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Restated Constitution of The United States Marine Raider Association

Preamble

We, the members of the late United States Marine Battalions and Regiments, who served the United States of America from February 16, 1942 to February 1, 1944 in the defense of our Country, wish to form an organization to commemorate the memory of our fallen comrades and to continue the friendships formed in the course of our duty. We, therefore, after due consideration and having invoked the blessing of God, hereby ordain and establish the following constitution.

Article I

Section 1. The Association's name will be: "The United States Marine Raider Association".

Section 2. The United States Marine Raider Association shall have the power to grant charters for individual chapters, which shall be self-governing, but shall be bound by the Constitution of the Association. The Association shall have the power to generally supervise such individual chapters in order to insure their conformation with the Constitution of the Association. Applications for charters must be accompanied by a proposed chapter name, constitution and by-laws, and a list of initial members with all additions thereto, to be approved by the Association.

Section 3. The Association's headquarters will be located at the post office box or address currently determined by the Board of Directors, but within the State of California.

Article II

Section 1. The nature of the Association will be commemorative, historical, educational, fraternal and social in scope. It is our intent to encourage our blood relatives, legally adopted and non-adopted stepchildren and others to carry on our Association's benevolent and educational purposes after we Marine Raiders are deceased. We hope and trust that our Marine Raider history, museums and website will be maintained in perpetuity.

Section 2. The Association will be specifically restricted from engaging actively or passively in any type of political endeavor or support.

Section 3. The specific and continuing purpose of the Association in regard to the commemoration of our fallen comrades shall be in the form of a living memorial whereby it is hoped that the children of these men, wherever possible, will be benefited. However, it is not the

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intent of the Article to restrict the benefits, but rather to accomplish certain acts of benevolence that will perpetuate the ideals of American democracy for which these men sacrificed so much.

Article III

Section 1. Membership – Any person will be eligible to become a member of this Association who has served with any one of the four Marine Raider Battalions while they existed as Marine Raider Battalions, or in a Marine Raider Regiment, including those Battalions which were first known as the 1st and 2nd Separate Battalions until such time as the aforementioned units became known as the 4th Marine Regiment on February 1, 1944. Any blood relative or descendant of such persons and any Marine who completed Marine Raider Training prior to February 1, 1944 shall also be eligible for said membership. Any person who is historically interested in the Marine Raiders shall also be eligible for said membership.

Section 2. Membership Classifications – Active members will be members who are in good standing and whose dues are currently paid. These members shall have the right to vote on all issues and to participate in all elections. Inactive members will be members who have not paid their current dues, or, for other reasons, are not in good standing.

Section 3. Determination of Membership Classification – The classification of a member will be determined following the acceptance of the Constitution and the By-laws by the membership, and the publication of a date to be agreed upon by a duly appointed committee as the deadline for the payment of membership dues.

Article IV

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Directors which shall be comprised of the officers and directors of the Association.

Section 2. The duties of the Board of Directors will be to formulate and to carry out the policy of the Association between annual meetings as laid down by the membership at these meetings.

Article V

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be elected for a term of two years and shall be as follows: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Immediate Past President. Elected officers and directors shall assume their duties on January 1 of the year following the meeting at which they were elected.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association and said officers, except the President and Immediate Past President, shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

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Section 3. Appointments. All Committees for organizational functions shall be appointed by the President.

Article VI

Section 1. No appropriations of organizational money will be made without the signed authorization of the Treasurer and one other officer.

Section 2. All appropriation, with the exception of that money needed to conduct the regular business of the Association, shall first be recommended by the Board of Directors.

Article VII

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted to the Board of Directors to be presented at the annual membership meeting. Amendments shall be effective immediately upon conclusion of the membership meeting at which adopted, unless a different effective date is set forth in the amendment. Such amendment shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members present and voting.

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Article I Offices

Section 1. Principal Office – The principal office of this Corporation shall be determined by the Board of Directors, but shall be located within the State of California. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to change said principal office from one such location to another.

Section 2. Other Offices – Branch or subordinate offices may at any time be established by the Board of Directors at any place within the United States of America.

