



Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Teams Association

Constitution

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AMENDMENT LOG

AMENDMENT NO.	DATE OF AMENDMENT	DATE CHANGE ENTERED	AUTHORIZED BY Board of Directors
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PREAMBLE

Whereas a meeting was called and took place on January 14, 2003 at the Leatherneck club of the Marine Corps League, Las Vegas Detachment, Las Vegas, Nevada for the purpose of planning the establishment of an organization of Marine Corps Interrogator-Translators;

And Whereas a group of seven former members of the Interrogator Translator Teams of the Regular and Reserve components of the United States Marine Corps did, at this meeting, lay the foundation for a fraternal organization of Marine Corps Interrogator-Translators;

Thereby an organization of Marine Corps interrogator-translators was founded in order to associate Marine Interrogators from the inception of the Interrogator Translator Teams to its cessation as a separate specialty within the Marine Corps intelligence occupational field, and to record its history.

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

- 1.01 The **Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Teams Association** shall be the name of the organization, hereinafter referred to as “The Association”, with its headquarters being adaptable to meet the needs of the Association as elected officials may be dispersed throughout the United States. Where necessary, when referring to the Association, the acronym “MCITTA” may be used. Caution must be taken to avoid confusion with other organizations of similar intent.
- 1.02 **Symbol:** The Association emblem shall consist of the letters “ITT” to signify Interrogator Translator Teams superimposing a generic Marine Corps Eagle, Globe, and Anchor on a forest green shield on a white background; an outer ring of scarlet shall bear the title “Marine corps Interrogator Translator Teams Association” intersected by a single star. An outer ring to consist of a gold-colored, braided rope shall complete the symbol.
- 1.03 **Motto:** The Association motto shall be *INFORMATIS – VERITAS – VICTORIA* to represent the purpose and intent of interrogation of prisoners of war: to seek information, truth, and victory.
- 1.04 The Association logo may be varied to include a banner at the base, enclosing the aforementioned motto, no other modifications being authorized.
- 1.05 – 1.99 Not allocated.

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE

- 2.01 The Association is established to foster fraternalism among all Marines who have been designated as Marine Interrogators, Interpreter / Translators, or Linguistic Officers to promote the traditions of camaraderie and *esprit de corps*; and to foster the unity and mutual support of all who served in the Interrogator Translator Teams of the United States Marine Corps.
- 2.02 The Association shall be democratic, nonsectarian, and not affiliated with or connected directly or indirectly to any political party or organization.
- 2.03 The Association shall remain apart from any direct influence or management by any Department of Defense agency; however, MCITTA will cooperate with other organizations who hold similar intent and purpose.
- 2.04 The Association shall hold in trust to research, record, and catalogue the history of the Interrogator Translator Teams of the Marine Corps, and to place this completed work in a suitable repository where it shall be accessible to future generations as part of Marine Corps history.

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- 2.05 The Association shall memorialize annually those Marine Interrogators who died in the service of their Corps and Country so their loss shall not be in vain nor they be forgotten.
- 2.06 The Association shall provide a forum in which to assemble for social intercourse to be called The Gathering.
- 2.07 The Association shall provide vehicles, to wit “The Spot Report” ,E-Bulletin and a website for communication of matters of mutual interest and other lawful purposes.
- 2.08 – 2.99 Not allocated

