ARTICLE I: DESIGNATION

The name of the association is the SOCIETY OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION UNITED STATES ARMY. Incorporated in the State of Illinois, it is a Non-Profit, fraternal, social, educational, patriotic, military service organization, which shall always remain non-partisan and non-political. The Society shall exist permanently as a national parent organization with subordinate branches known as Outposts.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The Society provides opportunities and facilitates uniting past, present, and future members of the Third Infantry Division, U. S. Army, in a national program dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of the Third Infantry Division's traditions and history. Specific objectives are:

2.1 To foster and strengthen associations and friendships formed during service with the Third Infantry Division, U. S. Army.

2.2 To honor the Third Infantry Division War Dead.

2.3 To perpetuate the memory of other former comrades who shared a background of honorable military service with the Third Infantry Division, U. S. Army.
2.4 To encourage and achieve the mutual benefits and support resulting from a close and cooperative alliance between the Society and the Third Infantry Division, U.S. Army.

2.5 To provide entertainment, care, comfort, and assistance to hospitalized Veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and their Families.

2.6 To support the Government of the United States and to give it, in peace and in war, the same devotion and service expected of us as members of its armed forces.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership is open to any eligible person excluding those with a dishonorable discharge.

3.1a: Special conditions may restrict membership for a period of time as defined in the bylaws.

3.2 Members will comply with the constitution and bylaws.

3.3 The Types of membership are: Life and Annual.

3.4 The classes of Membership are: Regular, Associate, and Honorary.

3.5 Eligibility for Regular Membership: Former and current soldiers with honorable service in regular components, and supporting or attached units of the Third Infantry Division.

3.6 Eligibility for Associate Membership: Veterans of other services, spouses of veterans, and family members of veterans to include father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, or grandchild. Under limited circumstances eligibility may also include anyone with a special interest in, or affinity for, the Society.

3.6a Associate Members have voting rights and recognition.
3.6b Associate Members may be nominated and serve, if elected, in all Society National offices, except in the office of Society President.

3.7 Eligibility for Honorary Membership: Granted by the Executive Committee.

3.7a The current Commanding General of the active division is Honorary President.

3.7b The current Command Sergeant Major is Honorary Vice President.

3.8 Regular and Associate members will pay dues.

3.9 Members are entitled to join the outpost of their choice or remain as At-Large Members.

3.9a Members may be transferred to any outpost of their choice by making a request to the Roster Manager and to the Outpost Secretaries affected by the change. Outposts may not recruit a member known to be a member of another outpost.

3.10 Members are to conduct themselves in an ethical and forthright manner. Members are prohibited from using the Society name, Society website, Society logo, Society intellectual property, or Society membership data for personal gain or profit.

3.10a The Executive Committee may grant permission under special circumstances for the limited use of the Society marks.

3.10b All Membership information is for Membership use only.

3.11 It is the policy and commitment of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, US Army that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, or religion.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

4.1 Annual membership dues are payable each year prior to July 1.
4.2 Life membership dues are payable at any time.

ARTICLE V: MANAGEMENT

5.1 Government: The membership is the governing body of the Society. Annually it elects national officers to represent the membership and carry out the day-to-day operations of the Society. All decisions of the Executive Committee take effect immediately and remain in effect until approved, amended, or rejected by the membership.

5.1a. All members in good standing have one vote in these elections expressed by written ballot published in The Watch, or provided by the elections Chair in the event the Watch ballot is lost or destroyed. The National Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to publish and mail ballots to members who do NOT receive a paper copy of the Watch on the Rhine, for use in voting in Society elections or votes.

5.1b. The fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

5.1c. Executive Committee decisions that require a change to the Constitution or By-laws will be effective at once and will be sent to the constitution and By-laws Chair to be included on the next available ballot for membership approval.

5.1d. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:
Definition: a situation in which a Society officer, chair, staff member or member is in a position to derive personal benefit from actions or decisions made in their official capacity.

