

# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS TEXAS DEPARTMENT



## RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

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Department of Texas  
Reserve Officers Association of the United States

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name

**SECTION 1:** The name of this organization is The Reserve Officers Association of The United States, Department of Texas.

Article II

Object

**SECTION 1:** The object of this Department is to support and assist in the development and execution of a military policy for the United States which will provide adequate national security.

Article III

Memberships

**SECTION 1:** **Classes of Membership:** There shall be five (5) classes of membership in the association, to wit:

- A. Active Membership:** Any person holding a commission or any Warrant Officer, Flight Officer, or person of equivalent rank in any of the Reserve Components of the Uniformed Forces of the United States, shall be eligible for Active Membership. Such membership shall be perpetual unless or until said member resigns in writing, is dropped by the National Headquarters for nonpayment of dues, or expelled by disciplinary actions under such procedures as may be provided by the Bylaws.

**B. Associate Membership:** Any person holding a commission or any Warrant Officer, Flight Officer, or person of equivalent rank in the Armed Forces of the United States, except those eligible for Active Membership or any former commissioned officer, Warrant Officer, or person of equivalent rank whose separation from the service has occurred under honorable circumstances, shall be eligible for Associate Membership, with all the rights and privileges of Active Membership, except those of voting and holding office.

**C. Junior Membership:** Any member of a Reserve Officers Training Corps or its equivalent, who is a student of the advanced course, or who holds a certificate of eligibility for a commission; or any person in a training program which shall result in a commission or warrant in any of the Uniformed Services of the United States shall be eligible for a Junior Membership. All Junior Memberships shall expire on the date the Junior Member becomes eligible for Active Membership.

**D. Life Membership:** Active or Associate who pay to the Reserve Officers Association of the United States an amount determined by their age at the last birthday as shown in the National Constitution shall be classified as a Life Member. Life Members shall be forever exempt from the payment of further dues, except annual chapter dues, if any, in excess of the portion of annual national dues remitted to the chapter. Such classification shall not restrict any change between Active and Associate Membership in accordance with prescribed qualifications for the respective classes of membership.

**E. Honorary Life Membership:** Those persons residing within the jurisdiction of the Department of Texas who have been elected Honorary Life members by the National Convention.

**SECTION 2:**       **Service Section Membership:** Members of the Department of Texas who are commissioned in the Army of the United States shall be assigned to the Army Section of the Department of Texas. Those members of the Department of Texas who are commissioned in the United States navy, United States Marine Corps, the United States Coast Guard, the United States Public Health Services, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, shall be assigned to the Navy Section of the Department of Texas. Those members of the Department of Texas who are commissioned in the United States Air Force shall be assigned to the Air Force Section of the Department of Texas.

**SECTION 3:**       **Membership Application:**

**A.** All members of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States can become members of the Department of Texas. If a chapter is not designated by the individual, he will be assigned by the department to a chapter within the Department which embraces the area wherein the member resides.

**B.** Any Individual eligible for membership may affiliate with any chapter of the Department of Texas. If a chapter is not designated by the individual, he will be assigned by the department to a chapter within the Department which embraces the area wherein the member resides.

**C.** Any member upon moving from one locality to another may transfer to the appropriate chapter without payment of any additional dues for the remainder of his membership year. He shall make

application to the chapter in which his membership is held, and upon receipt of such signed application, the secretary of such chapter shall forward same to the Department Secretary with a request that the transfer be made. All such members shall notify ROA National Headquarters of such transfer and his new address.

- D. Junior Members may affiliate with any chapter as provided for Active Members, without increase in dues.
- E. All memberships shall be reported to the National Secretary and Department Secretary upon forms provided by the National Headquarters for that purpose.

## Article IV

### Organization

**SECTION 1:** The membership of this Department shall be organized into chapters and such subdivisions as the Bylaws may provide.

## Article V

### Government

**SECTION 1:** The affairs of the Department shall be governed by an annual State Convention and a fall service conference to be known as a “Mini-Convention” composed by delegates or their alternates from the chapters. A Convention shall be held in each year, and the manner of selecting the time and place for such Convention and the manner of choosing delegates, the right to vote, and the manner of voting therein shall be prescribed in the Bylaws.

## Article VI

### Department Officers

**SECTION 1:** **Identity:** The Officers of the Department shall consist of the following: A President; a Senior Vice President, who shall also be designated and perform the functions and duties of President Elect of the Department; Immediate Past President; the National Councilman; a Vice President; and a Junior Vice President elected from each of the Service Sections shall be commissioned in their respective services, to be known as the Vice President of the Army Section, Junior Vice President of the Army Section; Vice President of the Navy Section, Junior Vice President of the Navy Section; Vice President of the Air Force Section, Junior Vice President of the Navy Section; an Executive Secretary; a Judge Advocate; a Surgeon; a Dental Surgeon; a Chaplain; an Historian; and such other officers as the Bylaws may provide.

**SECTION 2:**       **Election and Tenure:**       The Officers shall be selected as prescribed in the Bylaws and shall serve until the next Department Annual Convention, or until their successors have been duly elected, except for the National Councilman, who shall serve until the second Department Annual Convention following, provided, however, that should any Department Officer die while in office, the office shall be declared vacant and shall be filled by the procedure set forth below in Article VI, Section 3 of this Constitution. Should any Department Officer Move to a location outside the State of Texas, the Executive Committee shall declare the office to be vacant and it shall be filled by the procedures set forth below in Article VI, Section 3 of this Constitution. The National Councilman shall serve no more than three consecutive terms, effective with the 1994 Annual Convention.

**SECTION 3:**       **Vacancies:**       A vacancy in any elective office occurring between Annual Department Conventions shall be filled by the Executive Committee with the exception of succession to the Department President. The Senior Vice-President/President Designate shall succeed the Department President for the remainder of the term in the event that office is vacated for any cause whatsoever. This succession to the Department Presidency shall not render the individual ineligible to serve his/her regularly scheduled term as Department President. If the office of the Senior Vice President/President Designate is vacated for any cause whatsoever, the position shall remain vacant until filled by the next Annual Department Convention.

**SECTION 4:**       **Dual Offices:** No person may serve in more than one Department Elective Office or any Department Committee Chairmanship while serving as Department Executive Secretary.

## Article VII

### Department Executive Committee

**SECTION 1:**       **Duties:**       The Affairs of the Department between Annual Department Conventions shall be administered by the Department Executive Committee.

**SECTION 2:**       **Composition:** The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, the Senior Vice President/President Designate, the Immediate Past President, the National Councilman, the three (3) Service Section Vice Presidents, the three (3) Service Sections Junior Vice Presidents, the Judge Advocate, and the Executive Secretary. Each member of the Executive Committee other than the Judge Advocate and the Executive Secretary shall have one (1) vote at any meeting of the committee.

**SECTION 3:**       **Quorum:**       A quorum of the Executive Committee shall exist when six (6) members thereof are present.

**SECTION 4:**       **Meetings:**       The Executive Committee shall meet within twenty-four (24) hours following adjournment of the Annual Department Convention, or under petition of at least two (2) members of the Executive Committee, or at any time upon a call by the President. Upon receipt of such petition bearing the required number of signatures, the President shall call the Executive Committee to meet no later than fifteen (15) days after the receipt of said petition. The members of the Executive Committee shall be allowed and may be paid their traveling expenses for attending called meetings of the Executive Committee.

**SECTION 5:**       **Notice:**       Notice of action taken by the Executive Committee shall be mailed to all Chapter Presidents and the members of the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days.

## Article VIII

### Bylaws

**SECTION 1:**       Appropriate Bylaws to carry out the provisions of this Constitution and not inconsistent therewith and not in violation of the National Constitution may be adopted or amended by any Department of Texas Convention.

