



Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc.

CONSTITUTION

Ver: 10-27-15

PREAMBLE

For Duty, Honor, and Country, we, The Combat Infantrymen, shall associate for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and to ensure that liberty and justice prevails. To strengthen the camaraderie between members of the Combat Infantrymen's Association and keep alive the patriotism, accomplishments, and memory of our service and the service of those who wear the Combat Infantryman Badge. To consecrate the memory of those who have led the way, exemplifying the Infantry Motto, "FOLLOW ME".

ARTICLE I

Name

This organization, with historical ties to the United States Army, shall be known as the COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the ASSOCIATION. This name may be changed for female gender purposes if such persons are awarded the CIB.

ARTICLE II

Objective and Purpose

1. The Association shall be a non-political, non-profit association that qualifies for Federal Tax exemption under Section 501(C)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Approved by letter, DLN: 17053131013008 from original IRS dated May 27, 1998 and new IRS approval letter dated July 15, 2015 with an assigned EIN of 56-1716671
2. The primary purposes of the Association are:
 - a. To provide a means of communication and fellowship between men and women who have been awarded the US Army's Combat Infantry Badge (CIB).
 - b. To hold reunions at such times and places as the annual meeting committee designates to perpetuate liberty and justice through patriotism and companionship.

- c. To assist all veterans of the US Armed Forces, their families, widows and children and other selected charities whenever possible regardless of race, creed, gender, religion, or branch of service. To support our Military in the performance of their duty, protect our Nation's Flag and to support the Constitution of the United States of America.
- d. This Association is organized for a perpetual term.

ARTICLE III Organization

The Association shall be organized into Divisions and these in turn into State Headquarters ("HQs") as determined by the Division the HQs would be subject to, which then may in turn oversee various local Companies; all shall be known collectively as "Units". There shall be no more than fifty-one (51) HQs, one for each of the fifty (50) United States in addition to the District of Columbia ("D.C.") and there shall be as many Divisions as decided by the National Association that shall comprise as many HQs as decided by the National Association. All Divisions, HQs and Companies shall cause to be implemented a Constitution & Bylaws which in turn must be approved by the National Association.

Companies may be organized in a local area to provide members with a meeting place near their homes wherever possible. This will enhance comradeship and patriotism among members of the Association. All Companies will function under the direct supervision of the Division and HQ assigned by the National Association. Each Division and HQ will maintain a roster of its assigned members. Companies shall perform all administrative duties required for the proper maintenance of membership records which shall be reported to their respective HQs and Divisions. HQs will report to a Division, which is the selected unit of Command for a group of HQs.

ARTICLE IV Membership

- 1. To be eligible for membership in the Association, a person must provide written official proof of having earned the award of the CIB.
- 2. The Association does have a Support Membership structure to allow for family and friends of our members to participate in the organization. Additionally a special Business Support category of membership shall exist. At no time shall the Support Membership exceed the IRS rules for percentage of non CIB receipts as a percent of total membership.
- 3. The Executive Board will have the authority to remove members for cause after appointing an investigative committee and reviewing all circumstances such as "STOLEN VALOR" along with any other possible causes for removal.

ARTICLE V
Government

1. The Association will be organized in accordance with a management structure which shall allow for the proper flow and accountability of all necessary administrative functions.
2. The Association will be governed by at a minimum a National Commander, Deputy National Commander and a National Finance Officer. The Executive Board shall consist of (5) five or more members as selected by the National Commander. The National Commander shall appoint all officers. There shall exist both a senior and a Junior Trustee officer. The Senior Trustee shall serve a four (4) year term and the junior a two (2) year term.
3. The National Commander will stand for election every two (2) years and will be elected by a majority of the Membership at large.
4. The Executive Board will meet annually to conduct Association business.

ARTICLE VI
Standing Committees

Committees may be organized as deemed necessary by the Executive Board to perform specific tasks that may arise.

ARTICLE VII
Dues

Dues amounts shall be set by a vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII
Uniforms

Division Commands have flexibility concerning the uniform. The CIB, or the Association logo must be worn on every uniform.

ARTICLE IX
Publications

1. Publication of a newsletter called "The Blue Badge" shall be published and mailed to members who sign up for the publication and choose to have the mailed version instead of the electronic version at an extra annual fee. The hard copy mailed version shall be terminated following the July, 2016 issue at which time all newsletters will be sent electronically. This publication shall be the official communication vehicle of the Association. Advertising is acceptable in the Blue Badge but must be consistent with the association 501-c obligations

and the association's goals and objectives. The Blue Badge Editor will have the final approval of all such advertising and may veto all or any advertising. The National Website will be governed by the National Commander and the National Webmaster and must also meet the association's 501-c and other organizational goals and objectives.

2. Minutes of all National meetings will be recorded and published by the National Chief of Staff or other designated National Officer. This shall be published in the newsletter as well as electronically on the Association website.

ARTICLE X Disposition of Funds

Should the Association ever disband, any funds remaining with the Finance Officer shall be donated to the US Army Emergency Relief Fund. Should any Division or other unit disband all funds will be transferred to the National Headquarters.

ARTICLE XI Amendments

1. Proposed amendments, rewrites or changes to the Constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Board. Proposed changes or additions shall be voted on by the Executive Board. Members submitting changes or additions for consideration shall have the opportunity to contact the National Commander or any Executive Board Member for explanations concerning their proposed amendment's status. The Executive Board shall review and consider every member's concerns and suggestions. Changes to the Bylaws or Constitution may be proposed at the annual meeting and the Executive Board will review all such motions and determine if such proposals should be adopted.
2. Changes to the Constitution shall require a majority vote of the active Executive Board members.
3. The Executive Board may pass necessary bylaws or changes for the good of the Association by majority vote. The Board shall also have the power to veto if it is concluded by a majority vote of the Executive Board that it is necessary to do so in order to properly manage the business of the Association. It is recognized that some business may need to be conducted throughout the year including bylaw changes or amendments. The Executive Board shall have this authority.
4. At the conception of the Association, the "Founding Members" agreed that the National Headquarters of the Association will remain in Asheville, NC, as long as the Association is in existence. There will be no recommendation presented or voted on by the general membership to change this location. The desires of the "Founding Members" shall be carried out. This designation is for historical purposes only and does not apply for State or Federal business needs.

5. Wherever the word "he" or "his" appears in this Constitution and By-Laws of the Association the word shall be inclusive of both genders.

Should any provision of this Constitution be deemed in conflict with any other provision, such conflict will be resolved by a majority vote of the three members of the Executive Board. This document shall become effective after being signed and (sealed) by the National Commander.

All previous editions of this instrument are hereby revoked.

THEREFORE, in witness thereof, I, the National Commander of the Association hereunto subscribed my name on the below date. Or (Electronic Signature)

Nick Hubbell
Commanding Officer

Seal

Signature_____

Date_____

Notary: