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Prior to running for President of this Association, I actually studied up on it. Can you believe that? At the recommendation of Terry

Roderick, I obtained copies of every patrolling magazine that had ever been printed and re-read them. I obtained the minutes of the 'General Membership Meeting' and read them too. I also read the Association's Constitution and By laws along with it's Amendments several times. It was the last part that caused me the most confusion. Each time I read the C&BL I found something different in it or read it differently than the time before. Also, related items were spread out all over the document and it took numerous brain cells to splice all this data together.

I'm not bad-mouthing the original author of this document. It was a good document and an enormous amount of time and effort were put into the development of it. It did, after all, serve and carry this Association for many years. There was, a concerted effort back in 1996 to make some corrections, changes and patches to this document but it was evident that a complete re-write was eventually needed. I read up on parliamentary rules and procedures from Robert's Rules of Order and I even went as far as to contacted a Parliamentarian before I began. Let me tell you, Parliamentary procedures are one really dry topic. I assure you it will not be on your best reading list. I had all the tools ready but needed more minds than just the feeble one I was issued. I wanted as many minds contributing to this document as reasonably possible. I wanted representation from all across the Association.

As President, I can call a committee together to accomplish this or any task. For this Committee, I first chose the elected Officers because of their everyday commitment to this Association. I next chose to include the past Presidents of this Association. Each of these past Presidents just had too much valuable institutional knowledge to not tap into it. I finally chose the Unit Directors for each unit in this Association. The Unit Directors were after all the representatives of their unit and would provide the widest amount of diverse input. A very small number of Unit Directors opted to defer this task to a more qualified man in their unit. I dubbed this committee the 'Authorship Committee' and I drafted up a set of 'Guidelines' for us to follow. I did this to ensure that each member had a fair voice in representing his unit's wishes and desires in this revision. We started out with 31 members on the committee but ended up with 25 in the end who had the time to put into this effort. Believe me, it required a lot of time, a lot of effort and a whole lot more patience. One might think that getting 25 men spread across the country to move together as one entity would be difficult. It wasn't because of their devotion, maturity and commitment to this Association. I commend all those who stuck it out with me to the end. It was not an easy time for us.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Emmett Hiltibrand

I started off by mailing hard copies of the Original C&BL and the one Revised back in 1996 to each. I sent these two different versions so they could see what was

changed from the Original to where we were now in the Revised. We began with everybody first approving the 'Authorship Committee Guidelines' we would all have to operate under. With this done we could now began the start of a long process. Please take the time to read the 'Guidelines' to see what constraints we all had to work under. This will give you an idea of our procedures and fairness for all.

The gist of what we did was to take a complete Constitution; a complete set of By Laws and two Amendments and cut and pasted them into a series of Bylaws. There were no deletions of any text no deletions of improper punctuation, nor any deletions of redundancies in this conversion process. Word for word and error for error was transferred from the original C&BL to the proposed Bylaws. Basically, what we did was to put the original C&BL into a meat grinder and what came out the other end were the proposed Bylaws we would be working on. When first looking at these proposed Bylaws, they seemed very repetitive, redundant and disjointed. The reason for that was that there were redundancies in the document but they were all spread out before. Now with grouping all related items together, allowed us to see the sheer extent of the redundancies.

With the help of a few people better versed in the area of common sense and grammar than I am, we looked at each ARTICLE first and proposed a re-written version before sending it to the rest of the entire 'Authorship Committee'. This was sort of like a pre-Authorship Committee. This act alone made all the difference in the world. In doing this, we didn't waste the time of the 'Authorship Committee' on needless discussions and we did not have to kill anybody over grammar. I will confess that I got slapped around more than once for my own attempts at the use of grammar. Each time we submitted an ARTICLE, we presented the original version followed in the same transmission with the proposed version. This way the members on the 'Authorship Committee' could see what it was that they were changing. They could see what was written before and the way it had been written. They could also see the proposed offering right below it and how it was changed or modified. They had the opportunity to insure that the intent of the ARTICLE was still intact by comparing the two. About 95% of the time, everybody went with the proposed version with an occasional word change here or there. Once we all agreed on a version by submitting their vote to me, I posted the committee's voting record back out to them to show the 'Authorship Committee' by how much that ARTICLE had passed by. Or in some instances if a mandatory revisit was in order there was notification that we would revisit that par-

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ticular ARTICLE.

We began with 30 ARTICLES in the original version of reformatted Bylaws and when we had worked our way through the entire document, we had cut it down to just 20 ARTICLES. There were several ARTICLES that were just destined to be combined with another ARTICLE. There were instances where an ARTICLE needed to be broken apart in separate ARTICLES for clarity. There were two times we had to flip flop ARTICLES for it to make more sense and for it to flow. There were also two ARTICLES that we all decided to delete because they were not needed in this type of document. These two ARTICLES related to 'Lineage' and 'History'. This data was not trashed but will be placed in another better-suited location. Perhaps we will find a place for them on our Association web site to house this information. Some ARTICLES needed to be expanded on; some needed to be shortened and some were just plain major re-writes. We as a committee went through the entire 30 ARTICLES one full time and then finished up with a full revisit to each of the remaining 20 ARTICLES one last time to fine tune them.

I believe what we are presenting here to the 'General Membership' are the needs, desires and wishes that reflect the changing times and ever growing demands of our Association. It took the 'Authorship Committee' about 6 months of hard work to finalize this effort. You should find the 'Proposed' Bylaws easier to read and more precise. They are not redundant as they were before. They are not scattered all over the place like they were before. Read the original version and try to decipher what we began with. Then read the Proposed version we are asking you to vote on and ratify. You will see for yourself the difference.

At the inside back cover of this 'Special Edition' you will find the balloting sheet. You absolutely must use this sheet to cast your ballot. No photo copying of the balloting sheet will be accepted. You will be required to cut along the dotted lines to detach this back cover and mail it in with your vote annotated for each ARTICLE. For validation, your mailing label is on the outside back cover. It contains your name, address and your membership number. Your submitted ballot sheet must have this mailing label on it. Do not attempt to remove this label. Any alterations to this label will void your vote. After casting your vote on the detached back cover portion, place this ballot in the envelope and mail it to the Association Secretary. He will collect all mailed in ballots and bring them to the reunion. There, they will be counted by a separate committee and counted. All ballots will be available for inspection upon completion of the final vote. Each ballot will be verified against an up to date membership roster using the mailing label. If you send in your ballot by mail and then attend the reunion, your mailed in version will be pulled prior to you entering the

'General Membership Meeting' where you will be voting in person. Each member entering the 'General Membership Meeting' will be confirmed as a member in good standing by a membership roster and given a balloting sheet to cast their vote on.

We will address each ARTICLE one at a time in the meeting to answer questions or to clarify but in neither the mail in version or at the General Membership Meeting can there be any changes what so ever. The vote from you the member on each and every single ARTICLE must either be 'Concur', 'Object' or 'Abstain'. There are no other options. No modifications can be made to any ARTICLE unless it goes through an 'Authorship Committee' type process. Consider if you would if every person who mailed in a ballot approved every ARTICLE in their mail in method and then we allowed minor or major changes in the General membership Meeting process. The changed document may not then reflect the wishes of those who had previously voted by mail in format. If there is any one ARTICLE that seems to be questionable then it, in and of itself, can not be allowed to defeat the entire Bylaw provision. We would have to send that ARTICLE back to a subsequent 'Authorship Committee' during the next leadership administration.

Members who do not mail in their mail-in ballot will not have that ballot count for or against the final count. It will be considered an 'Abstain' vote for each and every ARTICLE. What will count will be actually cast votes.

Both the Original and Revised versions used the ARTICLE method to format those documents. There were ARTICLES in the Constitution and ARTICLES in the By Law's. Within the ARTICLES, the previous versions used approved numbering systems. We chose to divide the content within an ARTICLE by using SECTIONS. Each SECTION breaks down separate or specific portions but all are still related to that particular ARTICLE. Each SECTION is therefore its own self-contained thought. Steps or sequences within a SECTION are numbered or lettered accordingly. So, there are 20 ARTICLES and these ARTICLES may contain one or more SECTIONS and may further be sub-divided by numbers or letters.

Below, I will give a brief run down on each ARTICLE. I will attempt to show you where the data came from when merging the Revised version into this Bylaws format. I will attempt to inform you if there were minor or major changes to this ARTICLE. I will attempt to inform you as to why the 'Authorship Committee' chose to change or modify this ARTICLE as you see it now. In the end, you, the member, will still need to read the entire document and determine ARTICLE by ARTICLE, for yourself, on how you wish to cast your vote.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

ARTICLE I - NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The intent of this ARTICLE is self-explanatory. Very little, if anything was changed in this ARTICLE. Content in this proposed ARTICLE came from various places in the Original C&BL.

25 Concurred out of 25 members = 100% of entire Committee

1 Revisit, 0 Object, 0 No response

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The intent of this ARTICLE is self-explanatory. Very little, if anything was changed in this ARTICLE.

24 Concurred out of 25 members = 96% of the entire Committee

0 Revisit, 0 Object, 1 No response

ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVE

The intent of this ARTICLE is self-explanatory. Very little, if anything was changed in this ARTICLE.

22 Concurred out of 25 members = 88% of the entire Committee

12 Revisit, 0 Object, 3 No response

ARTICLE IV - PHILOSOPHY

The intent of this ARTICLE is self-explanatory. Very little, if anything was changed in this ARTICLE.

25 Concurred out of 25 members = 100% of the entire Committee

1 Revisit, 0 Object, 0 No Response

ARTICLE V - COMPOSITION

This ARTICLE lists the units that would allow its members to be eligible for 'Regular' membership in this Association. The major changes were to rewrite SECTION 1 to define it better in terms of eligibility. Also, we listed all the LRRP units, where they had not been listed previously in the Original version.

24 Concurred, one Objected, out of 25 members = 96% of the entire Committee

11 Revisit, 1 Object, 0 No response

ARTICLE VI - UNIT AND REGIONAL ACTIVITY

The intent of this ARTICLE is self-explanatory. Very little, if anything changed in this ARTICLE. Content in this proposed ARTICLE came from various places in the Original C&BL.

25 Concurred out of 25 members = 100% of the entire Committee

0 Revisit, 0 Object, 0 No response

ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP

There were several changes made to this ARTICLE, mostly to define and clarify the context and intent.

24 Concurred out of 25 members = 96% of the entire Committee

0 Revisit, 0 Object, 1 No response

ARTICLE VIII - CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

There were major re-writes in this ARTICLE. SECTION 1, Classes of membership were better defined. Many separate classes of membership were included in this proposed version. Previously there was only 'Regular' and 'Affiliate'. We added 'Associate' that had been taken out in 1996. We also added 'Gold Star', 'Honorary', 'Subscription', 'Corporation' and 'Association' classes of membership. This was the most highly debated ARTICLE we dealt with. We added LRS into the 'Regular' class of membership. We added 'Ranger Tab' personnel into the Associate class of membership. Remember that only members in the 'Regular' class of membership can vote and hold National Office.

24 Concurred out of 25 members = 96% of entire Committee

6 Revisit, 0 Object, 1 No response

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

There were several changes made to this ARTICLE, mostly to define and clarify the context, content and intent. Content in this proposed ARTICLE came from way in the back of the By Laws of the Original C&BL.

25 Concurred out of 25 members = 100% of the entire Committee

0 Revisit, 0 Object, 0 No response

ARTICLE X - VOTING

There were several changes made to this ARTICLE, mostly to define and clarify the context, content and intent. "SECTION 1: Only members with regular membership status shall have full voting rights and privileges on all issues presented to the Association." This is the one single statement that makes 'Regular' membership so valuable. What makes this important is what is covered in ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 2. More than one ARTICLE was combined in here.

22 Concurred out of 25 members = 88% of the entire Committee

0 Revisit, 0 Object, 3 No response

ARTICLE XI - OFFICES

There were several changes made to this ARTICLE, mostly to define and clarify the context, content and intent. This ARTICLE was flipped flopped with ARTICLE XII to make more sense and allow it to flow. Content in this proposed ARTICLE came from various places in the old C&BL. More than one ARTICLE was combined in here.

25 Concurred out of 25 members = 100% of the entire Committee

2 Revisit, 0 Object, 0 No response

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

ARTICLE XII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

There were several changes made to this ARTICLE, mostly to define and clarify the context, content and intent. This ARTICLE was expanded to include more job description for the elected Officers.

25 Concurred out of 25 members = 100% of the entire Committee

1 Revisit, 0 Object, 0 No response

ARTICLE XIII - RESPONSIBILITY & AUTHORITY OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There were several changes made to this ARTICLE, mostly to define and clarify the context, content and intent. Content in this proposed ARTICLE came from various places in the Original C&BL.

25 Concurred out of 25 members = 100% of the entire Committee

0 Revisit, 0 Object, 0 No response

ARTICLE XIV - LEADERSHIP

The intent of this ARTICLE is self-explanatory. Very little, if anything was changed in this ARTICLE.

25 Concurred out of 25 members = 100% of the entire Committee

0 Revisit, 0 Object, 0 No response

ARTICLE XV - COMMITTEES

There were several changes made to this ARTICLE, mostly to define and clarify the context, content and intent. Content in proposed ARTICLE came from way back in the By Laws of the Original C&BL. This ARTICLE was expanded to include more job description for the Committee members.

24 Concurred out of 25 members = 96% of the entire Committee

0 Revisit, 0 Object, 1 No response

ARTICLE XVI - FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

There were several changes made to this ARTICLE, mostly to define and clarify the context, content and intent. Content in this proposed ARTICLE came from various places in the Original C&BL. A major inclusion here was the requirement of 'Bonding' for members who are responsible for the Associations' funds.

23 Concurred out of 25 members = 92% of the entire Committee

5 Revisit, 0 Object, 2 No response

ARTICLE XVII - FINANCIAL

There were several changes made to this ARTICLE, mostly to define and clarify the context, content and intent. Content in this proposed ARTICLE came from various places in the Original C&BL. This ARTICLE was flipped flopped with ARTICLE XVI to make more sense and allow it to flow.

21 Concurred out of 25 members = 84% of the entire Committee

3 Revisit, 0 Object, 4 No response

ARTICLE XVIII - DUES

The intent of this ARTICLE is self-explanatory. Very little, if anything was changed in this ARTICLE. Content in this proposed ARTICLE came from various places in the Original C&BL.

22 Concurred out of 25 members = 88% of the entire Committee

0 Revisit, 0 Object, 3 No response

ARTICLE XIX - PARLIMENTARY PRACTICES

This ARTICLE required several deletions to the text that had made it almost non-functional as it was previously written.

