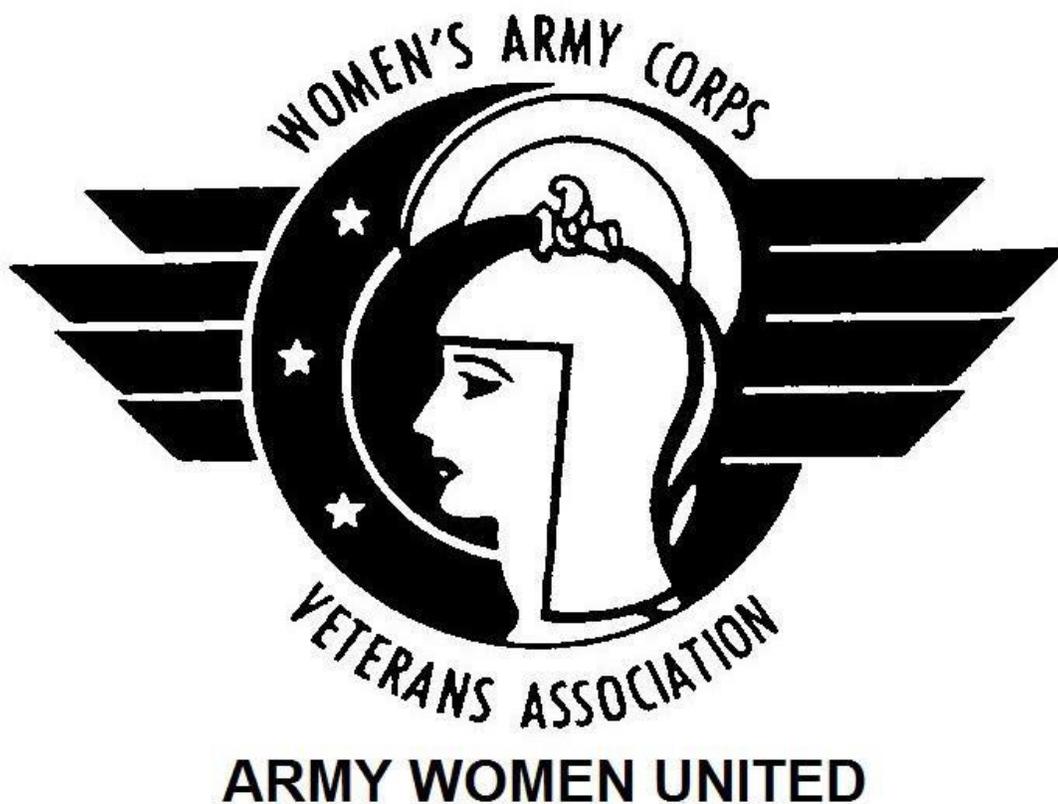


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ABBREVIATIONS:		
HD	Historical Documents	
IPNP	Immediate Past National President	
PL	Public Law	
PNP	Past National President	
SR:	Standing Rules	
WACVA:	Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association	

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ARTICLE I NAME & TRADE NAME

NAME: The name of the Association shall be the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association. Hereafter in this document referred to as: WACVA

TRADE NAME: A trade name was approved at the 2011 National Convention and on 30 September 2011 the Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Corporation Division, issued A Certificate of Trade Name Registration to Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, trade name: "Army Women United."

Placement shall be as follows: With the logo:



Army Women United



or as part of the jpg file:

Without the logo: **Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association
Army Women United**

or

**WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS VETERANS' ASSOCIATION
ARMY WOMEN UNITED**

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE: The purpose of the association is to promote the general welfare of all veterans, especially women veterans, who have served or are serving in the United States Army, the Army Reserve, and the Army National Guard; to recognize outstanding women in college ROTC units throughout the United States; to provide services and support to patients in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs throughout the United States; to provide civic betterment programs for the community; and, to provide social and recreational activities for members.

Rationale: These provisions are all inclusive and cover all the possibilities -- the last two come from the first Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation (March 2008).

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Women who are current, former or retired members of the Army who have served honorably in the Army, the Army National Guard, or the U.S. Army Reserve in warrant officer, commissioned or enlisted status are eligible for membership in the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association (WACVA).

Section 2 Member eligibility is based upon honorable active duty service in the

armed forces Proof of Eligibility includes:

- a. The member's DD214 (Discharge), military ID card (DD2A), or DA256 (Certificate of Discharge). Proof of service shall be vetted by local chapters. Each chapter shall retain and archive members' proof of service, protecting potential members' personal identifying information. Should there be concerns or questions surrounding proof of service, local chapters should consult/refer to the National Executive Board for guidance and eligibility determination.
- b. Official Retirement Orders or Twenty-Year Letter. Former Army Reserve or National Guard members who served fewer than 20 years should provide official federal or state documents clearly indicating their service.
- c. An initial statement from the current custodian of the applicant's personnel records, or her current company commander, certifying her active duty status is being served under honorable conditions, which will be presented by the applicant at the time she applies for or renews her membership in the Association. Upon separation from active duty, the member will furnish a copy of her DD 214 to her chapter for verification of separation under honorable conditions or, in the case of a member-at-large, to the appropriate national officer that is in charge of maintaining the members-at-large records. The chapter shall provide a copy to National Headquarters.

Section 3 Official proof of service shall be maintained at National Headquarters, and each chapter shall maintain a copy.

Section 4 Honorary Membership: Honorary membership may be given upon approval of the National Executive Board to:

- a. Mothers of members of the WACVA provided they are not otherwise eligible for membership.
- b. Women who have performed outstanding or exceptional service to the WACVA provided they are not otherwise eligible for membership.
- c. Honorary membership may be conferred by local chapters with approval of the local Chapter Executive Board.
- d. Honorary members shall be without vote, shall not pay dues, and shall not hold office.

Section 5 Associate Membership: Associate membership may be extended by local chapters to members in good standing in other chapters when said members are in temporary residence in the area of the chapter extending the courtesy. Associate members shall not have a vote or hold office. Dues for associate members will be determined by the local chapter.

Section 6 Affiliate memberships include women that have served or are currently serving in any other branch of military service or ROTC Cadets. Affiliate members shall not have a vote or hold office. The local chapter will determine dues for affiliate members.

ARTICLE IV - LOCAL CHAPTERS

Section 1 The WACVA shall be composed of local chapters and of members-at-large (resident in areas where there is no local chapter or in such cases where the personal situation makes it impractical or untenable for individuals to be a member of a local chapter). For uniformity of all procedures, the fiscal year of all local chapters shall be from 1 July to the following 30 June.

Section 2 Local chapters must have at least six (6) active members to be eligible for admission to the WACVA.

