

By-Laws
Of
The 307TH Bombardment Group (HV) Association, Inc.
The Long Rangers

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I NTRODUCTI ON

The 307th Bombardment Group (HV) Association, Inc., The Long Rangers grew out of the initial meeting of former World War II members, who got together in the spirit of fellowship and camaraderie in Reno, Nevada on September 11th and 12th, 1972. We look and hope for continued growth and expanded interest.

Those members were:

Carl Whitesell
Dan Cauffiel
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BY-LAWS
Of
307th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV) ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I – NAME

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be:
**THE 307TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV) ASSOCIATION,
INC., THE LONG RANGERS**

Article II – PURPOSE

- Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be:
To encourage and facilitate camaraderie
among former members of the World War II
307th Bombardment Group (HV).

ARTICLE III – STATUS

- Section 1. This organization shall be a nonprofit
organization, operated exclusively for the
purpose specified in Article II above.
- Section 2. Officers and other directors shall not
receive any stated compensation for their
services, but the Board of Directors may, by
resolutions, authorize reimbursement of
expenses incurred in the performance of
their duties.
- Section 3. Nothing herein shall constitute members of
the organization as partners for any
purpose. No member, officer, or agent of
the organizations shall be liable for the
acts or failure to act on the part of any
other member, officer or agent. Nor shall
any member, officer, or agent be liable for
his acts or failure to act under these
By-Laws, excepting only acts of omissions to
act arising out of his willful misfeasance.
- Section 4. The organization shall use its funds only to
accomplish the purpose specified in ARTICLE
II above, and no part of said funds shall
inure, or be distributed, to members.

Section 5. In the event of dissolution of the organization, and after the discharge of all its liabilities, the remaining assets shall be given to a non-profit organization, whose purpose and objectives are similar to those of this organization, such organization to be designated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. The membership of this organization may be composed of:

- (a) Men and women who have been members of the 307th Bombardment Group (HV) from the time of its activation April 14, 1942 and to include all individuals who served during and after WWII, and
- (b) Wives, widow, widowers, children, spouses of children and siblings of any member upon payment of membership dues to the organization. *(Changed in 2004 to add wives and siblings)*

Section 2. The Board of Directors may grant honorary memberships to certain individuals in recognition of their services to the nation, community, or the association. Normally, honorary members shall not be required to pay dues, nor be entitled to vote.

Section 3. Applications for membership shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary. Recommendation for honorary membership shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors by any member. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to accept or reject any application or recommendation for membership.

Section 4. Any member may be dropped for good and sufficient cause by the Board of Directors after he has been given and opportunity to be heard.

Section 5. Members shall be entitled to vote on any matter submitted to the membership for vote. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE V – DUES

Section 1. The annual dues for each member, for the next calendar year, shall be determined by the membership at the biennial meeting, after receiving the Board of Directors recommendation in the matter.

- Section 2. The annual dues for a calendar year shall become due on January 1st of each year.
- Section 3. Members who fail to pay their dues within 60 days from the time such dues become payable and due shall be notified by the Secretary and, if payment is not made within the succeeding 30 days shall, without further notice and without hearing, be dropped from the rolls of the association and thereupon forfeit all rights and privileges of membership as provided by the association.
- Section 4. Members who have been dropped for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon reapplication for membership and payment of the annual dues for the current year plus preceding year.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be composed of elective officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer), immediate past President, Historian, Publicity, Chairman of standing committees, and all Assistants to the Functional Heads.
- Section 2. Each director shall take office at a dinner meeting (reunion) to be held biennially. Terms of office shall be for a period of two years.
- Section 3. The board of Directors shall have supervision, control and direction of the affairs of the organization, shall determine its policies or changes within the limits of the By-Laws, shall actively prosecute its purposes, and shall have discretion in the disbursements of its funds. It may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as may be deemed advisable.
- Section 4. The Board of Directors shall not be authorized to adopt resolutions or to establish positions in the name of the organization. Such matters shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the organization.

- Section 5. The Board shall meet upon call of the President at such times and places he may designate, and shall be called to meet upon demand of a majority of its members.
- Section 6. The majority of the entire board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.
- Section 7. Each member of the board shall be entitled to one vote. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

- Section 1. The biennial meeting of the organization for the purpose of election of officers, determination of annual dues, and the receipt of the annual reports and the transaction of other business shall be scheduled as determined by the membership. Notice of this meeting shall be mailed to the last recorded address of each member at least 120 days before the time appointed for the meeting.
- Section 2. Special meetings of the organization may be called by the President. Due notice of any special meeting shall be given to each member at least 20 days in advance, advising of the time and place and information as to subject or subjects to be considered.
- Section 3. At least thirty (30) members present at any biennial or special meeting of the organization shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 4. Procedures for the conduct of all meetings shall be in accordance with ARTICLE XI.

ARTILCE VIII – OFFICERS

- Section 1. The elective officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, each of who shall be a member or honorary member of the organization.