Article II Board of Directors

Section 1. Directors – There shall be a minimum of nine directors on the Board of Directors with a minimum of two directors from each Raider Battalion.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office – The directors who are not officers of the Association shall be elected at an annual meeting of Association Members and serve for a term of two years. All directors who are not officers may hold office for an indefinite period but may be terminated by the executive committee for non or unsatisfactory performance of their duties after two years. Newly elected directors shall assume their duties on January 1 of the year following the meeting at which they were first elected.

Section 3. Vacancies – A vacancy, or vacancies, on the Board of Directors shall be deemed to exist in the case of death, resignation or removal of any director, or if the authorized number of directors is increased, or if the members fail at any annual meeting of the members at which any director, or directors, are elected to elect the full authorized number of directors to be voted for at that meeting. In the case of any vacancies, association members, with their consent, may be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Place of Meeting – Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at any place designated by the executive committee.

Section 5. Organization Meeting – Following each annual meeting, at each annual reunion of members, the President shall call a regular meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of election of officers and transaction of other business.

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Section 6. Special Meetings – Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called at any time by the President, or if he is absent or unable or refuses to act, by the First Vice President, or by a majority of the directors. Notice of the time and place of a special meeting shall be mailed or telephoned to each director.

Section 7. Quorum – A majority of the authorized directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board of Directors. Provided, however, if such members are not physically present at such meeting, their consent thereto and their approval of any action may be evidenced by their signing a waiver of notice of such meeting and by signing the Minutes covering any such action taken in any meeting.

Section 8. Fees and Compensation – Unless expressly authorized by the Board of Directors, directors shall not receive any salary, fees or compensation for their services as directors. Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity as an officer, agent, employee, or otherwise and receiving compensation therefor.

Section 9. Indemnification of Directors and Officers – Each director and officer, whether or not then in office, shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all liabilities, cost, and expenses reasonably incurred by, or imposed upon him, in connection with, or arising out of any action, suit, or proceeding in which he may be involved or to which he may be made a party by reason of his being, or having been, a director or officer of the Corporation, such expenses to include the cost of reasonable settlements (other than accounts paid to the Corporation itself) made with a view to curtailment of cost of litigation. The Corporation shall not, however, indemnify such director or officer with respect to matters as to which he shall be finally adjudged in any action, suit or proceeding to have been derelict in the performance of his duty as such director or officer, nor in respect of any matter on which any settlement or compromise is effected, if the total expense, including the cost of such settlement, shall substantially exceed the expense which might reasonably be incurred by such director or officer in conducting such litigation to a final conclusion, and in no event shall anything herein contained be so construed as to authorize the Corporation to indemnify any such director or officer against any liability or expense or willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his office. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of other rights to which any director or officer may be entitled as a matter of law.

Section 10. Powers – All corporate powers shall be exercised by, or under the authority of, and the business of the Corporation, shall be controlled by the Board of Directors, subject to the limitation set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, the By-laws, and the law of the State of California.

First – To select and remove all agents and employees of the Corporation, prescribe such power and duties for them, establish their compensation and require from them security for faithful service, if desired.

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Second – To conduct, manage and control the affairs and business of the Corporation.

Third – To change the principal office for the transaction of the business of the Corporation, as provided for in Article I, Section 1; to designate any place for holding the annual reunions and members meetings; to adopt, make and use a Corporate Seal, and to prescribe the forms of and issue membership certification.

Fourth – To adopt a constitution for this Association which shall not be inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or the By-laws of this Corporation, and which shall be binding upon all individual Chapters which chapters shall be self-governing and to prescribe the manner and conditions upon which such charters shall be issued.

Section 11. Action Without a Meeting – An action required to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all the Directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof. Any such consent shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote.

Article III Officers

Section 1. Officers – The officers of this Corporation shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. One person, other than the President, may hold two offices.

Section 2. Election of President – The President shall be nominated and elected by the membership at an Annual Membership Meeting and serve for a term of two years. The President may not serve two consecutive terms, but may again be so nominated and elected.