## Article IX

### Amendments

**SECTION 1:**       The Constitution may be amended by any Annual Department Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote by the accredited Delegates thereof, provided that the proposed Amendment has been submitted to the convention at least one (1) day before the adoption thereof, or by two-thirds (2/3) of the committee on the Constitution and Bylaws.

## Article X

**SECTION 1:**       The adoption of this Constitution revokes all previously adopted and existing Constitutions.

## Article XI

### Conformity

**SECTION 1:**       The Constitution and Bylaws of the National Association govern and prevail in every instance of conflict with this Constitution.

# BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I

**SECTION 1. CHAPTER CHARTERS:** Petitions for the issuance of Chapter Charters shall be addressed to the Department, and each such petition shall be signed by not less than ten (10) persons eligible to become Active Members. The Department will forward the petition to National Headquarters with its approval or disapproval. The National Headquarters will issue charters. The President and the Secretary of this Department shall countersign any Chapter Charter so issued with the approval of this Department. The Charter of a Chapter shall automatically be suspended with the number of its members is less than ten (10) and be reinstated upon request when its membership again reaches a minimum of ten (10).

**SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATIVE GROUPS:** For the purpose of administration, the membership of this Department shall be divided into groups known as Chapters, which shall bear such names as the members thereof shall designate with the approval of the Department.

**SECTION 3. DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY:** All Chapters within the jurisdiction of this Department shall be subject to the supervision of this Department. The Executive Committee may suspend or revoke the Charter of a Chapter for violation of the National or Department Constitution and By-laws, for violation of any provision of the Charter granted to the Chapter, or for any failure to function properly; provided, however, that before the suspension of any Charter, due notice in writing, clearly setting forth the alleged violation, will be sent to the Secretary of the offending Chapter to be heard by the Executive Committee; provided further that suspended Chapter may first appeal to the succeeding National Council. An appeal made to the National Council must be filed with National Headquarters within thirty (30) days of the action of the Convention. The National Council may reinstate a suspended Chapter when the cause for such suspension has been removed

**SECTION 4. CHAPTER OFFICERS:** The Chapter Officers shall include President and Secretary, and such other officers as the Chapter may provide. They shall be elected annually prior to the first of April and shall be installed within three (3) months after election. The Chapter President or his Representative shall attend the Annual ROA Department Convention.

**SECTION 5. HEADQUARTERS:** The Department Headquarters shall be located as designated by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

**SECTION 6. RESTRICTIONS:** No Chapter or subordinate unit of the Department shall take any action in violation of the National Constitution and By-laws, nor take any public action inconsistent with the announced policy of the Association.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

#### **SECTION 1. QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS:**

- A.** None but Active Members who physically reside within the borders of the State of Texas shall be eligible to hold a Department Office.
- B.** To be eligible for the Office of President or Senior Vice President/President Designate, a member must have served as a Department Officer or must have served or be serving as a Chapter President.
- C.** To be eligible for the office of National Council Representative a member must have served as or be serving a term as Department President.
- D.** To be eligible for the office of Service Section Vice President, a member must have served as a Chapter of Department Officer.

#### **SECTION 2. SELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

- A.** The President, the Senior Vice President who shall also be the President Elect, the three (3) Service Section Vice Presidents, the three (3) Service Section Junior Vice Presidents and the National Council Representative shall be elected at the Annual Department Convention.
- B.** The Department President and the Department Senior Vice President, who shall be the President Elect, shall be nominated by the Department Nominating Committee or from the floor of the General Session, and shall be elected in the General Session.
- C.** The nomination of the three (3) Department Service Section Vice Presidents and the three (3) Department Service Section Junior Vice Presidents shall be on the recommendation of the particular Sections. Each Service Section shall convene during the Department Convention to select the Section nominees for Department Service Section Vice President and Department Service Section Junior Vice President. The nominee for each office will be the individual in that Service Section who receives the majority of all votes cast by accredited delegates voting in the Service Section meeting. The selections

by the respective Service Sections for the positions for Department Service Section Vice president shall be reported to the Convention and their nomination and selection will be confirmed by the Convention.