22 Concurred out of 25 members = 88% of the entire Committee

0 Revisit, 0 Object, 3 No response

ARTICLE XX - AUTHENTICATION

This ARTICLE seemed to imply that the last signature posted was the one who originated the document. Now, it shows a historical record of when changes to the document were made.

24 Concurred out of 25 members = 96% of the entire Committee

0 Revisit, 0 Object, 1 No response

The voting by 'Authorship Committee' members was accomplished in an open forum. I asked for a vote after we had worked out any differences and a vote was sent by each member in a 'reply to all' by e-mail. In instances where there is marked 'No response', then perhaps that member was out of town or wasn't able to respond in a timely manner. Revisits just meant that while progressing through the document the first time, one or more members wanted to look at that ARTICLE again later, which we did on our second pass through all ARTICLES. I do not believe we ended up with any 'Object' votes. We all were able to work out our differences or any problems we had with interpretation.

It is the 'Authorship Committee's' hope that you will take the time to read what they have done for you. Much time and effort was given to this task. It is our belief that this document now reflects the Associations' views, wishes and desires. Cast your vote.

Emmett W. Hiltibrand - President
Chairman of the Authorship Committee
75th Ranger Regiment Association

CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS REVISION PROCEDURES

REVISION PROCEDURES

This will be the initial introduction to you, the authors, on the procedures we will follow in conducting the revisions of the Constitution & By Laws of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. The following will be explained:

1. Appointed Authorship Committee
2. Authoring procedures
3. Original document review
4. Revised document review
5. Proposed revision review
6. Revision procedure
7. Revision proposal format
8. Authorship voting procedure
9. Balloting method
10. Voting in General Membership forum
11. Distribution of ratified revised By Laws

Please print and place this letter of instruction in your three ring binders for future reference. Please review these guidelines and recommend any changes to the Chairman who will query the Committee for their opinions. All subsequent submissions, modifications or changes to our procedures will be based off of this document. The finalized version of these instructions will be printed in the 'Special Issue' of the Patrolling Magazine along with the balloting portion to show what procedures and guidelines the Authors worked under.

1. APPOINTED AUTHORSHIP COMMITTEE:

The members listed below are appointed to assist in the capacity as authors in preparing revisions to the Constitution & Bylaws of the 75th Ranger Regiment Associations. This committee henceforth will be called the Authorship Committee. All current Officers, Past Presidents and all Unit Directors were asked to participate on this committee. Persons, who are not listed, either declined or did not respond to the request to participate. The members are as follows:

Emmett W. Hiltibrand - President - Chairman of the Committee

Ron Edwards - Secretary - Recording Secretary

Jim McLaughlin - Vice President

Jack Werner - Treasurer

Bob Gilbert - Founder - Past President

Billy Nix - Founder - Past President

Roy Barley - Past President

Duke DuShane - Past President

Rich Ehrler - Past President

Terry Roderick - Past President

Tom Brizendine - A/75,

Joseph Chetwynd - B/75,

Worth Bolton - C/75,

John Kingeter - D/75,

Robert Copeland - E/75,
Stephen Crabtree - G/75,
Roger M. Anderson - I/75,
Randall White - L/75,
Charlie Kankel - N/75,
Tom Blandford - D/151,
Mike McClintock - 3rdID,
James P. Kinney - 1/75,
Peter Squeglia - 3/75.

Joe Little - F/75,
William T. Anton - H/75,
John Chester - K/75,
Jack Fuche - M/75,
Ricky Hogg - O/75,
Russell Dillon - F/51,
Mike Martin - BDQ,
Richard Hecht - 2/75,

2. AUTHORING PROCEDURES

Committee members may solicit suggestions and or comments from within their own unit. Active consultation, discussion and participation within your units are highly recommended and desirable. Any and all comments and input from unit individuals must be directed through their appointed committee member to the Authorship Committee. The inter-unit discussions, consultation, suggestions or comment process ultimately cannot be allowed to delay the overall progress of the committee.

Committee members may solicit suggestions and or comments from within or amongst other committee members. Questions and discussions may be directed at any individual or conducted at any level from members within the committee to other members on the committee but not from anyone outside the committee. No one from outside this committee may comment directly to or have input directly to the committee without the expressed permission of the Chairman of the Authorship Committee. The inter-committee discussions, consultation, suggestions or comment process ultimately cannot be allowed to delay the overall progress of the committee.

Any member of this committee that does not wish to participate in or on this committee may submit his withdrawal from the committee, to the chairman at any time. Non-participation of a Committee member for any five consecutive 'Article' changes will be construed as a withdrawal from the committee. The Chairman will notify all committee members of any and all withdrawals from the committee.

The chairman or a simple majority of the Authorship Committee may solicit outside professional guidance from either legal counsel or a parliamentarian or both.

The president of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association shall be the Chairman of the Authorship Committee.

3. ORIGINAL DOCUMENT REVIEW:

The original Constitution & By Laws is included in your packet for reference only. This was the founding document but is not considered the current governing document for the Association. Please review this document to witness

CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS REVISION PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)

where changes were made to it that delivered us to the current revised Constitution & By Laws we are operating under now. It has a full Constitution, two Amendments and a set of By Laws.

4. REVISED DOCUMENT REVIEW:

The current revised Constitution & By Laws is included in your packet as the document that is the governing and controlling instrument for the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, right now. It was modified from the original document during the 1996 General Membership meeting in Tacoma, Washington. It has a full Constitution, two Amendments and a set of By Laws.

5. PROPOSED REVISION REVIEW:

The reason for the revision is that the current instrument is redundant in some places and cumbersome in its structure. The terms Constitution and By Laws are synonymous with each other in that they can mean the same thing but are not usually used at the same time with each other. Usually, one or the other is used. Since the word 'constitution' is the proper or appropriate term for use only by nations and sovereign states, the use of the term 'constitution' in deliberate bodies is, strictly speaking, only a bylaw under the inappropriate name 'constitution'. Our intent then here is to eliminate the 'constitution' and related amendment portions and restructure all pertinent and relevant elements into a single set of By Laws. This will make reading and understanding of our By Laws by the regular member much easier and prevent potential conflicts within instrument in the future. It is not our intent to eliminate any of the intent, meaning or protection from the existing instrument but rather to streamline it. While we are in the process of restructuring the full document into a more streamline instrument we should also take this opportunity to update and revise this instrument to reflect our growing and ever changing Associations needs. Additionally, we should also allow for future growth and development of this Association. The Secretary of the Association will maintain a verified copy of the 'Original' and 'Revised' versions of the Constitution & By Laws and Amendments in his file for historical reference. Only the final version of any By Laws is necessary for distribution to the general membership.

6. REVISION PROCEDURE:

The procedure this committee will adhere to during this process will be as follows:

- The Chairman of the committee will draft a proposed revision for each change as necessary prior to submitting it to the Authorship Committee. Proposals will begin with 'Article I' and proceed through to the end. (There may be times that a specific single 'Article' may be more appropriately dealt with by being divided into two separate 'Articles'.)
- The Authorship Committee will receive the proposed

revision from the Chairman and discuss it as necessary or if desired with their respective units and or amongst themselves.

- Authors may concur with the initial proposal, suggest modification, additions, deletions, expansion of meaning or intent and or any of the above. Additionally, members can object to any or all changes individually or as a group.
- The Authorship Committee will eventually reach an agreement to and for each revision by a 2/3 vote or simple majority vote of the committee. This 2/3 and simple majority vote will be explained in more detail later in these instructions.
- Once finished with a 'Article' of revision, the Authorship members may schedule then or later a request to revisit a previously approved revision. The Authors may take a second look at any 'Article' prior to submission of the revisions being sent to publication. A unanimous vote is not required on any one 'Article'. Once the 2/3 vote has been delivered on that 'Article' then the Chairman will prepare a vote break down and signal the Committee that it is ready to move on to the next 'Article'. The Chairman will maintain a vote history for each 'Article' by member and post that report as soon as possible. Committee members may wish to change their previous stand on an 'Article' then or later. The reason for maintaining a vote history is to notify us as to which 'Article' may require a re-look or revote. The following will be used as a guide in that respect:
 - 'Concur', will not require any addition consideration on that 'Article'.
 - 'General Consent', in the form of a non-response will be considered a 'Concur'.
 - 'Abstain', will not require any additional consideration on that 'Article'.
 - 'Object', will require a re-look once the entire process has been completed and every 'Article' has been addressed at least once. In this instance a brief explanation must accompany the 'Object' from the Committee member so as to know where to focus the re-look at that later time.
 - 'Re-look': can be submitted by any Committee member at any time during or after a specific 'Article' work related to that 'Article' or any previous 'Article'. A re-look will serve as a flag on that 'Article'. Re-look's are only preformed during the 2/3 vote phrase ending on 30 November.

A 'Object' or 'Re-look' does not constitute a dead 'Article'. It is just what it says. The Committee will take a re-look at this 'Article' and consider the objecting members concerns about that 'Article'. A revote may be in order and or modification preformed to that 'Article' then a final re-vote accomplished. It may eventually require that the dispute be resolved by and during the 'Simple Majority' phase to be able to move on. There will be no 'Re-look' preformed dur-

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ing the simple majority phase. The voting history will not be made available to the General Membership.

All Concurrences, Abstentions, Objections and requests for Re-looks should be solely submitted to the Chairman. The Chairman will collect all such responses and present the results to the Committee.

Once the final sets of collective revisions are sent for printing and distribution to the entire membership for balloting, the Authorship process has basically ended.

In essence here, during this process there is nothing that is locked in concrete until the printing and publication sequence beings. The Authorship Committee will work on this document until they are satisfied that it is what their members would want as their governing and controlling instrument. Nothing is going to be forced on any Author or slipped by any member. It is your responsibility to ensure this represents your desires and that of your members. We must though, move on at a steady rate and not be allowed to become bogged down to the point that we can not finish in a timely manner. The projected completion date is the end day of November 30 in the year of 2001. If in the event that the committee has bogged down and can not complete the final draft of all revisions as of that date, then as of the beginning day of 1 December of 2001, only a simple majority vote will be required to approve each revised 'Article'. A 2/3 vote and simple majority vote will be explained later in these instructions.

7. REVISION PROPOSAL FORMAT:

The Chairman, will send by electronic e-mail the following information for each 'Article' presented for revision:

- a. Current version - as it is now written in the current Constitution & By Laws and amendments, will be sent for reference. This may be verified by referring to your three ring binders and comparing the two.
- b. Proposed revision - suggested modification, additions, deletions, expansion of meaning or intent and or any of the above will be sent to show the desired change.
- c. Reason for the recommended change will be sent to explain why or what needs to be changed.
- d. Instructions for Concurrence, Abstention or Objection to the change will be sent explaining how to cast your vote.

Please print out and place in your three ring binders or establish a special folder on your computer of all correspondence for future reference.

8. AUTHORSHIP VOTING PROCEDURE:

Each member of the authorship committee has one vote to cast for or against each proposed revision. No member of this committee, regardless of status, will have any real or perceived influence or vested advantage over another mem-

ber of the committee. Each member of the Authorship Committee is equal in his voice and vote in the committee. There are at present, 31 members on the Authorship Committee.

The 2/3 vote explained: 2/3 (66%) of 31 members is 20.46 members or in this case that number will be rounded off to 21 members. Therefore it will require 21 members of the Authorship Committee to approve each proposed revision as a final draft. If by chance the number (21 Authors) raises or declines during this process then the 2/3 required vote percentile would be raised or lowered to reflect that count. The new number would be rounded off to the nearest whole number so as not to present a fraction of a vote. The 2/3 required vote represents 2/3 of the entire appointed Authorizing Committee and not 2/3 of those responding.

The simple majority vote explained: Half (50%) of 31 members is 15.5 members or in this case that number will be rounded to 16 members. If a simple majority vote is required then using the same number of participating members of 31 as an example, it would only require 17 to present a simple majority. A simple majority will be one more than half of the entire current participating Authorship Committee. Therefore it will require 17 members of the Authorship Committee to approve each proposed revision as a final draft. If by chance the number (21 Authors) raises or declines during this process then the simple majority vote percentile would be raised or lowered to reflect that count. The new number would be rounded off to the nearest whole number so as not to present a fraction of a vote. The simple majority required vote represents simple majority of the entire appointed Authorizing Committee and not simple majority of those responding.

The chairman will notify the Authorship Committee of any changes in participation and what the current percentile is. The final draft of each revised 'Article' is what will be presented to the membership for voting.

9. BALLOTING METHOD:

The procedure for making changes is listed in our current Constitution and By Laws. A more detailed procedure is listed in the Roberts Rules of Order Revised, 9th Ed. To make changes to the Constitution & By Laws, the change must follow the following process.

The final draft of all approved revisions as a result of the efforts of the Authorship Committee will be published in a Special issue of the Patrolling Magazine. The projected completion, publication, mailing, voting, and collection dates are tentatively set for the time frame set up in the following time schedule:

- a. Compilation of final draft in December of 2001
- b. Preparation for printing in January of 2002

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- c. Mailing and distribution in February of 2002
- d. Voting in March of 2002
- e. Return to Secretary in May of 2002
- f. Compilation of ballots by Secretary in June of 2002
- g. Tentative reunion in July of 2002.

The above proposed time schedule supposes beginning efforts in the beginning of the month and execution and finalization by the end of the month except for (g) the reunion date.

This final draft will be printed in a Special version of the Patrolling Magazine and sent to the entire membership that is in good standing. A member is in good standing when their dues are paid up or is a Life member and is therefore considered a voting member. Only 'Regular' members may vote on matters concerning the Constitution & By Laws at this time. Publication of proposed changes must be made in advance to all members, listing the exact change specified with an accompanying ballot for each specific proposed change for their use in voting.

- b. The member is solicited to fill out the accompanying ballot and return it to the Secretary. The Secretary collects the returned ballots but is not allowed to open them. A disinterested party in the presence of the general membership can only open the returned ballots.
- c. Because the Authorship Committee members are representative of their units with the best interests of their units in mind, a method known as 'General Consent' will be used in ballot voting. When the member receives his Special issue of the Patrolling Magazine with ballots enclosed, he has three options per 'Article' change.
 - 1. The member may wish to agree with the proposed change. The member may then elect to cut out the 'Concur' ballot and mail it in to the Secretary. Or through 'General Consent, he is not required to do anything. He does not have to respond at all. A non-response to a ballot by a member will be considered as a 'General Consent' or a 'Concur' vote and will be tallied into the final count of floor votes as a 'Concur' vote.
 - 2. The member may wish to 'Abstain' from voting on a specific change to an 'Article'. The member may then cut out the 'Abstain' ballot and mail it in to the Secretary.
 - 3. The member may wish to 'Object' on a specific change to an 'Article'. The member may then cut out the 'Object' ballot and mail it in to the Secretary.