Section 3 All local chapters shall elect officers as of 1 July of each year. Local chapters may combine any of the elected offices except President.

Section 4 Local chapters shall pay to the National Treasurer the annual national dues of chapter members as designated in the Standing Rules. A copy of the National Dues Transmittal Form shall be submitted for each activity and sent (with check, if applicable) to the National Headquarters. See Chapter Handbook for National Dues Transmittal Form.

Section 5 Local chapters shall send to THE CHANNEL editor a list of names and addresses of chapter officers after their election. Each Standing Committee Chair of the chapter shall notify her national counterpart of her appointment.

Section 6 Names and addresses of chapter delegates and alternates to the National Convention will be sent to the National Credentials Chair and the National Treasurer immediately after the election of delegates and alternates.

Section 7 Names and addresses of chapter members designated for appointment as Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) Representatives and Deputy Representative(s) shall be submitted to the National Chair/VAVS Nationally Authorized Certifying Official for certification to the appropriate VA Medical Facility. Such submission shall be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the current certification.

Section 8 Dues

- a. National annual dues of members shall be recommended by the National Board of Directors and voted on at the national convention by the convention body. These dues shall include a subscription to the national publication (THE CHANNEL). National dues for new members after 1 January shall be 50% of the regular annual dues for the remainder of the current year and shall include a subscription to THE CHANNEL.
- b. In addition to National Dues, chapters may establish local dues.
- c. All dues are payable to the National Treasurer upon application and thereafter annually on 1 July. Dues shall become delinquent if not paid by 1 October.

Section 9 Transfers:

- a. From One Chapter to Another: A member may transfer to another chapter during the fiscal year by notifying her current chapter. The current chapter will provide a transfer statement to the chapter to which the member is transferring, to the National Headquarters, to the member transferring, and

keep one copy for files in the original chapter. A member transferring after paying current dues to the original chapter (which chapter shall retain such dues) shall be extended all membership privileges in the gaining chapter until the end of the fiscal year, when dues will be paid to the new chapter. Immediately after the transfer, member will be included in the membership count of the gaining chapter.

- b. From Member-at-Large to Chapter Member: A member-at-large, who transfers to an established local chapter, shall pay the difference between the dues of the chapter and member-at-large dues for the current year or for that portion thereof. Immediately upon acceptance into a local chapter, her member-at-large status shall be canceled, and she will be included in the bylaws membership count of the local chapter. A member-at-large in good standing may resign upon written notice of such resignation to the National Headquarters.

Section 10 Termination of Chapter: In case of the termination or revocation of a charter, the chapter of the WACVA organized under the charter will cease operations and be required to turn over to the National First Vice-President the charter and all records.

- a. A chapter whose membership falls below the required six (6) members during the year prior to 1 July shall be notified by the National First Vice-President that they must have six (6) members within six (6) months or surrender their charter.
- b. A local chapter, which has allowed its membership to lapse for a full fiscal year or longer, may reorganize provided it has at least six (6) members and meets other chapter eligibility requirements. Chapters desiring to reactivate must contact the National First Vice-President. If a chapter has been deactivated for two (2) years, it will be processed as a new chapter retaining the original chapter number.
- c. The chapter is responsible for filing a final termination to IRS Form 990-N e-Postcard

Section 11 New Chapters: New chapters applying for membership in the National Association shall contact the National First Vice-President who will provide requirements and guidance. A new chapter may request a donation of \$150 from National for the initial startup cost. A new chapter must register with its state for service of process.

- a. Upon approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the National Executive Board, a temporary charter shall be issued to the new chapter, which will be valid for eighteen (18) months from the date of issuance. After a chapter has been granted its temporary charter, annual dues of chapter members shall be paid as directed by the National Association.
- b. Upon completion of all requirements or three (3) months prior to expiration date of temporary charter, the National First Vice-President will forward to the provisional Chapter President an application to be completed for a permanent charter.
- c. Final decision as to admission of the chapter and permission for it to

receive its permanent charter and number shall rest with the National Executive Board.

Section 12 For uniformity of all procedures, the fiscal year of all local chapters shall be from 1 July to the following June 30th. All local chapters shall elect officers as of 1 July of each year.

Section 13 IRS 990-N (e-Postcard): Filing of the IRS 990-N (e-Postcard) is an ANNUAL requirement and shall be done each year after the end of the fiscal year. WACVA operates on a fiscal year which begins on 1 July and ends on 30 June. Filing should be completed before the deadline 15 November. The filing is mandated by law. Organizations must file their annual 990-N e-Postcard or face revocation if they miss three years in a row.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1 The elected officers of the National Association shall be: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain and Sergeant-at-Arms. Each of the officers shall hold office for one year or until a successor is chosen.

Section 2 No national officer, with the exception of Treasurer, shall serve in the same office for more than three (3) consecutive terms. Six months shall be considered a term in determining eligibility for reelection. The Treasurer may serve an unlimited number of terms, but must be reelected on an annual basis.

Section 3 All national officers shall present a written report to the voting body at the National Convention and write a report for each issue of THE CHANNEL.

Section 4 The President, with approval of a majority of the National Executive Board, shall fill all vacancies in elective offices, with the exception of that of President, for the unexpired term; communication may be by conference call, mail, fax, video conference or e-mail. The First Vice-President shall fill a vacancy in the office of President.

Section 5 The duties of officers shall be such as are implied by their respective titles and as specified in these bylaws and the parliamentary authority. All officers shall turn over to their respective successors all records of their office no later than one (1) month following the convention. Local chapters may deviate from these duties as required.

Section 6 The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, the National Executive Board and the National Board of Directors. She shall appoint the Chairs of all Standing and Special Committees with the exception of the Grievance and Nominating Committees. She shall appoint members to the Honor Guard and ratify the appointment of the Convention Chair. All appointments must have National Executive Board approval. She shall submit an annual report to the Congress of the United States concerning the activities of the National Association during the preceding fiscal year, as required by Public Law 105-225 12 August 1998.

- a. She shall be bonded.

- b. She shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and Grievance Committee.
- c. She shall be responsible for implementing the policies of THE CHANNEL, as formulated by the National Board of Directors.
- d. She shall place the call to convention in THE CHANNEL at least sixty (60) days prior to the first day of convention.
- e. She shall obtain approval from the Executive Board for the services of a Certified Public Accountant.
- f. She shall appoint the following convention committees:
 - 1. Courtesy Resolution
 - 2. Election tellers
 - 3. Timekeepers
 - 4. Others as required
- g. She shall be responsible for implementation of all administrative functions of the National Headquarters and determine the scope of the duties of all Association employees with approval of the National Executive Board.

