DFW Tailhookers Association By-Laws

Article I: NAME

The name of the Association shall be "DFW Tailhookers Association" (hereinafter referred to as the "Association").

Article II: MISSION STATEMENT

The Association was formed and filed on September 20, 2018 as a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation with the Texas Secretary of State, file number 803122085.

The Association is an organization of veterans fo the Armed Forces of the US, specifically veterans of Navy or Marine Corps Aviation Squadrons. The organization will support philanthropic organizations in the Dallas Fort Worth area that support or educate individuals about Navy or Marine Corps aviation. This includes support of aviation museums that maintain and display Navy or Marine Corps aircraft.

Sponsor social events of Navy and Marine Corps aviation fellowship where the history and future of Navy or Marine Corps aviation is discussed.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association is open to all former officers or enlisted persons who, at any time, served a tour of duty in a Navy or Marine Aviation Squadron. This includes former aircrew members, as well as past maintainers, ordinance and admin personnel.

Associate Membership is open to any American citizen who has a sincere interest in Naval and/or Marine Corps Aviation. A person desiring Associate Membership must be recommended by a current member and approved by the Board of Directors. (Amendment Aug 1, 2021)

Article IV: OFFICERS

The elected and appointed Officers are responsible for the daily management and execution of Association affairs and activities, in compliance with Association by-laws.

Officers in charge of daily operations and financial matters of Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Officers in charge of specific functions of Association shall consist of a Director of Marketing, Director of Programs, Director of Communications and Historian.

Director of Marketing will be responsible for Association membership, corporate sponsorships and fund raising drives.

Director of Programs will be responsible for guest speakers, videos or entertainment at events and meetings of the Association.

Director of Communications will be responsible for monitoring the DFW Tailhookers Gmail account, disseminating information for the President, VP, Secretary, Directors of Programs and Marketing and Historian using email marketing software and updating website. (Amendment Nov 30, 2023)

Elections by members will be held in the last meeting of the current calendar year to serve for the following calendar. The Officers term will run from 1 January through 31 December. If an Officer resigns during the calendar year, a replacement will be made by the President. There is no limit to the number terms a member serves as a specific Office.

Article V: DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors will consist three members of which at least one is a Navy and one is a Marine Veteran. The Directors term will be indefinite until he/she resigns at which time a special election will be held for a new Director.

Article VI: COMMITTEES

From time to time, necessity will require appointment of committees for special purposes and limited objectives. These committees shall be appointed by the President from volunteers among the membership-at-large and composed of numbers as necessary to give due consideration to the matter at hand.

Article VII: MEETINGS

Social events of Navy and Marine Corps aviation fellowship where the history and future of Navy or Marine Corps aviation is discussed will be held at least once a quarter.

Article VIII: FUNDING

In recognition of the fact that the Association will require some funding for administrative matters, social events and other incidental business, funds will be obtained from member and corporate donors.

Article VIII: FISCAL YEAR

The Association operates on a calendar year fiscal basis, from 1 January through 31 December.

Article IX: MISCELLANEOUS

No part of the Association's funding shall inure to the benefit of private individuals who hold any interest in the undertakings of the Association.

The Association will not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, or political affiliation.

In the event of dissolution of the Association, its cash and other assets remaining at such time shall be donated to Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL.

Article X: AMENDMENTS

The power to amend or repeal any of these By-laws and the power to adopt any new By-laws shall be vested in the Officers and Directors. Any amendment proposed by a member must be submitted in writing to the Secretary for consideration. The Secretary shall consider the proposed amendment and then refer it with recommendations to the Officers and Directors.