At the end of the General Membership voting on this procedure the total number of Concur (General Consent), Abstain and Object votes should equal the total number of Special Ballot issues of Patrolling Magazine mailed by the Secretary.

It is the individual members' responsibility to ensure he is making his own decision on each specific ballot and mailing in the correct ballot reflecting his opinion. It is the individual members' responsibility to ensure the correct numbered ballot corresponds with the ballot he is mailing to the Secretary. It is the individual members' responsibility to ensure his membership number is noted on each ballot sent and that each ballot has his signature inscribed on it. Only one ballot for each 'Article' will be allowed per member. Failure to follow the above prescribe rules and guidelines will void that particular ballot. The Recording Secretary will assemble a report of voided ballots to be disseminated to the General Membership explaining each category and the total numbers in that category.

10. VOTING IN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP FORUM:

The procedure for making changes is listed in our current Constitution and By Laws. A more detailed procedure is listed in the Roberts Rules of Order Revised, 9th Ed. To make changes to the Constitution & By Laws, the change must follow the following process.

The Association Secretary will bring to the General Membership meeting all ballots mailed to him. The Secretary will establish a roster of all member's names that have mailed in absentee ballots. These unopened ballots will be opened by a select group of disinterested members for counting. The count will be verified and the count for each action held for inclusion with the floor vote to be held later.

Members entering the General Membership meeting will be checked against a roster of received absentee ballots to assure that there is not a absentee ballot on hand for the person who is present. If this is the case then the absentee ballot will be pulled for that person before he is allowed to enter the room so his vote will not be counted twice.

Additionally, a roster will be maintained at the door to assure that only members in good standing with 'Regular' membership status are allowed in the room during voting on the Constitution & By Laws. A method will be developed to assure that this is adhered to. The president may appoint one or several Sergeant at Arms to assist in this screening process.

11. DISTRIBUTION OF RATIFIED REVISED BY LAWS:

Once the voting has been concluded on the revisions of Constitution & By Laws, and the new By Laws have been ratified, the outgoing Secretary will assist the incoming Secretary to ensure that copies of the new By Laws are printed and distributed to all members of the Association. This will be the outgoing Secretaries final duty of office.

AUTHORSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS



A/75 - D/17 LRP - V CORPS LRRP

Unit Director - Tom Brizendine



From: Tom Brizendine D/17th LRP, V Corps LRRP,
A/75th Rangers LRRP I don't talk much. So I will say this. The Association Presidents (past and present), and the Unit Directors worked on the Constitution and Bylaws for a long time to clarify the wording and meaning. We have finished with them, and will present them to the General Membership for their vote for approval or disapproval. You guys can see by the messages that the other Unit directors have wrote, how much work

actually went into the effort. We did what we needed to do, so it is now your turn. The association belongs to you. Read the presented documents closely, they will control how the association will be presented and ran. The best to all of you guys in your endeavors!

Rangers Lead the Way!

Tom Brizendine

Unit Director



B/75 - C/58 LRP - VII CORPS LRRP

Unit Director - Stanley Harrell



Here are a few of my thoughts on the rewriting of the Constitution and By-Laws.

When the president of our Unit asked me to fill in for our Unit Director on this undertaking due to his relocation which would preclude his participation, I said to myself, "Sure, why not?" It couldn't take much time or be much trouble and, besides, I might even learn a bit about this 75th RRA group that had recently invited our new Association's participation in theirs.

Well, was I ever wrong about the volume of work to be done! When I first received the packet, I was overwhelmed by the size and complexity of the document. But if its format and content were a bit murky, its intent was not. It appeared that it was a document that needed some cleaning up and rewording, but probably could be rewritten in a couple of weeks. I thought my strengths as a would-be grammarian might come in handy, and I could work with Emmett to doctor up some of the paragraphs before he sent them out for consideration by the Committee. But I soon realized that this was serious business, and that what is written is as important as how it is written, if it is to clarify the vagaries and eliminate the ambiguous language of the original.

Enter Emmett Hiltibrand and his Authorship Guidelines. If ever there were a thorough set of rules and expectations as to the role of the Authorship Committee, this was it. We would all have one equal vote, and were all expected to have input into each and every Article, no matter how major or trivial our point may be, and we were to share our thoughts with the whole Committee so we could learn from the opinions of the others. Emmett would then collate the comments, incorporate the thoughts we presented, and send out the original and a "Proposed" version to vote on or amend, sometimes several times, until each Article and Section were passed by the majority. We generally reached unanimity, but sometimes reserved the right for a "Revisit", pending the resolution of issues elsewhere in the document.

Although there was sometimes some playful banter among some of the old-timers in the group, I was impressed by the lack of acrimony between strongly opposing viewpoints during discussion of some "spirited" issues. However, consensus, not compromise, proved to be the goal, and we always reached it. While it might have been tempting to do so, I never saw lobbying for a position among factions of the Committee or, even more importantly, from the President, who exercised immense patience with us while persistently driving us to the completion of our task.

I have learned a lot through this process, especially about the value of veterans' groups such as ours. In the service, we all did what we did, whether as career soldiers or temporary interlopers, and are fiercely proud of the part we all played, however large or small. It is through the continuous improvement and adaptation of our guiding principles that we per-

petuate the heritage and spirit that embody us all, both as individuals and as an organization. As for me, I took as much satisfaction in the proper placement of a comma as I did in the rewording of a whole paragraph, if that comma (which often drove Emmett nuts - an added pleasure) was the difference between clarity and uncertainty. Detail is that important, then and now.

In summary, I hope that the Membership will find the Bylaws a workable framework to guide the Association into the future. I am proud to have served on the Authorship Committee with a bunch of guys I have never met, who have all contributed so unselfishly and nobly as one to this effort. Kind of reminds me of the old days in the 60's, when I found myself thrown together with a bunch of strangers in an unfamiliar place and we.....

Kirk Gibson
VII LRRP (ABN), B/75



C/75 - E/20 LRP
Unit Director - Worth Bolton



From: Worth Bolton, C/75th Unit Director
Participation in the authorship committee was an overall positive and educational experience; "Positive" because, in spite of sharp differences, we were able to arrive at consensus with plenty of give and take between committee members. "Educational" because the comments from the Past Presidents and other Unit Directors filled me in on some of the history and development of the Association that occurred prior to my involvement. I do believe that any organization needs to shake itself down every few years to make sure the

guiding documents reflect the natural changes that occur with the maturity of the group. This process, while laborious and time consuming, has an overall benefit that I hope our members will appreciate. In cases where dissent does occur, I hope the dissenter(s) will put forth specific recommendations rather than gripes so we can move along. I am glad that I was able to be a small part of this process and appreciate the comments, hard work, and commitment to task that was demonstrated by all.



D/75
Unit Director - John Kingeter



From Tom Delaney D/75
Emmett:

Here's my take on the rewrite process of the Constitution and By-Laws of the 75TH Ranger Regiment Association. My comments will generally focus on the process and the future and not delve into the context of the e-mail correspondence pertaining to the Authorship Committee. I feel a chronology of specific events would probably be rather boring to the membership. What is of significant importance is the end product and not the means to achieve our goal! More on this later.

I'd like to begin by saying that you were the catalyst and linchpin for this significant emotional event and your leadership provided and facilitated a very open process for the Authorship Committee to work with. The Association Officers and the Authorship Committee members have met the true test by displaying, "True Grit". We are extremely fortunate that the convenience of e-mail enabled the Authorship Committee to function in a synergistic manner using open forum discussions. This monumental task would probably be still somewhere on the drawing board if we used the median of regular mail or telephones voice real time.

Our Founding Fathers: Donald Lynch, Robert Gilbert, Billy Nix, and Nicholas Gibbone had a vision, stayed the course to completion and thus the 75 Ranger Regiment Association was born and exists today as a unique and distinct organization. As surely as the grains of sand flow through the hourglass of time, we (The Association) must rise to meet the challenges that time has created or face stagnation.

Our Founding Fathers created the Constitution and By-Laws based on sound principles and alterations to our charter should not be viewed superficially. The "Heart and Soul" of the 75TH Ranger Regiment Association is it's membership

and the threads that bind us all into a common brotherhood are our Constitution and By-Laws. From this perspective we must all lean forward in the "Foxhole" and view all of the changes proposed in macro context and not just as individual Articles.

The Authorship Committee has completed a mission that it can truly be proud of, however, much is still left to be completed. In a sense our work has just begun! Hopefully our membership will reach a consensus after carefully considering what we have proposed as changes and realize that times have changed and vote accordingly. Not everyone will probably agree with all content changed, however the principles of our Founding Fathers remain intact, unchanged, and still remains as the nucleus in my view. Is the rewrite perfect? Probably not. It's so close though that the next generation of Rangers will have less to consider and be able to move on to the bigger and better issues that will become future challenges for our Association in an ever changing society.

In summation the recent events of September 11th should remind us that we live and work in the most open society in the "Free World". Regardless of social, racial, religious, economic, political or demographic backgrounds we still preserve and live with a Constitution that evolved from our "Founding Fathers", we are Americans. So much for my philosophical spin! I've enjoyed the process of contributing to the rewrite process and even though I have not met most of the Authorship Committee I know in my heart who they are. Rest assured, "Rangers Lead The Way".

To our membership, I say "Ruck It Up". The task is about to be placed on your plate. Consider the future of our Association. Study our proposed rewrite. Some changes are only cosmetic, others significant, yet when you cut through the chase you will still see what our Founding Fathers have provided for us. Vote your conscience and you will have accomplished your mission, "Some Gave All, All Gave Some!"

Tom Delaney
D/75



E/75 - E/50 LRP - 9TH DIV LRRP Unit Director - Robert Copeland



My beret is off to Emmett and the Authorship Committee, for all the conscientious deliberation and effort that they put forward in coming up with the revised version, of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association C&BL. After a respectable period of time, the total effort came to fruition. I trust everyone who has received a Ballot, will exercise their right as a voting member of the association, after due consideration of the articles. I ask that you cast your vote as an individual, choosing the category you think best reflects your opinion, of the article in question. This

is one of the most important tasks, that you will be called upon to do, as a voting member of the association. I am therefore requesting, that you digest this material that has been put before you and make your voice heard in the spirit of RANGER BROTHERHOOD, remembering first and foremost, RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!!!!

Bob Copeland
Unit Director
E/75-E/50 LRP-9TH DIV LRRP



G/75 - E/51 LRP - 196TH LRRP Unit Director - Steve Crabtree



The Constitution of the United States of America just may be the best written document in history. It, too, needed Amendments. The Bylaws of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association were good, now they are better. The e-mails were many. Each and every member of the Committee saw each other's responses and replies. Everything was done out in the open. The "discussions" (I won't use the word arguments) were there but were minimal. All of the disagreements had merit on both sides. I really believe that we took the prudent road and ended up with a document that will serve each and every one of us for a long, long time. It is nice to know that we can still work together for a common goal. My salute to Emmett, and the other members of the Authorship Committee, for a clear, readable and understandable document.

CRABS G/75

**K/75 - E/58 LRP - 4TH DIV LRRP**

Unit Director - Bob Stack

**4th INF DIV LRRP/LRP, E/58, K/75**

Early last year our President, Emmett Hiltabrand, asked for my participation in the re-write of the Association Bylaws, as the K CO representative, and in my capacity as "Patrolling" Magazine editor. The original by-laws were a result of several editions and re-writes involving quite a few people over a considerable period of time. They were perhaps adequate, but did contain redundancies and some points and Articles were somewhat ambiguous. The purpose of the present re-write was to streamline the by-laws and to eliminate the confusing and ambiguous parts.

The process was fair and democratic, there was a discussion (by e-mail for the most part), sometimes spirited, and a general consensus was reached on all the points. (There were disagreements, but a 2/3 majority approved all 20 Articles.) A great many of the changes were administrative only, i.e. they simply eliminated a redundancy or corrected an ambiguity. The significant changes are as follows:

1. Article V: Section now permits LRS (Long Range Surveillance) unit members to be regular members IF the unit can trace it's lineage to LRRP/LRP units that were active in Vietnam or if the unit is assigned to a Brigade sized or larger unit that was deployed to Vietnam.

2. Article VIII: Classes of membership have been modified significantly. There are now the following classes of membership.

Regular: Can vote & hold office. Must have served in a unit specified in Article V.

Associate: Cannot vote or hold office. Must have served in a unit in direct support of an Article V unit. Tab Rangers who have not served in an Article V unit are now limited to Associate Membership.

The remaining classes of membership allow the Association to have latitude in granting membership, magazine subscriptions, rewarding patrons for their support and generally increasing the Association's exposure. Only Regular Members can vote or hold office.

3. Article XVI: Section 6 requires that the chief financial officers (Treasurer & Secretary) be bonded. This is NOT to say there is any reason to distrust anyone involved in the process, past present or future. It is merely good business practice, especially in the present climate of potential terrorist attacks on financial centers & institutions. It also provides a safety net should a catastrophic event occur.

I believe that the adoption of these By-laws is in the best interest of the Association. Please vote for each article on the ballot provided & mail in the envelope provided. Don't forget the stamp.

John Chester

**L/75 - F/58 LRP - 1/101ST LRRP**

Unit Director - Randall White



The process of reviewing and rewriting the Constitution and By-Laws for the 75th RRA is an effort that took place during the past spring and summer of 2001 and continued into the fall and now a new year. At the sacrifice of many warm summer nights and sunny weekends, your representatives jointly took

part in a line-by-line review of this document. If I said it was an effort that didn't have disagreements or sometimes heated debate, I'd be a liar. Regardless, most of the work went quite smoothly with leadership and tracking done by your president Emmett Hiltabrand. The aim of this project was to consolidate

the C&BL into a single document readable and easily understood by all. Each article was presented in the original form, then a proposed version submitted by Emmett was written below it for comparison. Input and suggestions were asked for from all those who were involved, and at that point the work started. On the simpler articles most of the changes suggested were approved as written, or with slight corrections. Spelling and grammar was corrected or wording adjusted, with every effort made to maintain the original intent or clarify it. No essential portions, such as the history of Merrill's Marauders was omitted, with provisions being made for a separate collection that will include our history and that of the association. Certain articles were consolidated which reduced the total number of articles, and others were moved to make the document flow better when reading. Some of the adjustments to the various articles took days some only hours, but all participants had an equal voice in making suggestions and each person had a vote. Debate over wording, inclusions or exclusions was entered into and changes made until it was felt that a vote could be made to accept the article, or do a revisit at the conclusion of reviewing the entire document.

This process was repeated for each article until completed, and then another review was made through the entire document for a final polish and another look at the articles previously set aside for revisit. A consensus was hammered out for the revisit articles with a vote for approval of each one, until the document was completed.