Section 7 The First Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence. In the event of death or resignation of the President, she shall become President for the unexpired term. She shall assist the President and act as her representative when requested. She shall be responsible for all of the administrative duties in the organizing of new chapters for the National Association. She shall monitor and assist local chapters with required documentation and filings.

Section 8 The Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President and the First Vice-President in their absence. When requested she shall assist these officers in their duties. Her specific duty shall be membership. She shall keep a record of all members and shall coordinate with the National Headquarters on all members. She shall coordinate with the Member-at-Large chair to appoint delegates to the National Convention.

Section 9 The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the National Association. She shall furnish the National Board of Directors with copies of the minutes. She shall also be responsible for the preparation and distribution of the Minutes and Resume of Minutes. The National Convention Minutes and Resume of Minutes shall be completed and mailed to the Board of Directors by 1 January following the National Convention and the Resume of Minutes shall be published in the March/April issue of THE CHANNEL.

Section 10 The Treasurer shall be knowledgeable and capable of bookkeeping and accounting procedures and shall provide documentation of qualifications. She shall hold all monies belonging to the Association for deposit in the bank or banks selected by the President and the Treasurer. She shall be bonded. She shall make a written report of accounts at all meetings of the Association. She shall disburse funds only upon receipt of original bills and/or requests signed by the President.

- a. After the close of the fiscal year and prior to the National Convention the accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited (in accordance with generally

- accepted accounting standards) by an independent certified public accountant. Said audit and report to Congress of the United States shall be in accordance with U.S. Code, Title 36, Chapter 42, 1102 and 1103. When the audit is received by the president, the summary letter will be published, along with any findings, in the next edition of THE CHANNEL. The complete audit report will be available to any member at the next National Convention. In addition, the complete audit from the previous two years will be available for any interested members to review at the National Convention.
- b. The Treasurer shall furnish her successor all records of the office within thirty (30) days of the National Convention. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, the internal review committee shall examine the records and accounts, and transmit them to the new Treasurer without delay.
 - c. The Treasurer shall be an ex officio member of any Committee handling finances.
 - d. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of a budget and submission of a budget to the National Board of Directors at the pre-convention Board Meeting. The Treasurer shall present the proposed budget to the National Convention for adoption.
 - e. She shall receive all financial records of the National Convention from the Convention Treasurer. She will audit these records and report the financial status to the convention body at the next National Convention. She will then send the records to the National Headquarters to be stored for five (5) years.
 - f. In absence of the Treasurer and for reimbursements to the treasurer the checks shall be signed by another authorized signer with the approval of the President.

Section 11 The Chaplain shall give the invocation at all meetings of the Association and be in charge of Memorial Services. Her advice, counsel, and services shall be available to any member of the Association.

- a. She shall be responsible for updating and maintaining a Chaplain's Handbook for use by the local chapters.
- b. She shall be responsible for acknowledging the serious illness or death of a member and/or member's immediate family. This also includes former members and their immediate family.

Section 12 The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for good order and comfortable physical arrangements for all meetings. She shall receive and escort visitors. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall lead the convention body in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and The Preamble.

- a. At the National Convention the Sergeant-at-Arms shall coordinate with the Captain of the Honor Guard regarding participation of the Honor Guard. She shall request participation of two (2) Honor Guard members and the Captain of the Honor Guard for the activities in Washington, DC on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
- b. She shall conduct the election of Honor Guard officers. If there is more

than one candidate per office she shall, as soon as possible after Convention, compile a ballot form to elect the Captain and Lieutenant, which she will send to the Honor Guard membership for final vote. A plurality of votes cast shall constitute election in each position. Upon return of said ballots she shall announce the result of the election.

ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1 The Immediate Past National President (IPNP) shall serve as committee chair. If she is unable to serve, the most recent Past National President (PNP) shall serve as Chair. A Nominating Committee of two (2) members shall be selected by the Immediate Past National President, or PNP if the IPNP is unable to serve and has not selected a committee

PROVISO: .This section is effective in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Section 2 The chair of the Nominating Committee shall place forms for candidate profiles for members in the March/April issue of THE CHANNEL. Candidate profiles for members will be submitted by 1 April to the Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be required to recommend or not recommend nominees to the Convention body from the names submitted.

- a. A summary, not exceeding one-half (1/2) page outlining the qualifications of the individual proposed for candidacy including name, residence, past and present local and/or national WACVA service will be signed by their chapter president or member-at-large chair and submitted to the Nominating Committee. The summary for a proposed candidate for the office of Treasurer must include detailed qualifications and certification that the proposed candidate is knowledgeable as a bookkeeper or accountant capable of administering accounting procedures. Candidates for President shall have served as a national officer or chair of a national standing committee, and shall have attended the National Convention at least twice in the last five (5) years.
- b. No more than two officers overall shall be from any one chapter.

Section 3 In advance of the national convention the Nominating Committee shall submit the profiles of candidates to the editor of THE CHANNEL no later than 10 April. Profiles shall be printed in the May/June issue of THE CHANNEL.

Section 4 The chair of the Nominating Committee shall report the names of nominees during the first (1st) business session. The President shall call for nominations from the floor. Nominations shall be closed and no nominations may be made at the time of the election.

Section 5 Names and qualifications of all nominees shall be posted in the convention area following the nominations from the floor.

Section 6 The election shall be held as the first order of business at the second business session unless otherwise scheduled by the president. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote. The officers of the National Association shall be elected by ballot (or by acclamation if there is only one nominee for an office). Officers elected shall assume their duties following the installation of officers.

ARTICLE VII - BOARDS AND DUTIES

Section 1 The National Executive Board, shall consist of the National Officers President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, and the Sergeant-at-Arms. In addition to the National Executive Board, attendance at the National Executive Board meetings is at the discretion of the President. The National Executive Board shall have Pre and Post Convention meetings. The National Executive Board shall have at least three (3) meetings in addition to meetings at convention.

- a. Meetings may be in person, at no cost, teleconference or video conference.
- b. The President will set the schedule in coordination with board members. The schedule will be reported to members in THE CHANNEL for their input.
- c. The agenda will be prepared ahead of time and distributed prior to the meeting, and minutes will be kept. A summary of the meeting will be published in the next available edition of THE CHANNEL.
- d. The National Executive Board shall have the authority to transact emergency business as needed. Actions taken under this provision will be published in the next available edition of THE CHANNEL and be presented at the next national convention for ratification if applicable.
- e. The National Executive Board will give final approval for a new chapter to receive its permanent charter.
- f. The National Executive Board will give final approval of handbooks and other publications prior to distribution.