Whenever an Officer of the Executive Committee, chair, committee member, staff member or member of the Society has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the Executive Committee or General Membership, the Executive Committee shall ensure that:

1. The interest of such officer, chair, staff member or member is fully disclosed to the Executive Committee or the membership.
2. No interested officer, chair, staff member or member may vote or lobby on the matter or be counted in determining the existence of a quo-
rum at the meeting of the Executive Committee or General Membership meeting at which such matter is voted upon.

3. If an Executive Committee Member, chair, staff member or member fails to recuse him/herself from a matter or motion and/or vote of which they have an obvious or established conflict of interest, the Chairman of the Executive Committee will have full right and obligation to recuse the member without their voluntary consent.

4. Any transaction in which an officer, chair, staff member or member has a financial or personal interest shall be duly approved by members of the Executive Committee not so interested or connected as being in the best interests of the Society.

5. Payments to the interested officer, chair, staff member or member shall be reasonable and shall not exceed fair market value, if justified and approved by the executive committee.

6. The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention, recusal and/or rationale for approval.

5.2 Elective Officers: Elective officers of the Society are President, Secretary-Treasurer and one Regional Vice President and two Regional Committee Persons from each of the three (3) Regions. All members in good standing are eligible to run for an elective National office, except the office of President. Only regular members may serve as Society president. Members residing in a region will nominate and vote for regional officers only within the region as determined by the location of their Outpost affiliation. At Large Members will vote according to their state of residence.

5.2.1 Term of Office: The term of office for all elected officials shall be for two years, or until their successors have been duly elected or appointed. All incumbent candidates must stand for re-election at the end of their term and may not stay in office until duly re-elected by the membership.

5.2.2 Elections: Elections will be held for the six regional Committee persons and the Secretary/Treasurer in the odd numbered years. Election will be held for the President and the Regional Vice Presidents in even numbered years.

5.2.3 Regions: For purposes of administration, the United States is considered as three Regions: East, West, and Central. The Eastern Region in-
cludes New England, all states on the Atlantic Seaboard, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Puerto Rico and Europe. The Western Region consists of those states west of the eastern boundaries of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico. The Central Region encompasses those states lying between the Eastern and Western Regions.

5.2b Appointed Staff: Appointed Staff by the President include the editor of The Watch on the Rhine, Judge Advocate, Historian, Chaplain, Auditor, Active Duty Liaison, Medical Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Quartermaster, Website Liaison, and Roster Manager.

5.2b.1 Special assistants may be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the elected national officers.

5.3 Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of all current elected national officers, and the Judge Advocate.

5.3a. The Judge Advocate will not have a vote in Executive Committee business.

5.3b. Majority vote of the ballots cast determines the outcome of Executive Committee Actions.

5. 3c. Voting by mail or electronic communication is authorized.

5.3.d. A quorum of six members is required to conduct business.

5.3e If a member of the Executive Committee cannot attend the Executive Committee meeting at the National Reunion, he/she may designate a proxy to cast votes in his/her behalf. The proxy must be a member of the Executive Committee and from the same region as the absent member. Proxies will not count to make a quorum.

5.3f: If any election, motion, or approval results in an equal number of ballots cast to approve and disapprove, the motion, election, or approval fails.
ARTICLE VI: PUBLICATIONS

6.1 The Watch on the Rhine, published bi-monthly and distributed to members in good standing, is the official publication of The Society of the Third Infantry Division. This publication will be directed by the Editor who shall be responsible to see that said publication conforms to and carries out the purpose and spirit of the constitution.

6.2 National Roster, only for membership use, is published every three years and distributed to members in good standing. This publication will be maintained by the roster manager and will include each member’s name, address, unit, rank, and period of service. The Society Secretary-Treasurer will send each new member a copy of the National Roster.