What you have before you in this special issue of "Patrolling," represents the efforts of the committee that spent many hours overcoming differences ranging from what word to use to how to word a paragraph. Emmett deserves a special nod for his guidance in keeping the authorship committee on track and focused on the job at hand, and for keeping things moving. We hope that when you read the new document you'll have a better understanding of what the association represents, who the members are and it's goals and mission. Every effort was made to allow for changes that might be necessary in the future as our history is continually being written and new chapters added. Now it's your turn to do a little work and read the new document and vote your approval, or tell us to go back to work. This is your association and that's YOUR job. RW



N/75 - 74TH LRP - 173RD LRRP

Unit Director - Dave Gowen



Observations on the process

Charlie Kankel, N/75; 74th LRP; 173d LRRP in lieu of Dave Gowen, Unit Director.

What follows are observations on the process and not the product of revising the existing Constitution and By Laws of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. It remains for each member to evaluate the product of this revision process and judge for himself whether he can support its ratification.

The process in general was eminently fair, thorough and non-coercive. To be sure, there were some "frank" and passionate exchanges on issues where different people had strongly held and divergent opinions, but it was recognized that people of good conscience and noble intent could disagree. Surprisingly enough those issues of passionate disagreement were few and far between, some disagreement still exists and you will hear/see both sides. From my own perspective I can see merit on both sides of an issue, but at some point one has to make a decision on what he can truly support, that does not make the other position without merit. Anyway, we went about this as brother Rangers with just the right amount of "spittin and fussin'".

I cannot really say I worked very hard at this, because our President, Emmett Hiltibrand, with some editorial assistance, was the man that did the real work of taking the original document, which needed some work, as a base to work from and essentially re-wrote the entire Constitution one Article at a time.

That is not to say this is Emmett's document because that was only the start point. From there he sent one Article at a time, as he finished them, to each of us on the Authorship Committee via email and that is where our job began. With some exceptions the Authorship Committee was made up of Unit Directors or their designated representatives. From my

point of view the greatest investment I had was time. It takes time to read and sift through each Article and then reason out what you have read and provide comments where appropriate. Comments were returned via "Reply All" email so that every committee member could read and digest the comments of every other committee member. When everyone had been heard or made it clear he had no comment, Emmett would use the comments and our discussions to fine-tune the Article, it would then be emailed back to us for either more discussion or a vote, depending on how contentious the issues were. If it were apparent there was general agreement, we would vote and move on to the next Article. In some cases it would be apparent there was not general agreement and we would exercise the revisit voting option which simply meant we would move on to the next Article with the intention of returning to the "revisit" Article at a later time. In fact, there were three voting options "Concur", "Object", and "Revisit". We ended up revisiting some Articles for a variety of reasons but worked our way through some disagreements to eventually arrive at overwhelming, though not total, support for the Article in question. The final vote on all of the Articles was an overwhelming Concur. The whole process was a civics lesson and I truly believe we came out closer than when we went in.

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Charlie



O/75 - 78TH LRP
Unit Director - Bailey Stauffer



Last April 2001, the Association President took on the monumental project of revising the Associations Constitution and By-Laws. He appointed an Authorship Committee of which I was a member. The process was simple, fair, and democratic. The president submitted proposed changes, one Article at a time, to the committee members to discuss and then vote on the proposed

changes. The proposed changes will now be submitted to the Association membership for approval or rejection. These proposed changes are for the good of the Association. The Association President, Emmett Hiltibrand, put in long and hard hours on this project, and we should give him the credit he deserves.

Ricky Hogg O Co. 75th Ranger



D/151 LRP/RANGER
Unit Director - Tom Blandford



To: Emmett Hiltibrand

From: Tom Blandford, representative for the Indiana Rangers, D/151

Regarding: C&BL Rewrite

I want to thank you for all the hard work you did in the rewriting of the Constitution and By Laws of the association. The old version was confusing. It was a tedious process having to read and understand the old version and how it related to the "new and improved" version. There were times I wished the process would stop. But, the comments from others on the committee helped me understand what many sections meant, or were supposed to mean, and the implications of old vs. new statements. It is a much improved document and I am glad I was a small part of the process.

I enjoyed reading the comments from the committee, especially the other Unit Directors. I envy some of them in their ability to see through the fog and determine what will be best for the organization. I enjoyed reading comments from several of them because I could tell they had a great sense humor. I look forward to seeing them at the reunion. I'll even buy the first round.

RLTW



1ST BN, 75TH RANGER REGT

Unit Director - James Kinney



Authorship Committee Comments

From about the 30th of April of 2001 the Board of Directors, Past Presidents, and designees from the Units of our Association began the work of revising the Constitution and By-laws (C&BL's) of our association. This was sorely needed as some time had passed and the C&BL's needed to be updated, corrected in some areas, and basically overhauled. President Emmett Hiltibrand led this effort after the fight for the Black Beret ended. Well, let me tell you, for almost nine months numerous e-mails were exchanged along with ideas, views, opinions, and some very good dialogue on how the C&BL's needed to be reworded, changed, additions or corrections made and framed to fit the association as we have evolved in recent years.

The process itself was democratic as each committee member was able to voice their comments, suggestions, and opinions, on matters such as membership eligibility, voting, duties of Officer's, dues, and all the other items that encompass the C&BL's. This was actually accomplished by sending the Authorship committee by master e-mail list the current C&BL article (that has been in effect since 1996) and proposed changes to that article. From there the Authorship committee members were able to respond with their changes or other input on how to proceed on that article. Once all committee members responded, we tried to reach a consensus, and then a vote was taken. Once we had 2/3's vote, or 66% of the committee in favor of the change, we moved onto the next article.

What began as a 30 Article document transitioned into a 20 (or is it 22 Emmett) Articles that are more streamlined, clearer, and accurate to what we need to work from in the administration of our association. We deleted words, sentences, and paragraphs. We added the same with changes. We moved articles into proper sequence. We did a lot of work on improving the C&BL's into a tool to use when necessary to make the

decisions that need to be made for the association. This endeavor was not without its controversies, disagreements, or differences. There were and are items that were debated quite staunchly. The main point is, we put a lot of effort into this project for you the member to decide if these changes or improvements are what you the member want, for the good of the association.

Mainly, there are cosmetic changes, spelling and grammatical corrections, and some new proposals to the C&BL's. There are also a few major changes proposed, those being, unit designations allowed into the association, and membership. Previously, only those units with Ranger, LRRP, or LRP lineage were authorized unit designation in our association. There were also special provisions permitted for the BDQ Rangers and Co. D (Ranger), 151st Inf. of the Indiana National Guard. There are some LRSU units (successor units) that fall under some of the predecessor units that are now proposed to include them as eligible for unit designation into the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. Additionally, there is proposed in Article VIII several new classes of membership. Previously, we only had Regular Members, of which you had to serve in one of the designated units, and Affiliate Members, of which you had to be attached to or accompany one of the designated units on combat operations. Check over closely the new additions of classes of membership. Only Regular members will be allowed to vote on issues or elections in the association.

I highly encourage all members to review the proposed changes to the C&BL's and especially vote. Check all the articles from the current C&BL's to the new proposed changes and determine if this is what the association needs. Your voice is important on this matter, and what matters is the member's voice. The authorship committee has completed our work, now it is up to the members to finish it. RLTW,

Jimmy Kinney UD 1/75TH.

LRRP DETACHMENT-3RD ID

Unit Director - Michael McClintock

Getting twenty-five Rangers to completely agree on anything except "Ham and Lima Beans" is like herding cats. It ain't easy! I think the process used to update the by-laws was a good process in that it allowed for the Authorship Committee to share their thoughts and to compare notes. Many times when I was prepared to concur on a specific article another member of the com-

mittee would bring up a good point that changed my mind and we revisited the article. I think the by-laws are clearer, stronger and more focused as a result. Thanks for holding it all together.

Mike McClintock
3rd ID LRRP Detachment

Past Presidents

In the 1994-96 time frame, when Roy Barley, Roy Boatman, C. Larry Rhodes, and I served as the officers of the association, there was discussion about the need for changes and corrections to the association constitution and by-laws. Much was just cleaning up spelling and grammar while other places needed to be worded better to convey the exact meaning and intent of the document so anyone reading it would know exactly what the rules are. There were places in the original document where different people could read it and come up with different interpretations of the same text. This may have been partly caused by the way the document was originally assembled. I was not around then but was told that our CBL was drawn from several similar documents from other associations and patched together and modified as necessary to fill our needs. In 1996 there was an attempt to further patch the original document to correct some of these problems and update it to meet new needs. Unfortunately, patching an already poorly patched document generated some additional problems and still did not manage to make the total CBL any easier to read or understand. When I was elected president in 1996, I had intended to work with Terry Roderick, my VP, to get the job done by rewriting the document from scratch. The ongoing TAB issue along with our work to get the Ranger Memorial KIA brick project completed forced us to put the CBL on a back burner and it did not get done by the time Terry took over as president in 1998. I know that Terry had also intended to tackle the job but got bogged down in the TAB problem. Then when Roy Boatman started having some serious health issues, Terry found himself having to handle more than his own job. He did a great job in keeping the association going during those times but could not get to the CBL rewrite either. In Savannah 2000 when Emmett was elected president, he came to each of the former presidents and some other officers and asked what needed to be done to make the association better. I, and several others men-

tioned the need to do major work on the CBL and suggested his group of officers and directors try to make the time to get this tough job done. Emmett read the existing CBL and agreed with our conclusions. Even though his time in office has not exactly been slow as far as issues and problems go, he and almost all of his group of officers and directors have made the time to get this nasty job done. By combining the constitution with the by-laws document, he has made the whole much easier to read and understand. By modifying wording and eliminating most of the redundancy, he has eliminated much of the confusion and even contradiction of the original and 1996 modified documents. The process was not always easy and there was much constructive discussion involved in many of the articles but I believe the final document reflects well the months of work that went into it. We are a large association and not every new officer comes to the job with previous experience. For this reason, if no other, our operating documents and procedures need to be well defined in black and white for officers and directors to refer to as needed. I believe the new by-law document fills the bill for this job. If future officer/director boards need to further update it, as any such living constitution or by-law goes through from time to time to remain viable, it will be far easier to do so to this new document than to try yet again to patch the original. Please look over the original and this new by-law document and compare the results. I think you will have to agree that the new one is far easier to find firm answers to the questions each new board needs to know to run the association under the rules we all intend. However you feel, please cast your vote as directed elsewhere in this booklet. This is your association. We need your vote.

Richard Ehrler E/50 LRP 9th ID 1968-69
Former association president, 1996-98

Seeing this process come to fruition has been a bit like "Listerine" to me personally. I loved it that Emmett got it done, and I hated it that I was unable to accomplish this during my tenure as it was a priority when I was elected. It got shoved on the back burner and having been a part of the process now, I can assure you that a lot of thought and discussion went into any changes or additions. There will still be some disagreement with parts of it by some, but overall, it is a good document for today and the near future I believe. Like anything good, it can always be amended in the future when the membership feels the need. Please take the time out needed to review it and let the BOD know your feelings on the job that they have done. I think Emmett is to be commended for the time and effort he put into this.

RLTW !! Terry B. Roderick, Past President 1998-2000

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN

THE PRESENT BYLAWS OF THE

ASSOCIATION.

THESE ARE THE BYLAWS UNDERWHICH

WE OPERATE AT THIS TIME.

75th RANGER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I
ORGANIZATION

There is formed an organization known as the: 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE

To organize and unite those eligible for membership in a fraternal bond: to pay homage to units in which we served by perpetuating the history and traditions of those units, and, to honor our comrades, living and dead, whose service was in keeping with the duties and responsibilities of American Rangers.

ARTICLE III
OBJECTIVES

1. To identify and offer membership to all eligible 75th Infantry Rangers, and members of the Long Range Patrol Companies and Detachments from whence it came, and the Vietnamese Ranger Advisors of the Biet Dong Quan.
2. To sustain the Association.
3. To attain maximum participation by members in good standing in all Association activities.
4. To assist, when possible, those active units and their members who bear the colors and lineage of the 5307th Composite Provisional Unit (CPU), 475th Infantry Regiment, 75th Infantry (Ranger) Companies (Merrill's Marauders), 1st and 2nd Battalions (Ranger) 75th Infantry, the 75th Ranger Regiment, consisting of Regimental Headquarters 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Ranger Battalions, successor units, or additions to the Regiment.
5. To memorialize those of our comrades who are missing in action, who died while serving their country or while serving in units that qualify them for membership in this Association.
6. To carry out programs and activities worthy of the Association.
7. To cause to be erected, a memorial honoring the 75th Infantry Rangers and Long Range Patrol members.

ARTICLE IV
PHILOSOPHY

1. Patriotism. All current and former members of the 75th Ranger Infantry and Long Range Patrol Companies recognize and acknowledge that the Association is fraternal, and predicates membership on honorable service to country. Members will not engage in activities inimical to United States interests.
2. Politics. The Association shall not engage in any political activity. Directors and members are specifically prohibited from engaging in any form of activity that relates the Association to political activity.
3. The foregoing does not preclude the Association from being supportive of United States policy and objectives, nor does it prohibit any member from engaging in the normal rights of any citizen, as long as the members do not relate their activities to the Association. Any violation of the foregoing prohibited activities will result in loss of vested right to membership.

ARTICLE V
COMPOSITION

1. The Association shall consist of various classes of members, as defined in Article VI, who served or are serving in the 75th Infantry Ranger Companies, Battalions, or Regiment; This is to include the Long Range Patrol Companies, and predecessor, or successor units authorized the colors and coat of arms established for Merrill's Marauders. Company D (Ranger) 151st Infantry, (Indiana National Guard), and the Vietnamese Ranger Advisors (Biet Dong Quan), are added as Special Entities.

2. Service as a member of the armed forces of the United States, its allies, or as a civilian authorized and recognized by MACV, et al, in with, or for, any of the units listed below, or in any other special status designated by the Association's Board of Directors that qualifies for one of the classes of membership in the Association.