Section 2 The National Board of Directors shall consist of National Officers, the National Chairs of all Standing Committees, the Captain of the National Honor Guard, and Chair of the Member-at-Large delegates, Chapter Presidents or a duly authorized representative; and all Past National Presidents. The President may invite Chairs of Special Committees and the Immediate Past Convention Chair to attend.

- a. The National Board of Directors shall meet yearly immediately preceding the National Convention. Meetings may be held at such other times as required by the National President.
- b. A minimum of fifteen (15) members of the National Board of Directors may call a special meeting upon notice to every member of the Board. Such notice must state the time, place, and purpose of such meeting (no other business may be transacted) and must be given at least three (3) weeks in advance of the date of the meeting.
- c. The President shall appoint a Past National President to serve as liaison with committees formed from the National Board of Directors.
 1. The National Board of Directors is responsible for the general scope of THE CHANNEL, the National Honor Guard and the National Headquarters.
 2. The National President shall inform the liaison when a special

committee is required.

- d. The National Board of Directors shall determine the general scope of the Honor Guard policies, uniforms and the Honor Guard Handbook.
- e. The National Board of Directors shall establish the general policies for editing THE CHANNEL.

ARTICLE VIII - STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 1 The Standing Committees of the National Association shall be: Bylaws/Parliamentarian, Community Projects, Convention Chair, Editor of THE CHANNEL, Financial Investment, Grievance Committee, Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representative, Internal Review Committee, The Pallas Athene Award Chair, Publicity, Scholarship Chair, Service Information Officer, and Webmaster. Each Standing Committee Chair shall provide a written report at the National Convention. At the close of the National Convention, but not later than one (1) month after the National Convention, all committee chairs shall deliver all pertinent records/files to their successors.

Section 2 The Bylaws Chair/Parliamentarian shall be responsible for review of the Bylaws of the National Association. She must ensure that the Bylaws do not conflict with the Articles of Incorporation and/or Public Law 105-225, 12 Aug 1998. She shall consider suggested changes to the Bylaws and be responsible for presentation of proposals to the Association.

- a. The bylaws chair shall be the national parliamentarian with duties to guide and assist the presiding officer and members in the conduct of all meetings of the Association. She shall interpret parliamentary procedure and usage, and assist the Association in the proper functioning of its own rules and parliamentary authority.
- b. She shall be responsible for maintaining and keeping current the "Handbook for Local Chapters."
- c. The Chair shall examine and approve the bylaws of all chapters seeking membership in the National Association. She shall approve all proposed amendments to the bylaws of existing chapters. Any conflict between the national parliamentarian and the local chapter that is unresolved shall be referred to the National Executive Board, whose decision shall be final.
- d. She shall provide proposed amendments to the editor for publication in the May/June issue of THE CHANNEL.

Section 3 The Convention Chair shall be responsible for planning and developing all facets of the National Convention.

Section 4 The Community Projects Chair shall encourage local chapters and members-at-large to support projects that are for the general welfare of veterans and the local community. She shall encourage local chapters to select projects that are best suited to the capability and/or adaptability of the local members.

Section 5 The Editor of THE CHANNEL, under the general policies established by the National Board of Directors, shall assemble and prepare material for THE CHANNEL and cause same to be published and distributed. THE CHANNEL shall be used to disseminate information, reports and matters of importance to

the Association, and/or other publicity purposes. The Editor shall publish information from National Officers and chairs regarding reports and other data; and include the promotion of the general welfare of the Association.

Section 6 The Financial Investment Committee shall provide WACVA with investment guidance to perpetuate established goals, budgets, and scholarships and shall consist of at least two (2) members and one (1) Chair. The National Treasurer will be a non-voting member of the Committee. The Committee shall make recommendations for investment and reinvestment of the Association's assets and report quarterly in THE CHANNEL.

Section 7 The purpose of the Grievance Committee is to allow any member to file a complaint about any action of WACVA or its members. A Grievance Committee of five (5) members and two (2) alternates will be elected every two (2) years during the National Convention. Only one (1) member per chapter shall be elected. Members of the National Board of Directors are not eligible to serve on this Committee. Committee members shall choose the Chair.

- a. The person aggrieved shall put her concern in writing within twenty-one (21) business days of becoming aware that an issue exists.
- b. The written grievance shall be mailed to the National President.
- c. The Grievance Committee shall investigate thoroughly. A written report of the findings and resolution shall be distributed by letter to the aggrieved and the National President within ninety (90) days of receipt of the grievance. Appeals shall be sent to the National President.

Section 8 Immediate Past National President is Chair of the Nominating Committee, Scholarship Committee and the Pallas Athene Award.

- a. Nominating Committee, see Article VI.
- b. The Pallas Athene Award shall be presented annually. The award is presented to the outstanding Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program female cadet in each ROTC region.
- c. The Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association Scholarship has been established to recognize relatives of Army service women. This scholarship is based upon academic achievement and leadership as expressed through co-curricular activities and community involvement. A scholarship will be given annually to a graduating high school senior. The recipient will be notified by mail or email. The check will be to the educational institution every two (2) years during convention.
- d. Profiles and photos, where available, will be published in THE CHANNEL and forwarded to hometown media.

Section 9 Internal Review committee will consist of at least three (3) members, all of whom will be from different chapters. They will examine the written financial records of the treasurer to review payments, receipts and obligations. In addition, the internal review committee will review the activities of the Association Emblem Sales to review purchases made, rationale therefore, and the review and approval

process undertaken for same.

Section 10 The Publicity Chair shall be responsible for publicizing and promoting the objectives of the Association. She shall assist local chapters in publicity as requested. She shall maintain a Publicity Handbook for use by local chapters.

Section 11 The Service Information Officer shall be available to answer questions on benefits and services.

Section 12 The Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Chair shall stimulate participation on the part of the Association in the veteran's hospital programs and other health and social needs of veterans. The Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Chair shall be the Association's Nationally Authorized Certifying Official. All VAVS Representatives and Deputy Representatives of the Association shall be certified to participate at the appropriate VA Medical Facilities.

Section 13 The Webmaster shall have responsibility for all aspects of the Association's website on the World Wide Web (www.). She will keep the site updated. If questions are submitted to the Website, the Webmaster will respond to each question and forward requests to the appropriate National Officer.

Section 14 Special Committees may be appointed by the National President, with approval of the National Executive Board, as the need arises. Duties of these special committees shall be defined at the time of appointment. There shall be a Chair of each Special Committee. Each Special Committee Chair shall provide a report at the National Convention.