**D.** The remaining officers of the Department, except the Immediate Past President, Executive Secretary and the Department Sergeant-At-Arms shall be elected at the Annual Department Convention. In addition to the other qualifications, the Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Surgeon General, Dental Surgeon, and Historian shall be elected from the appropriate branches of the Services according to the procedure set forth in Article II, Section 2 of the By-laws above.

**E.** The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Department President with the approval of the Executive committee. Incumbents are eligible to succeed themselves subject to reappointment by the Department President and confirmation by the Department Executive Committee.

**F.** The Department Sergeant-At-Arms shall be appointed by the Department President with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Sergeant-At-Arms term of office will expire at the end of the current fiscal year.

**SECTION 3. NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CHAPTER OFFICERS:** Each Chapter shall report within ten (10) days to the Department Secretary and to the National Headquarters any change of its President or Secretary, giving the names, current mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of any new officers.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1. THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT:** The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Department with the authority to contract obligations for the Department and to represent the Department in all matters pertaining to its affairs. He shall have the authority to manage expenditure of Department funds within a total projected budget approved by the Annual Convention and may, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, reallocate funds between sub-projects of Annual Convention approved budget to meet unique circumstances. The President shall preside at the Annual Convention, enforce the provisions of the Department Constitution and By-laws and carry out the mandates of the Department Convention. He shall appoint all necessary committees, subject to the ratification of the Department Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

**SECTION 2. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:** Duties as assigned by President and EXCOM.

**SECTION 3. THE DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:** The Senior Vice President shall assume the duties and have the power of the President in the event of the death, inability to serve, resignation or absence of the latter, and shall perform such other duties as the President may direct. The Department Senior Vice President shall also be designated as President Elect of the Department and in such capacity shall perform all the duties assigned to him by the Department President during his term of office as the Department Senior Vice President.

**SECTION 4. DEPARTMENT SECTION VICE PRESIDENTS:** The three (3) Service Section Vice Presidents shall act as representatives of the President on all matters referred to them by him and shall, at his request, preside over the meetings of the Annual Department Convention or the Council, and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. In addition, each Service Section Vice President shall advise the president on matters of policy and procedures concerning the Vice President's respective Service Section.

**SECTION 5. DEPARTMENT SERVICE SECTION JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENTS:** The three (3) Service Section Junior Vice Presidents shall act as representatives of their respective Service Section Vice Presidents on all matters referred to them and shall at the request of the Vice Presidents conduct all activities of their particular service.

**SECTION 6. THE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** The Executive Secretary shall be in charge of the Department Headquarters, shall supervise the activities of the clerical force employed thereat, attend to all Department correspondence, maintain adequate records and be responsible for finances of the Department. He shall be responsible for the custody of all funds and securities of the Department and shall keep regular accounts thereof, and shall make reports upon condition of the Department treasury when called for by the President or the Executive Committee. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident of the office/offices.

**SECTION 7. THE DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE:** The Judge Advocate shall be the legal advisor to the officers, the Executive Committee, and other Department Committees. The Judge Advocate shall review proposed amendments to the Chapter Constitutions and By-laws and shall bring to the attention of a Chapter any discrepancies in its existing Constitution and By-laws.

**SECTION 8. THE DEPARTMENT SURGEON:** The Department Surgeon shall be charged with the duty of keeping himself informed through the offices of the National Surgeon and through any other sources he may think proper, of any and all changes pertaining to the administration of the medical department of the various services with respect to Reserve Officers and shall submit a report thereon at each Annual Convention. He likewise shall keep himself informed regarding policies and procedures relating to disability benefits and claims and shall serve as a consultant to chapter Surgeons regarding disability problems of Reserve Officers.

