

National Guard Association of Louisiana

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THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA

CHARTER

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this corporation is the NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA (hereafter referred to as the “Association”).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

The purposes of the Association shall be:

a. To promote and support adequate state and national security.

b. To encourage friendly social relations among military officers and members of the Association.

c. To foster, promote, and improve the Louisiana National Guard and the National Guard of the United States as a component of the armed forces of the United States.

d. To promote such legislation, both federal and State, as shall aid the Louisiana National Guard and State of Louisiana.

e. To encourage growth and development of all officers and warrant officers of the Louisiana National Guard and of the armed forces of the United States.

f. To assist disabled and disadvantaged war veterans and promote morale, welfare, and recreation support to Louisiana War Veterans Homes.

g. To promote a group life insurance program for members of the Louisiana National Guard.

ARTICLE III – POWER AND AUTHORITY

The Association shall have the power to contract; to sue and be sued; to acquire, hold, sell, dispose of, lease, pledge, mortgage, and/or otherwise alienate or encumber any property, movable or immovable, corporeal or incorporeal, subject to any limitations prescribed by law; to borrow money and to mortgage or pledge its property to secure an indebtedness; to receive and collect dues and accept gifts and contributions; and generally to do any other act and exercise any other rights and powers necessary to carry out the purposes for which the Association is organized and exists. All income or monetary and non-monetary increases from whatever source derived shall be used exclusively to promote the purposes for which the Association is organized.

ARTICLE IV – DURATION

The Association shall enjoy corporate existence in perpetuity.

ARTICLE V – REGISTERED AGENT(S) AND ADDRESS

Registered agent(s) and the registered address of the Association shall be reported to the Louisiana Secretary of State and renewed annually to remain an organization in good standing.

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association is voluntary and independent of membership in any other affiliated organization of the Louisiana National Guard. Membership rolls and membership types shall be kept as fixed and set forth in Article I of the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Association shall be:

a. President

b. Vice-President (Army)

c. Vice-President (Air)

d. Secretary

e. Treasurer

f. Representative (Army)

g. Representative (Air)

2. The duties of the officers shall be as prescribed in Article II of the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII – ADMINISTRATION

1. The affairs of the Association shall be directed by an Executive Council through the Bylaws of the Association as set forth by the active membership and adopted at any annual or special conference.

2. The Executive Council shall consist of the following:

a. The Officers of the Association as set forth in Article VIII above

b. The Immediate Past President

c. A Parliamentarian

d. Command Representatives as defined in Article VI of the Bylaws of the Association

e. Two Representatives from the Company Grade Officers as defined in Article VI of the Bylaws of the Association

f. One Representative from the Separated/Retired Officers

g. One Representative from the Warrant Officers

h. An Executive Director (Non-Voting Member)

ARTICLE IX – ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

The selection of all elected officers and Executive Council representatives shall be conducted as fixed and set forth in Article VI of the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES

The President of the Association may appoint such committees as they deem necessary. The duties and membership of committees shall be provided for in Article VII of the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE XI – CONFERENCES

An annual conference of the Association shall be held each year, and such special conferences as

may be called by the President or by majority vote of the Executive Council. Rules governing conferences and meetings shall be fixed and set forth in Article VIII of the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE XII – VOTING RIGHTS

The voice of the membership is fixed and set forth in Article IX of the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII – QUORUM

1. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: A quorum shall exist at any meeting of the Executive Council when

at least 50% of the members of the Council are present. Proxy votes shall not be permitted.

Rules governing substitution shall be set for the in Article II of the Bylaws of the Association.

2. CONFERENCES OR MEETING OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: A quorum shall exist at any conference or meeting of the active membership when at least 60% of Direct Reporting Units (DRUs) are represented and at least 30 active members (including at least one Separated/Retired voting member) are present.

ARTICLE XIV – DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA

In accordance with Article II of the Charter, the Association shall participate in the annual and special conferences of the National Guard Association of the United States and the National Guard Executive Directors Association. Each conference’s delegates, their duties and responsibilities, and logistics for delegate attendance at each conference will be fixed and set forth as defined in Article XI of the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE XV – EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

In the event of war or other emergency declared by the Congress of the United States where the Louisiana National Guard is ordered or called into the active military service of the United States, the Executive Council of the Association is authorized and empowered to carry on and conduct the business of the Association during the period of such war or emergency or active duty and to fill any vacancies which may occur, to be selected from active members remaining.

ARTICLE XVI – AMENDMENTS

These articles of incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members present and voting at any regular conference or any special conference called for that purpose by the President or the Executive Council of the Association, provided that a notice and a copy of the proposed amendment(s) is provided to each member of the Association. The notice and proposed changes must be provided in writing by mail to each member's last known mailing address, in person, or by email to each member's last known email address. The notice and proposed changes must be provided at least 20 days before the meeting at which such amendment is to be offered.

ARTICLE XVII – AWARDS

The Awards of the Association shall be as provided for in Article XII of the Bylaws of the Association.