



] ***PREAMBLE***

In order to distinguish the contributions made by formally trained Marine Interrogators, the Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Teams Association was formed in January 2003 at Las Vegas, Nevada as a fraternity of Marines who wish to preserve their unique roots and bond. *MCITTA* is not allied with any outside agency, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy and neither endorses nor opposes any causes other than as prescribed in the following:

CHARTER

WHEREAS, The Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Teams Association was founded upon principles which will endure today and tomorrow and will serve all who belong to the MCITTA, including:

- A solemn commitment to embolden the bonds and camaraderie among Marines who share the inimitable experience of interrogating enemy prisoners of war while upholding human principles under the harsh conditions of war.
- A solemn loyalty to our brother Marine Interrogators, the United States Marine Corps and the United States of America.
- A solemn remembrance of those brother Marine Interrogators who gave their lives so that our Nation may be forever free.

AND WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States Marine Corps, these Core Values have endured:

HONOR

*—The quality that guides Marines to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior—
Above All Else, Above Self. To abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; to respect human dignity; to
have respect and concern for each other*

COURAGE

*—The inner strength that enables a Marine to take the extra step in the face of insurmountable odds—
The Essence of Marines is to do what is right; to adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct*

COMMITMENT

*—The value that establishes a Marine as the warrior and citizen others strive to emulate—
To God, Country and Corps.*

AND WHEREAS, it is the recognized duty of each member the one to the other, to perpetuate the Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Teams Association, its principles, and the Core Values of the United States Marine Corps;

WE THEREFORE, do pledge and ordain the following as the our tenets:

LOYALTY

That we shall remain firm and constant in our support to the United States of America, the United States Marine Corps and to our colleagues in the Marine Interrogator Translator Teams Association.

SYMBOLS

That the flag of our Nation shall always be held sacred, to preserve it as our symbol worthy of the sacrifice of our fellow Marines.

That our *Association Crest* shall consist of a blazon shield vert, fimbriated Or and letters "ITT" Or surmounting a generic Marine Corps Eagle, Globe and Anchor Or in chief upon a circle Argent. The coat of arms in full color Gules edged on the outside with gold rope and bearing the inscription "Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Teams Association" Or intersected with a single mullet one point up. Symbolism: Scarlet and gold are the colors traditionally associated with the U.S. Marine Corps, while red is emblematic of valor and sacrifice. The blazon shield is representative of the tactical markings used on vehicles and equipment by the ITT's during the Vietnam era, while the color green is evocative of the traditional color of the Marine uniform. The single star intersecting the inscription shines *in memoriam* of our fallen brother interrogators.

That our *Association Motto* **INFORMATIS ★ VERITAS ★ VICTORIA** shall represent the purpose of interrogation of prisoners of war: to seek information, truth, and victory.

That the Association crest may be varied to include a scroll Or doubled Gules inscribed with the Association motto, no other modifications being authorized.

POSTERITY

That the Association strives to achieve a recorded history of the Interrogator Translator Teams since their inception in the Marine Corps.

That this researched, written and recorded history be made available to the Alfred M. Gray Research Library at the Marine Corps University in Quantico, Virginia to endure in the archives for succeeding generations to appreciate and understand the value of Marine Interrogators and their contributions to the history of the United States Marine Corps.

That the members of the Association assemble at a designated place each year for the purpose of camaraderie and social fraternity. This assemblage shall be called *The Annual Gathering* and will include a dining event as the high point and culmination to the affair.

That the Association be considered a "Last Man Standing" organization, there no longer being Interrogator Translator Teams in the Marine Corps, and future Marines are not trained principally as Interrogator (Prisoner of War) which will earn the primary Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 0250 (Officer) or 0251 (Enlisted).

That the Last Man be appropriately honored each year at the Annual Gathering. These honors shall include a ceremony befitting the occasion with the pageant of an appropriate symbol of this observance.

REMEMBRANCE

That those Marine Interrogators who died in the service of their Corps and Country will always be appropriately remembered. We will remember them.

That a Memorial Service will be set at each Annual Gathering to render to them appropriate honors.

That their loss shall not be in vain and we shall maintain our unity of purpose to ensure that our Nation and Corps remain strong and worthy of their sacrifice.

That we shall remember those of our Association who continue to fulfill life's final requisite.

PURPOSE and OBJECTS

The MCITTA has taken as its principal campaign to be the organization to coalesce 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 record its history. The MCITTA sanctions the following purpose and objects:

- To constitute an association of Marine Interrogators; of those persons who have served or are serving in the Marine Corps Interrogator Translator Teams; persons who support the purposes and objects of the MCITTA, which Association shall be democratic, nonsectarian and not affiliated with or connected directly or indirectly to any political party or organization.
- To remain apart from any direct influence or management by any outside agency.
- To cooperate with other organizations who hold similar intent and purpose.
- To foster the unity and mutual support of all who served in the Interrogator Translator Teams.
- To further the *esprit de corps* and the close and kindly ties of the United States Marine Corps.
- To always celebrate our fellow Marines and the *ethos* of *Semper Fidelis*.
- To preserve the memory and deeds of Marine Interrogators who have fallen in combat and the members of MCITTA who shall pass away as time continues the march— to the Last Man.

