

MG ADOLPHUS W. GREELY CHAPTER SIGNAL CORPS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The MG Adolphus W. Greely Chapter of the Signal Corps Regimental Association was organized in November, 1988 as the first local Chapter of the Signal Corps Regimental Association. The Fort Gordon – Augusta Chapter is organized as a private association In Accordance With AR 210-22, all associated changes and supplements.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the MG Adolphus W. Greely Chapter of the Signal Corps Regimental Association; hereafter referred to as the “Chapter.”

Section 2. This Chapter shall be a patriotic, educational, scientific, nonpolitical and nonprofit making organization of American citizens, Allied personnel and industrial organizations who desire to support our purpose.

Section 3. The purpose of the Chapter is to provide an opportunity for interested individuals to aid in preserving for posterity the proud heritage of the United States Army Signal Corps Regiment. The Chapter will work closely with the National Office of the Signal Corps Regimental Association and the Fort Gordon – Augusta Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association to publicize and reinforce the goals of the Signal Corps Regiment and thus insure that the lessons of history and the proud traditions of the Signal Corps Regiment are not forgotten by future generations.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Chapter will be on a voluntary basis and will be consistent with the regulation as stipulated in paragraph 2-3, AR 210-22.

Section 2. Membership will not be restricted on the basis of sex, age, religion, race, color, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, or handicap. In no way will the activities of the Chapter deprive individuals of their civil rights.

Section 3. Membership in the Chapter shall be open to industrial organizations and to individuals interested in furthering the objectives of the Chapter. Full membership shall be available to United States citizens and to citizens of nations living and/or stationed in the Fort Gordon – Augusta area.

Section 4. The classes of membership and the fees will be as prescribed in the National Signal Corps Regimental Association Constitution and Bylaws. All members may vote, hold office or serve on committees.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS AND GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. The government of the Chapter shall be vested in its Officers and Board of Directors. The Officers shall be appointed at the Inaugural meeting with all subsequent selections to take place at the annual July meeting. There shall be no voting by proxy. Officers shall serve a term of one year or until their successors have been duly elected by majority vote. Incumbent Officers or directors are not limited in the number of terms which they may serve. The officers shall be a President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Programs, Vice President for Public Affairs and Awards, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Programs, Vice President for Public Affairs and Awards, Treasurer, Secretary and seven persons selected by the President. A quorum shall be constituted when four of the seven elected Officers are present.

Section 3. The Officers and Board of Directors shall have the power to fill vacancies in the Offices of the Chapter and of the Board. The Officers and Board of Directors shall be empowered to carry out the day to day business of the chapter and to insure that the purposes and goals of the Chapter are accomplished. Members present at a duly organized board meeting may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Officers to leave less than a quorum. The Officers and Board of Directors shall have the power to ratify or not ratify any recommendations made by any member and to appoint Chairpersons for projects that support the goals of the Chapter. Records of Board meetings shall be submitted to the appropriate offices.

ARTICLE IV

ACTIVITIES

Section 1. This Chapter shall hold an annual meeting in July at a time and place to be designated by the Officers and Board of Directors. The purpose of this meeting shall be the election of the Officers and the presentation of awards.

Section 2. Throughout the year, other meetings of this Chapter shall be held at a time and place so designated by the Officers and Board of Directors. These meetings will be devoted to discussion of fraternal, historical and technical Signal Corps matters to include other subjects as may be deemed appropriate by the Officers and Board of Directors. These technical and social activities, in affiliation with the Fort Gordon Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association, are also appropriate to the purpose of the Chapter.

ARTICLE V

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. This Chapter shall incur no financial obligations that do not support the goals of the chapter. All expenditures require vote of the two-thirds approval of the Officers and the Board of Directors. All checks will be signed by the Treasurer and one other elected Officer. The fiscal year will coincide with the calendar year. If assets are not sufficient to cover liabilities or claims, the Chapter will provide a statement of liability that includes a provision ensuring that all State of Georgia and local jurisdictional laws are met.

Section 2. This Chapter operates and exists on Fort Gordon, Georgia with the consent of the Installation Commander. This consent is contingent on compliance with the requirements and conditions of all Army Regulations, specifically AR 210-22, with changes and supplements. The Chapter agrees to reimburse the Army for utility expenses, unless such use is deemed incidental in that the cost to collect such an expense is more than the cost of the utility.

Section 3. As a condition for membership, all members must read and understand this Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws. All members understand that they are personally liable if the assets of the Chapter are insufficient to discharge the liabilities of the Chapter.

Section 4. This Chapter is not an instrumentality of the United States Government. This Chapter will not compete with any non-appropriated fund instrumentality, MWR, or any other Government function using appropriated funds on the installation. This Chapter will not propagate extremist activities, advocate violence against others or pursue the overthrow of the government.

Section 5. Neither the Army nor any non-appropriated funds, as defined by AR 215-1, shall assert any claims to assets of the Chapter. Nor shall the Army or any non-

appropriated funds incur any obligation on behalf of, or assume any of the obligations or liabilities of the Chapter.

Section 6. The Chapter will maintain a private insurance policy in good standing to insure against liabilities or claims.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1. The Chapter Officers and the board of Directors shall normally meet once a month, but not less than once each quarter. Special meetings may be called by the President, or in his/her absence, the Executive Vice President, or by a majority of the Officers and Board of Directors provided, however, that forty-eight hours notice, to include purpose of the meeting is given to the Officers and Board of Directors.

Section 2. A quorum, as outlined in Article III, Section 2, must be present to conduct any Chapter business. Unless otherwise stated in this Constitution or the Bylaws, a majority vote shall prevail.

ARTICLE VII

AFFILIATION

This Chapter will affiliate with the local Fort Gordon – Augusta Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association. The terms of the affiliation will be specified in a Memorandum of Understanding to allow for the maintenance of separate Officers and membership rolls, financial accounts and wards. It will facilitate the conducting of joint activities such as meetings, symposiums, awards and other events deemed appropriate by both parties.

ARTICLE VIII

ADOPTION OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

This Constitution and Bylaws to carry out its provisions are adopted subject to a majority vote of the members present and with final approval by the Installation Commander or his/her designee.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENT

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member of the chapter providing such proposal is submitted in writing to the Chapter President two weeks prior to a meeting at which action on the proposed amendment is to be taken.

Section 2. Approval of amendments requires a majority vote of the Officers and Board of Directors present at a regular meeting and the approved amendments become effective immediately, subject to final approval by the Installation Commander or his/her designee. Amendments made to the National Signal Corps Regimental Association and Bylaws will be adopted automatically by the Chapter.

ARTICLE X

DISSOLUTION

This Chapter may dissolve voluntarily only upon the approval by ballot of not less than two-thirds of the membership in good standing, or by determination of the Installation Commander, or his/her designee. If the Chapter is dissolved, all funds in the treasury at the time of dissolution will be used to meet any outstanding debts, liabilities, or obligations. The balance of these assets will be disposed of as determined by a simple majority of the Officer and Board of Directors.

APPROVAL

Approved and effective this 21st day of November, 2007 by vote of the general membership and Board of Directors.

Chapter President

Chapter Secretary