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## Article I, Name

The name of the Association shall be 65th Infantry Division Association.

## Article II, Incorporation

1. The Association shall be a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.
2. The incorporation was completed at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on July 1, 1966 and filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County - No.8636 of 1966 - under an Act of 1933 -P.L. 289.

## Article III, Purpose

1. The purpose of the Association is:
  - a. To perpetuate the history and memorabilia of the 65th Infantry Division, both in training and in combat, during World War II.
  - b. To afford opportunities for members of the 65th Infantry Division to renew personal contacts.
  - c. To act as a central source for information concerning the 65th Infantry Division, its subordinate and attached units and individual members.
  - d. A corporation which does not contemplate pecuniary gains, incident or otherwise to its members.
  - e. To contribute to any other non-profit organization deemed worthy.

## Article IV, Membership and Dues

1. Membership of this association shall be all persons who have served with the 65th Infantry Division and any attached troops during World War II, or during any later re-activation of the 65th Division as an active, reserve, or National Guard unit.
2. The dues required to become a member and remain as such are as follows:
  - a. Initiation fee: None
  - b. Regular membership: \$10 per year (effective 8/30/97)
  - c. Life membership: \$50.
3. The membership year and the association's fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

## Article V, Officers and Their Election

1. The elected officers of the association are:
  - a. President
  - b. First Vice President
  - c. Second Vice President
  - d. Secretary
  - e. Corresponding Secretary
  - f. Treasurer
  - g. Assistant Treasure
  - h. Chaplain
  - i. Sergeant At Arms
  - j. Editor of the Halbert
  - k. Chairman, Site Committee
  - l. Chairman, Hat and Patch Committee
  - m. Historian
  - n. Web Site Administrator
2. The elected officers shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the annual meeting where the election took place.
3. The elected officers of the association shall be the Executive Council. The president or his designee shall be the Chairman of the Executive Council.
  - a. The outgoing president shall remain on the Executive Council with voting privileges for a period of one (1) year after his term of office is completed.
4. The president shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of three (3) members of the association. The nominating committee shall present a slate of candidates to the membership during the annual business meeting for consideration and election. Nominations may be made

from the floor at said time. A simple majority of the members voting shall be required to elect any member to any office at said meeting.

5. The president may appoint a constitution and by-laws committee consisting of three (3) members of the association to recommend any changes or amendments to the constitution and bylaws of the association as are deemed necessary.
6. The official publication of the Association is the HALBERT. If at some time in the future the Halbert should cease to be published, then the minutes of the secretary will remain the official record, and only notices as required by these by-laws will be forwarded to the members by the secretary. Further publication in the Halbert as required by these by-laws will then be nullified.

## Article VI, Meetings of the Association Membership

1. The association shall meet annually; the date and place of such meeting shall be set by the association membership. The executive council shall notify all members of the association in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to such meeting, provided that publication in the Halbert shall be deemed to constitute such written notice. Failure to receive notice, by any members, shall not invalidate such meeting.
2. A special meeting of the association may be called by a majority of the executive council or upon receipt of a petition to the secretary signed by at least twenty five members of the association in good standing. Notification of a special meeting of the association to the membership shall state the time, place and reason for the meeting and the subjects to be discussed, provided that publication in the Halbert shall be deemed to constitute such written notice.
3. A quorum for any association membership meeting shall be twenty five members in good standing.
4. A complete record of all actions taken by the membership shall be kept and reported in the Halbert.

## Article VII, Meetings of the Executive Council

1. The executive council shall meet at the call of the president or his designee. Notice of such meeting is to be mailed to each member of the executive council; such written notice shall state the time and place of such meeting; provided that publication in the Halbert shall be deemed to constitute such written notice.
2. All business of the association shall be transacted by a majority vote of the executive council members present and forming a quorum. A quorum shall consist of either the President, Past President, or 1st Vice President and any four other members of the Executive Council.
3. A complete record of all actions taken by the executive council shall be kept and reported in the Halbert.
4. A special meeting of the Executive Council may be called at the written request to the secretary by a majority of the Council members.

## Article VIII, Officer Vacancy

Should a vacancy occur among the elected officers, such vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Executive Council.

## Article IX, Association Funds

1. All checks drawn on association

accounts shall be signed by the treasurer, or when necessary, by the president, first vice president or the second vice president.

2. All checks drawn on the Halbert account shall be signed by the editor of the Halbert or when necessary, by the president, first vice president or the second vice president. Funds for the publication of the Halbert are received as donations from members.
3. All checks drawn on the hat and patch account shall be signed by the chairman of the hat and patch committee or his designee.

## Article X, Amendments to These Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any scheduled meeting of the association by a majority vote of the members voting.

## ADDENDA

### Article XI, Dissolution of the 65th Infantry Division Association

The orderly dissolution of the association is to be accomplished by the following stipulations:

1. These provisions for dissolution shall in no way precipitate or delay dissolution.
2. At the time of any annual reunion and attendance by members of the association is twenty-five (25) or fewer, a motion to dissolve will be presented to those present by the president or any other presiding member of the association. A simple majority concurring, the association shall be dissolved.
3. Should it be elected at that action not to dissolve in accordance with (iaw) XL2 above the association shall continue until such time that it has been elected to dissolve iaw said article
4. When attendance at the annual reunion is fifteen (15) or fewer members, it is mandatory that the association be dissolved at that meeting. Such dissolution applies to the legally chartered organization. The then members remaining are encouraged to continue group meetings as they may elect.
5. When it has been elected to dissolve the association, the president or a presiding officer or member shall:
  - a. Identify and ship prepaid all property and effects of the association to the United State Armed Forces Museum, Camp Shelby, Mississippi, for preservation, storage and display.
  - b. Pay all outstanding bills.
  - c. The final funds of the association are to be gathered together and then donated to one or more of the following as judged appropriate by members present at the time of dissolution:
    - i. The armed Forces Museum, Camp Shelby, Mississippi
    - ii. Other highly desirable organizations deemed worthy by a majority of the members present.
6. After completing the arrangements to comply with the forgoing, the chaplain or a member acting as the association chaplain shall give a prayer to God in behalf of the men of the 65th and ask that this final action be of value to those who follow.

### Article XII, Robert's Rules of Order

In all matters not provided for in these bylaws, Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure shall be the standard.

Approved at 65th Infantry Division Association Members Meeting in Phoenix, AZ on September 21, 2006.