Long Range Patrol or Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol

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| a. Co D (LRP) 17th Inf. | k. Co E (LRP) 58th Inf. |
| b. Co E (LRP) 20th Inf. | l. Co F (LRP) 58th Inf. |
| c. Co E (LRP) 30th Inf. | m. 70th Inf. DET (LRP) |
| d. Co E (LRP) 50th Inf. | n. 71st Inf. DET (LRP) |
| e. Co F (LRP) 50th Inf. | o. 74th Inf. DET (LRP) |
| f. Co E (LRP) 51st Inf. | p. 78th Inf. DET (LRP) |
| g. Co F (LRP) 51st Inf. | q. 79th Inf. DET (LRP) |
| h. Co E (LRP) 52nd Inf. | r. Co D (RANGER) 151st Inf. |
| i. Co F (LRP) 52nd Inf. | s. 1st BDE. 101st (LRRP) |
| j. Co C (LRP) 58th Inf. | |

75th Infantry Ranger Companies that served in Vietnam

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| a. Co A (RANGER) 75th Inf. | i. Co I (RANGER) 75th Inf. |
| b. Co B (RANGER) 75th Inf. | j. Co K (RANGER) 75th Inf. |
| c. Co C (RANGER) 75th Inf. | k. Co L (RANGER) 75th Inf. |
| d. Co D (RANGER) 75th Inf. | l. Co M (RANGER) 75th Inf. |
| e. Co E (RANGER) 75th Inf. | m. Co N (RANGER) 75th Inf. |
| f. Co F (RANGER) 75th Inf. | n. Co O (RANGER) 75th Inf. |
| g. Co G (RANGER) 75th Inf. | o. Co P (RANGER) 75th Inf. |
| h. Co H (RANGER) 75th Inf. | |

Other Ranger Units

- a. all units of the Biet Dong Quan (BDQ), of the Vietnam Era.
- b. 1st Battalion (Ranger) 75th Inf., activated in 1974.
- c. 2nd Battalion (Ranger) 75th Inf., activated in 1974.
- d. 3rd Battalion (Ranger) 75th Inf., and HQ's Company, 75th Inf., both activated in 1984.
- e. 75th Ranger Regiment, designated in 1986, and all subordinate, assigned, and attached units.

ARTICLE VI
MEMBERSHIP

1. Classes of membership

Membership in the Association shall consist of individuals with specific qualifications who can establish their eligibility for one of the two classes of membership as generally outlined below and specifically described and defined in APPENDIX II, "CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP".

- a. Regular active member
- b. Affiliate member

2. Membership qualification

Individuals applying for membership status under the qualifications established for the various classes of membership shall be required to identify the unit in which service is claimed at the time of application. The Secretary may request appropriate documents concerning the applicants qualifications for perusal of the Directors.

3. Loss of membership

Active membership in the Association may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

- a. Failure to pay dues in accordance with procedures prescribed in the By-Laws of the Association.
- b. Receipt of information by the Board of Directors (BOD) that any member has acted in a manner to bring discredit upon the Association. The BOD is obliged to notify such individual of any contemplated action and allow them adequate time for rebuttal.
- c. Proof received by the BOD that any member acquired status by means of falsification or misrepresentation of qualifications.
- d. Membership numbers of terminated members may be reused.

4. Death of a member

The Association Secretary will, upon notification of death of a member:

- a. Publish a notification in the next Association newsletter, or make the announcement at the general membership meeting, whichever shall occur first.
- b. Notify the member's survivors that they are considered affiliate members for the remainder of the deceased members period of membership, and may continue affiliation under rules prescribed for affiliation.
- c. Retain on the membership rolls the names of all deceased members, and identify them by an asterisk in the margin preceding the name. Card numbers issued to a deceased member will not be reused.

5. Membership Rosters

The Association Secretary will publish once a year, and distribute at reunions or by mail, a membership roster to each Unit Director.

6. Approval of membership

Membership applications will be submitted directly to the Treasurer of the Association with appropriate dues. Either documentation, or verification by another member, is considered appropriate proof for membership.

7. Eligible inactive members

The Association Secretary will maintain, as current as possible, lists of all eligible potential members of the Association. At the discretion of the BOD, specific Association literature may be mailed to non members as an instrument in the recruitment process. The lists will continue to be maintained as a cross reference for members attempting to locate former Rangers and LRRP members.

8. Members economic status

Current or potential members will not be prohibited membership in the Association because of temporary or permanent change in economic status.

**ARTICLE VII
DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

1. General

Annual dues are part of the responsibility and privilege of being a member. No organization can flourish without operating funds. The dues may be raised or lowered.

2. Responsibility

- a. The Board of Directors is responsible for determining the amount of dues required annually.
- b. The membership dues are payable on 1 July of each year.

3. Association Funds Investment and Use

The Board of Directors guiding principle is to ensure the financial integrity of the Association. Accomplishment of that principle

will be done through preserving capital, insuring the budget is balanced each year, accumulating sufficient funds to meet annual expenditures from dividends and interest earned from invested capital.

- a. Funds received from membership dues, contributions, and other sources, may be invested in high interest bearing secure, or secured, money market funds, United States Treasury notes, or other investment options offering a minimum risk versus higher return.

- b. Funds and assets of the Association will be maintained as follows:

(1) General Operating Fund.

This fund will consist of all annual dues received, interest earned from 3.a. above, monies realized from sale of Association controlled items, and any profit realized from the preceding reunion. Daily operating expenses of the Association will be met through the General Operating Fund. This fund will be monitored by the Association Vice President, Treasurer, and one Board member.

(2) Reunion Operating Fund.

This fund shall consist of all monies donated or otherwise contributed to the Association, monies collected from vendors interest and other sources, to meet budgeted costs of the reunion. This fund will be administered by the Secretary, through the Treasurer, and payments may be advanced to the reunion Chairman upon presentment of justifiable expenses and bills. This fund will be monitored by the President, Treasurer, and one additional Board member.

**ARTICLE VIII
UNIT AND REGIONAL ACTIVITY**

1. The Association may be divided into unit and/or regional organizations for administrative purposes and /or control. They will be administered by the Board of Directors.
2. The Association may be divided into groupings of units, by members who served in those units, for the purposes of parades, special events, or other reasons. These groupings are considered temporary.

**ARTICLE IX
VOTING**

1. Every regular active member will have full voting rights and privileges, if in good standing, and one vote either:
 - a. At any regular or special general membership meeting.
 - b. By open or secret ballot.
2. Affiliate members are not authorized to vote in National Election of Officers. Directors or changes to the Constitution and by-laws
3. **Voting Procedures.**

Except as otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws, all matters subject to a vote must be presented to the membership as follows:

- a. A simple majority of regular active voting members is deemed sufficient to carry a vote at any regular or special membership meeting, excepting those matters involving changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.
- b. On matters involving the Constitution and By-Laws, written ballots will be provided in a newsletter, verified by the Secretary, and included with the final tally of floor votes at regular, or special membership meetings. A two thirds (2/3) majority is necessary to change the Constitution and By-Laws.
- c. Voting will be preceded by information, and/or debate, regarding the individual(s) or issues.
- d. Issues presented from the floor may be voted on, and passed, by a simple majority at any general membership meeting.
- e. Debate of an issue will be limited to five minutes per individual.

**ARTICLE X
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

1. One business meeting will be conducted during each Association reunion.

2. All members must have paid current dues as a prerequisite to attending an annual reunion or attending Association functions.
3. If for any reason a reunion is not held during a given year, the Board of Directors will select the next reunion site.
4. Reunion dates and locations will be selected by the membership through a simple majority vote during each reunion. Volunteer Reunion Chairman and assistants will be designated concurrently, or the site selection and date will be considered nullified.

**ARTICLE XI
LEADERSHIP**

1. The Association will be administered by a unit representative from each of the units authorized membership as designated in Article V (Composition), plus the four Officer Directors.
2. A two thirds (2/3) majority of all Unit Directors and Officers will be considered a majority.
3. Any unit failing to nominate a candidate for a position will lose the position, and it will be voted to by general at large membership.
4. Directors must be able to defray expenses involved in meetings from their own resources. Organizational funds will not be used, ever, to pay for any Director's transportation, or motel/hotel expenses.
5. Individuals desiring to be a Director, must clearly state to the membership that they have, or will make, their time available for Association business, and funds to defray personal expenses on Association business.
6. The current Regimental Commanding Officer (RCO) 75th Ranger Regiment, his Command Sergeant Major, Battalion Commanders, and their Sergeants Major, may be active duty advisors for the 75th Ranger Regiment Association.
7. The following positions are established:
 - a. All Officers shall be Directors
 - b. President: Chairman/Chief Executive Officer
 - c. Vice President: Programs and Protocol
 - d. Secretary: Administration and membership
 - e. Treasurer: Budget and Funding, Membership
 - f. Directors at Large: Will be members of the committees established by the President.
 - g. Past Presidents Advisory Council
8. All Directors and Officers are elected for two year terms. Directors at Large may stand for reelection at the discretion of their sponsoring units. Officers may be reelected consecutively at National reunions. However, each is limited to two consecutive terms. Any Officer may be repeatedly reelected beyond this two year limitation by carrying 75% of the regular active membership votes at the business meetings. After a two year break in service from a specific position, any individual may stand as a new candidate for that same position. A retiring officer may be elected to another position at any time.
9. Excluded from reimbursement constraints for the four Directors named as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, are those exclusive matters of Association business involving postage and telephone costs, properly documented by the Secretary, approved by the President, and repaid by the Treasurer. These matters will be made public at each annual meeting by the Treasurer in his report.
10. The Nominating Committee designated by the Board of Directors shall propose to the membership, not less than three months prior to election, the names of proposed candidates and the position for which standing. Nominations may be taken from the floor, seconded, and approved by a simple majority, for inclusion in the election balloting procedures.
11. Elections will be held during general membership meetings.
12. Following the close of any nomination period, sixty days or more prior to the reunion, the Secretary will notify members of the candidates, and positions nominated for.
13. New Directors will assume their positions on the day following the last day of the reunion.

**ARTICLE XII
RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors will:

1. Be responsible for activities approved by the membership.
2. Have power to act or approve proposals, including expenditures, in consonance with the Constitution and By-Laws, and not prohibited by the membership, or contrary to accepted mores of the Association.
3. Conduct the administrative and financial affairs of the Association in an efficient manner.
4. Recommend to the membership proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.
5. Vote on all matters requiring a decision of the full Board. This may be accomplished via telephone, in writing, or by secret ballot, following debate or discussion. Directors failing to vote will be shown in the minutes as having abstained.
6. **The President:** The President is the Chairman of the Board and has full Executive authority to:
 - a. Preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and membership.
 - b. Appoint Committees.
 - c. Nominate a replacement to the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of any Board of Directors member who dies, resigns, or is removed for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance. The Board of Directors must concur with the replacement, and tenure will be that of the member replaced.
7. **The Vice President:** The Vice President will assume duties of the President during his absence, or in the event of his death, incapacity, removal, or resignation.
 - a. Is responsible for programs and Protocol.
 - b. Chair ad-hoc committees.
 - c. Recommend guest speakers for the reunion.
 - d. Perform other duties as directed by the President.
8. **The Secretary:** The Secretary is the principle administrator for the Association, and has full executive authority to fulfill the function. Specifically, he will:
 - a. Be responsible for administration.
 - b. Develop and maintain official mail and membership rosters.
 - c. Preside at all meetings during the absence of the President and Vice President.
 - d. Perform other duties as the President directs.
9. **The Treasurer:** The Treasurer is the principal finance officer for the Association. He has Executive authority commensurate with his responsibilities. He is specifically charged with:
 - a. Responsibility for the budget and funding.
 - b. Preparing and issuing checks against the Associations accounts.
 - c. Acquires counter signatures on all checks as required, or in excess of \$750.00.
 - d. Receives and deposits all funds for the Association.
 - e. Recommends changes to Association fiscal policy in a timely manner.
 - f. Provides a quarterly financial report for the Officer Directors.
 - g. Provides an annual report to the membership.
 - h. Requires accountability by the reunion committee for monies dedicated by the national Association, generated by reunion activities earned or owed by the Association.
10. **Past Presidents Advisory Council.**
 - a. All past Presidents of the Association are members of the Council.
 - b. The Council is to advise the current President on issues that the current President seeks advise on.
 - c. The current President is under no requirement to seek such council and no recommendations of the Council are binding.
11. Removal of an Officer or Director requires a two thirds (2/3) majority of the full board. The membership must approve the board action at the next national meeting.

PARLIMENTARY PRACTICES

Special and General membership meetings will be conducted in accord with generally accepted practices as in Robert's Rules of Order, HOWEVER, EXECUTIVE, BOARD, AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, WILL NOT BE HOSTAGE TO ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, because the Officer Directors, Board members, and members, have no control over or influence with those who write and modify such Rules, and will be guided by Article XV, INTERPRETATION, of this Constitution, in all cases.

ARTICLE XV
INTERPRETATION

Any conflicts in, or ambiguities with, the Constitution and By-Laws, and any implicit or explicit truisms applicable to this Associations origin and historical practices, are to be interpreted in favor of the greater specificity, instead of the broader generality, and with prudent consideration for the best interests of the Association and its members being the primary factor controlling all actions under this Constitution.

Association Founders: Donald H. Lynch, Robert P. Gilbert, Billy J. Nix, and Nicholas Gibbone, in that order, individually and collectively, were and are, the sole FOUNDERS of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, and promoters of the first collective national reunion of all LRRP, LRP, and 75TH Ranger units, et al.

Founders, supra, may be designed as President's Emeritus. Other members enjoying, or designated as co-founders, may be designated with titles, President for Life, or Life Member, at the discretion of the full Board of Directors, after serving in such capacity.

Acceptance of Honorary titles incurs an obligation on the part of individual(s) so designated, to continue efforts to assist the organization without remuneration, unless specifically authorized via action of the full Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVI

APPROVED: BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE ASSEMBLED MEMBERS AT THE IRONWORKS TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, ON JULY 27, 1989, AND AS AMENDED BY THE MEMBERSHIP UNDER THE RULES FOR CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS (ARTICLE IX, PARA 3b) BY WRITTEN BALLOT AND APPROVED AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON ON JUNE 26, 1996.

OFFICIAL:

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT

RICHARD S. EHRLER, PRESIDENT

APPENDIX 1
UNITS

1. General.

The 75th Infantry (Ranger) Regiment was formed during January 1969 on paper, with a single Pentagon Action Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Brian J. Sutton, Gen. Staff. Specifically, the Regiment was activated on 1 January 1969. Individual companies began converting from the Long Range Patrol Companies shown at Article V, on 1 February 1969. LTC Sutton was subsequently killed in action as Commander of the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. Thirteen Companies of the 75th

Infantry (Ranger) (Merrill's Marauders), performed all missions designated in U.S. Army Ranger training, and manuals, between 1 February 1969, and August 1972, when Co H (Ranger) 75th Inf., attached to the 1st Cavalry Division, was deactivated. A total of three years and seven months combat time in the jungles, mountains, and rice paddies of Vietnam.

The 75th Rangers drew volunteers from among school trained Paratroopers and Rangers. However, like all volunteer units, the bulk of the lower ranking soldiers were not school trained, but simply volunteers for special missions. They came from the ranks of the Artillery, Engineers, Parachute Riggers, Medical, Signal, Logistics, and other type support units, in addition to the volunteers from the rifle companies.