Section 3. Subordinate Officers – The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint the officers, except the Immediate Past President, provided for in Article III, Section 1, each of whom shall hold office for two years. The succeeding President, with approval of the Board of Directors, may reappoint one or more of said officers. Newly elected officers shall assume their duties on January 1 of the year following the meeting at which they were first elected.

Section 4. Removal or Resignation – Any officer may be removed either with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members, or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors then in office, at any regular or special meeting of the members of the Board of Directors. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or the Secretary or the Board of Directors, and upon receipt of such notice the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective as of the date of receipt or as of the date specified in said written notice.

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Section 5. Officer Vacancies – A vacancy in any office except the office of President, because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or any other cause, shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Executive Committee – The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall consist of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to act for the Board of Directors, with respect to any matters requiring action at times between meetings of the Board of Directors. Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Section 7. President – The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, and shall, subject to the control of the Executive Committee, have general supervision, direction, control of the business and officers of the Corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the members and at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall be ex officio a member of all committees, if any, and shall have the general power and duties of management usually vested in the office of a President of a Corporation, and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. First Vice President – In the absence or disability or death of the President, the First Vice President shall perform all the powers of, and be subject to, all the restrictions of the President. He shall have such powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed for him by the Executive Committee or the By-laws.

Section 9. Second Vice President – In the absence, death or disability of the President and First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall perform all the powers of, and be subject to, all the restrictions upon the President. He shall have such powers and perform such other duties as time to time may be prescribed for him by the Executive Committee or the By-laws.

Section 10. Secretary – The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, a book of Minutes at the principal office, or such other place as the Board of Directors may order, of all meetings of directors and members with the time and place of the holding, whether regular or special, and if special, who authorized the notice thereof given, the names of those present at directors meeting, the number of members present at members meeting and the proceedings thereof. The Secretary, with approval of the Board of Directors, shall delegate to a Membership Secretary, the responsibility to keep or cause to be kept, at the principal office, or such other place as the Board of Directors may order, a book or roster showing the names of all the members and their addresses, their respective class of membership, the date that membership certificates were issued to each such member, and the name of every member whose membership was canceled. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the meetings of membership and the Board of Directors, required by the By-laws, or by law, to be given, and he shall keep the seal of the Corporation in safe custody and shall have such powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the By-laws.

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Section 11. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the Corporation, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains losses, etc. The books of account shall at all times be open to inspection by any director. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit all monies and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Corporation with such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the President, Board of Directors, or By-laws and shall render to the President and Directors, whenever they request, an account of his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the By-laws. He shall keep all accounts of the Corporation, including membership accounts and shall promptly notify the President and/or Secretary upon the delinquency of any membership dues. He shall see that the statements of dues to all members are provided annually through mail or inserted notices in the Association publication, “The Raider Patch.” The Treasurer shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, retain a firm of Certified Public Accountants to perform a certified audit of the books and records of the Association.

The Treasurer shall invest and reinvest the funds, assets and property of the Association upon the advice of the Finance and/or the Investment Committee.

Article IV Membership

Section 1. Number – The number of the membership authorized shall be unlimited.

Section 2. Class of Membership – There shall be six Classes of membership in this Corporation, to-wit:

1. Active Members;
2. Active LIFE Members;
3. Honorary Members;
4. Honorary LIFE Members;
5. Associate Members; and
6. Associate LIFE Members.

Section 3. Rights of Membership Classes – Active members and active LIFE members shall have the privilege to vote on all matters submitted to membership vote and on questions and issues which members are required to vote upon by requirement of law. All Honorary and Honorary Life members who are blood relatives including legally adopted or non-adopted stepchildren of Active or Active Life Members and all Associate and Associate Life Members

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who were Marines having completed their Marine Raider Training prior to February 1, 1944 shall have their membership transferred to Active or Active Life status as of January 1, 2005, and shall then have the right to vote and hold office provided they have met the other requirements of membership hereinafter set forth. No other Honorary or Associate Member shall have the right to vote or hold office, unless the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote approves a motion to waive this requirement for said member.

