**Rodeo Team Bylaws**

**Article I**

**Name, Purpose and Objectives**

**Name**: The name of the organization shall be: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose**: The purpose of the rodeo team is to promote the sport of military rodeo and participate in military rodeos representing our units, commands, and service branches. We will accomplish this in a manner that is consistent with the high standards set by our military service and commitment to representing our services and the sport of rodeo to the best of our ability.

**Objectives**: The objectives of the Club are as follows:

a) Develop a team with an active and involved membership that is concerned with the sport of rodeo and all its participants regardless of sex, race, or socio-economic status.

b) Promote inter-service competition and Esprit de corps among our members and our units.

c) Aid and support the Military Rodeo Cowboys Association in the areas of rodeo promotion and publicity.

.**Status**: If the team desires to be a non-profit organization, this paragraph will need to be added and modified to fit the requirements for 501 (c)(3) status.

{*This organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes. The making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations, under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these By-Laws, the club shall carry out activities permitted by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future unites States Internal Revenue Law.}*

**Article II**

**Membership**

1. There shall be one class of membership in the team. Team members will be constituted from: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and may include service veterans to fill all the roles on the team.

2. There shall not be a membership fee.

3. All members in good standing shall be entitled to vote and to participate on the rodeo team.

**Article III**

**Officers**

1. All Officers must be members in good standing.

2. Elected Officers of the rodeo team shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. Other officers may be added as the team sees fit. These elected officials shall constitute an Executive Board for the team.

Election:

The Officers shall be elected by a majority of the voting membership present at the annual business meeting.

Nominations:

Candidates may be nominated from the floor at the annual business meeting.

Terms of Office:

A term is one calendar year, January 1st through December 31st . An individual may not serve in the same elective capacity for more than four consecutive terms.

Vacancy:

The President, with the approval of the Executive Board shall appoint any officer vacancy, other than the Presidency. A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining board members at their first meeting after the vacancy occurs.

Authority:

The Executive Board shall be responsible to act on behalf of the Club in the management of the business affairs of the team, except for matters decided by a vote in the general membership meetings.

**Article IV**

**Duties of the Officers**

President:

a) Preside at all meetings

b) Responsible for developing and coordinating all projects and programs undertaken by the

rodeo team

c) Serve as ex-officio member of all committees

d) Serve as primary spokesperson for the rodeo team and be responsible for all rodeo team entries

Vice–President:

a) Shall preside in the absence of the President

b) Perform duties as required by the President

Recording Secretary:

a) Shall keep the minutes of the rodeo team meetings and a current membership roster

b) Shall notify members of monthly meetings and any changes in meeting dates/or

times

c) Other duties assigned by the President

Treasurer:

a) Shall maintain a complete set of books of account in accordance with generally accepted

accounting principles and practice

b) Shall make disbursements from the teams encumbered funds and the general fund

c) Shall pay expenses approved by the Board

d) Shall receive and deposit moneys of the rodeo team in a team checking account

e) The Treasurer and President will sign checks on the rodeo team bank account

f) Shall report the amount of money available in the general fund and encumbered funds at

each monthly Membership meeting

**Article V**

**Meetings**

Annual Business Meetings: The annual business meeting of the club shall be held at the January general membership meeting unless otherwise specified by the Executive Board.

General Membership Meetings: General Membership Meetings shall be held\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Voting: All members who are in good standing for the current year may vote.

Quorum: A quorum for the transaction of business at the annual business meeting and general

membership meetings shall be ten percent (10%) of the current membership. A quorum for Executive Board meetings shall be (3) three members.

Robert’s Rules of Order: Robert’s Rules of Order, the latest edition, shall be recognized as the authoritygoverning the meetings of the Club, its Executive Board, and its committees.

**Article VI**

**Budget and Finance**

All monies received by the rodeo team for any purpose shall be deposited to the credit of the team in a financial institution or institutions selected by resolution of the Executive Board.

Funds should be turned in to the Treasurer no more than (3) three days after it is collected and counted and the proper paperwork filled out and signed.

**Article VII**

**Amendments**

Amendments to the By-Laws are to be submitted in writing at a regular Executive Board meeting prior to the annual business meeting. Notice of the amendments shall be publicized by direct mail or email to the membership at least two weeks prior to the annual business meeting.

Amendments may be adopted at the annual business meeting by a 2/3 majority of those members voting, a quorum being present.

**Article VIII**

**Code of Conduct**

All members of the rodeo team shall conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect favorably on their military service branch, unit, command, and the Military Rodeo Cowboys Association (MRCA). Any member in violation of civil/criminal law, the UCMJ or rules of the MRCA will not be allowed to enter rodeos until the team President has determined that all violations have been remedied and the member reinstated to good standing.

**Article XI**

**Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the rodeo team, any assets shall liquidated and funds be distributed to the Military Rodeo Cowboys Association to further the mission of providing rodeo competitions for the veteran community.