ARTICLE IX- NATIONAL CONVENTION

Section 1 The National Association shall hold a National Convention. The National Board of Directors, will approve the time and place two (2) years prior to the actual convention. The National President with National Executive Board approval may authorize any emergency and/or necessary change in place and/or date of the convention.

- a. The National Executive Board shall meet prior to the National Board of Directors and following the National Convention.
- b. The National Board of Directors shall meet immediately prior to the National Convention.

Section 2 A quorum for the meeting of the National Board of Directors shall be one- third (1/3) of its voting membership.

Section 3 A quorum for the National Convention shall be representation from at least one-third (1/3) of chapters in good standing.

Section 4 Chapters, a member of the Board of Directors, or individual member desiring to bid for a National Convention will make a proposal two (2) years prior to the date of the convention. The Convention Body will ratify this proposal.

Section 5 The Convention Chair shall be responsible for planning and developing the special events program of the National Convention of the National Association, as guided by the Convention Planning Handbook. She shall recommend to the National President any necessary revisions to the Convention Planning Handbook. The convention chair shall be bonded.

Section 6 The Convention Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving all monies for the National Convention. She shall maintain appropriate financial records of the National Convention. The convention treasurer shall be bonded.

Section 7 Representation at the National Conventions shall be by delegates from local chapters and from members-at-large. To be eligible to serve as delegate or alternate, members must be in good standing as of 30 June.

Honorary and Affiliate members are encouraged to attend all sessions of the National Convention but will be without vote.

- a. Chapters shall elect Chapter delegates and alternates at a meeting prior to 1 July. Their names and addresses shall be certified, and forwarded to the National Convention Treasurer. This information must be furnished to the Convention Treasurer NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS prior to opening date of the National Convention.
- b. Members-at-large shall be represented by delegates appointed by the Member-at-Large Chair.
- c. Delegate representation of chapters and members-at-large shall be based on membership (dues paid to the National Treasurer) as of 30 June, according to the following formula:
 1. Six (6) to thirty-seven (37) authorized two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates.
 2. Thirty-eight (38) to sixty-two (62) authorized three (3) delegates and three (3) alternates.
 3. Sixty-three (63) to eighty-seven (87) authorized four (4) delegates and four (4) alternates.
 4. Eighty-eight (88) to ninety-nine (99) authorized five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates.
 5. One hundred (100) to one hundred seventy-six (176) authorized six (6) delegates and six (6) alternates.
 6. One hundred seventy-seven (177) to two hundred twenty six (226) authorized seven (7) delegates and seven (7) alternates.
 7. Two hundred twenty-seven (227) to two hundred seventy-six (276) authorized eight (8) delegates and eight (8) alternates.
 8. Two hundred seventy-seven (277) to three hundred twenty-six (326) authorized nine (9) delegates and nine (9) alternates.
 9. Three hundred twenty-seven (327) plus are authorized ten (10) delegates and ten (10) alternates.
- d. A sample of chapter delegate or alternate forms can be found in the Handbook for Local Chapters.

Section 8 Proxy voting shall be authorized.

- a. Definition: Proxy voting is written authorization for registered delegates from a chapter to cast votes of the chapter. Such authorization shall be submitted to the Convention Treasurer and made a part of the official minutes.

- b. Proxies are allowed for Chapters which are unable to send authorized delegate strength to the convention. A Chapter president or delegate may exercise a proxy vote for no more than two (2) absent delegates from her chapter. The total number of votes present and proxy cannot exceed the chapter's delegate authorization. All proxy votes must be identified by the absent delegates' names. National Officers and Standing Committee Chairs may be authorized to exercise the proxy vote for no more than two (2) of the absentees from her local chapter.
 1. A sample of the Proxy Form is in the Handbook for Local Chapters.
 2. No chapter delegate may represent by proxy a delegate from another chapter.
- c. A proxy vote may be cast at the National Conventions when voting for election of National Officers, resolutions, and amendments to the Bylaws.

Section 9 The voting body at National Conventions shall consist of members of the National Board of Directors, and the delegates or their alternates. No member may be authorized more than one vote regardless of the number of positions held, exclusive of proxies.

ARTICLE X - HONOR GUARD

Section 1 There shall be an Honor Guard of the National Association, appointed by the National President, for participation in ceremonies of the Association, and public ceremonies when requested. Participation must be in accordance with National Association policies and objectives.

Section 2 The positions of Captain and Lieutenant of the Honor Guard shall be filled from within the membership of the Guard by an election of Guard members conducted by the National Sergeant-at-Arms. The Captain and Lieutenant shall hold office for one year or until a successor is chosen. The Captain and Lieutenant shall serve in the same office for no more than two (2) consecutive terms. Six (6) months shall be considered a term in determining eligibility for reelection.

Section 3 Flags and other property of the National Association used by the Honor Guard shall be the responsibility of the Captain of the Guard.

Section 4 Some expenses for no more than three (3) National Honor Guard members (two (2) flag bearers and the Captain of the Honor Guard or her representative), participating in Memorial Day and Veterans Day may be reimbursed as indicated in Article XVI, Sec. 4.

ARTICLE XI - NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Section 1 Designated administrative functions of the National Headquarters will be implemented as required and in a manner that provides continuity in the functioning of the Association.

Section 2 The National President with the approval of the National Executive Board will hire the Administrative Assistant for the headquarters as required. Preference will be given to female veterans but not limited to same.

Section 3 Employees will be reimbursed necessary travel and expenses for the performance of their duties.

ARTICLE XII - NATIONAL EMERGENCY

Section 1 In a national emergency, the National Board of Directors shall set up procedures to carry on the work of the association.

ARTICLE XIII - GOVERNING AUTHORITY

Section 1 WACVA FEDERAL CHARTER: Public Law 105–225 (12 August 1998) 105th Congress.

Section 2 Certificate of Incorporation of Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association, recorded 14 May 1951 In Incorporation Liber at Folio 126 as instrument #35045. Three (3) Certificates of Amendment of Incorporation have been added to the original 1951 Certificate of Incorporation. These Certificates are dated, 8 April 2008, 4 September 2008, and 6 March 2009. Registration with the District of Columbia must be renewed biennially by April 1st of the renewal year. Failure to renew may lead to loss of standing. **This Certificate must be renewed biennially.**

Section 3 Government of the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Corporations Division Certificate of trade name: Army Women United. **This Certificate must be renewed biennially.**

Section 4 The current bylaws of the Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association – Army Women United are a governing document of this Association.

Section 5 Current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern all proceedings of the Association, subject to such special rules as have been or may be adopted by the Association. ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER shall not supersede the Association’s Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Proposed Amendments to these bylaws may originate with any chapter, member-at-large in good standing, the National Board of Directors or with the Bylaws Chair.