Section 4. Eligibility to Membership –

- (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, no person shall be eligible to any class of membership in this Corporation, or shall be entitled to remain a member thereof, irrespective of the class of membership, who belongs, or ever has belonged, to any organization, group, etc., that did, or does, teach or advocate the change or overthrow of the United States Government by force or violence, or who has, or does, refuse to assist a duly constituted or appointed Federal Committee or Sub-Committee, or any agency thereof, in its efforts to protect the United States Government against its enemies and subversive activities.
- (b) Active Membership – Any person will be eligible to become a member in either of the active membership classes, who has served with any of the four Marine Raider Battalions while they existed as Marine Raider Battalions, including those Battalions which were first known as the 1st and 2nd Separate Battalions, or in the 1st and 2nd Raider Regiments until February 1, 1944, when the 4th Marine Regiment was formed, and any Marine who has served in or who is now serving in Marine Corps Detachment One, U.S. Special Operations Command, or in any other Marine unit, shall be eligible for membership in either of the Active Membership classes, only if said unit has been officially designated as a Marine Raider unit by the Commandant. Any blood relative or descendant of such person and any Marine who completed Marine Raider Training prior to February 1, 1944 shall be eligible for membership in either of the Active Membership classes. Blood relatives shall include children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces and other descendants of the members, or any deceased person who was an active member during his life or who was eligible for active membership as herein before provided.
- (c) Honorary Membership – Honorary membership eligibility shall be limited (1) to the spouse of an Active member, or to the spouse of any deceased person who was an Active member during his life, or to the spouse of any person who was eligible to become an Active member as herein above provided, and (2) to those persons who rendered distinguished service to this Association and who shall be proposed for honorary membership by an active member or by a membership committee, subject to further approval by the members at an Annual Meeting of the members. If a present honorary member should let his membership lapse, he or she will be dropped from the membership.
- (d) Associate Membership – Associate Membership eligibility shall be limited to:

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1. Any person who was an active duty Marine in World War II and served with former Marine Raiders after February 1, 1944 and any person who is historically interested in the Marine Raiders. Such person shall apply for associate membership.
2. Any person, other than a Marine who completed his Marine Raider Training prior to February 1, 1944, who was an active duty Marine in World War II and served with former Marine Raiders after February 1, 1944 and any person who is historically interested in the Marine Raiders. Such person may apply for associate membership.
3. All such persons shall pay their annual or life membership dues in order to maintain their associate membership, and shall have the right to vote.

Section 5. Admission to Membership –

- (a) Every applicant for active membership shall submit to the Corporation a written application for membership on such form, or forms, as the Board of Directors, or designated committee appointed for the purpose shall, from time to time, provide. All applications shall be referred to the Membership Secretary.
- (b) As a further requisite for application to membership, each applicant shall pay to the Corporation, together with his or her application, membership dues as prescribed by the Board of Directors:
 1. An applicant who was a World War II Marine Raider, or is the spouse or widow of a World War II Marine Raider, shall receive a complimentary Life Membership.
 2. An applicant for Honorary or Associate Annual Membership shall pay the amount of \$35.00 for Annual Dues.
 3. An applicant for Associate Annual Membership who is an active duty member of the United States Marine Corps shall pay the amount of \$30.00 for Annual Dues.
 4. An applicant for Honorary or Associate Life Membership shall pay the total amount of \$500.00, payable in five semi-annual installments of \$100.00 each. The first installment shall be submitted with the application for membership.
 5. An applicant for Honorary or Associate Life Membership who is over the age of 50 shall pay the total amount of \$400.00, payable in four semi-annual installments of \$100.00 each. The first installment shall be submitted with the application for membership.

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6. An applicant for Associate Life Membership who is an active duty member of the United States Marine Corps shall pay the total amount of \$400.00, payable in four semi-annual installments of \$100.00 each. The first installment shall be submitted with the application for membership.
7. An applicant for Honorary or Associate Five-Year Membership shall pay the total amount of \$125.00, payable in five annual installments of \$25.00 each. The first installment shall be submitted with the application for membership.
8. An applicant for Associate Five-Year Membership who is an active duty member of the United States Marine Corps shall pay the amount of \$100.00, which shall be submitted with the application for membership.
9. An applicant for Honorary or Associate Three-Year Membership shall pay the amount of \$90.00, which shall be submitted with the application for membership.
10. An applicant for Associate Three-Year Membership who is an active duty member of the United States Marine Corps shall pay the amount of \$75.00, which shall be submitted with the application for membership.

