

TAMPA BAY SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION/BY LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME AND AUTHORITY

The name of this organization shall be the Tampa Bay Surface Navy Association, (the "Association"), and is established effective 1 June 1995. It is a non profit private organization; operates under the authority of AFR 34-4; is unincorporated; has no connection with the United States government; partakes of none of the privileges and immunities of the Federal Government; and is not a non appropriated fund instrumentality. The Association shall operate on MacDill AFB, Florida, and only with the written permission of the installation commander. This private organization is established under AFR 34-4, as a type 3 - Independent Private Organization.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The Association exists to 1) promote recognition of the role of the Navy and Surface Forces in United States security, 2) recognize and publicize professional excellence in Surface Navy Forces, 3) deal with the challenges in the role of Naval Forces in national security, 4) promote liaison and communication among military, academic and business communities, 5) foster and preserve the heritage of the Surface Naval Forces in the United States Navy, and 6) provide forums on professional matters affecting Surface Naval Forces and the United States Navy. It may also support civic or community activities when requested, and approved by the Association's Board of Directors.

Activities supported by the Association must benefit the membership as a whole. Association funds shall not be used to purchase individual gifts for members or for any other individual.

ARTICLE III -

The officers of this organization shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Advisor(s) to the board shall be Flag officers and command senior enlisted members, on active duty, in the Tampa area that have expressed the desire to serve as advisors.

The Association's officers and advisors will comprise the Board of Directors (the "Board"). The Board will conduct the day to day business of the Association between meetings.

At least three officers must be present to conduct board business. Decisions shall be made by majority vote. Advisor(s) shall have no vote except that in the event of a tie vote of the officers, the Advisor(s) may cast the deciding vote.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Membership eligibility in the Association is automatic upon acceptance in the Surface Navy Association's National Organization.

The Association's general membership will be represented by the Board of Directors, acting outside the scope of any official position they may hold within the Federal Government.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

The Board will meet at least quarterly, or as announced by the president prior to adjournment of any meeting.

Special meetings may be called at any time with the approval of the President or Vice President.

Fifty percent plus one of the Board who are present will constitute a quorum. No official business of the Association shall be legally conducted in a meeting where a quorum is not present. All actions of the Association and the disbursement of funds in excess of \$200.00 will be by a majority vote of the Board.

The proceedings of each meeting will be recorded and will also indicate, by name, board members in attendance as well as the review and approval of the President of the Association.

The financial report and reports of all standing committees will be given at each meeting or at the discretion of the President.

A general membership meeting may be called by a majority vote of the board.

ARTICLE VI - APPOINTMENT OF HISTORIAN AND COMMITTEES

The Secretary will serve as Historian and shall receive and store any records of events having considerable importance or influence on the history of the Association.

As determined by the Board, Association projects will be established annually. The Board shall select a committee chairman for each project, who may in turn select assistants to facilitate the accomplishment of the project. There will be a permanent standing committee for fund raising. Any member of the Association may be tasked to serve on the various projects or committees.

ARTICLE VII - METHOD OF FINANCING AND INSURANCE

Membership dues are to be paid to the National Association. No local Association membership fee will be charged. The local

Association shall sponsor fund raising events throughout the year to support the above stated purposes. Requests for such fund raising activities shall be submitted through the Chief, MWR division (6 ABW), to the Air Base Wing Commander for consideration and approval.

A waiver releasing the Association from the insurance requirements of AFR 34-4 shall be requested of the installation commander. Personal injury and property damage insurance coverage shall be purchased if determined necessary by the Association Advisors. The Board shall determine the limits of the liability and types of insurance coverage commensurate with the risks involved. Fidelity insurance shall not be required of individual officers and not be purchased by the Association.

ARTICLE VIII - TERMS OF OFFICE

The term of office for the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be for a period not to exceed one year. The President must be active duty.

Any officer position that becomes vacant prior to the expiration of term of office will be filled by a majority vote of a regular or special meeting of the membership.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

The Association By Laws and Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of a regular or special meeting of the Association.

No proposed amendments shall be voted upon at any meeting unless a minimum of three (3) days notice of such amendment is given to the membership. Notice to the general membership may occur through general announcement by appointed command representatives.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

Dissolution of the Association shall be decided by a two thirds vote of the Board. Upon dissolution as an organization, assets, satisfaction of liabilities, and other means assuring responsible financial management as required by AFR 34-4, will be the personal responsibility of the Association's President.

In case of dissolution of the Association, funds in the treasury at the time will be used to satisfy and outstanding debts, liabilities, or obligations. Any remaining funds may be donated to a charitable activity decided upon by the Board. All members of the Association are personally liable if assets, at the time of dissolution, are insufficient to discharge all liabilities as required by AFR 34-4.

PRESIDENT

Joseph M. Vigney *est. v. 12*

VICE PRESIDENT

Neil Plimley

TREASURER

Keith G. Hoff

SECRETARY

Teresa A. Lilia