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ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be The National Guard Association of Oklahoma, Inc., hereafter referred to as the/this Association.

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ARTICLE II PURPOSES AND POWERS

Section 1 – Purpose

The purpose of the Association shall be:

- (a) To promote and support adequate State and National security;
- (b) To foster and work to improve the National Guard of Oklahoma and the National Guard of the United States as a component of the total Armed Forces of the United States;
- (c) To promote a sense of comradeship and Esprit de Corps among all guardsmen and their families
- (d) To develop and present, to all citizens of Oklahoma, true information and knowledge about the Army and Air National Guard.

Section 2 – Powers

The Association shall have all powers necessary, incident, or appropriate to the furtherance of its purposes, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Receipts and collection of dues;
- (b) Acceptance of contributions;
- (c) Acquisition of property, both real and personal by purchase, gift, devise, bequests, or lease;
- (d) Investment and reinvestment of funds;
- (e) Execution, performance, or cancellation and rescission of contracts of every kind;
- (f) Sponsorship of a group insurance program for its members and associate members;
- (g) Granting of education scholarship to annual, life, and associate members of the Association, and/or their dependents.

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ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Classes

Classes of membership in the Association are:

- (a) Annual;
- (b) Life;
- (c) Retired Life;
- (d) Honorary;
- (e) Associate;
- (f) Corporate;
- (g) Family

Section 2 - Qualification and Requirements

Requirements for membership in the Association for the several classes are:

- (a) Annual: Any member or former member of the Oklahoma National Guard may become a member upon payment of the annual dues. Members who initially join the Association on or after 1 July are entitled to complimentary membership for the balance of that membership year, provided that dues for the new membership year starting 1 January are submitted with the application for membership.
- (b) Life: Upon application, payment of the prescribed dues and approval of the Board of Directors, a person who is qualified to be an annual member may be issued a life membership.
- (c) Retired Life:
 - 1) Any member, who leaves active Oklahoma National Guard service under honorable conditions, having twenty or more years of a military service, is qualified for a retired life membership.
 - 2) If a retired life member, under this provision, again enters active Guard service, this membership is void for the active period and annual dues for the member's grade must be paid. The retired life

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membership shall be reinstated, without further payment of dues, when the member again leaves active Guard service.

- (d) Honorary: The Board of Directors may, by majority vote, confer honorary membership upon military or civilians who have rendered outstanding service to the United States, Oklahoma, and the Army or Air National Guard
- (e) Associate: Members of the Oklahoma National Guard, who are not otherwise members of the Association, shall be automatically granted membership while enrolled in the National Guard Association of Oklahoma Group Life Insurance Program. Associate members are not entitled to vote or hold office.
- (f) Corporate: Any business or corporation may become a member of the National Guard Association of Oklahoma upon payment of annual dues as set and approved by the Board of Directors. Business and corporate members are not entitled vote or hold office but may attend State Conferences as guests or observers, The Board of Directors retain the right to disapprove business and corporate memberships which may be in conflict with the best interests of the Oklahoma National Guard.
- (g) Family: Any immediate family member of an Annual, Life or Retired Life member of the National Guard Association of Oklahoma. An immediate family member shall be defined as a Spouse, Domestic Partner, Parent or Child. Family memberships shall be capped at a maximum of ten percent of the sum of all Annual, Life and Retired memberships recorded during the previous membership year. Holders of the family memberships are not entitled to hold office, but shall be entitled to vote in the election of the Executive Board and on Constitution and By-Law changes.

Section 3 - Dues

(a) Annual. Annual Dues for membership in the Association are as follows

General Officers, Colonels,	\$25.00
Lieutenant Colonels, Majors	\$20.00
Chief Warrant Officers, Captains and Lieutenants	\$18.00
Enlisted E-7 to E-9	\$16.00
Enlisted E-1 through E-6	\$12.00
Retired	\$10.00
Family	\$10.00

(b) Life. Life membership dues in the Association are \$200.00 for officer and \$150.00 for enlisted memberships. Life membership dues are only applicable to the National Guard Association of Oklahoma.

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(c) Retired Life. Retired Life membership dues for officers or enlisted members are \$100.00.