Section 2 These bylaws may be amended at any National Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting body. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Bylaws Chair not later than 1 April and must be made available to the membership not later than sixty (60) days prior to the convention.

Section 3 Proposed amendments received after 1 April may be presented at the National Convention if submitted in writing prior to the session at which amendment voting takes place. Amendments of this category require a nine-tenths (9/10) vote.

ARTICLE XV CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Section 1 The officers, directors, and employees of the WACVA (the Association) shall exercise the utmost good faith in all transactions touching upon their duties to the Association and its property. In their dealings with and on behalf of the Association, they are held to a strict rule of honest and sincere dealing between themselves and the Association. They shall not use their positions, or knowledge gained there from, so that a conflict might arise between the Association’s interest and that of the officer, director, or employee. The officers, committee

chairs and employees of the WACVA shall sign a conflict of interest document annually by 1 September. Chapter presidents are strongly urged to sign a conflict of interest document annually.

Section 2 For purposes of this policy, a person shall be deemed to have an “interest” in a contract, transaction, or other arrangement, or in the same or related business as the Association, if the person is the party (or one of the bylaws parties) or is a director, trustee, officer, or general partner of, or has a material financial or influential interest in, an entity that is the party (or one of the parties) contracting or dealing with the Association. Relationships and dealings of the Association with corporations, partnerships, joint ventures, or other entities owned, controlled, or managed by the Association shall not constitute interests under this Paragraph.

Section 3 Any officer, director, or employee having an interest in a contract, transaction, or arrangement presented to the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors for consideration, authorization, approval, discussion, or ratification, shall make a prompt, full, and frank disclosure of his or her interest to the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors in each year, or before the Board of Directors or committee takes action on such contract, transaction, or arrangement. Such disclosure shall include any relevant and material facts known to such person that might reasonably be construed to be adverse to or potentially adverse to the Association’s interest.

Section 4 The Board of Directors shall examine potential conflicts of interest in the standards and procedures document.

Section 5 The violation of this Conflict of Interests policy is a serious matter and may constitute “cause” for removal or termination of an officer, committee chair, or employee.

ARTICLE XVI – AUTHORIZED REIMBURSEMENT

Section 1 The purpose of this Policy is to protect the WACVA non-profit status by providing operating procedures for reimbursement of valid business expenses. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Section 2 Travel reimbursement shall be at the lowest available round trip airfare or actual expenditure, whichever is lower. If a personal vehicle is used, reimbursement will be at the currently approved IRS rate per mile and not to exceed the cost of air fare.

Section 3 Reimbursement is limited to Memorial Day and Veterans Day activities at Arlington National Cemetery and in Washington, DC for the National President, or her representative and Honor Guard members. Reimbursement of up to but not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) each is authorized for travel and lodging. The Honor Guard shall consist of no more than three (3) National Honor Guard members: two (2) flag bearers and the Captain of the Honor Guard or her representative. Request for reimbursement must be submitted with all receipts within 30 days of completion of travel.

Section 4 Reimbursement for expenses for attending convention:

- a. Ten (10) Honor Guard members may receive all meals and registration at

the lowest rate.

- b. Reimbursement of the Registration Fee is not authorized.

Section 5 Pallas Athene Award: Reimbursement may be made to the WACVA member acting as presenter of the Pallas Athene Award. Reimbursement shall be for the cost of lodging for only one night and the cost of a luncheon or dinner if required for the presentation ceremony.

Section 6 Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS): The National VAVS Representative, or her designated Deputy, shall attend the Annual National VAVS Conference. Reimbursement of up to but not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) is authorized for travel and lodging. Request for reimbursement must be submitted with all receipts within 30 days after completion of travel.

Section 7 Reimbursement for authorized expenditures with receipts must be submitted to the National President within thirty (30) days of the expenditure.

Section 8 Donation of Reimbursement to WACVA: If an individual eligible for reimbursement decides to donate the money for which she may be entitled a Reimbursement Form must be completed and submitted to the National Treasurer. This is necessary for financial records and budgeting purposes.

PROVISO: This Article is effective with the 2017-2018 fiscal year

ARTICLE XVII – EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION

Section 1 A member may be expelled or suspended from the WACVA only upon a proper showing of just cause. Just cause must be based upon actions taken by the member that show an unwillingness to work within the organization for resolution of any perceived problems or intentional harm to the organization: Examples are fiduciary, harming the reputation of the Association's members, or the public image of the Association. Any member considered under this article will be given the opportunity to appear before a panel of three (3) peers in good standing and the Executive board. The member will be notified at least thirty (30) days before the board action. If the panel votes to expel or suspend the member, she has the right to appeal to the National Board of Directors within thirty (30) days.

Section 2 The National Board of Directors shall be the final authority in the procedure to be followed in the revocation, cancellation or suspension of membership in the National Association.

ARTICLE XVIII - DISSOLUTION

Section 1 National: In the event that the National Board of Directors votes to dissolve the Association the following actions shall be taken by the Executive Board:

- a. Notify all members of dissolution.
- b. Notify the United States Congress of the intent to cease operating as an association.
- c. Notify the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the District of Columbia of the intent to cease operation.
- d. All bills will be paid and the remaining funds will be distributed to nonprofit

organization of similar purpose.

Section 2 Local Chapters: When a Local Chapter votes to cease operation the following actions shall be taken and the National First Vice President shall be notified.

- a. Forward the Charter and a letter of intent to dissolve to the National First Vice President.
- b. Provide list of paid up members transferring to Member-at-Large status and a list of members transferring to another chapter (state chapter name and number to which they are transferring).
- c. Provide information regarding final disbursements of funds as noted in Chapter's IRS paperwork.
- d. Chapters shall file a final 990-N e-Postcard with the IRS.
- e. Forward copies of Articles of Dissolution sent to the state in which the chapter was chartered.
- f. Forward all files pertaining to the local chapter to the National Headquarters.

Section 3 National's responsibility in case of dissolution of local chapters: Upon receipt of the notification of intent to dissolve by a local chapter the First Vice President shall:

- a. Notify the National President of the chapter's intent to dissolve.
- b. Provide the Second Vice President, Treasurer and the National Headquarters a list of members transferring to Member-at-Large status or another chapter and a list of members transferring to another chapter (state chapter name and number to which they are transferring).
- c. Forward the chapter's charter to the National Headquarters for safekeeping.
- d. Instruct the local chapter president to forward all files pertaining to the chapter to the National Headquarters. These files will be retained for two (2) years in the event the chapter is reactivated.

