ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY
PACIFIC REGION

PACIFIC REGION BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I. Title

This organization shall be known as the Pacific Region of the Association of the United States Army.

ARTICLE II. Aims and Objectives; Principal Functions

Section 1. The aims and objectives of the Pacific Region of the Association of the United States Army shall be wholly educational, literary, and scientific, fostering esprit de corps, dissemination of professional knowledge, and the promotion of the efficiency of the Army components of the Armed Forces and our country; and by Regional action to further the aims and objectives of the Association.

Section 2. The principal functions of the Region are to promote increased membership and participation within existing Chapters; to coordinate activities of the State Presidents; to organize and assist in the development of new Chapters within the Region area, subject to coordination with the respective State President and any Chapters affected and approved by National Headquarters; to foster good public relations and educational programs within the Region area; and to assist Chapters in establishing and implementing meaningful programs.

Section 3. With respect to Chapters existing within the Regional area, Pacific Region's function is one of facilitation, coordination, and assistance. Chapters will keep their State/Region Presidents informed of correspondence/issues they address to the Association's National Headquarters.

Section 4. With respect to Members at Large within the Regional area, Pacific Region's function is primarily one of facilitating their assignment to existing Chapters and/or the formation of new Chapters to serve them.

ARTICLE III. Regional Area

The regional area of the Pacific Region of the Association of the United States Army shall include the states of Alaska and Hawaii, and the overseas Chapters of Japan and Korea.

ARTICLE IV. Membership Eligibility
The regular membership of the Pacific Region shall consist of all duly organized Chapters, now or in the future, existing within the Region area as specified in Article III hereof.

ARTICLE V. Officers and Committees

Section 1. Composition and Eligibility. The officers of the Pacific Region of the Association of the United States Army shall at a minimum consist of a President, Executive Vice President, a President of each State within the Region area, a Secretary, and a Treasurer (which can be combined), Young Professional, and the Chapter Presidents (as ex officio members). The President, with the advice and counsel of the Executive Committee, may establish additional temporary or standing Officer positions, as the need arises, and modify the duties of such positions, without the necessity of amending these By-Laws.

All members of AUSA in this Region shall be eligible to hold Region office positions; provided, however, that no person may serve concurrently as a Chapter and Region President. Appointments of Chapter and State Presidents shall be coordinated in advance with National Headquarters.

Section 2. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, State Presidents, Young Professional, and the Immediate Past Region President; and other past Region Presidents ex officio without vote. This Committee shall have the power to act for the Region in situations requiring decisions before the next scheduled Region general meeting. The President shall act as Chair of the Executive Committee. A majority of all members of the Committee (less ex officio members) shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Elective and Appointed Officers. The President shall be elected. Other Executive Committee positions shall be appointed by the President with the advice and counsel of the Executive Committee and endorsement by National Headquarters.

Section 4. Status and Powers. The Executive Committee shall be the governing body of the Pacific Region. The Committee shall govern in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association of the United States Army and these By-Laws; in the event of conflict, the By-Laws of the Association shall take precedence.

Section 5. Terms of Office. Officers shall serve as follows: The Region President shall serve a term of two years coincident with the Association's operating year and may succeed himself or herself for not to exceed one additional term (unless approved by National Headquarters). State Presidents shall serve a term of one year coincident with the Association's operating year, and their appointments may be renewed for additional consecutive terms as approved by the Region President. State Presidents and other appointed officers will serve at the request of the President. Should the President for any reason be unable to continue in office, the Executive Vice President shall serve as Acting President until a special election can be held as specified hereinafter in Article VI, Elections.

Section 6. Duties of Officers.

President: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Region and shall preside at Region Meetings. The President shall execute his or her functions with the aid of and in consideration of the advice of the Executive Committee.
Executive Vice President: The Executive Vice President shall act for the President in all matters in his or her absence and perform such other functions as may be delegated to him or her by the President.

