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of the
TUCSON-GOYETTE CHAPTER
ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

ARTICLE 1. TITLE

This organization, chartered under the authority of the Association of the United States Army shall be known as the Tucson-Goyette Chapter; of the Association of the United States Army.

ARTICLE II. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Tucson-Goyette Chapter of the Association of the United States Army shall be wholly educational, literary, scientific, fostering esprit de corps, dissemination of professional knowledge, and the promotion of efficiency of the Army components of the Armed Forces of our country; and by local actions to further the aims and objectives of the Association of the United States Army.

The Chapter will neither propagate extremist activities nor advocate violence against others or the violent overthrow of the Government.

ARTICLE III. CHAPTER AREA

The regional area encompassed by the Tucson-Goyette Chapter of the Association of the United States Army shall include the Arizona Counties of Pima and Santa Cruz.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Eligibility and Classes. Membership in the Tucson-Goyette Chapter of the Association of the United States Army shall be *open* to all those persons who subscribe to Article II of these By-Laws and reside in or with place of business in the regional area as designated in Article III above. Persons who subscribe to Article II and reside out of the regional area are encouraged to be a member of their local Chapter but may be a member of the Tucson-Goyette Chapter if desired. Memberships shall include Individual (Life and Family), Community Partner and National Partner Memberships. The Chapter may institute honorary memberships which will not be carried as such on the National Rolls. National Partner members will be accepted as members. Community Partner members will be affiliated with the Chapter and their individual member designees will be enrolled as Chapter members unless requested otherwise. The Chapter activities will not seek to deprive individuals of their civil rights.

SECTION 2. Terms of Membership. Membership in the Tucson-Goyette Chapter may remain in force so long as the member maintains current status by payment of dues; conduct does not bring discredit on the Chapter, the Association or the U. S. Army; and meets such additional requirements of the Tucson-Goyette Chapter as may be established by the officers and members of the Tucson-Goyette Chapter and approved by the parent organization.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Composition and Eligibility. The officers of the Tucson-Goyette Chapter of the Association of the United States Army shall consist of a President, the Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Members of the Regular Military Service or National Guard or Reserve personnel on extended active duty may not hold office except as Secretary or Treasurer unless they have cleared it with their ethics advisor.

SECTION 2. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Chairman of the Board of Directors if a Board is established and the immediate past President. The Committee shall have the power to act in the Chapter's name in situations requiring decision before the next regularly scheduled general membership meeting and will generally meet monthly at the call of the President.

SECTION 3. Status and Powers. The officers enumerated above shall be the governing body of the Tucson-Goyette Chapter. They shall govern in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association of the United States Army and the By-Laws of the Tucson-Goyette Chapter.

SECTION 4. Board of Directors. The establishment of a Board of Directors is at the discretion of the Executive Committee. If a Board of Directors is established, it shall be composed of up to twelve (12) Directors, the Chairman to be appointed by the President.

SECTION 5. Term of Office. The elected president shall serve for a period of two (2) years and shall be eligible for re-election for one additional period of two (2) years. Directors shall serve for a period of three (3) years. The Executive Committee may authorize an extension of the president's term of office until a new president is nominated and elected.

SECTION 6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office, except for the office of President, occurring as a result of death, resignation, or otherwise, maybe be filled by the Executive Committee for the unexpired portion of such term. The vacancy of the Presidency will be filled by the First Vice President until a special election can be held.

SECTION 7. Nominations and Elections.

Nominations. The Chapter Secretary, on behalf of the Executive Committee, will notify all members of the requirement to elect officers at least 60 days prior to the election. Members must notify the Secretary of a nomination no later than 30 days prior to the election so that all members are notified about the nominations at least 20 days before the election. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at membership meeting elections.

The Chapter President will be elected by the membership biennially. Elections will normally be held in April unless a special election is required to fill the President's position. A general membership vote by email or vote in person at a general membership meeting is permitted. Email votes using the provided ballot will be sent during the specified voting period to the Secretary at the following email address: Tucson-Goyette@AUSA.org. At a general membership meeting, elections are by voice vote unless a motion to hold a ballot is made prior to

the election. The President, with concurrence of the Executive Committee, will appoint the remaining officers of the Chapter.

The officers elected will begin their term of office on July 1 of the year in which the election is held.

SECTION 8. Duties of Officers.

President. The President shall be the principal executive and presides at the general meetings and at meetings of the Executive Committee, appoints non-elected officers and chairmen to include the Secretary and Treasurer with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, and insures a sound organization and effective overall Chapter program.

First Vice President. The First Vice President assists the President, presides in the President's absence. In the event the President is no longer able to serve, assumes the duties of the President until a special election can be held.

Second Vice President. The Second Vice President assists the President, presides in the absence of the President and the First Vice President.

Secretary. The Secretary is responsible for the flow of communications of the Chapter, and is responsible for the following:

- (1) Maintaining the Chapter records.
- (2) Attending and keeping the minutes of all meetings.
- (3) Handling and routing all Chapter correspondence.
- (4) Reporting Chapter elections to National within seven days in the manner prescribed.
- (5) Reporting Chapter meetings, activities and projects to National within fifteen days in the manner prescribed.
- (6) Insuring officers, committees and members are kept informed on all-important matters
- (7) Any other duties as deemed appropriate by the President.

Treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for:

- (1) Receipt, disbursement and safeguarding of funds belonging to the Chapter.
- (2) Maintenance of the necessary accounting records.
- (3) Preparation and submission to the National Treasurer financial reports on forms supplied by National covering the Operating Year from July 1 to June 30. Dates of submission will be as indicated by the National Treasurer.
- (4) Arrangement for a records audit if required.
- (5) Maintenance of relations with banks and other financial institutions with whom the Chapter conducts business.
- (6) Advises the Executive Committee on all financial matters and submits periodic financial reports.
- (7) Assists in the preparation of budgets.

ARTICLE VI. FINANCIAL CONTROLS

The Chapter 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 procedures outlined in the Chapter Operations Manual and supplemented by procedures approved by the Chapter's Executive Committee to ensure compliance with AUSA National guidance and AR 210-22.

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

The Chapter will reimburse the U.S. Army for utility expenses, unless use is incidental.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Generally, a minimum of three general membership meetings are held each year.

SECTION 2. Executive Committee Meetings. Meetings shall be held monthly as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee except for the month July.

SECTION 3. Quorum. Ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at a Chapter meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any Chapter business meeting by a majority of the quorum present and voting, provided advance notice of fifteen days or more of such proposed amendment has been given to the membership, and provided further that such amendment must be approved by the National organization.

ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION

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

These By-laws adopted by the Chapter membership on November 7, 2019.

Don Spiece

11/7/2019

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Date

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