- Section 2. The elective officers shall be elected on a biennial basis by the membership at the biennial meeting. Election shall be by majority vote. Each elective officer shall be installed in office at a dinner meeting (reunion) to be held biennially. Terms of office shall be for a period of two years and/or until a successor is duly elected and installed.
- Section 3. No member shall be eligible to serve more than three consecutive terms as President.
- Section 4. A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President. A vacancy in the office of the Vice-President and vacancies in other offices shall be filled as the Board of Directors may decide.
- Section 5. The President shall be the principal elective officer of the organization, shall preside at meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors and shall be a member ex-officio, with the right to vote on all committees except the nominating committee. He shall also, at the biennial meeting and at such other times as he may deem proper, communicate to the organization or to the Board of Directors such information or such proposals as would in his opinion tend to promote the welfare and increase the usefulness of the organization. Further, he shall perform such other duties as are necessarily incident to the office of the president.
- Section 6. In the event of the President's temporary disability or absence, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. In the event of the temporary disability or absence of both the President and Vice-President, the Board of Directors will determine who shall perform such other duties as the President may assign.
- Section 7. The Secretary shall give notice, and, if feasible, attend all meetings of the organization and keep a record of all proceedings. If it is infeasible for the Secretary to attend, the President will designate one of the attendees to fulfill this task. As a routine matter the Secretary shall also keep a record of all proceedings of the Board of Directors,

maintain the membership and related records, maintain the organization correspondence files and shall provide safe keeping for all important documents and records belonging to the organization. Further, the Secretary shall perform such other duties as are commensurate with the office or as may be assigned by the President.

- Section 8. The Treasurer shall maintain a record of all dues collected and other sums received and expended for the use of the organization and shall make disbursements authorized by the membership, or the Board of Directors and approved by the President. The Treasurer shall develop and present to the Board of Directors, a biennial budget, and supervise its execution. Further detailed requirements are set forth in ARTICLE X – FINANCES.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint such standing and special committees as may be required by the By-Laws, or as he may deem appropriate.
- Section 2. The standing committees of the organization shall include, but not be limited to, the following: membership, nominations, publicity, historical and meeting site selection.
- Section 3. The Chairman of the Historical Committee (The Historian) shall be a member of the organization and be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. To enhance and maintain continuity, no restrictions shall be established as to the duration of the Historian's term of office. The duties of the office shall include collecting and filing as much 307th WWI memorabilia as possible and to encourage the willingness of the membership to share their private collections and mementos.
- Section 4. At least 90 days before the biennial meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three (3) candidates for the elective offices. The committee shall notify the President and Secretary in writing, at least (60) days

prior to the date of the biennial election meeting, of the candidates he proposed. The Secretary shall mail this information to the last recorded address of each member at least 30 days prior to the election date.

ARTICLE X – FINANCE

- Section 1. The sums received shall be deposited in a financial institution approved by the Board of Directors. Funds may be withdrawn there from only upon the signatures of the Treasurer, and the President or Vice-President. (Due to the distance between the home address of the Treasurer and the home address of the President, it is the responsibility of the President to appoint, with Board approval, another member of the Association to act in his behalf.)
- Section 2. The funds, books, vouchers, and related documents in possession or under the control of the Treasurer shall at all times be subject to inspection and verification by the Board of Directors, and audited by an independent auditor annually. (Reason: to comply with IRS 501 Statute.)
- Section 3. Only federally insured funds or financial institutions may be used for investment of organization monies. Revenues derived from such investments shall be used for reinvestment and/or deposited in the organization bank account.

ARTICLE XI – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- Section 1. The rules contained in the current editions of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any other rules the Association may adopt. This same parliamentary authority shall be adopted throughout the organization.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

- Section 1. Amendments may be proposed by the Membership Assembly, the Board of Directors, and the By-Laws Committee or by petition signed by at least five (5) Association members.
- Section 2. Requirement for adoption of amendments shall be: (a) a 2/3 vote of those present and

voting in any duly organized meeting of the membership, provided that any amendment proposed for consideration has been made available to the membership at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting or (b) an 85% vote of those present and voting in a biennial meeting, provided noted is give in one meeting of the Association and consideration and voting take place in a subsequent meeting of the Association.

Section 3. For the purpose of these By-Laws, the term Biennial Meeting and Convention are considered synonymous.

President -

STANDING RULES
OF
THE 307TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV) ASSOCIATION, INC.
THE LONG RANGERS

1. All standing Committees shall be in effect for two years.
2. All members will be furnished a current copy of the By-Laws.
3. The updating and reprinting of the By-Laws shall be considered every five (5) years.
4. A copy of the biennial meeting (convention) minutes shall be furnished each member within ninth (90) days after closing of the meeting.
5. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall be empowered to defray essential expenses not included in the Budget, up to \$500.00.
6. The President, without prior approval of the board of Directors, may expend for emergency or contingency actions an amount not to exceed \$100.00. After the fact ratification by the Board of Directors will be accomplished at the earliest possible date.
7. A copy of all official correspondence not originated by the Secretary will be furnished to the Secretary, for the Association files, at the earliest possible date.
8. Prior to the close of the biennial meeting (convention) a period of time shall, if feasible, be devoted to evaluating the convention.

The above Standing Rules were adopted as a substitute for the previous Rules of the Association.