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Standing Rules

1. In the event of a conflict between Bylaws and Standing Rules, Bylaws take precedence.
2. Dues: National dues for active members are \$35.00 per fiscal year. For new members joining after 1 Jan, dues to the end of the fiscal year are \$17.50 and then \$35.00 per fiscal year thereafter.
3. Each Chapter should develop an e-mail address that will identify their chapter when an e-mail is sent or received. An example would be WACVACH120@yahoo.com. The e-mail address provider should be one that is free (Yahoo, Gmail, Hotmail, etc.). This will also help when important information need to be disseminated to the Chapters.
4. National Convention:
 - a. A registration fee for the National Convention shall be assessed as follows:
 1. All members who attend any portion of convention activities shall pay a registration fee of \$25.00.
 2. A late registration fee will be assessed if the registration fee is postmarked after the deadline. The amount of the fee will be determined by the Convention Committee.
 3. Chapter delegates not in attendance who wish to exercise a proxy vote shall pay a registration fee of \$10.00.
 - b. The National President will tap the gavel three (3) times to open the Board Meeting and General Session. This is based on tradition.
5. Financial Investment Committee: Withdrawal from the Investment Fund will require approval of the National President and the Chair of the Financial Investment Committee.
6. Bonding: The President, Treasurer, Administrative Assistant, National Convention Chair, and National Convention Treasurer shall be jointly bonded in an amount equal to, or up to \$50,000.00 more than the current assets of the Association. The cost of the bond shall be paid by the Association, and reviewed annually by the National Executive Board.
7. President's Pin or Pendant: The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for obtaining the outgoing president's pin or pendant.
8. Amendments: These Standing Rules may be amended at any National Convention by a majority vote provided that the amendment has been submitted to the Bylaws Chair in writing prior to 1 April. If notice has not been given, a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required.

Historical Documents

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Articles of Incorporation

PUBLIC LAW 105-225, August 12, 1998 New Law added to WACVA website February 2007 [**What you should know:** Public Law 105-225, signed August 12, 1998, consolidated and republished several hundred laws pertaining to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations in one law. The various events, topics, and organizations covered are as diverse as American Heart Month, Mother's and Father's Days, the National Anthem, Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies, The American Legion, Girl Scouts of the United States, the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, and the American Red Cross. Public Law 105-225 repealed Public Law 98-584, October 30, 1984, which dealt only with the Women's Army Corps' Association. Note that Chapter 101 (below) applies to all organizations covered under Subtitle II unless otherwise provided.] [A complete copy of the law can be found on the Internet at:

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=105_cong_public_laws&docid=publ225.105.pdf; your public library may also have a compendium of public laws or can assist you in locating the information you need. This extract is from the web site above.]

Public Law 105 - 225 (August 12, 1998) 105th Congress

An Act

To revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36, United States Code, "Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations". *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1 TITLE 36, UNITED STATES CODE.

Certain general and permanent laws of the United States, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, are revised, codified, and enacted as title 36, United States Code, "Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations", as follows:

TITLE 36 - PATRIOTIC AND NATIONAL OBSERVANCES, CEREMONIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS

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§ 10101. Audits

(a) GENERAL. - Except as otherwise provided, the financial statements of each corporation in part B of this subtitle shall be audited annually in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by an independent certified public accountant or independent licensed public accountant, certified or licensed by a regulatory authority of a State or other political subdivision of the United States. The audit shall be conducted where the financial statements of the corporation normally are kept. The person conducting the audit shall be given access to –

(1) all records and property owned or used by the corporation necessary to facilitate the audit; and Public Laws regarding WACVA PUBLIC LAW 105-225, August 12, 1998 New Law added to WACVA website February 2007

(2) Full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances or securities held by depositories, fiscal agents, and custodians.

(b) REPORT. - (1) the corporation shall submit a report of the audit to Congress not later than 6 months after the close of the fiscal year for which the audit is made. The report shall describe the scope of the audit and include -

(A) statements necessary to present fairly the corporation's assets, liabilities, and surplus or deficit, and an analysis of the changes in those amounts during the year;

(B) a statement in reasonable detail of the corporation's income and expenses during the year including the results of any trading, manufacturing, publishing, or other commercial type endeavor; and

(C) The independent auditor's opinion of those statements.

(2) The report may not be printed as a public document, except as part of proceedings authorized to be printed under section 1332 of title 44.

§ 10102. Reservation of right to amend or repeal

(a) GENERAL. - Congress reserves the right to amend or repeal the provisions of part B of this subtitle.

(b) NONAPPLICATION. - Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to chapters 213, 407, 801, 1403, 1503 (except section 150302(b)), 1513, 1517, 1531, and 1539 of this title.

PART B—ORGANIZATIONS

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§ 240101. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

§ 240102. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER. - Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER. - If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

§ 240103. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation and include a continuing commitment on a national basis -

(1) to promote the general welfare of all veterans, especially women veterans, who have served or are serving in the United States Army, the Army Reserve, and the Army National Guard;

(2) to recognize outstanding women in college ROTC units throughout the United States; and PUBLIC LAW 105–225—AUG. 12, 1998 112 STAT. 1489

(3) to provide services and support to patients in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs throughout the United States.

§ 240104. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

§ 240105. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS. - The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

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(b) OFFICERS. - The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

§ 240106. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

§ 240107. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS. - The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. - The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or otherwise participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS. - The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS. - The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY. - The corporation may not claim the approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its

activities.

§ 240108. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

§ 240109. Records and inspection

(a) RECORDS. - The corporation shall keep -

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION. - A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

112 STAT. 1490 PUBLIC LAW 105 - 225 - AUG. 12, 1998

§ 240110. Service of process

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

§ 240111. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers or agents acting within the scope of their authority.

§ 240112. Annual report

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document. **CHAPTER 2501 - [RESERVED]**

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

We, the undersigned, all citizens of the United States, and a majority citizens and residents of the District of Columbia, desiring to associate ourselves as a corporation pursuant to the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia, 1940 (29-601) do hereby certify as follows:

FIRST: The name and title by which this corporation shall be known in law as the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association.

SECOND: The Association shall have its existence in perpetuity.

THIRD: The object of the corporation is to promote the general welfare of all veterans, especially the personnel of the Women's Army Corps, its veterans and veterans of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in hospitals or wherever they may be; to provide publications pertaining to the members and to further general education and civic betterment programs for the general welfare of the community.

FOURTH: The number of Directors for the first year shall be eight (8) and the names of the Directors who shall serve until their successors shall have been elected at the 1951 Convention of the Association are:

Esther Bentley, Isabelle Biasini, Audrey Bonser, Marge Sievers, Kamile J. Michalowski, Dorris Sessoms, Agatha Bobbitt and Leonora Townson.