**SECTION 9. DEPARTMENT DENTAL SURGEON:** The Department Dental Surgeon shall be charged with the duty of keeping himself informed through the offices of the National Dental Surgeon and any and all changes pertaining to the administration of the dental departments with respect to Reserve Officers and shall submit a report thereon at each Annual Convention. He likewise shall keep himself informed regarding policies relating to dental benefits and claims and shall serve as a consultant to the Chapter Dental Surgeons regarding dental disability problems of Reserve Officers.

**SECTION 10. THE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN:** The Chaplain shall perform divine and non-sectarian services at any meeting of the Department and shall conduct such ceremony as may be required.

**SECTION 11. THE DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN:** The Historian shall compile annually from the archives of the Department and from other authentic sources, a narrative history of the Department, its activities, and accomplishments.

**SECTION 12. THE DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** The Sergeant-At-Arms shall be responsible to the President and Executive Committee in carrying out the procedures and policies governing conduct of delegates during the General Sessions of the Department. He shall maintain order at the direction of the President and in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Department.

**SECTION 13. OFFICER CONVENTION EXPENSES:** The President, Executive Secretary, Department National Councilman, and any National Officer or Chairman of a National Committee, whose expenses are not paid by National ROA, may attend the ROA National convention and the National ROA Mid-Winter Washington Meeting at the expense of the Department, as authorized by the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **COMMITTEES**

**SECTION 1. STANDING COMMITTEES:** There shall be the following standing committees:

- A.** Constitution and By-laws Committee
- B.** Legislative Committee

**C.** Membership Committee

**D.** Public Relations Committee

**E.** Retirement Committee

**SECTION 2. APPOINTMENT:** All appointments will be accomplished and announced within sixty (60) days following the election of the Department President. The incoming Department President will appoint the Chairman of each Committee for a one-year term. Vacancies on committees caused by expiring appointments will be filled by selections of the Department President. These appointments (except for the Committee Chairman) will be for two-year terms.

**SECTION 3. CONVENTION COMMITTEE:** Each year the host Chapter to the Annual Department Convention shall constitute the Convention Committee and shall within three (3) months after becoming the host Chapter, notify the Executive Committee and all chapters of the Department of the date and place of the next Convention.

**SECTION 4. SPECIAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES:** The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint the following special Convention Committee not later than sixty (60) calendars days prior to the designated convention date of each annual convention.

**A.** RULES: Which shall report to the Convention the rules recommended governing the Convention.

**B.** NOMINATING: Which shall report to the Convention the convention nominations for the elective officers for the succeeding year.

**C.** TIME AND PLACE: Which shall report to the Convention the time and place recommended for the next Convention.

**D.** CREDENTIALS: Which shall report to the Convention on the credentials to be required of delegates.

**E.** RESOLUTIONS: Which shall recommend to the Convention resolutions to be adopted at the Convention. Resolutions must be received at least 30 days prior to the Mini and Annual Convention.

**F.** AUDITING: Which shall report to the Convention the status of the Department financial affairs.

**G.** CIOR: When applicable.

# **ARTICLE V**

## **MEETINGS AND REPRESENTATION**

**SECTION 1. ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION:** There shall be an Annual Convention of the Department each year between the first day of April and the first day of June for the purpose of:

**A.** BASIS FOR REPRESENTATION DURING GENERAL SESSION MEETINGS: As a basis for representation at the Annual Convention, each Chapter shall be entitled to one and alternate, plus an additional delegate and alternate for each twenty (20) members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing with the National Association and this Department. The Department figures based on National Association March 1st Membership rolls shall be conclusive with respect to convention representation. Each delegate shall have one vote. An alternate delegate elected or appointed by the same body, which elected or appointed the original delegates represented by the alternate may cast the vote of any delegate. On the floor of the Convention only, all votes to which any Chapter is entitled may be cast by the authorized delegates from the Chapter present at the Convention.