ARTICLE 3 – THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 3.01 The Board of Directors herein also referred to as “The Board” shall administer and govern the Association.
- 3.02 The Board shall be comprised of designated elected Association officers and one Members at Large.
- 3.03 **Elected MCITTA Officers:** The elected officers of the Association shall be designated with titles commensurate with a corporate structure.
 - 3.03.1 **Chairman of the Board** – The Chairman shall act as the presiding officer on all matters for the Association. The Chairman shall act as Chief Executive Officer and/or President of the organization with all authority usually afforded such a position.
 - 3.03.2 **Assistant Chairman of the Board** – The Assistant Chairman shall act as the Chief Operating Officer and/or Vice President of the Organization with all authority and responsibility for such a position. The Assistant will act for the Chairman in his absence.
 - 3.03.3 **Financial Officer** – The Financial Officer of the organization shall perform duties of the Treasurer as outlined in the Association Bylaws.
 - 3.03.4 **Executive Administrative Officer**—The Executive Admin Officer shall be the secretary and administrative coordinator for the Association and Chairman of the Board directly.
 - 3.03.5 **Member At Large** - The Board shall include one Member At Large member selected by those members present at the annual General Assembly by show of hands. The Member At Large shall act as the voice of the membership in all matters requiring executive decision.
- 3.04 **Appointed and Service Officers:** To maintain continuity and consistency of operation, the following Association officers shall be appointed at the discretion of the Board for a period of five years and may be extended if warranted. The Board reserves the right to remove or change these appointees at any time. Any appointees may resign at their own discretion.
 - 3.04.1 **Historian:** This appointee shall be so designated as Association Historian and will conduct research and recording of the Interrogator Translator Teams’ history. The Historian will work with the Historical Committee in this endeavor and at the discretion of the Chairman. The term of office shall be at the discretion of the Chairman and desire of the office holder.
 - 3.04.2 **Association Chaplain** – The Association Chaplain shall act as spiritual counsel for The Association and render Memorial Services and other services at the Gatherings. He shall also be responsible for ensuring that MCITTA contact is made with the surviving family of any deceased Participating Member.
 - 3.04.3 **Association website Coordinator** – The website Coordinator maintains The Association website and controls the flow of information published therein.
 - 3.04.4 **Association Gear Locker Manager** – The *Gear Locker* Manager will coordinate all MCITTA sanctioned material for sale to the membership.

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- 3.04.5 **Agent for Service of Process** – The ASP is a Registered Member designated to accept service of process in the unlikely event the MCITTA is sued. The person appointed as agent must be a resident of the State of California with a bona fide California residence and mailing address. This appointment is necessary pursuant to the California Corporations Code.
- 3.05 Should any officer position become vacant during the designated term, the Chairman or next in line may appoint any registered Regular member to fill such position on an *Interim* basis until such time the elected officer is able to serve or until the next sanctioned election may be held, whichever is sooner.
- 3.06 – 3.99 Not allocated

ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERSHIP – Definition And Eligibility

- 4.01 **Policy:** The MCITTA shall not discriminate in terms of membership eligibility based on race, gender, nationality of origin, ethnicity, religion, or creed.
- 4.02 **Eligibility:** All Marines, Regular and Reserve component, Retired, and Veteran Marines honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, who have held the MOS 0250 (Officer) or 0251 (Enlisted) and have served in any Interrogator Translator team may be considered members of the Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Teams Association.
- 4.03 The following persons may be considered eligible for membership:
- 4.03.1 All serving or former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, who were designated as Marine Interrogators and held either of the aforementioned MOSs; *or*
- 4.03.2 Marines currently serving or having formerly and honorably served in the regular or reserve components of the United States Marine Corps, who have held and interrogator Military Occupational specialty (MOS) designator issued by competent authority in accordance with Marine Corps directives in effect at the time of their service, and have honorably served in the capacity of an Interrogator, Prisoner of war; *or*
- 4.03.3 Such other persons as may be recommended by The Membership committee and approved unanimously by the Board such as Marines serving in an Interrogator billet, with an ITT or composite ITT with a secondary MOS of 8611, Interrogator / Translator prior to the Marine Corps beginning the 0251 MOS field.
- 4.04 **Participating Membership:** there shall be three types of Participating Membership in the Association – Regular, Associate, and Honorary:
- 4.04.1 **Regular Member**
- 4.04.1.1 All persons who meet the Requirements of eligibility under paragraph 4.02 above shall be granted Regular Participating Membership on presentation of authenticity of having held the requisite MOS and served in a Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Team.
- 4.04.1.2 Authenticity shall be provided by copy of a DD214 or substantiated by written recommendation from an existing member of the MCITTA.
- 4.04.1.3 A Regular Member shall receive from the Association a membership card suitably inscribed to acknowledge membership when and if such card is promulgated.
- 4.04.2 **Associate Member**

