

5 INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The Association's name is 5 Infantry Battalion Association

2. THE PURPOSES OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE:-

The purpose and function of this Association is to,

- a. Advise and refer members to the appropriate organisation who can deal with members concerns.
- b. Organise the Annual 5 Infantry Battalion deceased members Mass.
- c. Promote and organise social occasions for Association members.

3. CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES

In order to carry out the purposes, the Committee has the power to: -

- a. Raise funds, receive grants and donations
- b. Do anything else within the law and this Constitution which is necessary to achieve the purposes outlined in Para 2.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership of the Association shall be open to all who have served in the 5 Infantry Battalion (personnel who were on long term attachment to the 5 Infantry Battalion may be allowed to join the Association solely at the discretion of the Committee whose decision shall be binding and final.) provided that on becoming members they agree to be bound by the Rules, Regulations and Standing Orders of the Association currently in force, and any rules and regulations which may be adopted from time to time by the Association.
Every member who served in the 5 Infantry Battalion who on completion of an application form, which shall include his own signature shall be deemed to be a member under these Rules, provided his application has been approved by the sitting committee at the time of receipt of application.
The Association will not discriminate in membership on the basis of Conduct on Discharge, race, colour, sex, origin, or religion.
- b. The Committee may expel anyone from the Association, provided it is in the best interest of the Association to do so, and they are given the right, in writing, to be heard by the Committee before the decision is made. They may be accompanied by a friend.
- c. Membership dues or fees will be assessed and moneys will be collected by the Treasurer.
- d. Association funds held in accounts shall not be subject to or used to incur any debts, liabilities, or claims against it in favour of any member.
- e. Members who are expelled from the Association or potential members whom membership has been refused by the sitting committee shall have the right to appeal in writing to the AGM but shall not be entitled to attend such AGM. The decision of the AGM shall be forwarded in writing to the appellant within 14 days of the AGM

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member of the Association ceases to be a member in the following instances:

- a. On becoming deceased.
- b. On receipt by the Secretary a letter of resignation from the member.
- c. In the event of a members subscription becoming 20 week overdue (If applicable).
- d. On been expelled from the Association.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGM

- a. The AGM will be held every year, with 14 days notice given to all members setting out the agenda.
- b. Elections to the Committee will be held bi-annually.
- c. There must be a quorum present at the AGM. The Chairman will determine the quorum
- d. The Committee shall present the annual report of activities and accounts.
- e. Any member may put themselves forward for election as a Committee member at the AGM provided they have been proposed and seconded by two different members.
- f. Every member shall have one vote.
- g. Members shall elect between 3 and 7 members to the Committee. They will retire on expiry of their term of office and may stand for re-election.

6. COMMITTEE

- (1) The Committee shall hold at least 4 meetings each year. They will elect a chair, treasurer and secretary immediately after the AGM of their election.
- (2) At least 60% Committee members must be present at a committee meeting to be able to take decisions. Minutes shall be kept for every meeting.
- (3) The Committee must keep accounts which may be viewed by any fully paid up member on request.
- (4) During the year, the Committee may appoint extra members on to the Committee for a pacific purpose and duration.
- (5) The Committee may make reasonable additional rules for the proper conduct and management of the Association. These rules must not conflict with this constitution or the law and must be ratified at the next AGM

7. MONEY

- (1) Funds must be held in the Association's bank account. All cheques must be signed by at least 2 Committee members.
- (2) Funds cannot be used to pay any members except to refund legitimate expenses incurred on Association business on the basis of receipts presented.
- (3) Funds and property must only be used for the purposes of the Association.
- (4) In the event of dissolution of the Association any remaining funds will be distributed to another like- minded Association or charity (with similar or related objects).

8. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- (1) Special General Meetings may be called by the Committee for a particular reason. All members must be given 14 days notice and told what change is proposed.
- (2) To make changes to the Constitution, the Constitution may only be changed by a two thirds majority of members present and voting at a Special General Meeting called to make such changes.
- (3) To allow the members to decide on an important issue that may arise between AGM's.

- (4) The Association may be wound up by a two thirds majority of members present and voting at a Special General Meeting. Any money or property remaining after payment of debts shall be distributed as per Para 7 Sub Para 4

9. SETTING UP THE ASSOCIATION

This constitution was adopted on 13 January 2013 by the people whose signatures appear below and must be formally adopted at the first A.G.M.. They will be the Committee until the first AGM, which must be held within one year of this date.

Signed

Christopher Mahon

John Mullally

Patrick Brien

Joseph Hanly

Eamon Doyle

This Constitution was formally adopted at the Associations first Annual General Meeting held in McKee Barracks on 09 March 2013 by a unanimous vote having been proposed by Richard Condrón and Seconded by Michael Lawlor.