ARTICLE VII: BY-LAWS

7.1 The Society members shall have the final authority to approve, modify or reject amendments to by-laws that are not in conflict with the requirements of this Constitution. Voting using the ballot printed in The Watch on the Rhine at least 60 days before the annual reunion will determine the decisions. Lost or destroyed ballots may be replaced by the Constitution and By-laws Chair. The National Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to publish and mail ballots to members who do NOT receive a paper copy of the Watch on the Rhine, for use in voting in Society elections or votes.

7.2 The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, revised, shall govern the Society in all cases which are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent or conflicting with the Constitution or By-Laws of this Society.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

8.0 This Constitution may be amended, altered, or repealed, by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the Society casting their vote by written ballot on amendments published in The Watch on the Rhine. The National Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to publish and mail ballots to
members who do NOT receive a paper copy of the Watch on the Rhine, for use in voting in Society elections or votes.

8.1 The Constitution and By-laws may be reviewed and requests for proposals for change may be announced to the membership annually.

BY-LAWS

SECTION I: REUNIONS

1.1 An Annual Reunion of the Society is provided to maintain the fellowship and camaraderie among the membership and shall be held each year at a place and date determined and announced at the immediately prior Annual Reunion.

1.2 Annual Reunions shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee.

1.3 Each annual reunion will have a banquet and a memorial service. Tours and unit gatherings may be included.

1.4 The Executive Committee will hold one meeting at the reunion, after the annual membership meeting. Additional Executive Committee meetings may be called at the discretion of the president.

1.5 One General Membership Meeting for all members in attendance will be held during the reunion. No quorum is required.

1.6 Annual reunions will be held on a rotating schedule and alternate between the regions and Fort Stewart and will include coordination with other units who may have served with the 3rd ID in theaters throughout its history to attend Society reunions during off-years. A reunion will be scheduled in each region on a rotating three-year basis. The Reunion Committee or the professional planner will make a short presentation to the Executive Committee at the reunion with recommendations. The Executive Committee chooses the reunion city. Locations will be chosen two years in advance. Each region will host a reunion once each three-year period. Extenuating circumstances may cause the Executive Committee to alter the schedule. If
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SECTION II: ANNUAL REUNION-CONVENTION

2.1 Business Meetings: Membership meetings may be scheduled during the annual reunion to provide members the opportunity to offer their opinions in Society governing. The notice of time and place must be announced in The Watch on the Rhine at least ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled first day of the Annual Reunion.

2.2 Vote Reporting. Committee Chairs will report results of members’ votes for the election of national officers and amendments to the Constitution and By-laws. The Secretary/Treasurer will report Executive Committee actions. National staff officers will report their annual activities at the membership meeting.

2.3 Voting. All voting for officers, Constitution and By-Law changes, and Executive Committee Actions are conducted by mail-in ballots. Voting at the membership meeting may be taken to determine the opinions and recommendations of members on issues to advise the Executive Committee.

2.4 Only mail-in ballots may be used for the election of national officers, for amending the Constitution and By-laws, and for the approval of Executive Committee Actions. All members may use ballots. The National Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to publish and mail ballots to members who do NOT receive a paper copy of the Watch on the Rhine, for use in voting in Society elections or votes. The National Secretary-Treasurer will supply a
list of Executive Committee Actions that require membership approval. The Constitution and Bylaws Chair will include these actions on the mail-in ballot for voting by the General Membership. The Constitution and By-laws Chairperson and Nominations and Election Chairperson will have the official ballots published in The Watch in the Rhine at least 60 days before the annual reunion and thirty days before any special meeting. Members using a ballot must legibly print their name, then sign and date the ballot attesting they are a member in good standing and mail the completed ballot to the chairperson. That chair will verify membership, count votes and prepare reports for the annual meeting. The Chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee will report all votes to the Judge Advocate for certification. Any vote removed and/or struck from the ballot will be included with an explanation as to the reason for its removal and/or striking. If the Judge Advocate has determined that a fair and impartial election has NOT occurred, he/she will direct the Society President, the Executive Committee and the Nominations and Elections Committee to conduct another ballot for said office. Once the Judge Advocate has certified the results of the election, he/she will return the ballots to the Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee for publication in the “Watch on the Rhine” and announcement at the annual meeting. Only ballots published in The Watch on the Rhine will be valid and may not be reproduced in any form except by the Chair who can upon request of the member, copy the ballot, certify the copied ballot as an official ballot, and mail it to the person making the request. The request for copied ballots must be justified, such as lost Watch, destroyed issue of The Watch or other situations necessitating the use of a copied ballot, which will be determined by the appropriate Chair. Ballots should be destroyed 90 days after publication of the results in The Watch on the Rhine.