As individual units, sans a major Ranger controlling Headquarters, and under the operational control of the Divisions and separate Brigades in Vietnam, the Rangers were frequently used in roles unsuited for their light Infantry, special mission training. Training for the Long Range Patrol Companies and 75th Rangers was COMBAT. Unlike some of the Ranger units of the Korean War, and World War II, these volunteers generally received no formal training in a peaceful training environment. Like the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), known as Merrill's Marauder's, and sometimes "Task Force Galahad", from whence their lineage is drawn, the 75th Rangers in Vietnam added to the pages of American Ranger history. The full story is yet to be told.

2. Lineage.

Following combat in the Japanese rear areas of nearly 750 miles, with no replacements and all resupply done by parachute, the original members of the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), who were still alive, captured Myitkyina Airfield as the redesignated 475th Infantry Regiment, and were issued the Unit Colors we know today, denoting their exploits in the China, Burma, India Theater of Operations. During 1954 the unit was reactivated as the 75th Infantry on Okinawa for one year. Fifteen years later in Vietnam, the 75th Infantry was activated again.

January of 1974 saw activation of the 1st Battalion (Ranger) 75th Infantry, soon followed by the 2nd Battalion (Ranger) 75th Infantry. Early in 1974, Company C, 1st Battalion, 75th Infantry (Ranger), was involved in a security mission with the "Delta Force" during Desert One, the raid to free American hostages in Iran. A former Platoon Leader who served in Co L (Ranger) 75th Infantry in Vietnam, named Captain David Grange, commanded Company C, 1st Battalion (Ranger) 75th Infantry, during Desert One. In October 1983, both 1st and 2nd Ranger Battalions were involved in the operation, code named "Urgent Fury". A combat jump into the island of Grenada from an altitude of 500 feet put the Rangers into position to seize the airfield at Point Salinas. They then spent several days of continued operations to eliminate pockets of resistance, and rescue American medical students. In October of 1984, the 3rd Battalion (Ranger) 75th Infantry, and Headquarters Company (Ranger) 75th Infantry, were activated. In February, 1986, the elements of the 75th Infantry were redesignated the 75th Ranger Regiment.

On 20 December, 1989, the entire 75th Ranger Regiment was called upon to spearhead the assault into Panama during operation, "Just Cause". The Regiment conducted an airborne assault to capture Torrijos/Tocumen Airport and Rio Hato Airfield. This helped the follow up American forces to land safely and perform their missions. The Rangers conducted numerous other missions in Panama until 7 January, 1990. Early in 1991, elements of the 75th Ranger Regiment deployed to Saudi Arabia to support American and allied forces in operation, "Desert Storm". In August, 1993, elements of the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, deployed to Somalia in support of operation, "Restore Hope". They returned to Ft. Benning, Georgia, in November of 1993.

Today, the current active duty members of the 75th Ranger Regiment are still carrying on the honor, traditions, and customs, of those Rangers who served before them. The three Battalions and the Headquarters Company are under the direct command of the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), and continue to be the strike force for the United States military, whenever the special training, skills, and capabilities they possess are required. The 1st Battalion is stationed at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. The 2nd Battalion is based out of Fort Lewis, Washington. The 3rd Battalion and the Headquarters Company are at Fort Benning, Georgia, home of the Infantry, and the Ranger Training Brigade.

APPENDIX II CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Classes.

There shall be two classes of membership in the Association. Except for certain voting privileges, each class shall enjoy equal privileges of membership.

a. Regular active member

- (1) Any individual who served honorably, or is presently serving in a successor unit, in any of the units listed in Article V, is eligible for regular active member status.
- (2) Regular active members enjoy full rights and privileges of membership, to include the responsibility of the right to vote on all issues and matters presented to the membership, and in elections of all Directors of the Association.

- (3) A regular active member will remain such through payment of annual dues, unless such membership is terminated by the Board of Directors, or general membership, through the Constitution.
- b. Affiliate member:
- (1) Any member of the United States Military, or civilian accredited by the United States Army, who accompanied any element of the LRP or 75th Rangers on combat operations in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Iran, Grenada, Panama, Somalia, or Iraq.
 - (2) The parents, spouse, or children of any deceased member, for the remaining period of the members membership year, and for any year thereafter, by payment of annual dues in the amount designated for active members.
 - (3) Affiliate members shall enjoy all rights and privileges of membership, except they will not serve as Directors, or vote on matters concerning, the election of Directors, or the Constitution and By-Laws.

BY-LAWS TO THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I **HEADQUARTERS**

The principle office of the Association shall be the address designated by the first President of the Association. The Secretary shall have custody of the official seal of the Association. Directors may maintain working paper files concerning their areas of responsibility, however they will forward original copies of official correspondence to the Secretary.

ARTICLE II **CHAPTERS**

The Board of Directors encourages unit or regional associations within the framework of this Constitution and By-Laws. Geographic boundaries for regional activities may be provided when a situation requiring them occurs. Charters will not be issued to sub-unit associations.

ARTICLE III **COMMITTEES**

Specifically authorized are the day to day expenditures by the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, in administration of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association affairs, to insure accomplishment of the Association's objectives and the desires of the membership.

A budget committee may be formed at the direction of the President, to advise the Treasurer on sound financial matters. The budget committee will recommend to the full Board of Directors, procedures for maintaining the Association on a sound financial basis.

The budget committee will recommend to the Board of Directors an operating budget for the upcoming calendar and fiscal year. Specifically, the committee will plan for the following budget elements:

1. Annual operating expenses for administering to the Association and Board of Directors.
2. Making timely recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning changes in investment strategies and procedures.
3. Monitoring the handling of reunion funds to insure that overt procedures, safeguards, and reports, are complied with.
4. Programs approved by the Board of Directors.
5. Programs approved by the membership.
6. Reimbursement to Directors for authorized postage and telephone calls.

A reunion committee will sponsor reunions in various parts of the United States. Lessons learned will be compiled into a Standing Operating Procedure (SOP) by the Secretary. The Board of Directors is the approving authority for vendors wishing to sell products or items during the reunion. The reunion committee will not enter into any contracts without the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV **MEETINGS**

1. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association's general membership, Board of Directors, or any Special Meetings.
2. A simple majority at a national, general, or special membership meeting, will consist of 51% of authorized voting members who are present.

3. The Secretary will prepare an agenda for each meeting in concert with other members of the Board of Directors.
4. The President may establish and enforce additional meeting parameters as required, to maintain a flow for Association business, without becoming encumbered by individuals, or groups, whose motions, resolutions, etc., have not been approved by a unit or Board caucus, as being constructive business, applicable to, or in the best interests of the Association's members.
5. A member or group of members, whose conduct is construed to be protagonist in nature, may be asked to be seated, to leave the meeting, and/or be ejected from such meeting should their conduct be considered to be disruptive to the majority, or cause other members to exit the meeting in frustration.
6. Should any meeting become so rowdy or disruptive that control is lost by the Chair, such meeting will be terminated immediately, and followed by a special meeting of the Officer Directors, and/or the full Board of Directors, to deal with such problems.
7. Nothing in the foregoing is to be construed as authorization to cut off vigorous debate regarding actions taken, pending, or contemplated, by the Board of Directors or Officer Directors, however limits on such debate will be controlled by the Chair through a system of time constraints for arguments. This includes such arguments presented by a single spokesman for a given issue, to preclude redundancy, and/or spurious argument, wasting the time of the membership.
8. Order of business
 - a. Call to Order.
 - b. Presentation of colors, and/or salute to colors.
 - c. Invocation.
 - d. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting.
 - e. President's Report.
 - f. Secretary's Report.
 - g. Treasurer's Report.
 - h. Old business.
 - i. Reports by Committees.
 - j. New business.
 - k. Installation of Officer Directors.
 - l. Adjournment.

ARTICLE V
FINANCE AND FISCAL

1. The fiscal year for the Association will be the calendar year from 1 January through 31 December.
2. Annual membership dues rate, if changed by the Board of Directors, shall take effect on the first day of the new membership year (1 July), following announcement of the change.
3. Members who are delinquent in paying their dues, after being sent a notice of bad standing by the Secretary, will be dropped from the rolls thirty (30) days after the notice is sent, unless such member has requested dispensation because of economic hardship. In addition, a member may arrange a deferred payment procedure with the Secretary.
4. The Treasurer will provide the general membership with copies of a simple to read financial report. Any items listed under miscellaneous, will be spelled out in full, in an enclosure, annex, or tab, to the report.
5. The Treasurer will establish accounts into which all receipts will be deposited promptly. Whenever the balance of such account is greater than \$3,500.00, the Secretary shall inform members of the Board of Directors.
6. A high interest savings account will be used to provide and maintain a reserve for the Association to meet contingencies, and to hold funds programmed for pre-reunion advances to reunion Chairmen. This account will be an item of interest for the budget committees or Board of Directors perusal.
7. The Association will provide the Board of Directors members with official stationary to conduct official duties on behalf of the Association.
8. A voucher control system will be instituted by the Treasurer to account for supplies, postage, and phone calls of Directors, in performance of official duties.
9. The Treasurer will organize procedures for the authentication of all checks drawn against the Association's accounts or funds, or the transfer of any assets from one account or fund to another. The President and Treasurer will be registered as signatories on all Association accounts, however the Vice President and Secretary's signatures will be on file to authenticate, in the event of any emergency.
10. The President is required to authenticate any check over \$750.00.

ARTICLE VI
AMMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended under the rules for Constitutional amendment.

**THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN
THE PROPOSED BYLAWS.**

**THESE ARTICLES ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE
VOTE TAKEN IN THIS ISSUE.**

**YOU WILL FIND THE OFFICIAL BALLOT ON THE
INSIDE BACK PAGE OF THE OUTER COVER.**

**USE THE SAMPLE BALLOT ON THE INSIDE
BACK PAGE OF THE INNER COVER
FOR PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION.**

ARTICLE I
NAME OF ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1: There is formed an organization known as the:
75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc.

SECTION 2: The principal office of the Association shall be the address designated by the incumbent President of the Association.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE

SECTION 1: To organize and unite those who are eligible for membership in a fraternal bond.

SECTION 2: To pay homage to units in which we served by perpetuating the history and traditions of those units.

SECTION 3: To honor our comrades, past and present, whose service was in keeping with the duties and responsibilities of American Rangers.

ARTICLE III
OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1: To identify and offer membership to all eligible members.

SECTION 2: To sustain the Association and its Bylaws.

SECTION 3: To encourage and attain maximum participation in all Association activities.

SECTION 4: To assist, when possible, those units eligible for membership in this Association.

SECTION 5: To memorialize those of our comrades who are missing in action, who died while serving their country or while serving in units that qualify them for membership in this Association.

SECTION 6: To execute programs and activities worthy of the Association.

ARTICLE IV
PHILOSOPHY

SECTION 1: Members shall not engage in activities that are not in the best interest of the United States of America, the United States Army or this Association.

SECTION 2: The Association shall not endorse or support any political candidate, platform or party. The Association, as a whole or in part, may use its resources for the improvement of the Association and its goals and values.

SECTION 3: Officers, directors and members shall not engage in any form of activity that implies or specifically relates the Association to any form of public activity without first obtaining approval from the Association.

SECTION 4: The foregoing does not preclude the Association from being supportive of United States policy and objectives. *how?*

SECTION 5: The foregoing does not restrict or prohibit members from engaging in activities, which are the constitutional rights of any citizen.

SECTION 6: Violation of the intent of this ARTICLE may result in loss of vested right to membership.

ARTICLE V COMPOSITION

SECTION 1: The Association shall consist of various classes of members, as defined in ARTICLE VIII. The qualified members of the units listed below are considered eligible for "Regular" membership. Also eligible are members of predecessor and successor units to those listed below, as well as all past, present or future units authorized the colors and coat of arms established for the Merrill's Marauders. In addition to the unit eligibility cited above, and subject to approval of a General Membership vote, additional units from various sized elements, who produce evidence that they operated or served as a LRRP / LRP unit, may be eligible as part of their parent units under their existing Unit Directors.

SECTION 2: Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. V Corp (LRRP) | g. 1st Inf. Div. (LRRP) |
| b. VII Corp (LRRP) | h. 4th Inf. Div. (LRRP) |
| c. 9th Inf. Div. (LRRP) | i. 101st Abn. Div., 1st Bde. (LRRP) |
| d. 25th Inf. Div. (LRRP) | j. 199th Inf. Bde. (LRRP) |
| e. 196th Inf. Bde. (LRRP) | k. 173rd Abn. Bde. (LRRP) |
| f. 1st Cav. Div. (LRRP) | l. 3rd Inf. Div. (LRRP) |

SECTION 3: Long Range Patrol

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| a. Co D (LRP) 17th Inf. | j. Co C (LRP) 58th Inf. |
| b. Co E (LRP) 20th Inf. | k. Co E (LRP) 58th Inf. |
| c. Co E (LRP) 30th Inf. | l. Co F (LRP) 58th Inf. |
| d. Co E (LRP) 50th Inf. | m. 70th Inf. DET (LRP) |
| e. Co F (LRP) 50th Inf. | n. 71st Inf. DET (LRP) |
| f. Co E (LRP) 51st Inf. | o. 74th Inf. DET (LRP) |
| g. Co F (LRP) 51st Inf. | p. 78th Inf. DET (LRP) |
| h. Co E (LRP) 52nd Inf. | q. 79th Inf. DET (LRP) |
| i. Co F (LRP) 52nd Inf. | r. Co D (LRP) 151st Inf. |

SECTION 4: 75th Infantry Ranger Companies

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| a. Co A (RANGER) 75th Inf. | i. Co I (RANGER) 75th Inf. |
| b. Co B (RANGER) 75th Inf. | j. Co K (RANGER) 75th Inf. |
| c. Co C (RANGER) 75th Inf. | k. Co L (RANGER) 75th Inf. |
| d. Co D (RANGER) 75th Inf. | l. Co M (RANGER) 75th Inf. |
| e. Co E (RANGER) 75th Inf. | m. Co N (RANGER) 75th Inf. |
| f. Co F (RANGER) 75th Inf. | n. Co O (RANGER) 75th Inf. |
| g. Co G (RANGER) 75th Inf. | o. Co P (RANGER) 75th Inf. |
| h. Co H (RANGER) 75th Inf. | p. Co D (RANGER) 151st Inf. |

SECTION 5: Vietnamese Ranger Advisors BDQ

All units of the Biet Dong Quan (BDQ).

SECTION 6: 75th Ranger Regiment

- 1st Battalion (Ranger) 75th Inf., activated in 1974.
- 2nd Battalion (Ranger) 75th Inf., activated in 1974.
- 3rd Battalion (Ranger) 75th Inf., activated in 1984.
- 75th Ranger Regiment HQ's Company, activated in 1984.
- 75th Ranger Regiment, designated in 1986, and all subordinate, assigned and attached units.