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- 4.04.2.1 A person who is not entitled to become a member of the Association under Articles 4.02 and 4.03 above, may apply for associate Membership. Decisions on associate membership applications shall be made by the Membership Committee
 - 4.04.2.2 A spouse of a Regular Member of the **MCITTA** is granted Associate membership without portfolio.
 - 4.04.2.3 Spouses of deceased Marine Interrogators who have met the conditions outlined in the Requirements of eligibility under paragraph 4.02 above may be granted Associate membership upon approval by the Membership committee.
 - 4.04.2.4 Sons and daughters of deceased Marine Interrogators who have met the conditions prescribed in the Requirements of eligibility under paragraph 4.02, or who could have met those conditions in the case of the Marines who have been Killed in action, or died prior to the formation of the **MCITTA**, may be granted Associate membership upon approval by the Membership Committee.
 - 4.04.2.5 Upon approval and recommendation of the Membership committee, Associate Member status may be granted to individuals who document interrogation experience from war eras prior to the formation of the Interrogator Translator Teams.
 - 4.04.2.6 Marines who served in the Interpreter Teams in the Vietnam War (MOS 8611 enlisted, or 0270 Officer) and can substantiate actual interrogator experience as an interpreter may be eligible for associate Membership upon recommendation by the Membership Committee and approval of The Board.
 - 4.04.2.7 An Associate Member shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as a Regular Member but shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the General Assembly or to stand for election to the Board.
 - 4.04.2.8 An associate Member shall receive from the Association a membership card suitably inscribed to acknowledge membership if such card is promulgated.
- 4.04.3 **Honorary Member**
- 4.04.3.1 Any individual regular Member may nominate noteworthy persons to the Membership committee for Honorary Membership. A person who holds or is eligible to hold regular membership cannot be an honorary member.
 - 4.04.3.2 An Honorary Member shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as a Regular Member but shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the General Assembly or to stand for election to the Board.
 - 4.04.3.3 An Honorary Member shall receive from the Association a scroll and membership card suitably inscribed to acknowledge membership if such card is promulgated.
 - 4.04.3.4 Nomination for Honorary Membership shall be considered a high honor and reserved only for persons who have rendered exceptional and noteworthy service to the **MCITTA**. Such persons should be respected and recognized as possessing high moral character and have demonstrated noteworthy leadership and value to the community. Such nominations shall not be presented frivolously and will only be granted upon careful consideration by the Membership committee with extensive review and unanimous vote of The Board.
- 4.05 **Membership Registry:** Membership registration will be established following the Inaugural gathering to provide a database to identify those Marine Interrogators who wish to be identified as Participating Members and to assist locating ITT friends; to provide background for recording the history of ITT; and to provide for ease of distribution of the Association newsletter and other communiqués necessary when conducting the business of the Association.
- 4.05.1 Membership registration from individuals shall be supported by:

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- 4.05.1.1 Completion of the Membership Registration form (available on MCITTA website);
 - 4.05.1.2 A brief biographical sketch;
 - 4.05.1.3 A brief outline of the individual's current or previous association or interest in the Interrogator Translator Teams;
 - 4.05.1.4 A signed statement attesting having held one of the requisite MOSs and/or documented proof (i.e., copy of DD214) of having held the 0250/0251 MOS.
- 4.06 **Term:** Participating regular Membership shall be permanent. The Membership committee may recommend to The Board that membership of any Regular Member be revoked at any time for good and just reason. The Board shall make the final determination to revoke membership of any individual. Such determination shall only take effect upon careful review of all pertinent information for cause and unanimous vote by The Board.
- 4.06.1 A regular Member whose membership has been terminated for cause may appeal to be heard at the General assembly for reinstatement. A reinstatement must carry a unanimous vote of the assembled membership.
 - 4.06.2 Associate membership shall be granted for life. The Membership committee may recommend to The Board to revoke the title of Associate Member at any time for cause. Such determination shall only take effect upon careful review of all pertinent information for good and just reason and unanimous vote by The Board. A recommendation for revocation of Associate membership does not carry a right to appeal.
- 4.07 – 4.99 Not allocated