SECTION III: GOVERNANCE BETWEEN ANNUAL MEETINGS

3.1 Legislative Authority: Between Annual Reunions, legislative authority for the Society is vested in the Executive Committee. Its decisions have immediate effect and remain in force until ratified, modified or repealed at the next Annual Reunion. The Secretary will inform the Society members of actions taken by the Executive Committee during the year. This information will be published in The Watch on the Rhine at least a month prior to the annual reunion.
3.2 Society’s Management. The Executive Committee, collectively and individually, is charged with formulation and guidance of the Society’s management program; confident that it will operate with the best interest of the Society, no restraints are placed against the Executive Committee’s freedom of judgment and action.

3.3 It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee further to fix the amount of the Secretary-Treasurer’s Surety bond, to assist in the selection and final confirmation of the President’s designation of the Editor of The Watch on the Rhine and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President. Budgeting is a function of the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee will discuss the preliminary budget prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer, and will adopt a budget prior to the fiscal year.

3.4 National Elected Officers, Committee Chairs, and National Staff unable to attend the Annual Reunion will submit a written report to the National President three (3) weeks before the start of the Annual Reunion outlining their activities during the fiscal year. The president will present these reports at the General Membership Meeting.

3.5 Complaints
   a. Members of the Society are encouraged to make every attempt to amicably resolve disputes without the Society’s formal intervention. Members should resort to the complaint process under this Section only with respect to matters of significant importance which could not be resolved otherwise. Careful consideration should be given as to whether application of the complaint process is in accordance with acceptable rules of due process for all those involved.

   b. Complaints against Society members, Officers, Staff or Outpost Leaders must be done in writing and received by the Chairman of the Executive Committee within 30 days of the perceived infraction. In cases of fraud or theft, local laws will determine the statute of limitations. All complaints must be accompanied by evidence to support the complaint. If the complaint entails an egregious violation of these Constitution and Bylaws, the exact article or section must be cited in the complaint with evidence to
support the complaint. Complaints received after 30 days from the infrac-
tion will considered closed, unless they entail fraud or theft.

c. If the complaint is against the Society President, the complaint
must be submitted, in writing, to the National Secretary-Treasurer and all
other requirements for complaints in para 3.5b are applicable. During the
processing of the complaint against the President, the National Secretary-
Treasurer will serve as the Chair of the Executive Committee for only mo-
tions pertinent to the complaint. The President will remain the Chair of the
Executive Committee for all other motions, but will be recused, IAW Article
V: Management para 5.1d, from any discussion or vote on complaints con-
ferred against the President.

d. During the complaint process, the membership of all those involved
remains in effect pending the outcome. In cases of fraud or theft, the indi-
vidual accused will be immediately removed from their position, if applica-
ble, pending the outcome of the investigation.

e. Upon receipt of the complaint and evidence, the Chair of the Exec-
utive Committee will inform the accused in writing and will provide a copy of
the complaint and the evidence submitted. The accused will have 30 days
to submit a formal rebuttal, in writing, and to provide evidence on their be-
half. If no rebuttal or evidence is received from the accused the process will
continue and the accused shall forfeit their right to provide statements or
evidence.

f. Upon receipt of the rebuttal and evidence from the accused, the
Chair of the Executive committee will forward all documents, including the
original complaint and evidence and the rebuttal statement and evidence,
to the Society Judge Advocate. The Judge Advocate will have 30 days to
render a written opinion to the Chair.

