

# USS INGERSOLL DD652/DD990 VETERANS ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be "The USS Ingersoll DD 652/990 Veterans Association". Also known as "The Ingersoll Vets".

### ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of the Association shall to be two fold (1) provide an opportunity for fun and fellowship and (2) enhance and expand interest in the Association by locating former crewmembers and affording them the opportunity to join.

Section 2. The Association shall be conducted as a non-profit organization.

Section 3. The Association shall not be conducted or operated as an instrument for financial profit of individual members.

Section 4. The Association's name shall not be used by anyone (person, organization, or business) in any form of advertising without the written permission of the current Association President.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership is open with three qualifying categories (1) Individual, (2) Family, (3) Honorary.

Section 2. Individual Membership - is simply a general Association member and the base from which all dues are determined.

Section 3. Family membership - are available to encourage family participation. Family memberships are valued at one individual full fare with additional family members at a reduced rate. To qualify prospective members must be of the immediate family living in one household. Family membership entitles members spouse to full voting rights.

Section 4. Honorary membership-(1) shall be granted to widows of deceased Ingersoll veterans, (2) shall be granted to indigent Ingersoll veterans as long as funds are available. Honorary members shall be exempt from membership dues. Non-veterans honorary members have no voting privileges and are ineligible to hold an officer position.

### ARTICLE IV ASSOCIATION DUES

Section 1. For individual and family membership dues shall be determined by majority vote of the members present at the annual reunion business meeting. Fiscal year for the Association shall be January 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Section 2. Dues shall be payable at or before the Business Meeting, which is held at the annual Ships Company's Reunion. Dues shall be considered delinquent if not paid by the following Reunion. Members who are delinquent will not receive the newsletter until their dues are made current.

## ARTICLE V OFFICERS/EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Officers of the Association shall perform the duties prescribed by the by-laws, by the direction of the executive board and by Parliamentary authority from Roberts Rules of Order, (latest edition).

Section 2. Officers of the Association shall be President; Vice President; Secretary/Editor; Treasurer; Assistant Treasurer; Chaplain and Ships Store Manager. Officers are elected for a two year term.

- a. President - shall preside over all meetings of the Association and appoint chairpersons as necessary.
- b. Vice -President shall serve, perform duties of the President in the absence of that office
- c. Secretary /Editor — shall record and report minutes of the Association meetings, be custodian of all Association records, be responsible for all Association correspondence and maintain a correspondence file, keep the Association archives. He shall be responsible for publishing the newsletter at least once a quarter.
- d. Treasurer - shall keep an accurate record of all funds of the Association and prepare a financial report for the annual business meeting. He shall furnish the other Association officers with a quarterly financial report. He shall maintain a checking account and pay bills as required. He shall maintain the sailing list and provide an up to date copy to the Secretary/Editor as required. He shall coordinate his duties with the assistant Treasurer so he may be able to assume the responsibilities in case the Treasurer is unable to.
- e. Assistant Treasurer - Perform all duties as required by the Treasurer and be able to assume all duties of the Treasurer in case of emergency. This will include the ability to write checks as needed.
- f. Ship Store manager shall have the responsibility for inventory, stocking and operation of the ship store. He shall be responsible for the shipment of the ships store goods as required. He shall transmit all funds to the Treasurer as required. He shall provide an annual report to the Association members at the annual meeting.
- g. Chaplain - shall preside at memorial services, open/close scheduled events as directed by the President.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Small Stores Manager, and Reunion Chairman. The Executive board shall have duties described in the by-laws and shall have the authority to make certain decisions without consultation with the Association membership a minimum of three members of the Executive Board shall participate in decisions.

## ARTICLE VI DONATIONS

Section 1. Donations, other than monetary, that are in keeping with the Ingersoll Vets Association traditions are always welcome. However, due to storage and shipping/handling problems all donations must be cleared through the Association's Ships Store Manager.

## ARTICLE VII FINANCES

Section 1. An audit of the Association finances shall be conducted at least annually and/or whenever the President deems necessary.

Section 2. The audit team shall consist of a minimum of three persons, the President, the current reunion chairman, and one person, selected by the President and the reunion chairman, from the general membership.

Section 3. The audit shall be conducted at the annual reunion and shall be completed before the business meeting. The results of the audit shall be included in the Treasurer's annual report.

Section 4. The audit will also include the Ships Store Manager's annual report.

#### ARTICLE VIII ELECTIONS

Section 1. Election of officers shall be conducted annually at the annual business meeting.

Section 2. All active members are eligible for office.

Section 3. All officers elected or re-elected must be present.

Section 4. Candidates shall be declared elected to a given office upon receiving a majority of votes cast by those members present. In the event no member attains the required majority vote, the President shall call for a run -off between candidates who have tied and received the most votes.

Section 5. The office of the President, Secretary/ Editor, Assistant Treasurer and Ship Store Manager to be elected in years ending in odd numbers. The office of Vice President, Treasurer and Chaplin to be elected in years ending in even numbers.

#### ARTICLE IX GUESTS

Section 1. Guest may be invited to attend functions and activities of the Association if accompanied by an Ingersoll Veterans Association Member.

#### ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The constitution and by-laws may be amended at any annual meeting by two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided a reason for and an explanation of the amendment is presented to the membership, prior to a vote being taken.

#### ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION

Section 1. The USS INGERSOLL DD652/DD990 VETERANS ASSOCIATION may be dissolved at any time by consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of its active members. Upon dissolution, all debts shall be paid and any remaining funds and assets shall be given to a charitable organization selected by the Executive Board.

Date by-laws adopted

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President