

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Military Officers Association of America Houston Area (MOAAHA)

As amended, July 5, 2005

PREAMBLE

To inculcate and stimulate love of country,

To defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our Nation and the Constitution of the United States,

To advocate military forces adequate for the defense of our country,

To foster fraternal relations among all branches of the various services from which our members are drawn,

To cooperate fully with all services in the dissemination of information to the public,

To cultivate good relations with the civilian community and with organizations devoted to public services,

To oppose any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security, and,

To aid active duty and retired personnel of all services from which members are drawn and their families.

Article I - Name

We unite to form the MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, HOUSTON AREA (MOAAHA)

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this Association is to bring together commissioned and warrant officers (to include those on active duty, retired, once commissioned or warranted, and surviving spouses of such officers) of the armed forces and other eligible individuals for the purpose of

supporting the objectives stated in the preamble hereof and for such other worthy causes as may be determined proper by the Association. The Association will be a non-profit organization operated exclusively for these purposes.

Article III - Membership and Voting Rights

Section 1. Membership classes and eligibility will be as follows:

(a) Regular membership will consist of officers on active duty retired, once commissioned or warranted, and surviving spouses of such officers of any component of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service. Membership in the Military Officers Association of America (National) is encouraged. All regular members will have the right to vote and hold office.

(b) An auxiliary function may be formed and operated with appropriate constitution and bylaws.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association will consist of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers of the Association will be elected by those members named in Article III, and will hold office for one year unless the term is curtailed by resignation or disqualification. The Chaplain and the Quartermaster will be appointed by the President.

Section 3. The term for officers is one year. One year will be the calendar year.

Article V - Dues

Section 1. The annual dues will be as determined by the Executive Committee. Dues will be payable on or before 1 February of each year, except for dues paid by new members joining on or after 1 September. Those dues will be considered as dues paid for the following year.

Section 2. Members will be dropped from the rolls if dues are not paid by 1 March.

Article VI - Meetings

Section 1. There will be regular, monthly Executive Committee and the General determined by the Executive Committee. notified accordingly.

Section 2. The December meeting of the General Membership will be considered the annual meeting for the purpose of election of officers and consideration of other appropriate matters.

Section 3. A special meeting may be held at the call of the Executive Committee, provided notification is sent to the membership specifying the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting at least one week in advance of the meeting.

Section 4. The Executive Committee will consist of the following: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any four of the above will constitute a quorum. A quorum for the

General Membership will be met when a quorum of the Executive Committee is present.

Article VII - Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee will be composed of the elected officers as stated in Article IV. The duties of the Executive Committee will include all matters of business coming before the Association with the exception of the election of officers.

Section 2. There will be a Program Committee chaired by the First Vice President.

Section 3. There will be an Arrangements Committee chaired by the Second Vice President.

Section 4. There will be a Membership Committee chaired by the Third Vice President.

Section 5. An Ad Hoc Committee may be formed by the President with approval of the Executive Committee. Membership on the above committees may be selected by the chairperson of the said committee.

Section 6. The immediate past president will be a member of any committee, excluding the nominating committee.

Article VIII - Elections

Section 1. At an appropriate time, the President will appoint a nominating committee. The nominating committee will present the slate at the annual meeting.

Section 2. At the annual meeting, the recommended slate will be presented and additional nominations called from the floor. Nominations will be closed when appropriate, and elections will be held. The General Membership present will be considered a quorum. The officers will serve one year. Formal installation will be held following the election.

Article IX - Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws

Section 1. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended when approved by a two-thirds majority of the General Membership present. The proposed amendment will be distributed to the General Membership at least one month in advance of said meeting.

Section 2. The Association may be dissolved by approval of the Executive Committee with confirmation of the General Membership. All assets will be distributed to other non-profit organizations. Upon dissolution, proper notification will be made to the Texas Secretary of State.

Article X - Display of Flag

The flag of the United States of America will be displayed and honored at all meetings of the Association.

Article XI - Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order will be followed at all meetings of the General Membership and the Executive Committee.

