.
- B. Friends of members who wish to be associated with our Association, and are in good standing.
- C. Businesses who wish to support the Association and/or stay active with a member in his local community.
- D. Any Marine who was not stationed at 8th & I, Washington, D.C. but has expressed a desire to join our ranks. (example : Members who have close buddies and were stationed with them at other duty stations.)
- E. Associate members can not attend business meetings and do not have voting status.

ARTICLE V

Committee Members

Section 1

- A. The governing and legislative powers and control of this association are vested in the committee members, consisting of members of the association:
- B. The committee members shall be elected at each reunion and shall serve for the duration between reunions:
- C. All committee members of the association individually and collectively shall endeavor at all times to promote its welfare and extend its sphere of usefulness during their term in this association.

Section 2

- A. The following is a list of officers and committee members and their duties in the association:
 - 1. President
 - a. To preside over the committee, and to set the agenda.
 - b. Enforce the strict observance of the constitution and by-laws of this association;

- c. Countersign all checks on the treasury for monies to be paid by this association;
- d. Call special meetings when, in his judgment they shall be necessary for the best interest of this association:
- e. Shall the President be prevented by illness or otherwise, from performing his duties, the Vice President shall act, except for the signing of checks and orders on the treasury.

2. Vice President

- a. Shall be an assistant to the President, conferring with the President and keeping informed on Association business.
- b. Act as President in the absence of the President.

3. Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer shall receive all money due this association from whatever source available:
- b. He shall be chief disbursing of all association funds:
- c. He shall not pay or disburse any money without the appropriate committee member signatures:
- d. He shall keep all monies of the association in an authorized bank approved by the Financial committee and President:
- e. He must keep and be able to provide and submit, in duplicate, such record at all committee meetings or special meetings:
- f. He shall be prepared to act as President in the event the President and Vice President are unable to attend any meeting, regular or special.

4. Recording Secretary

- a. Shall keep and have full charge of the minute books and general rule book:
- b. Must keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting:
- c. Shall read or review the proceedings of the previous meeting:
- d. Shall keep the committee informed of all other communications received in the interest of the Association.
- e. He shall be prepared to act as President in the event the President, Vice President, and the Treasurer are unable to attend any meeting, regular or special.

5. Sergeant-at-Arms

- a. Shall enforce order at all meetings, particularly as to those attending and their right to attend:
- b. He shall not permit any person to enter without being properly vouched for and identified:
- c. He shall require all committee members, or any member, to sign the official record book prior to entering the meeting.

6. Membership Secretary

- a. Shall be responsible for maintaining the name, address and phone list for the Association.
- b. Will be responsible for creating and keeping a mailing label list. These labels are for use in mailing out the Newsletter, or other mail outs the Association has.
- c. Will keep an up to date list on both a computer disk (floppy disk), and a print out list. This list will be forwarded to the president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary at the end of each calendar year.
- d. Will provide a member with a computer disk upon request. For non computer members a hard copy may be provided. The fee for this list will be set by the board.
- e. Will keep receipts for necessary merchandise purchased to perform secretarial duties, and forward them to the treasurer for reimbursement.

7. Color Sergeant

- a. Be in charge of the Color Guard.
- b. Check with color guard members to assure there will be a four man team at each reunion.
- c. Check with the reunion committee and arrange agenda to be followed at the reunion.

8. Color Guard

- (1) Members:
 - a. 6 man color guard team, consisting of 1 Color Sgt., 1 Association Color Bearer, 2 Rifleman, and 2 additional members.
 - b. Additional members who want to be on the color guard. Names are to be recorded and added to the team when a position becomes vacant.
 - c. At each reunion members will renew their position.
- (2) Duties :
 - a. Present the Colors at reunion functions.
 - b. Take care of Association equipment while it is in color guard members' possession.
 - c. Maintain the required uniform to military standards.
 - d. At each reunion allow adequate time to survey the place (hotel area) of each event, and practice the presentation of the colors at the said event. (example : business meeting)
 - e. Secure all Association equipment in the designated storage area after each usage.

