

USS SKAGIT AKA-105 Association
By-Laws

Article I

Organization

1.

The name of the organization is USS Skagit Association AKA 105. It is acceptable to informally refer to the organization as USS Skagit Association.

2.

The USS Skagit Association is a non-profit 'Veterans' Association, chartered in the state of _____.

3.

In the event of final dissolution or liquidation of this Association, and after the discharge of all of its liabilities, the remaining assets of the association, including all its funds, shall be given to an exempt organization, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. This recipient organization to be designated by the majority vote of all the members present at the final meeting.

Article II

Membership

1.

Membership qualifications in this Association will be as described in the Constitution.

An application for membership shall be submitted in writing and addressed to the Association.

2.

Spouses and/or member's immediate family can also become members in the event of the death of the member.

Article III

Fees, Dues, & Other Funding

1.

The membership fees (if any) shall be subject to approval by a majority vote at the reunion business meeting.

2.

Changes (if any) in the amount of dues will be subject to the approval by majority vote of the members present at a reunion meeting.

3.

Any other requirements for additional funding will be addressed during reunion business meetings and will be subject to a majority vote by all the members present if contributions by members are involved. If funds are to be generated by a project undertaken by the Association, then approval of the funding requirement will be with approval of the project by the current Commander & Treasurer.

Article IV

Meetings & Reunions

1.

The Association will meet in a reunion once each year. A reunion business meeting will be conducted to provide for election of officers, approval of changes in the bylaws, establish the site of the next reunion by the Reunion Coordinator, and to transact such business as may be brought before the Association. Notice of all reunions shall be mailed and/or emailed by the Yeoman.

2.

Approval of business brought before the Association will be by majority vote of those members present at the business meeting.

3.

Members exercising their voting privilege at a reunion of the Association in person, shall constitute a quorum capable of transacting all business properly brought before the meeting.

Article V

Elections

1.

Election of Association officers shall be held at reunion meetings unless otherwise required. The term shall be for three (3) years. Officers may be re-elected up to five (5) consecutive terms.

2.

The Association's officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the reunion business meeting. A Quorum shall exist when a majority of those members in attendance at the reunion plus at least one of the current Commander, Executive Officer, Yeoman/Secretary, Treasurer, or Reunion Coordinator are present.

Article VI

Officers

1.

Officers of the Association shall consist of those described in the Constitution.

2.

Any vacancies of officers occurring during their term of office shall be filled by the President. This interim appointment shall be valid until the next business meeting where elections are held.

3.

The Commander may appoint special committees or positions as deemed necessary for the best interest of the Association, and the Reunion Coordinator may appoint committees associated with reunion activities.

4.

All officers shall serve without compensation.

Article VII

Duties of Officers & Committees

1.

The officers shall perform such duties as are customarily performed by officers of similar associations as guided by "Robert's Rules of Order".

2.

Committees shall make such investigations and commitments as the Commander shall direct.

3.

The Yeoman/Secretary shall report the minutes of the last reunion business meeting in the first available "Newsletter" following the reunion business meeting.

4.

The Treasurer shall report the financial status of the last reunion business meeting in the first available "Newsletter" following the reunion business meeting.

5.

Disbursements of the Association funds will be for normal administration requirements - those expenses associated with publishing the "Newsletter"; those expenses associated with preparing for and conducting the reunion; and for other such expenses as may be incurred: i.e. phone calls, stamps, expense of publishing the newsletter, etc.

6.

The Treasurer shall make a financial statement at each reunion business meeting.

Article VIII

Changes to By-Laws

1.

These by-laws for the administration of the Association will be approved by a majority vote of the members present at the reunion business meeting.

2.

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or changed; or a new by-law adopted by majority vote of the members present at the reunion business meeting.

3.

Changes to the by-laws must be submitted to the Yeoman/Secretary at least 3 months prior to the reunion business meeting so that they may be properly researched, and brought forward at the reunion business meeting.

Article IX

Parliamentary Authority

1.

The rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable. The Yeoman/Secretary shall have custody of such volume.

Article X

Publications

1.

As necessary, in order to maintain an informed membership, the Association will periodically publish a "Newsletter", and if necessary, a special flyer. Telephone, fax, letter, post card, or e-mail, or website may be used to communicate to the membership.

The USS SKAGIT AKA-105 Association

Formed _____

These by-laws were approved and adopted October 5, 2012, Albuquerque, NM