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Section 4 - Membership Termination

The Board of Directors of the Association may, by 2/3 vote and the return of any current dues received, may;

- (a) Reject any application for membership; or
- (b) After extending to the member concerned a reasonable opportunity to present evidence in their behalf, terminate a membership.

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ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1 – Titles

The officers of the Association shall be:

- (a) President;
- (b) Vice-President for Army;
- (c) Vice-President for Air;
- (d) Executive Secretary, if the position is filled;
- (e) Treasurer;
- (f) Past President; and
- (g) ODVA Commissioner.

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ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There is a Board of Directors of the Association consisting of:

- (a) The elected officers of the Association;
- (b) One officer and one enlisted member representing each Army Guard major command organization of the Oklahoma National Guard;
- (c) One officer or enlisted either Army or Air member representing the JFHQ For purposes of this Article and Article VIII, Section 3 — Representation, JFHQ and the 189th Regiment are considered one major command organization;
- (d) One officer and one enlisted member representing each major Oklahoma Air National Guard installations;
- (e) One officer or enlisted retired member from the Oklahoma Army Guard;
- (f) One officer or enlisted retired member from the Oklahoma Air Guard.

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ARTICLE VI OFFICER AND ENLISTED COMMITTEE

There is an Officer Committee and Enlisted Committee composed of members of the Board of Directors. Each committee will consist of:

- (a) Chairman; and
- (b) The five officer only members or five enlisted only members of the Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE VII **COMMITTEES**

Section 1 - Standing Committees

The Standing Committees of the Association are:

- (a) Committee on Constitution and By-Laws;
- (b) Committee on Ways and Means;
- (c) Committee on Legislation;
- (d) Committee on Resolutions;
- (e) Committee on Public Relations;
- (f) Committee on General Conference;
- (g) Committee on Time and Place;
- (h) Committee on Credentials and Rules;
- (i) Committee on Company Grade Officers;
- (j) Committee on Junior Enlisted;
- (k) Committee on Family Relations.

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ARTICLE VIII CONFERENCES

Section 1 - General Conferences

A General Conference of the Association shall be convened annually, upon the call of the President.

Section 2 - Special Conferences

A Special Conference of the Association may be convened, upon the call of the President or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, when required.

Section 3 – Representation

- (a) Representation of the Association at a General Conference or Special Conference is by major organization/installation and retired caucus. For this purpose, the number of delegates apportioned to and accredited annually by each organization or installation shall be as follows:

(1) Major Organization/Installation

- (A) One delegate for each 10 members of the Association, or major fraction thereof, based on the official Association membership roster as of 2 weeks prior to the General Conference or meeting of Special Conference, and
- (B) For those Major Subordinate Commands comprised of more than one entity (JFHQ, Will Rogers and Tulsa), subordinate unit membership shall be considered when selecting delegates for the conference (based on the proportion of total membership of the Major Subordinate Command that is provided by that subordinate unit).

(2) Retired

- (A) Retired delegates will not represent more than 10% of the total retired membership.

- (b) A delegate must be:

- (1) an Annual member; or
- (2) a Life member; or
- (3) a Retired Life member.

The appointment of and selection of delegates and the format of major organization and major installation caucus is specified in the By-Laws.

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ARTICLE IX QUORUM

Section 1 - Number in Attendance

- (a) A quorum for the transaction of business at a General Conference or Special Conference of the Association shall be 50% of the delegates, as determined by the President;
- (b) A quorum for the transaction of business at a Board of Directors meeting shall be 50% of the elected Directors, as determined by the President.
- (c) In the event that more than 10% of Association members from an MSC/Wing are federally mobilized and stationed outside of the State of Oklahoma on the date of the General Conference, that MSC/Wing may be granted an allowance to count those members as present for the delegate count and the General Conference, with the following restrictions:
 - (1) The MSC/Wing must be unable to fill its delegate count with available non-deployed members;
 - (2) The number of non-deployed delegates present at the General Conference must exceed the ratio of non-deployed to deployed members from that MSC/Wing;
 - (3) If items (1) and (2) above are true, then the affected MSC/Wing will be authorized to count those deployed delegates as present and augment the votes of those delegates in attendance with the proxy votes of non-present delegates, not to exceed the total number of delegates authorized; and,
 - (4) The resulting proxy votes will be cast in the same ratio of the votes cast by attending delegates (i.e. MSC X has fifty percent of membership deployed out of county, is authorized 39 delegates, and has 30 delegates present. On the vote for President, 20 delegates voted for candidate "A" and 10 voted for candidate "B". The remaining nine proxy votes would be cast using the same ratio as the votes of those MSC delegates who were present (6 for candidate "A" and 3 for candidate "B")).