- (3) Uniform :
- a. Black trousers, red short sleeve golf shirt with USMC logo or Association logo. Red USMC ball cover, black shoes. These items are the responsibility of the member to purchase and maintain.
 - b. White web belt with USMC buckle, white gloves.
Association equipment checked out and turned in at each reunion.
- (4). Equipment :
- a. 1 USA flag with flag pole and 7" gold eagle emblem.
 - b. 1 Association flag with flag pole and spear emblem.
 - c. 2 rifles (on loan from Steve Holton)
 - d. 2 white leather rifle slings.
 - e. 2 chrome bayonets, with 2 white scabbards, and 2 white frogs.
 - f. 2 white leather flag carrying harnesses.
 - g. 4 white web belts with 4 gold USMC belt buckles.
 - h. 4 pair of white gloves.
 - i. 16 Association streamers: Color Guard, Drill Team, Body Bearers, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Plts., Barracks Detachment, Guard Section, H&S Co., MCI Co., A Co., B Co., D&B, Deceased members, HDQTS. Co.
 - j. 3 Company Guideon's with flag poles and spear heads.
 - k. 1 Presidential Honor Guard Guideon.
 - l. 6 flag pole holders.
 - m. 1 Officer's sword with scabbard and black rope.

ARTICLE VI

Standing Committees

- A. Constitution and By-Laws, Consisting of at least three (3) members:
 1. To review and introduce any revisions, changes and amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.
- B. Financial, Consisting of at least five (5) members:
 1. To oversee all monies and expenditures of this Association:
- C. Fund Raising, Consisting of at least five (5) members:
 1. To generate funds for the strict use of this Association:
- D. Reunion, Consisting of at least five (5) members:
 1. To conduct and oversee all business related to our Reunion.
- E. Membership, Consisting of at least three (3) members:
 1. To locate and recruit members.
- F. Historical, Consisting of at least three (3) members:
 1. To collect and preserve all artifacts of the 8th & I Marine.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

- A. All meetings of the association shall be attended by the duly elected committee members:
- B. It shall be the duty of the president of the Association to notify the committee members of the time and place of each such meeting.
- C. All meetings, special or otherwise, shall be called by the President of the committee and shall require a quorum of fifty (50) percent plus one (1), present or excused by the President, to conduct association business.

ARTICLE VIII

Reunion

The Association's reunion shall be held every five (5) years, starting with the year 1990 - at a time and place, for a duration selected by the committee.

ARTICLE IX

Disorderly Persons

SECTION 1

Any delegate present at any meeting of this association who becomes obnoxious, abusive or disorderly in his language or conduct may be ejected from any such meeting by order of the President.

SECTION 2

Charges of improper conduct may be preferred against any member so offending.

ARTICLE X

Voting Regulations

- A. Each committee member shall have one vote for the purpose of voting at regular and/or special meetings:
- B. A committee member must be present at regular and or special meetings to be eligible to cast their one vote.

ARTICLE XI

OBLIGATION OF THE PRESIDENT

I, _____, do solemnly swear before my fellow man that I will honestly and fairly decide all questions which may arise in the association, so help me God, and may he make me steadfast.

OBLIGATION OF THE OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I, _____, do solemnly swear before my fellow man that I will not reveal to anyone who is not an active member of this association, any of the business transacted by the same; and I do further swear, before my fellowman, that I will abide by the By-Laws and Constitution of this association and all orders issued by the committee. I will always vote and work for the best interests of the members of this association without regard to politics, creed or nationality; and I pledge further that I shall, to the best of my ability, carry out all of the duties of my office, prescribed in the By-Laws, or assigned by the association, so help me God.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- (1) Roll call of Officers.
- (2) Roll call of Delegates & Committee Members
- (3) Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
- (4) Communications and bills.
- (5) Payment of bills.
- (6) Report of Officers.
- (7) Report of Committees.
- (8) Unfinished business.
- (9) New business.
- (10) Good & Welfare.
- (11) Adjournment.