g. If the opinion of the Judge Advocate is in the negative against the
complaint and an obvious preponderance of the evidence is established
against the complaint, it may be vacated by the Chair with no further action
being taken. If the opinion of the Judge Advocate is in the positive and the
preponderance of the evidence is established in favor of the complaint, the
Chair will forward a motion to the Executive Committee to deliberate
charges against the accused and shall provide all written complaints, rebuttals, evidence and the Judge Advocate opinion along with the motion.

h. The Executive Committee will have 30 days to deliberate conferring charges. Only the Executive Committee may prefer charges against a Member, Officer, Staff or Outpost Leader in accordance with the procedures set forth in these Constitution and Bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order, latest edition. A 2/3 majority vote must be attained in order to confer charges against any Member, Officer, Staff or Outpost Leader. The Executive Committee may, if decided, convene a hearing and assign a panel to investigate further, the charges.

i. If the Executive Committee votes to confer charges, the accused must be informed of the charges, in writing, and will have 15 days to submit any rebuttal or evidence on their behalf.

j. Once charges are preferred and the rebuttal from the accused is received, the Executive Committee will have 15 days to decide the guilt or innocence of the accused for each charge. The rules of due process and the preponderance of the evidence must be used in deciding guilt or innocence.

k. The Executive Committee will have 15 days to impose punishment and the following may be imposed: letter of reprimand, censure, revocation of membership, temporary suspension of membership, remove for cause any officer of the Society or, in cases of criminal conduct, the pressing of charges with law enforcement. A 2/3 majority vote must be attained in order to impose punishment to any Member, Officer, Staff or Outpost Leader.

l. The member convicted by the Executive Committee will have the right to appeal his/her conviction of charges and punishment. They will have 30 days of receipt of the punishment decision to appeal, in writing, directly to the Chair of the Executive Committee. If the appeal is denied, the member so punished will have the right to appeal to the General Membership at the General Membership Meeting held during the National Reunion. The member must inform the Chair of their desire to appeal to the General Membership at least 30 days prior to the reunion and be physically present at the General Membership meeting, present their case, with evidence, to
the General Membership. If a motion to reconsider the Charges are duly seconded and a 2/3 majority vote is received from the members present, the General Membership may vote to overturn any decision taken concerning the charges or punishment imposed on the member.

3.5 a.1 Abuse of Power, or Office is the act of using one’s Society membership, or Society office position in an abusive way. This can take many forms, such as the following:

1. Giving, or obtaining, access to Society information that is not required by the Society office holder or member, and not accessible to the general membership. This may include, but is not limited to membership information, accounting information, etc.
2. Using Society information for profit, or gain.
3. Using one’s Society office to influence membership, or EXCOM member voting.
4. Manipulating or threatening a member with the ability to punish or ridicule them if they don’t comply.

The above list is a guide, and not necessarily all inclusive. Actions that may be taken against a member or office holder for abuse of power or office shall include censure/reprimand, removal from office, or expulsion from the Society. If a member has doubts about a particular situation he/she should contact the Society president, or regional vice president (if applicable) who will in turn contact the Judge Advocate for guidance.

3.6 Any Society Member who is expelled from the Society for any reason shall be eligible to request consideration for membership after a period of three years from the date of expulsion. The former member will apply as a new member through the chair of the Executive Committee. If the Chair approves, the request will be submitted to the Executive Committee for review and decision. Approval will be a majority of the ballots cast with a quorum of six. If the vote results in a tie, the request is denied. If the membership is approved, the member must serve an additional probationary period of two years before being consider for an Elective Office, Staff Position, or Committee Chair. The National Secretary/Treasurer will maintain the records.
3.7: any elected officer, who has been “removed for cause” will be prohibited from ever serving as an Elected Officer of the Society for his/her lifetime. Any elected Officer of the Society who is expelled from the Society may not ever be considered for membership.