SECTION 7: Long Range Surveillance

Any Long Range Surveillance Company or Detachment that can trace its lineage to, or is currently assigned to a Brigade or larger element that was deployed to Viet Nam.

**ARTICLE VI
UNIT AND REGIONAL ACTIVITY**

SECTION 1: The Board Of Directors encourages the formation of unit or regional associations within the framework of these Bylaws. The Association may be divided into unit and/or regional organizations for administrative purposes and /or control, which will be administered by the Board Of Directors.

SECTION 2: The Association may be divided into groupings of units, by members who served in those units, for the purposes of parades, special events, or other reasons. These groupings are considered temporary.

SECTION 3: Geographic boundaries for regional activities may be provided when a situation requiring them occurs.

SECTION 4: Charters will not be issued to sub-unit associations.

**ARTICLE VII
MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1: Membership qualification

Individuals applying for membership status under the qualifications established for the various classes of membership shall be required to identify the unit in which service is claimed at the time of application. The Secretary may request appropriate documents concerning the applicants' qualifications for perusal by the Unit Directors.

SECTION 2: Loss of membership

Active membership in the Association may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

- a. Failure to pay dues in accordance with procedures prescribed in the By-Laws of the Association except as provided for in SECTION 7 of this ARTICLE.
- b. Receipt of information by the Board Of Directors that any member has acted in a manner to bring discredit upon the Association. The Board Of Directors is obliged to follow the procedures outlined in ARTICLE XIX of these Bylaws.
- c. Proof received by the Board Of Directors that any member acquired status by means of falsification or misrepresentation of qualifications.
- d. Membership numbers of terminated members may be reused.

SECTION 3: Death of a member

The Association Secretary will, upon notification of death of a member:

- a. Publish a notification in the next Association newsletter, or make the announcement at the general membership meeting, whichever shall first occur.
- b. Notify the member's survivors that they are considered affiliate members for the remainder of the deceased member's period of membership, and may continue affiliation under rules pertaining to affiliation.
- c. Retain on the membership rolls the names of all deceased members, and identify them by an asterisk in the margin preceding the name.
- d. Membership numbers of deceased members will not be reused.

SECTION 4: Membership Rosters

The Association Secretary will publish once a year, and distribute at reunions or by mail, a membership roster to each Unit Director.

SECTION 5: Approval of membership

Membership applications will be submitted directly to the Secretary of the Association, with appropriate dues. Either documentation, or verification by two other members, is considered appropriate proof for membership.

SECTION 6: Eligible inactive members

The Association Secretary will maintain, as current as possible, lists of all eligible potential members of the Association. At the discretion of the Board Of Directors, specific Association literature may be mailed to non-members as an instrument in the recruitment process. The lists will continue to be maintained as a cross-reference for members attempting to locate former members.

SECTION 7: Members economic status (Waived dues)

Current or potential members shall not be denied or prohibited membership in the Association because of temporary or permanent change in economic status. Incapacitated members may receive waived dues status after a review and approval of the Board Of Directors. Incarcerated members may receive waived dues status after a review and approval of the Board Of Directors. The members Unit Director must contact the Associations Secretary for waived dues status.

ARTICLE VIII CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Classes of membership

Membership in the Association shall consist of several classes of membership with specific qualifications for each. The eligibility criteria for each class of membership are outlined below. Except for voting rights being reserved for Regular membership only, each class of membership shall enjoy equal privileges of membership. All classes of membership shall be considered in good standing through the payment of annual dues or as Life Members, unless such membership is terminated in accordance with ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2 of these Bylaws. Rights and privileges of membership include participation in Association events, activities, functions and mailings of Association literature.

SECTION 2: Regular membership

Regular membership is afforded to any individual who served honorably in any of the predecessor or successor units, or who is presently serving in a current or successor unit listed in ARTICLE V of these Bylaws. Regular active members enjoy the full rights and privileges of membership, to include the responsibility and the right to vote on all issues and matters presented to the membership, which include elections of all Executive Board Officers of the Association and changes to these Bylaws. Only members afforded Regular membership status may hold National level Association office of Executive Board of Officers. Applications for Regular membership, along with the prescribed supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the Association Secretary.

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SECTION 3: Associate membership

Associate membership may be afforded to any member of the United States Military, or civilian accredited by the United States Army, who accompanied or served in a direct combat role supporting any element listed in ARTICLE V on combat operations in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Iran, Grenada, Panama, Somalia, Iraq or Afghanistan. Also eligible for Associate membership are graduates of the US Army Ranger School and who have been awarded the US Army Ranger tab. Associate members enjoy the full rights and privileges of membership except the right to vote on issues and matters presented to the membership. Associate members shall not be extended the rights or privileges of voting in elections of Executive Board Officers of the Association or on changes to these Bylaws nor may they hold National level Association office of Executive Board of Officers. Applications for Associate membership, along with the prescribed supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the Association Secretary.

SECTION 4: Affiliate membership

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Affiliate membership may be afforded to parents or child of any deceased member, for the remaining period of that member's membership year, and for any year thereafter, by payment of annual dues, unless otherwise qualified for Gold Star Membership. Also eligible for Affiliate membership are foreign members who served in, with or accompanied any element listed in ARTICLE V of these Bylaws. Affiliate members enjoy the full rights and privileges of membership, except the right to vote on issues or matters presented to the membership or in elections of Executive Board Officers of the Association. Affiliate members shall not be extended the rights or privileges of voting on changes to these Bylaws, nor may they hold National level Association office of Executive Board of Officers. Applications for Affiliate membership, along with the prescribed supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the Association Secretary.

SECTION 5: Gold Star membership

The surviving mother or wife of any qualified member, killed while in the line of duty, while serving in one of the units listed in ARTICLE V, shall be eligible for Gold Star membership. A Life Membership certificate shall be issued in the name of the deceased member and the Gold Star recipient, jointly. Gold Star members enjoy the full rights and privileges of membership except the right to vote on issues and matters presented to the membership. Gold Star members shall not be extended the rights or privileges of voting in elections of Executive Board Officers of the Association or on changes to these Bylaws, nor may they hold National level Association office of Executive Board of Officers. The Unit Director shall be the

approving authority for Gold Star membership applications. Applications for Gold Star membership, along with the prescribed supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the Association Secretary.

SECTION 6: Honorary membership

Honorary titles shall be bestowed upon those individuals, as deemed by the Association President, whose service, commitment or actions are in the highest traditions and best interest of this Association. Acceptance of Honorary membership incurs an obligation on the part of individual(s) so designated to continue efforts to assist the organization without remuneration, unless specifically authorized via action of the full Board Of Directors. Honorary members enjoy the full rights and privileges of membership except the right to vote on issues and matters presented to the membership. Honorary members shall not be extended the rights or privileges of voting in elections of Executive Board Officers of the Association or on changes to these Bylaws, nor may they hold National level Association office of Executive Board of Officers. The Association President shall be the approving authority on Honorary membership applications. Applications for Honorary membership, along with the prescribed supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the Association Secretary.

SECTION 7: Subscription membership

Subscription membership may be afforded to any individual who wishes to receive an annual issue of the Association's Patrolling Magazine. Subscription members shall not be extended the rights or privileges of other classes of membership, which include voting on issues or matters presented to the membership. Additionally, Subscription members shall not be extended the rights or privileges of voting in elections of Executive Board Officers of the Association or on changes to these Bylaws, nor may they hold National level Association office of Executive Board of Officers. The Association Secretary shall be the approving authority on Subscription membership applications. Applications for Subscription membership shall be submitted to the Association Secretary.

SECTION 8: Corporate membership

Corporate membership may be afforded to business entities that wish to support the Association in the form of monetary contributions, services or support, which is in the best interest of the Association or its members. Corporate members shall not be extended the rights or privileges of other classes of membership, which include voting on issues or matters presented to the membership. Additionally, Corporate members shall not be extended the rights or privileges of voting in elections of Executive Board Officers of the Association or on changes to these Bylaws, nor may they hold National level Association office of Executive Board of Officers. The Association Secretary shall be the approving authority on corporate membership application. Applications for Corporate membership shall be submitted to the Association Secretary.

SECTION 9: Association Membership

Association membership may be afforded to Associations, whose history and purpose are consistent with those of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, and are deemed eligible by the Board Of Directors, for the purpose of housing their colors, memorabilia and legacy. Merger expenses and dues structure shall be negotiated, as applicable, by the Board Of Directors. Such Associations shall maintain their own leadership as long as possible and they will be afforded appropriate mention in the Patrolling Magazine. Association members shall not be extended the rights or privileges of other classes of membership, which include voting on issues or matters presented to the membership. Additionally, Association members shall not be extended the rights or privileges of voting in elections of Executive Board Officers of this Association or on changes to these Bylaws, nor may they hold National level Association office of Executive Board of Officers. The Executive Board Officers shall be the approving authority on Association membership applications. Applications for Associate membership, along with the prescribed supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the Association Secretary.

**ARTICLE IX
MEETINGS**

SECTION 1: The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association's General Membership, Board Of Directors, or any Special Meeting. The Secretary, in concert with other members of the Board Of Directors, will prepare an agenda for each meeting.

SECTION 2: In order to maintain relevance and flow during Association meetings, the President may establish and enforce additional measures or parameters to preclude the introduction of issues which are non-approved or disruptive to the proceedings.

SECTION 3: A member or group of members, whose conduct is deemed by the Chair to be antagonistic in nature, may be asked to be seated, to leave the meeting, and/or be ejected from such meeting, should their conduct be considered to be disruptive to the majority or cause other members to leave the meeting in frustration. Should any meeting become so rowdy or disruptive that control is lost by the Chair, such meeting will be terminated immediately, and shall be followed by a Special Meeting of the Officer Directors, and/or the Board Of Directors, to deal with such problems.

SECTION 4: Nothing in the foregoing is to be construed as authorization to cut off vigorous debate regarding actions taken, pending or contemplated by the Board Of Directors or Officer Directors. However, limits on such debate will be controlled by the Chair through a system of time constraints for arguments. To preclude redundancy and/or illegitimate arguments and to avoid wasting the time of the membership, arguments for a specific issue shall be presented by a single spokesman, selected by a simple majority of the proponents of the issue. The Chair shall afford reasonable time to select a spokesman.

SECTION 5: One business meeting will be conducted during each Association reunion. All members must be current in their dues prior to attending a membership meeting

SECTION 6: If for any reason a scheduled reunion is not held during a given year, the Board Of Directors will select the next reunion site. Reunion dates and locations will be selected by the membership in attendance through a simple majority vote during each reunion membership meeting. A volunteer Reunion Chairman shall agree to perform the required coordination and arrangements for the reunion or the site selection and date will be considered nullified. If needed, the Reunion Chairman may appoint volunteer assistants to aide him in these tasks.

SECTION 7: Order of business:

1. Call to Order
2. Presentation of colors, and/or salute to colors
3. Invocation
4. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting
5. President's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Old business
9. Reports by Committees
10. New business
11. Installation of Officer Directors
12. Adjournment

ARTICLE X VOTING

SECTION 1: Only members with 'Regular' membership status shall have full voting rights and privileges on all issues presented to the Association. Voting members must be in good standing and may have one vote in either one of the following forums:

- A. One vote at any regular or special general membership meeting in either an open or secret ballot.
- B. One vote by mail-in ballot.

SECTION 2: Members voting by mail in ballot and then attending a membership meeting to vote in person will first have their mail-in ballot pulled from the count. Absentee or proxy ballots are not authorized in any voting matter.

SECTION 3: On matters not concerning changes to these Bylaws, a simple majority vote by attending members in good standing is deemed sufficient to carry a vote at any regular or special membership meeting. Voting may be preceded by information and/or debate regarding the individual(s) or issues being voted on. Issues presented from the floor may be voted on and passed by a simple majority at any general membership meeting. Debate of an issue will be limited to five minutes per individual. A majority vote is considered to be one vote more than half the assembled members.

SECTION 4: On matters concerning changes to these Bylaws, a written ballot will be provided in a newsletter to every member in good standing, prior to a general membership meeting. Executed mail-in ballots will be accepted only if mailed to the Association Secretary. Mailed-in ballots will be verified by the Secretary and included with the final tally of floor votes at regular or special membership meetings. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the entire voting membership is necessary to change these Bylaws. A 2/3 vote is considered to be 66.6% of all votes cast by either method. The non-submission of a ballot, or non-replying votes, will be considered as an Abstain vote and will not count against the overall vote count.

ARTICLE XI OFFICES

SECTION 1: Individuals desiring to be Executive Officers or Unit Directors must clearly state to the membership that they have, or will make available, their time for Association business and the funds to defray personal expenses while conducting Association business.

- a. The Association will be administered by the four Executive Officers and a Unit Director from each of the major units authorized membership as designated in Article V of these Bylaws.
- b. The Association will provide the Executive Officer members with official stationary to conduct their duties on behalf of the Association. Specifically authorized are the day-to-day expenditures by the Officers, in administration of their official duties of the Association's affairs such as postage and telephone costs, properly documented by the Secretary, approved by the President, and repaid by the Treasurer. Other expenditures such as office supplies require another Officers concurrence.
- c. Organizational funds may never be used to pay for any Board Of Directors transportation, meals or motel/hotel expenses for normal Association business.
- d. A voucher control system will be instituted by the Treasurer to account for all administrative expenditures. These administrative expenditures will be made public at each annual meeting, by the Treasurer in his report.

SECTION 2: The following Executive Offices are established: (Elected)

- a. President: Chairman / Chief Executive Officer
- b. Vice President: Programs / Protocol / Membership Recruitment / Vice Chairman
- c. Secretary: Administration and Membership
- d. Treasurer: Chief Financial Officer

SECTION 3: The following Offices are established: (Elected)

Unit Directors: One Unit Director authorized per major unit in accordance with ARTICLE V of these Bylaws.

SECTION 4: The following Offices are established: (Past Leadership)

Past Presidents Advisory Council: All past Presidents (Elected) are members of this Council.

SECTION 5: The following Offices are established: (Appointed)

- a. Association Patrolling Magazine Editor
- b. Association Web Master
- c. Association VA Advocate
- d. Association Health Advocate
- e. Association Chaplain

SECTION 6: (Elected Offices)

- a. (Officers) - All Executive Officers are members of the Board Of Directors. All Executive Officers are elected into office during National Reunions for a two-year term only. The President may not succeed himself as President. The Vice-President may be elected as the President but may not succeed himself as Vice-President. The Secretary and / or the Treasurer may succeed themselves in their existing office for as many terms as the General Membership will allow.

After a two-year break in service from any Officer position, an individual may stand as a new candidate for that or any other Officer position.