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ARTICLE X DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCES

Section 1 - Delegate Priority

Delegates to the annual National Conference shall be based upon the number authorized by the National Organization. Delegates to the National Conferences will be chosen in the following priority.

- (a) Officers of the Association;
- (b) Members of the Board of Directors;
- (c) Members of the Association, recommended by a person in a category listed above who cannot attend;
- (d) Members of the Association, appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors; or
- (e) Members of the Association who have been appointed members of National Standing Committees, National Conference Committees, or National Special Committees.

Section 2 - Final Selection

The final selection of delegates will be made by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, in close coordination with the Adjutant General of Oklahoma.

Section 3 - Compensation

The Board of Directors may compensate delegates, alternates, and other participants to the National Conference in an amount as they prescribe.

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ARTICLE XI WAR OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY

Section 1 - Invoking the Article

This Article may be invoked by majority of the Board of Directors in the event of:

- (a) War; or
- (b) National Emergency;
 - (1) Proclaimed by the President of the United States, or
 - (2) Declared by the Congress of the United States.

This Article, when invoked, shall take precedence over any conflicting provision of the By Laws of the Association.

Section 2 - Tenure and Filing Vacancies

On and after the date of invocation of this Article:

- (a) The tenure in office of each officer of the Association is, if so determined by majority vote of the Board of Directors, extended for the duration of war or national emergency and for six months thereafter or until the Board of Directors, by majority vote, determines that this Article shall no longer remain in effect.
- (b) In the event of a vacancy in the offices of President, Vice-Presidents or Treasurer, the Board of Directors shall elect to that office, by majority vote, a member of the Board of Directors.
- (c) The Board of Directors may suspend the operation of any provision of the By-Laws.

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ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - Two-Thirds Vote

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the assembled membership at (1) any Annual General Conference of the membership, or (2) any Special Meeting of the membership, called for that purpose by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors. No amendment to this Constitution shall be made unless notice of the full content of each proposed amendment shall be included within the Official Call at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which said amendment is to be considered. Nothing herein shall prevent a member of the Association from laying before the membership at any meeting, an amendment which thereafter must be considered at the next meeting of the membership

Section 2 - By Unanimous Vote

This Constitution may be amended at a General or Special Conference of the Association by a unanimous vote of the assembled members without prior notice provided the Constitution and By-Laws Committee has reviewed the proposed amendment(s) and made its recommendation to the Association.

Section 3 - Effective Date

Unless otherwise provided, an amendment to the Constitution shall be effective upon the adjournment sine die of the General or Special Conference that adopted it.

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APPENDIX A COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Position	Major Organization	Branch	Rank
* President	N / A	Either	O / E
*Vice-President	N / A	ARNG	O / E
*Vice-President	N / A	ANG	O / E
*Treasurer	N / A	Either	O / E
#Member	45 th IBCT	ARNG	O
#Member	45 th IBCT	ARNG	E
#Member	Troop Command	ARNG	O
#Member	Troop Command	ARNG	E
#Member	45 th FiB	ARNG	O
#Member	45 th FiB	ARNG	E
#Member	JFHQ	ARNG/ANG	O
#Member	JFHQ	ARNG/ANG	E
#Member	Will Rogers ANG	ANG	O
#Member	Will Rogers ANG	ANG	E
#Member	Tulsa ANG	ANG	O
#Member	Tulsa ANG	ANG	E
#Member	Retired	ARNG	O / E
#Member	Retired	ANG	O / E

*-As outlined by Article IV.

#-As outlined by Article V.