**B.** BASIS FOR REPRESENTATION FOR SERVICE SECTION MEETINGS: The delegation of each Service in Section Meetings shall vote the exact number of accredited members of the Service within its Chapter, provided that said Chapter has a delegate of the service, or his alternate in personal appearance at said Service Section Meeting.

**C.** The Executive Secretary shall compute and post the number of allotted votes to each Chapter for voting during the General session and for each service Section during the Service Section Meetings. This list shall be computed, published, and provided to the members prior to the Department Convention.

**D.** QUORUM: Ten (10) percent of the Chapters in the Department shall be represented at the Convention to constitute a quorum to open the Convention. A quorum for transacting business during the Department Convention shall exist if the delegates and/or alternates answering the roll call of Chapters represent twenty-five (25) percent or more of the total votes computed by the Executive Secretary for the Chapters, and published in accordance with Article V, Section 1, Subsection C, above.

**SECTION 2. NOTICE:** National Headquarters shall be given fifteen- (15) days advance notice of the date and place of the Department Convention. The retiring President will furnish a copy of the minutes of the Convention, and copies of all resolutions adopted within fifteen (15) days after a Department Convention to the

National Headquarters. The retiring President shall also be responsible for the prompt reporting of newly elected officers, their current mailing addresses and telephone numbers to the National Headquarters.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **FINANCE**

**SECTION 1. THE FISCAL YEAR:** The fiscal year of the Department shall begin on the first day of April each year.

**SECTION 2. THE REVENUE:** The Revenue of the Department shall be derived from the portion of the annual dues remitted by National Headquarters to the Department. The Department shall remit to each active Chapter of the Department one half (½) of all dues remittances received from National Headquarters except one dollar (\$1.00) retained by the Department Convention Fund. The Budget, complete with an income projection, for the ensuing year will be presented to the Mini-Convention for review, adjustment, and approval.

**SECTION 3. THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION FUND:** The Department Executive Secretary will withhold one dollar (\$1.00) from each one year membership when the Department's portion of the annual dues is remitted by National Headquarters. The annual host Chapter Convention Committee for funding of convention activities will use this fund. The sum of \$500 will be advanced to the host Chapter for the purpose of defraying basic initial expenses and to provide a minimum registration fee. The host chapter will retain this advance.

**SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL DUES:** Any chapter may collect from Active and Associate Members such additional dues as it may deem necessary for its own purposes; provided, however, that Life members shall be liable only for part of any such dues as may be levied in excess of \$1.25 per member per annum. Junior Members shall be exempt from the payment of all dues to local chapters of this Department.

**SECTION 5. DISBURSEMENT:** The Department Executive Secretary is authorized to pay out the funds of the Department upon checks signed by the Department President and countersigned by the Department Executive Secretary. At the option of the Department President and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, the Department President may authorize other members of the Executive Committee to sign checks to disburse Department funds.

**SECTION 6. AUDIT:** The newly installed President shall at the end of the Department's fiscal year (March 31) have an audit of the preceding year's books and records of the Department made and completed by the Mini-convention of the current year by a Certified Public Accountant or other competent auditor. The audit report shall be forwarded to the Department President at least thirty (30) days before the Mini-Convention and shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Secretary shall provide a summary of this review and all recommended actions, at the Department Convention and the report shall become a part of the auditing committee report. The convention report will cover the period from the proceeding April 1st through the end of the fiscal year. This report will be furnished to the auditing committee in sufficient time to permit its inclusion in the annual report to the Department Convention.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **PROCEDURE**

**SECTION 1. RULES OF PROCEDURE:** The proceedings and deliberations of this Department including its Executive Committee shall be governed by the Rules of Parliamentary Practices established by Robert's Rules of Order. Only properly accredited delegates shall be given the privilege of the floor without the unanimous consent of the Convention.