The Secretary shall publish notification to the membership, not less than three months prior to National Reunion, the names of proposed candidates and the positions for which they are standing. Nominations may also be taken from the floor, seconded and approved by a simple majority. Newly elected Executive Officers will assume their positions and duties on the day following the last day of the National Reunion. If a National Reunion or General Membership meeting is not held or a General Membership meeting is terminated, then the Unit Directors shall select an interim set of Officers until the next National Reunion. Selection of an interim set of Officers should be accomplished two weeks prior to the end of the term of the incumbent Officers.

- b. **Unit Directors** - All elected Unit Directors are members of the Board Of Directors. Unit Directors are elected or reelected at the discretion of their sponsoring units, with no limits on succession. Elections shall be held in an open forum only, during unit membership meetings. The Secretary shall provide written notification to the membership of the names of proposed candidates, the positions for which they are standing and the names of those elected as Unit Director. Association Officers shall act only in the capacity of assisting the units in selecting an interim Unit Director should a Unit Director fail to fulfill his office. Newly elected Unit Directors will assume their positions and duties at the discretion of the sponsoring unit.
- c. **Past Presidents Advisory Counsel** - Members must have served as an elected President in the past. Members serve and participate at their will.
- d. **Appointed Positions** - Appointed positions may be created, filled or vacated at the discretion of the President, at any time, to facilitate the day-to-day operations or for the good of the Association.

ARTICLE XII DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The President

- a. The President is the Chairman of the Board and has full Executive authority to administer the Association in its day-to-day business and operations.
- b. Preside at all meetings of the Board Of Directors, Special, Committee and General Membership.
- c. Appoint Committees, Advocates, Editors, Web Master and any other non-elected position to facilitate the functions of the day-to-day operations of the Association.
- d. Nominate a replacement to the (Officer) Board Of Directors to fill the unexpired term of any (Officer) Board Of Directors member who dies, resigns, or is removed for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance. The Board Of Directors must concur with the replacement with a 2/3 vote, and the tenure will be that of the member replaced.
- e. The President is required to authenticate any check over \$750.00.

SECTION 2: The Vice President

- a. The Vice President will assume duties of the President during his absence, or in the event of his death, incapacity, removal, or resignation.
- b. Is responsible for Programs and Protocol.
- c. Chair ad-hoc committees.
- d. Recommend guest speakers for the reunion.
- e. Perform other duties as directed by the President.

SECTION 3: The Secretary

- a. The Secretary is the principal administrator for the Association, and has full executive authority to fulfill the function.
- b. Be responsible for administration.
- c. Develop and maintain official mail and membership rosters.
- d. Preside at all meetings during the absence of the President and Vice President.
- e. Perform other duties as the President directs.

The Secretary shall have custody of the official seal of the Association.

Directors may maintain working paper files concerning their areas of responsibility, however they will forward original copies of official correspondence to the Secretary.

SECTION 4: The Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer is the principal finance officer for the Association. He has Executive authority commensurate with his responsibilities.
- b. Responsibility for the budget and funding.
- c. Preparing and issuing checks against the Associations accounts.
- d. Acquires counter signatures on all checks as required, or in excess of \$750.00.
- e. Receives and deposits all funds for the Association.
- f. Recommends changes to Association fiscal policy in a timely manner.
- g. Provides a quarterly financial report for the Officer Directors.
- h. Provides an annual report to the membership.
- i. Requires accountability by the Reunion Committee for monies dedicated by the national Association, generated by reunion activities earned or owed by the Association.

SECTION 5: Past Presidents Advisory Council

- a. All past Presidents of the Association are members of the Council.
- b. The Council is to advise the current President on issues on which the current President seeks advice.
- c. The current President is under no requirement to seek such council nor are any recommendations of the council binding on the president.

**ARTICLE XIII
RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SECTION 1: The Board Of Directors shall be responsible for conducting activities approved by the membership,

SECTION 2: The Board Of Directors shall have the power to act on or approve proposals, including expenditures, consistent with the Bylaws of this Association, and not prohibited by the membership, or contrary to accepted mores of the Association.

SECTION 3: Conduct the administrative and financial affairs of the Association in an efficient manner.

SECTION 4: Recommend to the membership proposed changes to these Bylaws.

SECTION 5: Vote on all matters requiring a decision of the full Board Of Directors. This may be accomplished via telephone, in writing, e-mail or by secret ballot, following debate or discussion. Directors failing to vote will be shown in the minutes as having abstained.

**ARTICLE XIV
LEADERSHIP**

SECTION 1: The following positions may be used as active duty advisors:

- a. The current Regimental Commanding Officer (RCO) 75th Ranger Regiment.
- b. The Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM).
- c. The Battalion Commanders of the Ranger Regiment and their Command Sergeants Major.
- d. The current President is under no requirement to seek such counsel or advice, nor are any recommendations of these advisors binding on the President.

**ARTICLE XV
COMMITTEES**

SECTION 1: Committees may be formed at the discretion of the Association President or a majority of the Board Of Directors. The President, from time to time, may appoint a Committee or Committees to accomplish Association business

that, in his mind, requires the fullest representation of the membership's wishes. A consensus of the majority of the Board Of Directors may vote to form a Committee to cause and enforce the membership's wishes.

SECTION 2: A Budget Committee shall be formed at the direction and discretion of the Association President.

- a. The Budget Committee will advise the Treasurer on sound financial matters.
- b. The Budget Committee will recommend to the full Board Of Directors, procedures for maintaining the Association on a sound financial basis.
- c. The Budget Committee will recommend to the full Board Of Directors an operating budget for the upcoming calendar and fiscal year.
- d. Specifically, the Budget Committee will provide the following budget considerations:
 1. Annual administrative operating expenses, to the Association and the Board Of Directors.
 2. Making timely recommendations to the Board Of Directors concerning changes in investment strategies and procedures.
 3. Monitoring the handling of reunion funds to ensure that procedures, safeguards, and reports are complied with.
 4. Monitoring and administering programs approved by the Board Of Directors.
 5. Monitoring and administering programs approved by the membership.
 6. Reimbursement to the Board Of Directors for authorized postage and telephone calls.

SECTION 3: A Reunion Committee shall be formed at the direction and discretion of the Association President.

- a. A Reunion Committee will sponsor reunions in various parts of the United States.
- b. Lessons learned from each reunion will be compiled by the Reunion Committee Chairman and submitted to the Association Secretary. The Association Secretary will incorporate these lessons into a Standing Operating Procedure (SOP).
- c. The Board Of Directors is the approving authority for vendors wishing to sell products or items during the reunion.
- d. The Reunion Committee shall not enter into contracts, or any contract without the approval of the Association President.

SECTION 4: A Bylaws Committee shall be formed at the direction and discretion of the Association President.

- a. The Bylaws Committee will make recommendations to the full Board Of Directors on changes needed in the Bylaws.
- b. The Bylaws Committee shall monitor and administer recommendations submitted to the General Membership.
- c. The Bylaws Committee shall monitor and administer the following:
 1. The collection of mail-in ballots.
 2. The validation of each mail-in ballot.
 3. The counting and tallying of mail-in ballots.
 4. The floor count of members at the General Membership meeting.
 5. That proper parliamentary procedures for conducting voting are followed.
 6. The reporting and submission of approved changes to these Bylaws to the General Membership.

SECTION 5: A Membership Committee shall be formed at the direction and discretion of the Association President.

- a. The Membership Committee will make recommendations to the full Board Of Directors on changes needed in the Membership recruitment practices.
- b. The Membership Committee shall monitor and administer recommendations submitted to the Board Of Directors concerning membership recruitment practices.

SECTION 6: A Disciplinary Committee shall be formed at the direction and discretion of the Association President.

- a. The Disciplinary Committee will make recommendations to the full Board Of Directors on matters of misconduct.
- b. The Disciplinary Committee shall monitor the actions of the Board Of Directors concerning matters of misconduct.

ARTICLE XVI FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

SECTION 1: The Treasurer will provide the General Membership with a simple to read financial report to be published each year in the first quarterly publication of Patrolling Magazine and at the General Membership meeting during scheduled reunions. All items listed under miscellaneous, will be spelled out in full, in an enclosure, annex, or tab to the report. The Treasurer will present a Financial State of the Association at the General Membership meeting.

SECTION 2: The Treasurer will provide the Board Of Directors with copies of a simple to read financial report, quarterly by e-mail media. Any items listed under miscellaneous will be described in full in an enclosure, annex, or tab to the report.

SECTION 3: The Treasurer will establish accounts into which all receipts will be deposited promptly. Whenever the balance of such account is greater than \$3,500.00, the Secretary shall inform members of the Board Of Directors.

SECTION 4: The Treasurer will organize procedures for the authentication of all checks drawn against the Association's accounts or funds, or the transfer of any assets from one account or fund to another.

SECTION 5: The Treasurer will ensure that the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer are registered as signatories on all Association accounts.

SECTION 6: The Secretary will ensure that the Treasurer and the Secretary are "Bonded" by a reputable bonding service specifically as Officers of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association regardless of any other bonding service they may possess. The Secretary will maintain this documentation on file at all times and ensure that adequate bonding is renewed in a timely manner. *75th Ranger Regt*

SECTION 7: The Association Secretary will ensure that a "Financial Review" is conducted of the Association financial records prior to each scheduled Association reunion. This financial review will be conducted by a separate entity other than the Chief Financial Officer. This financial review will be presented to the Board Of Directors by the Association Secretary.

ARTICLE XVII FINANCIAL

SECTION 1: The guiding principle for the Board Of Directors is to ensure the financial integrity of the Association. Accomplishment of that principle will be done through preserving capital, ensuring the budget is balanced each year and by accumulating sufficient funds to meet annual expenditures from dividends and interest earned from invested capital. All accounts in the name of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association shall be insured by the FDIC.

SECTION 2: Funds received from Life Membership dues shall be invested in high interest bearing secured money market funds, United States Treasury notes, or other investment options offering a minimum risk versus higher return. The actual capital received from Life Membership dues shall not be spent for any reason and shall be held separately accounted for from all other funds.

SECTION 3: A General Operating Fund will be established and maintained for the Association. This fund will consist of all annual dues received, interest earned from monies realized from sale of Association controlled items, contributions and any profit realized from the preceding reunion. Daily operating expenses of the Association will be met through the General Operating Fund. This fund will be monitored by the Association Vice President, Treasurer, and the Budget Committee.

SECTION 4: A Reunion Operating Fund will be established and maintained for the Association. This fund shall consist of all monies donated or otherwise contributed to the Association, monies collected from vendors, interest and other sources, to meet budgeted costs of the reunion. This fund will be administered by the Secretary, through the Treasurer, and payments may be advanced to the reunion Chairman upon presentation of justifiable expenses and bills. This fund will be monitored by the President, Treasurer, and the Budget Committee.

SECTION 5: An interest-bearing savings account will be used to provide and maintain a reserve for the Association to meet contingencies, and to hold funds programmed for pre-reunion advances to reunion Chairmen. This account will be an item of interest for the Budget Committee and the Board Of Directors.

**ARTICLE XVIII
DUES**

SECTION 1: The fiscal year for the Association will be the calendar year from 1 July of the current year through 30 June of the next year.

SECTION 2: Annual dues are part of the responsibility and privilege of being a member. The Board Of Directors is responsible for determining the amount of dues required annually. The dues may be raised or lowered by a majority vote of the Board Of Directors followed by the General Membership confirmation.

SECTION 3: Annual membership dues rate, if changed by the Board Of Directors, shall take effect on the first day of the new membership year (1 July), following announcement of the change published in the Patrolling Magazine.

SECTION 4: Members who are delinquent in paying their dues, after being sent a notice of bad standing by the Secretary, will be dropped from the rolls thirty (30) days after the notice is sent, unless such members dues are waived in accordance with ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7 of these Bylaws.

SECTION 5: Members may arrange a deferred payment procedure with the Secretary for Life Membership purchases only.

**ARTICLE XIX
PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICES**

SECTION 1: Special and General Membership meetings will be conducted in accordance with generally accepted practices as defined in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (current) Edition.

SECTION 2: There are no provisions for suspending any portion or part of these Bylaws.

SECTION 3: Any conflicts in, or ambiguities between these By-Laws and Robert's Rules Of Order will be judged in favor of these Bylaws. Any conflicts in, or ambiguities not covered in these Bylaws will be referred to Robert's Rules Of Order for resolution. Any conflicts surfaced in these Bylaws are to be interpreted in favor of the greater majority of the membership, instead of the minority and with prudent consideration for the best interests of the Association and its members being the primary factor controlling all actions under these Bylaws.

SECTION 4: These Bylaws may be amended in accordance with ARTICLE X, SECTION 4 of these Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XX
AUTHENICATION**

SECTION 1: Approved by unanimous vote of the assembled members at the Ironworks Trade and Convention center, Columbus, Georgia, on July 27, 1988.

Official:

By order of the president

Robert P. Gilbert - President

SECTION 2: Amended by the membership under the rules for changes to the Constitution and By-Laws (article ix, para 3b) by written ballot and approved at the General Membership meeting in Tacoma, Washington on June 26, 1996.

Official:

By order of the president

Roy E. Barley - President

OFFICIAL BALLOT
75TH RANGER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, JULY, 2002

Please use this official ballot to record your vote for the proposed Bylaws. **THIS IS THE ONLY BALLOT THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED.** We cannot accept a copy or any other means of voting. The outside cover of this magazine is designed to be removed, and mailed in the enclosed envelope. The inside cover will remain with the magazine. There is a sample ballot on the inside back page of the inner cover. It is suggested that you use it to record your vote prior to completing the official ballot on the outer cover. This will afford you an opportunity to have a record of your vote. This will also allow you to reflect and possibly change your mind prior to completing the official ballot. Thank you for your attention.

PLEASE MARK THE APPROPRIATE SPACE, IN A LEGIBLE MANNER IN INK. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR VOTE, CLEARLY INDICATE YOUR CHOICE OF VOTE FOR THAT ARTICLE. IF NECESSARY, WRITE AT THE BOTTOM, ARTICLE # (article to be changed), "CONCUR", "NOT CONCUR", OR "ABSTAIN". TWO VOTES ON THE SAME ARTICLE WILL BE TREATED AS AN 'ABSTAIN'.

MARK 'C' IF YOU CONCUR WITH THE ARTICLE.

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MARK 'A' IF YOU WISH TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON THE ARTICLE.

ARTICLE I: <u>(C)</u> NC A	ARTICLE XI: C <u>(NC)</u> A
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ARTICLE III: <u>(C)</u> NC A	ARTICLE XIII: <u>(C)</u> NC A
ARTICLE IV: C <u>(NC)</u> A	ARTICLE XIV: <u>(C)</u> NC A
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