State Presidents: State Presidents shall assist the President in the management and supervision of Region Affairs within their respective States. Each State President may also serve as the Chairman of a standing or special committee as set forth hereinafter. In coordination with Chapter Presidents, each State President shall work to develop close working relationships with the Army's stakeholders in his or her state, including but not limited to business and community leaders, government officials at all levels and their staffs, news media, Army organizations of all components including recruiters and civil service agencies, and veteran service organizations. State Presidents shall assist in organizing new Chapters within their States and recommend inactivation or consolidation of Chapters, as may appear appropriate. As such, they should attend as many Chapter and Region activities as they can. They should be consulted by Chapter, Regional, and National leaders on all matters pertaining to chapter operations within their geographic areas, particularly membership growth, the formation of new chapters, and the revitalization of chapters at risk. They must establish rapport and supportive relationships with the State Adjutant General, senior Regular Army, National Guard and Army Reserve commanders, Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army, the State Committee on Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, US Army Reserve Ambassadors, local staffs of the U.S. Senators and Representatives, and representatives to the state legislatures within the state. They are the key link to understanding Garrison requirements for Chapters to operate on Army Installations.

Secretary: The Secretary shall be the chief administrative officer of the Region and shall be responsible for recording the minutes of Region Meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall maintain a complete and current record of Region matters and correspondence, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President and Executive Committee. As necessary, it is the responsibility of the Region Secretary to timely file these reports with National Headquarters.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Region and shall be responsible for the receipt safeguarding, disbursement of, and accounting for all Regional funds as duly authorized by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer is empowered to expend moneys for routine Region operations, and for all other purposes which may be authorized from time to time by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer will request and receive authorized funds from National Headquarters and will submit to the Treasurer at National Headquarters, financial reports on forms supplied by National Headquarters covering a calendar year. Date of submission will be as indicated by the National Treasurer. Such reports require the countersignature of the President, prior to formal submission. The Region President may combine the duties of Secretary and Treasurer and appoint one individual to perform both duties.

Young Professional: The individual filling this position will advise and assist the Region President on: the best practices to recruit and retain young professionals into the local Chapters; assist with developing programs for communicating with the young professional population and encourage them to be an active member with Chapter. He/she should ensure YPs at the Chapter level have a genuine interest in furthering AUSA's involvement with young professionals. They will recommend how best to harness the capabilities and skills of the young professionals for causes benefiting other groups (e.g. Soldiers, Family Members, Wounded Warriors, Veterans, Soldier for Life, etc.). He/she will represent the Region at the Region/Annual Meetings and participate with AUSA National in telecom/conferences as requested.
Section 7. Standing and Special Committees. The President may appoint standing and/or special committees to assist in carrying out the affairs of the Region. Examples of such committees include:

- Membership Development
- Membership Retention
- New Chapters
- ROTC
- Army Recruiting
- Reserve Components
- Retiree and Veterans Affairs
- Public Information
- Program
- By-Laws
- Awards
- Young Professionals

Section 8. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall exercise general control and management of the affairs of the Region as set forth in Article II of these By-Laws.

The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair, or by the Chair, at the request of three members of the Committee, and shall meet at least twice each operating year to conduct such Region business as may come before it. Meetings may be conducted by electronic means. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings.

ARTICLE VI. Election and Voting Procedures

Section 1. Elective Officers. The President shall be elected at the Region's Annual Spring Meeting by Delegates, as defined in Section 4 of this Article VI, infra.

Section 2. Nominations.

a. At least sixty (60) days prior to any election, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of one representative, not an officer of the Region and not a candidate for office, from each Chapter, designated by such Chapter, in accordance with its Chapter By-Laws. The President shall further appoint from among the Committee's members a Chair pro tempore, who shall serve until the Committee shall have elected a permanent Chair. Failure of any Chapter to designate a member to the Nominating Committee shall not invalidate any proceedings of said Committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its deliberations via electronic means. The Nominating Committee shall consider any recommendations which it may receive for candidates for the Presidency, and shall recommend one or more candidates for that office. The report of the Nominating Committee shall take precedence over other business of the Meeting as necessary for timely conclusion of the election.

b. After the report of the Nominating Committee, any Delegate may make a nomination from the floor. When the nominations are closed, the election will be held as hereinafter set forth.