SECTION IV: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

4.1 President: The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Society. He has the leadership role in proposing, formulating and guiding the membership actions and implements their decisions. Duties include chairing meetings of the Society and presiding at the annual Reunion. He represents the membership in official contacts with other organizations. He may appoint assistants and special staff members. Regular members will be selected whenever possible.

4.2 Regional Vice Presidents: Regional Vice Presidents, will supervise their regional committeemen and outpost operations within their regions, assign individual committeemen to interface with a specific outpost(s), and they shall submit a written report of their annual activities to the Regional Vice President three (3) weeks prior to the Annual Reunion.

4.3 Committeeman: Regional Committeemen are elected from their Regions to represent all society members and are members of the Executive Committee. They will be assigned to supervise the outposts in their region. They shall submit a written report of their annual activities to the Regional Vice President There (3) weeks prior to the Annual Reunion.

4.4 Secretary/Treasurer announces meetings, maintains records, conducts correspondence, makes reports, controls and supplies society property, has custody of all society funds, maintains checking and savings accounts and current financial records which must be a true and verifiable history of society assets and liabilities, expressed as dollar balances, receipts and expenditures.

4.4a. He/she shall chair and appoint a committee each three-year period to research and evaluate the performance of the current publisher of The Watch on the Rhine and other printed publications. The committee shall not be restricted in size but cannot be composed of a majority of members from
the Executive Committee. The Watch on the Rhine editor shall serve as counsel to this committee. Meetings by mail, phone, or email are authorized. Committee actions, with recommendations, shall be forwarded to the Society president for a final decision. If performance of our current publisher is deemed unsatisfactory, the President shall direct that the committee secure bids from competing publishers pending final action.

4.5 Editor, The Watch on the Rhine: The editor of The Watch on the Rhine, under the supervision of the President, shall have the Watch published on an established bi-monthly schedule and shall establish deadlines, solicit submission of news from outposts and members, collate items and material, and direct the preparation of the newsletter.

4.6 Active Duty Liaison: Shall represent the president at the Third Infantry Division units in the event the Society President cannot attend.

4.7 Chaplain: The Chaplain or a qualified assistant shall direct religious observances of the Society, including the Memorial Services at the annual reunion, and shall represent the Society at Military Religious ceremonies.

4.8 Judge Advocate: The Judge Advocate shall act as parliamentarian at meetings and shall provide opinions on legal and parliamentarian matters referred to him by the national officers and the membership.

4.9 Historian: The Historian shall record the activities of the society and its members from reports furnished by outposts and news media and shall render an annual report. If unable to attend the meeting, the historian will send a written report to the president three (3) weeks before the start of the reunion.

4.10 Sergeant-At-Arms: The Sergeant-At-Arms shall be responsible for discipline at meetings and perform other duties requested by the Chair.

4.11. Auditor: The Auditor is appointed by the President and should be experienced in financial accounting. The Auditor completes the annual audit and determines that all funds on hand, received, and disbursed are properly accounted for. Special audits may be requested by the Executive Committee.
4.12 Medical Officer: The Medical Officer is appointed by the President. The office can advise on medical and health concerns of the Society. We are reminded of the important role played by the medical service soldiers in time of battle.

4.13 Quartermaster: The Quartermaster is appointed by the President with Executive Committee approval. There is only one official Quartermaster of the Society. The official quartermaster may be provided space to display merchandise at the Society Annual Reunion.

4.13a The Quartermaster is an independent business and is not a part of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.

4.14 Roster Manager: The Roster Manager is appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. The position is responsible for maintaining an accurate Roster of the Society Members, assisting elected officers and staff members when requested, and provides Roster reports.

4.15 Website-Liaison: The Society shall have only one official website. The site can be assigned within the Society or can be built by a professional outside website builder. The Society President is responsible for the Society site. The site cannot promote any personal For-Profit businesses and will not accept paid advertising.

4.15a. The purpose of the site is to promote the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division.

4.15b. Any links to the site must be approved by the Executive Committee.

