

USS RICHARD B. ANDERSON DD786 ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

SCOPE

Section 1

The name of the organization shall be USS Richard B. Anderson Association and hereafter called "the association."

Section 2

The purpose of the association shall be to promote friendship and comradeship between all those who served in United States Ship Richard B. Anderson DD786. To promote pride and patriotism to all whom served. To place a wreath or flowers on the grave of fallen comrade Richard B. Anderson on Memorial Day (May) and Veterans Day (November 11) and at other selected times as appropriate. The association is to establish an ongoing program that will make all reasonable efforts to locate personnel eligible for membership in the association that have not yet been contacted, and inform them of the association, its purpose, and schedule of activities.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS, TERMS OF OFFICE, COMMITTEES

Section 1

The elective officers of the association shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer and three (3) Executive Board members. These officers shall take office and assume their duties at the conclusion of the election portion of the annual business meeting in which elected. Their term in office shall be one (1) year. Elected officers may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms by popular vote in the office elected. Third and subsequent terms must be extended by a 2/3 majority of the membership present at the reunion.

Section 2

The President shall appoint the following, and their term of office shall be coterminous with the President and serve at his discretion. A Parliamentarian, whose duties will be to exercise all Robert's Rules of Order at business meetings, in addition to those that may be assigned by the President, A Master at Arms, whose duties will entail the keeping of order, in addition to those that may be assigned by the President, A Recording Secretary, whose duties will be to record the minutes of all business meetings, in addition to those that may be assigned by the President, A Historian, whose duties will be as follows, in addition to those that may be assigned by the President, and an Editor of the Association News Letter, whose duties will be to publish the Masked Rider, in addition to those that may be assigned by the President.

Section 3

The President at his discretion, but in consultation with the Executive Board, may form committees, to include, but not limited to the following. The President may appoint the chairman of the each committee, or have each committee elect their own and will specify such in his appointing order.

- A. A Memorial Committee, whose duties will be to keep contact with Mr. Terry Roth in Port Angeles, WA. as to the upkeep of Richard's Memorial in addition to those that may be assigned by the President.
- B. A Reunion Committee, whose duties will be to select a hotel, form a reunion agenda, and coordinate activities during the reunions in addition to those that may be assigned by the President.
- C. A Reunion Publicity Committee, whose duties will be to use all free printed and internet resources to notify former crewmembers of upcoming reunions, in addition to those that may be assigned by the President.
- D. A Membership Search Committee, whose duties will be to organize searches to find former shipmates, in addition to those that may be assigned by the President.
- E. An Audit Committee, whose duties will be to audit all association accounts, in addition to those that may be assigned by the President.
- F. An Election Committee, whose duties will be to seek members interested in serving on the Executive Board, in addition to those that, may be assigned by the President. This appointive committee does NOT constitute the Nominating Committee since the Executive Board handles this function.

Section 4

The Executive Board shall be composed of:

- A. The three (3) elected Executive Board members as specified in Section 1 above.
- B. Plus the Elected Officers specified in Section 1 above.
- C. Also, upon completion of his term/terms in office the President shall remain as an additional member of the executive committee until replaced by the next outgoing President. The Executive Committee shall fill its own vacancies by a majority vote.

Article III

Nomination/Elections/Meetings/Reunions

Section 1

- A. The Elected Executive Board (3 persons), in addition to other assigned duties, shall also serve as the Nominating Committee and be responsible for nominating candidates for the next annual business meeting. They will elect their own chairman from within the Nominating Committee. To place a nominee's name in nomination, the nominee's permission must be obtained without caveats, to accept such nomination and to serve if elected.
- B. Vacancy on the Nominating Committee:
- ◆ If a vacancy exists on this committee before completion and publication of their slate, the President shall notify the membership of such vacancy within 15 days. During this period, members should communicate their views, if any, to one or more members of the Executive Board.
 - ◆ Within 15 days after the President has notified the membership of the vacancy, he should propose a replacement to the Executive Board.
 - ◆ Between 20 and not more than 30 days after the President has notified the Executive Board of the replacement he proposes, the President should complete polling the Executive Board, in person if feasible, otherwise by mail, or by phone if necessary, until he gets from the Executive Board a majority vote on a replacement Member of the Executive Board. Provisions for a secret ballot should be made if voting is to be by mail. To place a nominee's name in nomination, the nominee's permission must be obtained without caveats to accept such nomination and to serve if elected.
 - ◆ In the case of a tie vote on the Executive Board, the President shall cast a second vote, to break the tie.
 - ◆ Within one week after obtaining the majority vote, the President should notify the association of the election of the replacement to the Executive Board.