Section 3. Voting Rights. Voting on Region affairs submitted to the membership, including but not limited to elections, shall be by Chapters through Delegates with each Chapter having one (1) vote and each State President having one (1) vote. Proxy votes will be neither allowed nor counted.

Section 4. Delegates. Each Chapter may seat one Delegate and one alternate Delegate. The Delegate, or in his/her absence the alternate Delegate, shall cast the vote for the Chapter. Each State shall be represented by its State President without alternate.

Section 5. Voting Procedures. Elections shall be conducted by secret written ballot, provided, however, that should there be only one candidate for office, a voice vote may be employed at the discretion of the Chair. Voting on other matters shall be conducted in accordance with the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
Section 6. Appointment/Removal Procedures. Removal of appointed region officers, if necessary shall be at the discretion of the Region President.

ARTICLE VII. Meetings

Section 1. Annual Region Meeting. The Annual Region Meeting of this Region shall be held during the spring of each year at a site to be determined by the Executive Committee. The time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be announced to the membership by letter or electronic means through Chapters at least thirty (30) days prior to the date thereof. The agenda for the Annual Meeting shall include inter alia elections; reports by Officers, committees, and Chapters; and other business as determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Fall Region Meeting. An additional Region meeting shall be conducted each Fall as an adjunct to the Annual Meeting of the Association in Washington DC. The agenda for this meeting shall be as determined by the Executive Committee. As this meeting has a standing time and place, notice to the membership shall not be required, unless a special election is called or a proposal to amend these By-Laws is to be presented.

Section 3. Quorum. At all meetings the Delegates present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided that timely notice of the meeting has been given as heretofore prescribed.

Section 4. Parliamentary Procedure. The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, as interpreted by the presiding officer in his or her sole discretion, shall govern all proceedings.

ARTICLE VIII. General

Section 1. Administration. Routine Chapter administrative and financial business will be conducted directly with National Headquarters, with Region playing a facilitative role if so requested by Chapter Presidents. Recurring Chapter reports rendered to National Headquarters do not require prior coordination.

Section 2. State Organizations. State Presidents may appoint volunteer staffs within their respective States to assist them in performing their duties/missions.

Section 3. On-Post Operations. Pacific Region Headquarters is an "Off-Post Organization" as defined in Army Regulation 210-22, Private Organizations on Department of the Army Installations. "On-Post (on-base, on-station, etc) Operations" are not contemplated. Chapter operations falling under the definition of "On Post" must be in full compliance with AR 210-22 and/or parallel regulations of sister services, and any local implementing regulations, as applicable, including official post approval as prescribed. Chapters will include appropriate compliance provisions in their By-Laws. Such provisions will necessarily differ from Chapter to Chapter, depending upon their individual operations.

ARTICLE IX. Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any Region Meeting, by a two-thirds majority of those Delegates present and voting, provided, that such amendments do not conflict with the National By-Laws of the Association, and further provided, that such amendments must be approved by or for the Association's Council of Trustees prior to taking effect.
ARTICLE X. Dissolution

In the event that this Region shall cease to exist for any reason, all assets remaining after all obligations have been met shall be transferred to National Headquarters.

These revised By-Laws duly adopted by the Pacific Region, Association of the United States this 1st day of Dec, 2018 by an e-mail vote of the Chapters and States within the Pacific Region.

ARTICLE XI. Financial Controls

The Region derives its legal existence from the charter for the Association of the U.S. Army, incorporated in the District of Columbia on 5 July 1950, and operating as an educational organization exempt from Federal income taxation under the terms of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Financial administration will be conducted in accordance with written procedures approved by the Board of Directors to ensure compliance with AUSA National guidance and AR 210-22. Neither the Federal Government nor any Department of Defense Installation/Garrison will have any liability for the Region’s actions or debts.

Public and Association Professional liability insurance coverage for the Region and its officers is provided by AUSA National for permitted activities of the chapters. The Region will not incur debts beyond its financial capacity to make payments when due. The Region will ensure that all required Federal, State and jurisdictional laws are met. Region members will not be held liable for debts of, or claims against, the Region.

The Region will reimburse the US Army for utility expenses, unless use is incidental.

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