SECTION V: STANDING COMMITTEES

5.1 The President with the approval of the Executive Committee shall designate the Chairs. The Committee Chairs’ appointments end at the same time as the term of the president who appointed them. Each Committee will present a report on its activities at the General Membership Meeting. If unable to attend the meeting, the chair(s) will send a written report to the
president three (3) weeks before the start of the reunion. The president will convey this report(s) to the membership.

5.2 Constitution and By-Laws: The Constitution and By-Laws Committee is not restricted in size, but a majority of the members shall not be members of the Executive Committee. The committee will submit a ballot of proposed changes to be published in The Watch on the Rhine at least 60 days before the Annual Reunion. Only official ballots published in The Watch on the Rhine can be used for voting.

5.3 Nominations and Elections:

5.3a. The Nominations and Elections Committee shall call for nominations of elected national officers in The Watch on the Rhine at least 180 days before the Annual Reunion. Nominations will be accepted for a period of at least 60 days.

5.3b. The Committee will submit a ballot for publication in The Watch on the Rhine at least 60 days before the Annual Reunion. If there is only one nominee for an office, no ballot will be published for member vote. Only official ballots published in The Watch on the Rhine can be used for voting. The National Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to publish and mail ballots to members who do NOT receive a paper copy of the Watch on the Rhine, for use in voting in Society elections or votes.

5.3c. The Chairman will announce the results at the annual meeting.

5.3d. In the event no nominations are made for an office, nominations may be made from the floor and voting may be held at the General Membership Meeting.

5.4 Awards: The Awards Committee consists of the Chair and the three Regional Vice Presidents. The Chair is not a voting member of the Committee.

5.4a. The Chair shall call for nominations of awards in The Watch on Rhine at least 60 days before the Annual Reunion.
5.4b. The Awards Committee and the Executive Committee shall select award recipients in accordance with the Awards Protocol. The Awards Committee shall select the recipients of the Society Service Award and Outstanding Associate Member Award. In the event that there is a tie vote due to the absence of one Regional Vice-President, the President of the Society will cast the tie-breaking vote. The Executive Committee shall select the recipient of the Audie Murphy Achievement Award. No Society Member may be awarded the Audie Murphy Achievement Award more than once in their lifetime.

5.5 Membership: The Membership Committee manages a program for recruiting new members and retaining members. The Chair will work with the Executive Committee, Public Relations Committee, Outposts, and reunion hosts in preparing news releases pertaining to Society meetings and activities.

5.6 Public Relations: The Public Relations Chair will inform Army veterans, active duty members and the public about the Society and its purposes and activities. The Chair shall have authority to work with other military groups and, at his/her discretion, develop and place reciprocal notices in publications of interest to veterans and our military. Reciprocal ads, when negotiated, shall be referred to the Society President for final approval before publication.

5.7. Reunion: the president, with the approval of the Executive Committee, will appoint a chairman and the chairman will select members to serve on the reunion committee. This committee will be responsible for the annual society reunion and may work with a professional reunion planner approved by the Executive Committee. Annual reunions will be held on a rotating schedule. A reunion will be scheduled in each region on a rotating three-year basis. The Reunion Committee or the professional planner will make a short presentation to the Executive committee at the reunion with recommendations. The Executive Committee chooses the reunion city. Locations will be chosen two years in advance. Each region will host a reunion once each three-year period. Extenuating circumstances may cause the Executive Committee to alter the schedule. If a region is scheduled and is by-passed, that region will have the right of first refusal the following year.
SECTION VI: VACANCIES

6.1 Vacancies in any national office other than President will be filled by Presidential appointment with approval of the Executive Committee.

6.2 Vacancies: In the event the Society President cannot continue to serve in office for any reason, the National Secretary/Treasurer will contact the Vice President residing in the region of the departing President. If that Vice President is able and willing to take over the Presidency he/she will serve until the end of the term of the departing President. The succeeding Vice President may accept a nomination to run for a full term following his appointed term. If the Vice President of the region of the outgoing President cannot serve as President, the Secretary/Treasurer will contact the next senior Vice President and, if necessary, the last Vice President. In the event none of the three Vice Presidents is able to serve, the Executive Committee will select a Past President to assume the position.