**SECTION 2. ORDER OF BUSINESS:** The order of business at the Annual Convention of this Convention of this Department shall be as follows:

1. Invocation
2. Roll Call of Chapters
3. Reports of Standing Committees
4. Unfinished Business
5. New Business
6. Election of Officers
7. Installation of officers
8. Adjournment

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT BY MAJORITY VOTE:** These By-laws may be amended at any annual Convention by a majority vote of such Convention provided the amendment is proposed, considered and voted on in accordance with the order of business adopted by such Convention.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

**SECTION 1.** The adoption of these By-laws and revisions revokes all previously adopted By-laws and amendments thereto.

**SECTION 2.** The President of the Department shall take care that all members of the Executive Committee have in their possession at all called meetings a copy of the current Department Constitution and By-laws.

**SECTION 3.** Any member of the Department shall be given a copy of the current Department Constitution and By-laws upon making a request for it to the Executive Secretary.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **CONFORMITY**

**SECTION 1.** The National Association's Constitution and By-laws shall govern and prevail in every instance of conflict with these By-laws.

- Constitution and By-laws adopted in Convention at College Station, Texas, 1 May 1971

- First Revision of Constitution and By-laws adopted in Convention at Houston, Texas, 24 April 1976

GEORGE W. FRIMPTER, BRIG GEN, USAFR, Department President

ALTON C. FUOS, CAPT, USAFR, Department Executive Secretary

- Second Revision of Constitution and By-laws adopted in Convention at San Antonio, Texas, 21 May 1977

T. TALMAGE MAIN, JR., COL, USAR, Department President.

ALTON C. FUOS, MAJ, USAFR, Department Executive Secretary

- Third Revision of Constitution and By-laws adopted in Convention at Corpus Christi, Texas, 6 May 1978

JOHN C. WALLACE, LCDR, USNR, Department President

RICHARD M. BURRAGE, COL, USAR, Executive Secretary

- Fourth Revision of Constitution and By-laws adopted in Convention at San Angelo, Texas, 28 April 1979

BYRON E. MILLS, JR., COL, USAFR, Department President

RICHARD M. BURRAGE, COL, AUS-RET, Executive Secretary

- Fifth Revision of Constitution and By-laws adopted in Convention at Beaumont, Texas, 26 April 1980

JAMES H. LUNZ, COL, USAR, Department President

LLOYD E. MILLIMAN, JR., MAJ, USAFR, Executive Secretary

- Sixth Revision of Constitution and By-laws adopted in Convention at El Paso, Texas, 24 April 1983

ALFRED L. MICHAUD, COL, USAR, Department President

T. E. MOURITSEN, CAPT, USNR, Executive Secretary

- Seventh Revision of Constitution and By-laws adopted in Convention at Beaumont, Texas, 25 April 1987

AL VERA, CDR, USNR, Department President

ALFRED L. MICHAUD, COL, USAR, Executive Secretary

- Eighth Revision of Constitution and By-laws adopted in Convention at El Paso, Texas, 29 April 1989

L. FARRELL SMITH, MAJ, USAR, Department President

ALFRED L. MICHAUD, COL, AUS-RET, Executive Secretary

- Ninth Revision of Constitution and By-laws adopted in Convention at Fort Worth, Texas, 24 April 1993

HALLYE E. SCHWIER, USCGR (RET), Department President

ALFRED L. MICHAUD, COL, AUS-RET, Executive Secretary

- Tenth Revision of Constitution and By-laws adopted in Convention at San Antonio, 6 May 1995

JOHN SUTHERLAND, COL, USAR, Department President

ALFRED L. MICHAUD, COL, AUS-RET, Executive Secretary

- Eleventh Revision of Constitution and By-laws adopted in Convention at Corpus Christi, Texas, 25 April 1998

LADD PATTILLO, COL, USAR, Department President

LLOYD E. MILLIMAN, JR., MAJ, USAFR, Executive Secretary

- Twelfth Revision of Constitution and By-laws adopted in Convention at Corpus Christi, Texas, 5 April 2003

RONALD C. PARÉ, COL, USAR, Department President

THOMAS R. HELM, 1LT, USAFR, Executive Secretary/Treasurer