ARTICLE 5 – MEETINGS

- 5.01 **The Gathering:** a reunion of the members of the **MCITTA**, hereafter referred to as “The Gathering”, shall be held annually at a designated location that has been approved by the membership for the purpose of camaraderie, fraternity, and good fellowship.
- 5.01 **The General Assembly:** During the Gathering, at least four hours must be allocated, with no conflicting activities, to conduct the Association General Assembly.

ARTICLE 6 – AMENDMENTS

- 6.01 Amendments to the Bylaws may be enacted to amplify the Constitution or to define the rules of operation of the Association.
- 6.02 The Board, in consultation with appropriate counsel, may recommend amendments to this Constitution as may be necessary to remain current with accepted rules and procedures, and to ensure the rights of the membership.
- 6.03 The general membership may submit proposed amendments to these proceedings in writing to the **MCITTA Executive Administrative Officer**
- 6.04 All proposals for amendment to this Constitution shall be referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for review and appropriate comment with recommendation as deemed necessary.
- 6.05 At the sole discretion of The Board, proposed amendments may be circulated to the membership at large along with a referendum ballot.

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- 6.05.1 When such procedure is followed, a simple majority vote of the Regular Participating Membership at the Gathering General Assembly shall be required for the proposal to be adopted into the Constitution. This action will constitute ratification of same.
- 6.05.2 The Board may implement a new Bylaw or modify or change an existing Bylaw by unanimous vote, without referendum of the membership at large.
- 6.05.3 It shall be considered prudent to pass all proposals for amendment to the Bylaws for review by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, but this shall not be mandated.

6.06 – 6.99 Not allocated.

ARTICLE 7 – CORPORATION

- 7.01 The Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Teams Association is incorporated in the State of California as a nonprofit, war veteran organization.
- 7.02 The Internal Revenue Service has approved the Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Teams Association as a tax-exempt, war veteran organization under Section 501 (c) (19) of the Internal Revenue code.
- 7.03 The elected officers shall act as the Corporate Board of Directors using the following titles:

Chairman of the Board	<i>in lieu of</i>	Chief Executive Officer (President)
Assistant Chairman of the Board	<i>in lieu of</i>	Chief Operating Officer (Vice President)
Financial Officer	<i>in lieu of</i>	Chief Financial Officer (Financial Secretary)
Executive Administrative Officer	<i>in lieu of</i>	Team Chief (secretary)
Member at Large	<i>in lieu of</i>	Member

ARTICLE 8 – RATIFICATION

- 8.01 The original Constitution and Bylaws, drafted by Timothy J. Corrigan, was ratified by the original seven founding members on March 17, 2003, the official date of incorporation of the **MCITTA** and filed with the Secretary of State for the State of California:

JAMES E. HASKINS, Interim team Commander	HARRY J. TODD, JR., Founding Member
HOWARD YOUNG, Interim 1 st Sub Team Cdr	JAMES W. RIEMER, Founding Member
TIMOTHY J. CORRIGAN, Interim 2 nd Sub Team Cdr	MICHAEL T. BIANCHINO, Founding Member
MITCHELL P. PARADIS, Appointed Team chief	

- 8.02 **Signatories** – This revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Teams Association was ratified at the 3rd Annual Gathering in Halifax, Nova Scotia on June 30, 2005 by quorum vote of the general membership and the current electorate of officers.

HARRY J. TODD, JR., Team Commander

HOWARD YOUNG, 1st Sub-Team Commander DOUGLAS M. BROWER, 3rd Sub-Team commander

HOWARD KAHN, 2nd Sub-Team Commander MITCHELL P. PARADIS, Team Chief