Section 2

Nominations

Candidates may be nominated from the floor, providing the nominee's permission has been obtained without caveats to accept same and serve if elected. This is in addition to those candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee. Candidates nominated in this manner, must, in addition to the nominating motion, receive a minimum of three (3) seconding motions. All candidates nominated must be present to accept the nomination.

Section 3

Reunion Business Meetings

There shall be a minimum of, but not limited to one business meeting to be held during the Annual reunion. The annual agenda is to include reading of previous meeting's minutes, treasurer's report, election of officers, and Selection of future Reunion sites and dates. To facilitate planning, publicity, and obtain better prices, a priority goal will be to have sites, dates and reunion chairmen decided upon for each of the next three years, to the extent possible.

Section 4

A Majority Defined:

A simple majority of the attendees shall be required for election of officers with the exception of the Executive board, which shall require a plurality of those voting. Eligibility to vote: All association members in good standing, including dues currently paid in full, who served on the USS Richard B. Anderson, shall be eligible to vote.

Section 5

For the transaction of all association business at least sixty (60) percent of reunion attendees, qualified to vote, must be present and voting. This shall be considered a quorum.

Section 6

Robert rules of order shall be the official guide, for the association, in conducting business and/or settling disputes.

Section 7

Election of officers shall be by ballot only; the election committee shall make up Ballots after the nomination of officers at the first business meeting

ARTICLE IV
DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1

The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association, and shall perform all duties incident to the office of President.

Section 2

The Vice President shall render assistance to the President as he may require and shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or disability.

Section 3

The executive committee shall advise the President in his committee appointments, act as the nominating committee, audit the treasurers accounts at least once (1) each year, submit such audit reports to all association members, fill vacancies, in the event of death or resignation, of elected officers.

Section 4

The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the association and shall provide an annual report to all association members. The Treasurer will be sole signer of all Association Checks. The Executive Committee shall audit accounts at least once a year.

Section 5

The Corresponding / recording Secretary shall be responsible for taking the minutes of all meetings and reading of it. The corresponding secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence of the association shall also cooperate with the newsletter committee in the publication of the quarterly Newsletter.

Section 6

The master at arms shall be responsible for, under the direction of the President, maintaining order at all association meetings and functions.

Section 7

The Historian shall be responsible for maintaining the archives of the association, receiving and recording donations of memorabilia and shall report such to the executive committee.

Section 8

The membership committee shall be responsible for maintaining The USS Richard B. Anderson Ships Roster and the membership roll.

Section 9

The election committee shall conduct the annual election of officers at the association annual meetings and shall provide ballots for it.

Section 10

The newsletter committee shall compile and publish a quarterly newsletter and in cooperation with the corresponding secretary distribute to all association members. They shall distribute one copy annually to all crewmen.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP/ DUES / CONTRIBUTIONS

Section 1

All persons who served on the USS Richard B. Anderson are eligible for membership. They shall be designated as Ships Company. The association is proud of and respects each individual's rank and awards received while on active duty. But, today, all hands in this association are equals, and there shall be no "separate messes" or other designations of exclusivity. Each member in good standing is welcome to participate in any social gathering at association functions. The price of admission to the circle of fellowship we seek is simply: civility, decency and caring for each other; who possess a deep respect for those who paid the total sacrifice for their Nation, and shipmates; and who honor the name we use with great respect, "Richard B. Anderson"; nothing more is required, nothing less is accepted.

Section 2

Spouses, children, friends, of Ships Company, are entitled to become Associate Members. Associate are not entitled to vote at the annual meeting, but may serve on any committees or appointed positions.

Section 3

Annual dues shall be \$15.00, and shall cover a period from 1 October through 30 September. Members whose dues are unpaid at the annual meeting will not be eligible to vote. Changes in annual dues shall require a majority vote of the members in attendance at the annual business meeting. All dues / contributions etc. shall be forwarded to the association Treasurer for recording and deposit.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERS

Section 1

Members shall assist in locating former shipmates and forward names address or any other pertinent information to the membership committee.

Section 2

Members shall assist in obtaining articles of interest related to the USS Richard B. Anderson and forward them to both the newsletter committee and the association historian.

ARTICLE VII

PROTECTING THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1

No member of the association, acting in the name of the association, shall engage in any activity for self-profit, in the form of money or assets, arising from such business transactions or dealings.

Section 2

Any member whose actions may jeopardize the existence of the association shall be subject to review and possible expulsion from the association by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These By-laws may be amended at any meeting of the association membership provided that:

- (1) The amendment is received and reviewed by the executive committee prior to the said meeting
- (2) A two-thirds vote, of the association members, attending the meeting, shall be required to pass any by-law amendment.
- (3) A quorum, as referred to in Article III Section 5, shall exist.