

AIR FORCES ESCAPE & EVASION SOCIETY

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be "Air Forces Escape & Evasion Society." It may also be referred to in these by-laws as AFEES.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVE

Section I. The Air Forces Escape & Evasion Society is a non-profit Section 501 C 19 Veteran's organization. Its objective is to maintain and continue the close relationships of its members and their related Helpers around the world who aided AFEES members to escape capture while within hostile territory; and to educate others regarding the role of AFEES, its members and Helpers.

AFEES shall remain financially and administratively independent.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Membership in AFEES shall consist of escape and evader members, family members, affiliated members and honorary members.

A. Escapee and evader members are dues-paying, present or former military personnel who meet the definition of escapee or evader which is defined as follows: One who parachuted or landed in enemy territory and escaped or evaded capture before returning to Allied forces. A vote by an escapee or evader member shall count twice that of a family or affiliated member.

B. Family members are dues-paying, family members of escapees or evaders.

C. Friend members are dues-paying persons who, by association or interests, are eligible for membership. Applications for friend membership may be submitted to the Board of Directors through the Membership & Corresponding Secretary. Friend membership shall not exceed ten percent of the total membership.

D. Honorary members are: (1) Helpers; (2) widows of escapees or evaders; and (3) other persons selected by the Board of Directors in recognition for their extraordinary service to AFEES. Honorary members shall pay no dues and shall not vote.

Section II. Dues. There shall be regular dues to be determined annually by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section I. The officers of AFEES shall be: President, Vice President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Membership & Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Recording Secretary and two or more Directors. These officers shall comprise the Board of Directors (BOD).

A. The responsibilities of the Board of Directors shall be as set forth in incorporation law and the Roberts Rules of Order.

B. The President shall preside at AFEES meetings; shall appoint standing and special committees as are deemed necessary to carry out the work of the AFEES and shall be ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the nominating committee.

C. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the President's absence or inability to serve and shall execute such other duties as assigned by the President.

D. The Executive Vice President shall have responsibility for planning and implementation of the annual reunion and general business meeting.

E. The Membership & Corresponding Secretary shall have the responsibility for maintaining a current membership list and corresponding with members.

F. The Newsletter Editor shall have responsibility for maintaining communication with the membership via newsletters or other means as deemed appropriate.

G. The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings, the annual general membership meeting and other meetings at which the Recording Secretary is in attendance.

H. The Treasurer shall conduct the financial affairs of AFEES, submit a full financial report at the annual membership meeting, submit interim reports to the Board of Directors as requested and perform such other duties as requested by the President.

I. Directors shall have responsibility for other AFEES tasks as deemed appropriate.

J. A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section I. The nominating committee shall consist of at least three Board of Directors members.

Section II. The nominating committee shall nominate a candidate for each position eligible to be filled at the annual general business meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor but no nomination may be considered without prior consent of the nominee.

Section III. The election of the Board of Directors shall be held during the annual general business meeting by a majority vote of members.

Section IV. The Board of Directors will assume their elected offices immediately following the annual reunion.

Section V. The Board of Directors may make appointments to fill vacancies for the period of time remaining until the next annual general business meeting.

ARTICLE VI

ANNUAL REUNION AND GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Section I. AFEES shall hold an annual reunion and general business meeting, the time and place to be announced by the Board of Directors at the close of the preceding general membership business meeting.

Section II. Proposed agenda items for the Board of Directors meeting should, if at all possible, be made known to the President at least a month before the meeting.

Section III. The voting body of the general membership business meeting shall be limited to members in good standing.

ARTICLE VII INDEMNIFICATION

Section I. AFEES shall indemnify and hold harmless all AFEES officers and appointees from and against all obligations, liabilities and expenses arising from and in the course of the performance of their assigned duties.

Section II. The Treasurer may be bonded by a reputable bonding company.

ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION

Section I. A motion to dissolve the AFEES shall only be placed on the agenda of the annual general membership business meeting by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Dissolution shall then require a two-thirds majority vote of members in good standing, present and voting, constituting a quorum.

Section II. In the event of dissolution, any AFEES assets remaining after all obligations are resolved shall be contributed to a worthy national organization associated with the U.S. military.

ARTICLE IX PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Roberts Rules of Order shall be the official reference for the disposition of any procedural questions that may arise at an AFEES function.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

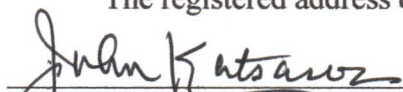
These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of AFEES in good standing, present and voting at the annual general business meeting, or by resolution and majority vote of the Board of Directors.

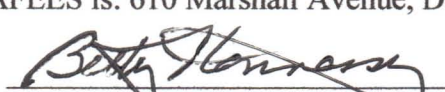
ARTICLE XI RECORDS

AFEES shall maintain books and records of all meetings and finances for a period of at least seven years. Personal information of individual members shall not be released outside the membership without the express permission of the member.

ARTICLE XII ADDRESS

The registered address of AFEES is: 610 Marshall Avenue, Dallas TX 75211.


John Katsaros, President


Betty Hennessy, Secretary

May 12, 2012
Date