The aforementioned amounts representing membership dues may be changed only at the annual meeting of the Association membership, except that annual dues for Distinguished Service or Honorary Members may be waived by the Executive Committee.

Acceptance by the Corporation of an application for annual membership, and of the accompanying annual dues, shall give the applicant the right to membership in this Corporation for one year. Thereafter, each member shall pay annual dues to the Corporation, in advance. Annual dues are payable January 1st of each year.

Acceptance of an application and the first installment of dues for a life membership shall give such applicant the right to life membership, provided the remaining installments of dues are timely paid. The second installment shall be paid by the January 1 or July 1, whichever is earlier, following payment of the first installment. Subsequent installments are payable semi-annually.

Acceptance of an application and the first installment of dues for a five-year membership as described in Article IV, Section 5(b)(7) shall give the applicant the right to membership in the Corporation for five years, provided the remaining installments of dues are timely paid. The second installment shall be payable by the January 1 following payment of the first installment. Subsequent installments are payable January 1 of each year.

If an application for membership is rejected, the Corporation shall return to the applicant his or her accompanying dues.

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Section 6. Distinguished Service Honorary Members. The Corporation may grant a Distinguished Service Honorary Membership to an eligible person whose name was submitted to or by it for consideration by any member, director or officer of this Corporation, subject to acceptance by the membership at a duly constituted annual meeting of the membership. Distinguished Service Honorary members are not permitted to hold office or vote.

Section 7. No member shall be in good standing if charges have been filed against such member, as hereafter provided, and as long as such charges are pending; or, so long as he is indebted to the Corporation for payment of dues, his membership shall immediately and automatically cease and terminate without further act or notice to him; thereafter, to again become a member, he must make application for membership in the same manner as any new Applicant for membership must make. (This provision does not apply for honorary membership.)

Section 8. Any member may resign from membership in this Corporation at any time; if such resignation is in writing, it shall be effective without any further action by the Corporation as of the date of its receipt by the Corporation; if said resignation is orally given from the floor at any members meeting, it shall be effective from the time it is made. Upon the resignation of any member, no part of the dues prepaid by him shall be refunded to him.

Section 9. Expulsion of Member – If the conduct of any member has been injurious to the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, either upon charges being filed as hereafter provided, or shall file charges itself, and shall after a hearing as hereafter provided, have full power to expel said member, and such member, upon expulsion, shall have no further membership rights in the Corporation, nor shall he be entitled to a refund of any dues paid by him.

Article V Membership Meetings

Section 1. Place of Meeting – All regular annual and special meetings of members shall be held at such place, or places as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Annual Meeting – Such membership meetings shall be held as part of annual reunions of the Association and at such time as determined by the Board of Directors. At such meetings, directors and officers may be elected, and reports of affairs of the Corporation shall be considered, and any other business may be transacted which is within the powers of the members.

Section 3. Special Meetings – Special meetings of members, for any purpose whatsoever, may be called at any time by the President or by the Board of Directors, or when requested in writing by at least 50 members in good standing. Notice of annual and special meetings shall be given to each member in good standing at least 15 days prior to the holding of such meeting, stating the time, place and purpose thereof, and shall be published in “The Raider Patch” and mailed to the last known address of such member as recorded in the books of the Corporation. Such notices shall constitute due and legal notice of said meeting.

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Section 4. Quorum – A quorum shall consist of 25 members in good standing, or ten percent (10%) of the membership in good standing, whichever shall be smaller. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall attend all meetings and include the President or First Vice President. The members may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum.

Section 5. Voting – Each member in good standing, other than an honorary or associate member, personally present at any members' meeting, shall be entitled to one vote, and no more.