FIFTH: In order to carry out the objects of the corporation, chapters of the Association may be established in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association. The names of the

Presidents of existing chapters are Margaret Hatton, Chicago, Illinois; Donna K. Knapp, Columbus, Ohio; Marge Sievers, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Betty Smith, Cleveland, Ohio; Dorothy Edwards, Buffalo, New York; Rosemary Hoffman, Indianapolis, Indiana; Margaret Closterman, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Wilma Pickert, Los Angeles, California; Ida Mears, New York, New York; Dortha Martin, Portland, Oregon; Ruth Young, Miami, Florida; Mable Anderson, Boston, Massachusetts; Mavis Nash, Detroit, Michigan; and Captain Mary Charlotte Lane, Washington, DC The name of the secretary of the Newark, Ohio chapter is Mrs. Maxine Lord. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have this 11th day of May, AD, 1951, hereunto set our hands and seals.

(Signed)

Esther R. Bentley Mary Charlotte Lane Jessie Habercom Lucy E. Birdsall Mary Agnes Brown Edith Nourse Rogers Louise Duncan

Elizabeth F. Fitzgerald Lillian Agnes Sheetz Jeanne K. Letellier

Marie E. Blasco Mary Agnes Hallaren Selma J. Rassin Ruth L. Smith

Eva E. Manchester Marie Shayeb Bernice K. Johnson

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION *** DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, SS:**

I, Samuel Rose, A Notary Public in and for the District of Columbia, do hereby certify that - (The above named signatories), parties to a certain Certificate of Incorporation bearing the date of the 11th day of May, 1951, and hereunto annexed, personally appeared before me in the said District of Columbia, the said --- (signatories) being personally well known to me as the persons who executed said Certificate of Incorporation and acknowledge same to be their act and deed. Given unto my hand and Seal this 11th day of May 1951.

(Signed) Samuel Rose NOTARY PUBLIC, D. C.

(The foregoing Certificate of Incorporation was received for the record on the 14th day of May,

A. D., 1951, in the Office of Records and Deeds, District of Columbia.)**** PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, humbly petition the blessings of our Heavenly Father upon all our activities, that we may grow in grace and glorify our purpose to be of service to all veterans. We pledge allegiance to the United States of America, and the members in whose name we serve. We are resolved to promote justice, tolerance, peace and good will among all men, toward the end that all wars may cease.

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FEDERAL CHARTER

Note: Public Law 98-584 replaced by Public Law 105-225 at the 2002 WACVA Annual Convention.

PUBLIC LAW 98-584--OCT. 30, 1984

Public Law 98-584 98th Congress

An Act

To recognize the organization known as the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association. Oct. 30, 1984 (H.R. 4966)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of

America in Congress assembled,

CHARTER

SECTION 1 The Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, is recognized as such and is granted a Federal charter.

Corporation. 36 USC 3101. POWERS

SEC. 2. The Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "corporation"), shall have only those powers granted to it through its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in the States in which it is incorporated, and subject to the laws of such States.

36 USC 3102.c

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF CORPORATION

SEC. 3. The objects and purposes of the corporation are those provided in its articles of incorporation and shall include a continuing commitment on a national basis to -

- (1) promote the general welfare of all veterans, especially women veterans, who have served or are serving in the United States Army, the Army Reserve, and the Army National Guard;
- (2) recognize outstanding women in college ROTC units throughout the United States; and
- (3) provide services and support to patients in Veterans Administration Hospitals throughout the United States.

36 USC 3103.

SERVICE OF PROCESS

SEC. 4. With respect to service of process, the corporation shall comply with the laws of the States in which it is incorporated and in which it carries on activities in furtherance of its corporate purposes.

36 USC 3104. MEMBERSHIP

SEC. 5. Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members shall be as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

36 USC 3105.

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FEDERAL CHARTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SEC. 6. The board of directors of the corporation and the responsibilities thereof shall be as provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the States in which it is incorporated.

36 USC 3106. OFFICERS

SEC. 7. The officers of the corporation and the election of such officers shall be as provided in the articles of Incorporation of the corporation and shall be in conformity with the laws of the States in which it is incorporated.

36 USC 3107.

RESTRICTIONS ON CORPORATE POWERS

SEC. 8. (a) No part of the income or assets of the corporation may inure to any member, officer, or director of the corporation or be distributed to any such individual during the life of this charter. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to the officers of the corporation or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

(b) The corporation may not make any loan to any officer, director, or employee of the corporation.

(c) Neither the corporation nor any officer or director thereof may contribute to, support, or otherwise participate in any political activity or attempt in any manner to influence legislation.

(d) The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock or to declare or pay any dividends.

(e) The corporation shall not claim the approval or authorization of the Federal Government for any of its activities.

36 USC 3108. LIABILITY

SEC. 9. The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority.

36 USC 3109.

BOOKS AND RECORDS: INSPECTION

SEC 10. The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall keep minutes of any proceeding of the corporation involving any of its members, the board of directors, or any committee having authority under the board of directors. The corporation shall keep at its principal office a record of the names and addresses of all members having the right to vote in any proceeding of the corporation. All books and records of such corporation may be inspected by any member having the right to vote in any corporation proceeding, or by any agent or attorney of such member, for any proper purpose at any reasonable time. Nothing in this section shall be construed to contravene any applicable State law.

AUDIT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

SEC. 11. The first section the Act entitled ~"An Act to provide for audit of accounts of private corporations established under Federal law", approved August 30, 1964 (36 U.S.C. 1101), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(64) Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association.". 36 USC 3110.

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FEDERAL CHARTER

ANNUAL REPORT

SEC. 12. The corporation shall report annually to the Congress concerning the activities of the corporation during the preceding fiscal year. Such annual report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit of the corporation required by section 2 of the Act entitled 'An Act to provide for audit of accounts of private corporations established under Federal law", approved August 30, 1964

(36 U.S.C. 1101). The report shall not be printed as a public document. 36 USC 3111.

RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO AMEND OR REPEAL CHARTER

SEC. 13. The right to amend or repeal this Act is expressly reserved to the Congress. 36 USC 3112.

DEFINITION OF ~ "STATE"

SEC. 14. For purposes of this Act, the term 'State' included the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

36 USC 3113

TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

SEC. 15. The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation as provided in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. If the corporation fails to maintain such status, the charter granted by this Act shall expire.

36 USC 3114. TERMINATION

SEC. 16. If the corporation fails to comply with any of the restrictions or provisions of this Act, the charter granted by this Act shall expire.

36 USC 3115.

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