6.3 Officers filling vacancies will hold the office for the remaining term of that office and may be nominated to serve a full term.

SECTION VII: OUTPOSTS

7.1 Outposts formed under special circumstances as set forth herein, can be chartered. Members of outposts that honor specific battles, locations, units or historically significant periods in our history are exempt from the rule requiring all members to reside in close proximity to the outpost location. An outpost may be formed and a Charter issued by National Headquarters upon receipt of an application from ten (10) or more members in good standing in the area where the outpost is to be located. All outposts will adhere to and follow the governing rules of the Society.

7.1a. Outposts will have a minimum of two officers (a President and a Secretary).

7.1b. Outposts should hold at least two meetings each year.

7.1c. Outposts should send a minimum of two letters to their outpost members each year.
7.2 Outposts with fewer than ten (10) members will be deactivated.

7.2a. Those remaining members will notify the Outpost Secretary/Treasurer AND the Roster Manager if they want to be transferred into any outpost of their choice.

7.2b. Outpost funds and supplies will be transferred to the National Secretary who, with the approval of the Executive Committee, will determine the use of the funds.

7.3 The Marne Division Association, as long as it continues to have ten or more members in active service with the Third Infantry Division, shall be considered the Society's Active Division Outpost.

SECTION VIII: DUES

Allocation: Dues Allocation. Eighty percent (80%) of annual and life dues of members assigned to outposts is allocated to national and twenty percent (20%) is allocated to the outpost to which they are assigned. Dues money for At Large members is allocated to national.

8.1 Annual dues are payable prior to July 1st.

8.1a. Outposts may add an operational fee that they retain.

8.1b. New and reinstated members who pay dues between January 1 and June 30 will be in good standing until July 1 of the following year.

8.1c. Announcements will appear in the August issue of The Watch on the Rhine stating it will be the last issue for those whose dues are not received by June 30.

8.1d. Members whose dues are not paid by July will be removed from the Society active Watch mailing list for the October issue. Only members in good standing may receive the Watch.

8.1e. Members whose dues are not paid by October 1 are removed from the Society Roster.
8.2 Life Dues are payable at any time.

SECTION IX: MEMBERSHIP SUPPLIES

9.1 The Society furnishes membership cards. Decals, bumper stickers, and other promotional materials are available for sale from the Public Relations Chair. The National Secretary-Treasurer issues membership cards for annual members whenever a new member joins the Society. The National Secretary-Treasurer issues life membership cards.

SECTION X: MEMORIAL SERVICES

10.1 A Memorial Service will be conducted at each Annual Reunion to Honor our Deceased Comrades.

10.1a. Outpost 7, Washington, D. C., represents the Society in Wreath-laying ceremonies at The Tomb of the Unknowns, and the Third Infantry Division Monument, Arlington National Cemetery, each Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The Society reimburses Outpost 7 for the cost of these wreaths.

SECTION XI: AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

11.1 The Constitution and/or By-laws may be amended, repealed or changed by the membership by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the ballots cast on the official mail-in ballot published in the Watch on the Rhine.

11.2 All proposals for Constitution and By-law changes submitted by members of the Society through Outpost or Executive Committee route or by the initiative of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair will be sent to the Chair of the of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee with copies to the National Secretary. Once the Constitution and By Laws Committee considers the proposed changes and approves what should be presented
to the membership, the draft of the proposed amendments will be sent to the Executive Committee for their consideration, approval or modification. This final document must be accepted by a majority vote of the ballots cast before publication in The Watch on the Rhine. The National Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to publish and mail ballots to members who do NOT receive a paper copy of the Watch on the Rhine, for use in voting in Society elections or votes. Proposals approved by the General Membership shall be published in The Watch on the Rhine as soon as possible after passage, but not later than the December issue.

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