Article VI Miscellaneous

Section 1. Neither this Corporation, or any of its members, officers, or directors, shall, on behalf of this Corporation, engage in any political activities, whether actively or passively, nor shall the Corporation or any of its members, officers, or directors, authorize the use of this Corporation's name for any political activities.

Section 2. Inspection of Corporate records, the membership register, the books of account and minutes of proceedings of members and of the Board of Directors, shall be open to inspection upon the written demand of any member, director or officer at any reasonable time, for a purpose reasonably related to his interest as a member, director, or officer. Such inspection may be made in person, or by an agent or attorney, and shall include the right to make extracts.

Section 3. Checks, Drafts, Etc. – All checks, drafts and other orders for payment of money, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness, issued in the name of, or payable to, the Corporation, shall be signed or endorsed by such person, or persons, in such manner as from time to time shall be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Annual Report – No annual report or annual financial statement need be given to members, and said requirement is hereby expressly dispensed with unless requested by the Board of Directors or unless at least ten percent (10%) of the active members in good standing request same in writing from the Board of Directors, in which event the Treasurer shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, such a report and present same at the annual meeting of members or mail same to members requesting same within a reasonable time after such request.

Section 5. Contract, Etc., How Executed – The Board of Directors, except as in the By-laws otherwise provided, may authorize any officer, or officers, agent, or agents, to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of, and on behalf of, the Corporation, and such authority may be general or contained to specific instances; and unless so authorized by the Board of Directors, no officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit to render it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

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Section 6. Membership Certificate – The Board of Directors may authorize the Corporation to issue membership certificates on which it shall be plainly stated that the Corporation is not one for profit.

Section 7. Inspection of By-laws – The Corporation shall keep in its principal office the original, or a copy, of By-laws, as amended or otherwise altered to date, certified by the Secretary, which shall be open to inspection by the members at all reasonable times.

Section 8. Amendments – These By-laws may be adopted, repealed, restated or amended from time to time. Amendments to these By-laws shall be submitted to the Board of Directors to be presented at the annual membership meeting. Amendments shall be effective immediately upon conclusion of the membership meeting at which adopted, unless a different effective date is set forth in the amendment. Such amendment shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members present and voting.

Section 9. Disbandment – Upon disbandment or dissolution of the United States Marine Raider Association, all reasonable and valid bills, debts or charges then owing shall be paid, and all remaining monies and assets shall be distributed as follows:

1. All monies and assets then located in The United States Marine Raider Association's Jacob Vouza Scholarship Restricted Trust Fund shall be distributed to Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Princeton, New Jersey, to be held in trust in order to perpetuate the granting of The United States Marine Raider Association's educational scholarships to native born children residing in the Solomon Islands.
2. All monies and assets then located in the United States Marine Raider Association's Museum and Museum Place Restricted Trust Funds shall be distributed to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, Quantico, Virginia, to be held in trust in order to perpetuate both the maintenance of the Marine Raider Historical Exhibit located in the Command Museum, MCRD, San Diego, California and the maintenance of The United States Marine Raider Association's Museum in Richmond, Virginia, currently maintained by the American Historical Foundation, or to perpetuate the maintenance of said museum at such other location as may be deemed necessary, if the American Historical Foundation should at some future time refuse to maintain same.
3. All monies and assets located in The United States Marine Raider Association's other Restricted Trust Funds, if any, shall be distributed to the named beneficiaries.
4. All monies and assets then located in The United States Marine Raider Association's General Fund shall be distributed as follows:

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- (a) The balance of monies in The United States Marine Raider Association's General Fund shall be distributed to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, Quantico, Virginia, to be held in trust in order to perpetuate the name and history of the United States Marine Raiders and the memory of the men who served in the four Marine Raider Battalions during World War II, and in order to perpetuate the maintenance of The United States Marine Raider Association's museums or museum places and to perpetuate a United States Marine Raider web site on the Internet.
5. If it is not possible to make the distributions to one or more of the named beneficiaries or their successors, such distribution may be made to any other Marine Corps related organization exempt from Federal Income Taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.