

BY-LAWS OF THE SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION – MID-SOUTH CHAPTER

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF BYLAWS

A. Under its Articles of Incorporation, management of the affairs of the Surface Navy Association, Mid-South Chapter ("the Chapter") is vested in a Board of Officers (The Board) functioning from the Mid-South Naval Support Activity located in the Millington-Memphis, TN metropolitan area.

B. The Board of Officers hereby establishes the following Bylaws for the management of the Chapter.

C. These Bylaws may be amended by: A resolution within the Board of Officers which is approved by a majority of the Board members present;

II. PURPOSE OF THE CHAPTER - The purposes for which the Chapter is organized are:

A. To promote, among all segments of American society, recognition of the role of the U.S. Navy and in particular Surface Naval Forces, in national security;

B. To recognize and publicize professional contributions to and development in, the performance and evolution of Surface Naval Forces;

C. To identify, study, and seek solutions to problems affecting Surface Naval Forces as an element of the common defense and national security of the United States;

D. To promote greater liaison and communication among the military, academic, and business communities on issues concerning Surface Naval Forces;

E. To foster and preserve the heritage of the Surface Naval Forces, their traditions, esprit and professionalism; and

F. To provide forums for communication, discussion and dissemination of professional matters affecting Surface Naval Forces.

III. MEMBERSHIP - Membership in the Chapter will be in accordance with the membership rules and regulations promulgated by the National Office of the Surface Navy Association (The Association). In general it shall be comprised of members who are interested in a vital, modern U.S. maritime capability with a strong surface naval component manned by confident professionals.

IV. ORGANIZATION

A. Management of the Chapter shall be by its Board of Officers ("the Board"). The Board shall control the assets of the Chapter, establish policies, and initiate, implement and execute whatever measures it deems necessary to further the interests of the Chapter.

B. The Board shall be comprised of a Honorary Chairman, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve without compensation. The initial set of Officers shall be approved by Pers-41; thereafter, the Board shall elect replacement Officers as terms expire or vacancies occur.

- C. Officers' terms shall be for one year, and individuals may be elected for two successive terms.

V. OFFICERS - The Board shall elect the following Officers and who shall serve without compensation:

Honorary Chairman
President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

A. The Honorary Chairman shall be the officer serving as NPC-41. He is expected to provide counsel, encouragement, and prestige to the Chapter. He shall perform other duties as requested by The Board. He shall be consulted regularly by the President of the Chapter.

B. The President is the senior executive officer of the Chapter and shall, under the supervision of the Board:

1. Administer the affairs of the Chapter;
2. Formulate and execute procedures, programs, and directives necessary to carry out approved policies;
3. Keep The Board advised of issues requiring the Officer's attention;
4. Perform such other duties as the Honorary Chairman may direct.

C. The Vice President shall:

1. Preside in the absence of the President;
2. Be assigned such other duties as the President may direct.

D. The Secretary shall:

1. Keep the minutes of The Board and Chapter meetings;
2. Issue calls for all meetings of The Board and general membership meetings;
3. Have cognizance of all Chapter correspondence;
4. Administer elections, and certify results;
5. Maintain the roster of members and the associated status of dues;
6. Perform such other duties as the President may direct.

E. The Treasurer shall:

1. Have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds of the Chapter, and deposit all such funds in the name of the Chapter in a bank or other depository approved by The Board;

2. Keep and maintain accounts of the Chapter's financial transactions;

3. Render a statement of the financial condition of the Chapter at all meetings of The Board;

4. Be the disbursing officer of the Chapter;

5. Arrange for an annual audit of the accounts of the Chapter;

6. Provide financial reports as required by The Association;

7. Perform such other duties as the President may direct.

V. COMMITTEES: Ad hoc or standing committees may be established by the as needed.

VI. MEETINGS

A. Meetings of the Board of Officers shall be at the call of the President or Honorary Chairman. It is expected that The Board will meet at least once a year. A quorum shall consist of one-third of the membership of The Board.

B. Meetings of the general membership shall be held to provide presentations which promote the goals of the Chapter or discuss Chapter business

C. Ten percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

D. The President shall be the presiding officer at all meetings.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

A. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall coincide with the calendar year.