

# **MILITARY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION, Inc.**

## **ORGANIZATION BY-LAWS**

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#### **ARTICLE I**

##### **NAME**

1. This organization shall be known as the Military Transport Association, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II**

##### **OBJECTIVE**

1. The objectives, purposes and aims of the Chapter shall be as follows:

###### **Section 1. Specific Purpose:**

**To attract and unite persons who own or have an interest in military motor vehicles.**

## **Section 2. General Purpose:**

- (a) To promote and maintain an organization for the mutual advancement of the welfare of its members and of the military vehicle enthusiasts in general by all proper suitable and lawful means.**
- (b) To exchange and disseminate information among its members as to military vehicles.**
- (c) To foster a spirit of good will among its members and to promulgate ethical practices in their relationship with each other and the public to the end that all interests may be served fairly.**
- (d) To assist the members in all proper ways relative to matters effecting their welfare within the scope and functions set forth herein.**
- (e) To provide an effective and independent voice in presenting the point of view of the military vehicle enthusiasts in their relations with the government, on all levels and other antique vehicle organizations and the public.**
- (f) The restoration, preservation and collection of military vehicles.**
- (g) To collect and distribute information as to all matters on things of whatsoever character concerning military motor vehicles.**

## **ARTICLE II (Continued)**

### **Section 2. General Purpose -Continued:**

- (h) To engage in any activity permitted by law intended to further and protect the interests of restorers and collectors of military motor vehicles.**
- (i) To collect and preserve data concerning military motor vehicles.**
- (j) To collect and preserve articles, specimens and material things illustrative or demonstrative of military motor vehicles.**
- (k) To perpetuate the memory of those, who by their labors and heroism, contributed to make the history of military vehicles.**
- (l) To conduct ourselves in accordance with the standard established for good citizens of the United States of America, and as such, refrain from causing the public, or any public agencies to believe that we are in any way related to any military or military type of organization, be it official or unofficial, and accomplish this end by refraining from any individual or group activity, that could reasonably cause confusion in the mind of the public, or any public agency as to our status as a collectors association only.**

### **Section 3. Non-Profit:**

**(a) The MTA is a Non-Profit 501c(4) Association. All regulations will be adhered to, at all times.**

**(b) Educational Activities include, but are not limited to the following: Veteran Recognition Ceremonies; Veteran Support; School Presentations; Static Displays; parades; Shows; Demonstrations and Voluntary Participation with other Non-Profit Groups and Organizations.**

## **ARTICLE III**

### **REGULAR MEMBERS**

**1. All members must conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly fashion whether in or out of Chapter activities. Any member disgracing himself / herself in the public eye, will be immediately subject to expulsion from the Chapter, subject to the decision by the Executive Board. He/She may request an appeal hearing before the entire membership, at a scheduled meeting.**

**2. Members driving a licensed vehicle must hold a valid driver's license and must show a minimum of Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance coverage on their vehicles. The vehicle owner is responsible for assigning a licensed driver during MTA events.**

**3. Applicants for membership must be sponsored by an MTA member, or authorized by an officer, before being issued an application blank to be properly filled out and submitted to the Executive Board.**

**4. Dues for this Chapter shall be \$20. per Regular Membership payable in advance. All regular members are voting members. Dues for a Family Membership shall be \$25. A Family Membership shall be authorized only one (1) vote per family. Any members whose dues are not paid prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>, shall be dropped from the rolls of the MTA. Dues are payable annually and shall run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Dues notices shall be posted in the MTA Newsletter beginning with the July Issue, to allow early payment.**

**5. All personal expenses such as Uniforms, Decals, Insignia, etc., shall be borne by each individual.**

**6. Members shall immediately notify the Membership Chairman upon a change of home address, telephone number and current e-mail address. E-mail will be utilized for scheduling updates, instant notification of last minute changes and to reduce costs.**

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **CHARTER MEMBER**

- 1. Members who adopt and sign By-Laws of this Chapter on or before August 31, 1988 shall be known as Charter Members of the Chapter.**

## **ARTICLE V**

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

- 1. Any Person, Group of persons, Firm, Organizations, or Corporations interested in military vehicles, their supplies, equipment, materials, publications, or other related services or facilities shall be eligible to be an Associate Member. An Associate Member shall have the same privileges as regular members except that they cannot vote, hold office or serve on any committees.**
- 2. Associate Membership fees shall be \$20. Associate members are non-voting members.**
- 3. All provisions of Article III shall apply to Associate Members, where applicable, and not contrary to provisions of this ARTICLE (V).**

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **MEETINGS**

1. **1. Meetings of the membership of the Military Transport Association, Inc. shall be held once monthly at such times and places as may be designated by the Executive Board.**
2. **2. A quorum shall consist of those present provided all members have been notified at least one week prior to the meeting.**

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICERS**

#### **1. Officers:**

**A) Elected Officers of the Military Transport Association, Inc. shall consist of the following four (4) positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary and 4 Trustees. The President and Vice President must also be members of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA).**

#### **B) Term of Office for Officers and Trustees**

- **Elected Officers - Two (2) year term**
- **Trustees – Ten (10) year term**

#### **2. Executive Board and Committee Heads**

**A) Committee Chairmen/Chairwomen shall be MTA members in good standing who volunteer to act as Chair of select committees for the purpose of managing key functions and events related to overall purpose and wellbeing of the MTA. Committee Chair shall be appointed by the Officers. Committee Chairperson votes only on their respective committee actions.**

#### **B) The Executive Board shall consist of but not limited to the following:**

- **Elected Officers**
- **Editor of the Newsletter (Newsletter Editor must be a member of the MVPA)**
- **Immediate past President of the MTA**
- **All Committee Chairmen and Chairwomen**

**"Parade Chairman" This Title will remain unused in the future, to Honor Past Parade Chairman Al Axelrad, Deceased in 2003.**

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **EXPENDITURES AND FINANCE**

- 1. All monies received from all sources shall immediately be turned over to the Treasurer to be deposited in the checking account of the Military Transport Association, Inc.**
- 2. No withdrawal from funds shall be made without the approval of the Executive Board. Single expenditures in excess of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250) must have the approval of the majority of the voting quorum of the membership.**

**All expenditures shall be designated on the face or reverse side thereof. If funds for more than one purpose are included, they shall be itemized separately, stating the amount of each.**

- 3. The Executive Board will make an Informal Review, of the Treasurer's Records, at least once per year.**
- 4. The fiscal year will be the same as a Calendar Year, from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

# **ARTICLE IX**

## **ELECTIONS**

**The membership shall meet and elect officers for a Two (2) year term of office, at the regular November meeting. A Nominating/Elections committee will consist of a Chairman and two Tellers which are all members in good standing.**

**The Nomination/Elections Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board. The nominating process will be in the following sequence:**

- July: Executive Board appoints Nominating/Election Committee.
- August: First Reading and Published in the August Newsletter
  
- September: Second Reading of Nominations and offers of nomination from the floor. Nominations will be closed and a Ballot will be published in the September Newsletter.
- Official ballots will be provided to members' in 3 ways.
  - Ballots will be printed and provided in the September issue of the Club Newsletter.
  - Ballots will be posted on the club web site in pdf form where they can be downloaded and printed out.
  - Ballots will be provided at the regular October meeting.
- Ballots must have both the members name and membership ID number on the ballot to be valid

- Ballots can be returned via regular mail with a post mark date no later than Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, or they can be scanned and emailed to designated address by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> or they can be turned in at the October club meeting.
- The Election Committee will be responsible for checking all ballots against the official club roster as provided by the membership chairman to ensure all ballots are from valid members in good standing as of the Oct election month.
- Family membership only counts as one vote.
- The Elections Committee will be responsible for reading and tabulation of the ballots and announcement of the results.
- The new officers will be installed at the December meeting.

**In the event of a vacancy in any Elected Office, a Special Election shall be called to fill the vacancy, for the remainder of the term. If the remaining term is less than six (6) months, the vacancy will be filled by an appointment, by a majority vote, of the Executive Board.**

## **ARTICLE X**

### **RECALL**

- 1. Any officer or Trustee of the Military Transport Association, Inc. may be recalled by a two-third-majority vote of the entire membership.**



# **ARTICLE XI**

## **RULES AND PROCEDURES**

- 1. Unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws, Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern parliamentary procedure.**

# **ARTICLE XII**

## **AMENDMENTS**

- 1. Amendments to the By-Laws may be made at any membership meeting, providing that the Secretary gives at least 30 days notice, to the entire membership. Publishing in a Newsletter Issue will suffice.**

# ARTICLE XIII

## Official MTA E Mail System Rules and Regulations

1. All Military Hobby / Business Content.
2. Information regarding our club, other similar clubs, and activities. Content such as notification of events, donations and Veteran assistance / help topics.
3. For sale item notifications from MTA members to other MTA members. No vendor / business / commercial E Mail of sales offerings.
4. Other club's members asking to use our list is prohibited; they must contact and use the newsletter. (Intent: So as to not clutter our E Mail list with extra traffic.)
5. Absolutely NO slandering / 'verbally' attacking a member of any kind will be tolerated.
6. The Bylaws 'Members Actions' strictly applies to the E Mail list.
7. The E Mail system can be used for emergency voting on actions pertaining to the "For The Good of the Club". Getting Okay for expenditures up to the amount afforded the President in the Bylaws. (Intent: Addressing needs in timely manner, typically occurring between Club meetings.)
8. Members using E Mail system are being active participants of the Club activities and like attending membership meetings, is the way to be heard and be a part of such decisions.
9. The sharing of interesting information about all military related topics; from past history, present and what holds for the future military.
10. Absolutely NO political posts of any kind will be tolerated and deleted immediately. Similarly, absolutely NO political rants will be tolerated in any posting.
11. Membership approved by vote to allow topics about firearm laws and laws subject to antique vehicles of any kind (Air, Land or Sea). These are welcome and allowed to be shared. These topics are limited to direct information about these items and about our efforts to keep these.
12. The MTA is a Non-Political, Non-Profit organization and remain as such in all our efforts, including electronic communication.

MTA By-Law Changes/Amendments Tracker:

**By-Laws consolidated and revised: January 5, 2004**

- **By-Laws Article IX: Updated election processes. December 17, 2011**
- **By-Laws Article XIII: E Mail Etiquette & Procedures. July 20, 2016**
- **By-Laws Article VII: Administration & Officers; Updated and Approved June 1, 2017 meeting**
- **By-Laws Article VIII: Expenditures & Finance; Executive Board discretionary spending limit increased to \$250, per meeting minutes March 2012**