

**Georgia Chapter of the  
Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association**

**Constitution**

**Article I**

This Chapter shall be known as the "Georgia Chapter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association".

**Article II**

The objectives of this Chapter are to promote and perpetuate the bonds of brotherhood that bind a group of men who have shared and survived an experience fraught with danger yet filled with the essence of pride and satisfaction - an experience unshared except by these unique men.

**Article III**

Membership is open to pilots who flew helicopters in the Republic of Vietnam during the years 1961- 1975.

1. Membership dues are \$20 per year. Chapter dues may be waived in hardship cases. The Chapter President may change the amount of yearly dues.
2. All members in good standing are eligible to hold office in the Chapter.
3. All members in good standing are eligible to vote. Voting may be by proxy, except votes on membership termination. Proxies must be in writing with notarized assignor's signature designating the specific function for which the proxy may be used. Voting may also be by e-mail at the President's discretion. Majority vote or two-thirds vote means a majority or two-thirds of the eligible members *who vote on that issue*.
4. Membership may be terminated for by a two-thirds vote.

**Article IV**

1. The officers of the Georgia Chapter shall be a President, Vice President, and a Secretary-Treasurer.
2. Committees may be formed from time to time.

3. All tasks required for the functions of the Chapter shall be performed by the elected officers or appointed committees.

#### **Article V**

There shall be no political or commercial endorsements of persons, parties, groups, causes or products of any kind in the name of the Georgia Chapter, nor shall such endorsements be made in a manner that implies approval by the Chapter. Violation of this article is cause for termination of membership.

Members are free to express their own personal opinions about a wide range of topics, including politics, at the meetings and on the Chapter e-mail forum established for communicating with one another. Such political discussions are merely exchanges among members, and not to be construed as any official position of the Chapter. Should political discussions go too far, the President shall intervene to quiet such discussions.

#### **Article VI**

Meetings shall be at the call of the President, provided, however, that there shall be at least one meeting per year for the election of officers.

#### **Article VII**

This Constitution and its accompanying By-Laws may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote.

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**By-Laws**

**Article I – Officers**

The office mailing address of the Chapter is located in Atlanta, Georgia, at the home of the current Secretary Treasurer. The Chapter may also maintain offices at such other places within or without the state of Georgia as its members may, from time to time, determine.

**Article II - Meetings**

Annual Meeting: there shall be at least one meeting annually held at the call of the Chapter President for the purpose of electing new officers.

Other Meetings: meetings other than the annual meeting for the election of officers shall be called from time to time to further the objectives of the Chapter as set forth in the Constitution. Members shall be notified of meetings, if the meetings are not set at regular times and places. Meetings are normally held bi-monthly, and consist of breakfast at a local restaurant on a designated Saturday morning.

Place of Meetings: meetings shall be held at places determined by the President with advice and consent of the Members.

**Article III - Membership**

Initial Membership: Membership is open to pilots who flew helicopters in the Republic of Vietnam during the years 1961- 1975.

Evidence of Service: The Chapter reserves the right to require convincing evidence of service for membership eligibility, such as DD214 or other means.

Termination of Membership: The Chapter may terminate membership for cause upon complaint. All members shall be notified that membership termination will be an agenda item at a scheduled meeting. Termination will then be effective upon two-thirds vote including members present, proxies and e-mail vote as prescribed by the President. Members subject to termination shall be given an opportunity to refute charges by appearing before a meeting of the membership.

Waiver of Annual Dues: Membership will not be denied to any otherwise qualified applicant for inability to pay annual Chapter dues. Each request for waiver of dues will be reviewed by the officers of the Chapter, who will act on the request. The

request must be reviewed in each succeeding year.

#### **Article IV – Officers**

Officers of the Chapter are set forth in the Chapter constitution. Election shall be by nomination of a member, and majority vote. Notice of elections must be provided to Chapter members as early as the announcement of the meeting time and place. To serve as an officer, membership in the Chapter is required. Term of office is one year for each office. Officers may succeed themselves in the same or another office.

Resignation: Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President (in the event of resignation of the President, to the Vice-President).

Removal: Any officer may be removed with cause and a successor elected by the membership. Removal shall be in the manner prescribed for termination of membership.

Duties of Officers: Officers of the Chapter shall, unless otherwise provided by the membership, each have such powers and duties as generally pertain to their respective offices as well as such powers and duties as may be set forth in these by-laws, or may from time to time be specifically conferred or imposed by the membership. Some specific duties include but are not limited to:

President: The President shall preside during all meetings of the Chapter, and function as the senior leader in all matters related to the Chapter.

Vice-President: The VP will assume the Presidential duties in absence of the President. He will also carry out missions assigned by the President.

Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer position may be a one-person or two-person job at the discretion of the President. The Secretary position is responsible for minutes of meetings and administrative support. The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the Chapter financial records. The Secretary-Treasurer or the Secretary and the Treasurer must be elected by vote of the eligible members of the Chapter.

Sureties and Bonds: No officer of the Chapter shall be required to execute to the Chapter any bond with or without surety with respect to execution of his duties.

#### **Article V - Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall be January 1 to December 31 unless changed to meet the convenience of the Chapter officers.

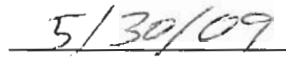
**Article VI - Amendments**

All By-Laws of the Chapter shall be subject to alteration or repeal, and new By-Laws may be made, by a majority vote.

The undersigned certify the foregoing bylaws have been adopted as the revised bylaws of the Chapter.



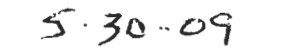
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President



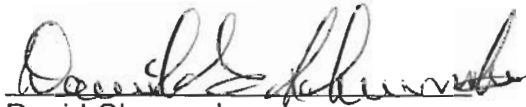
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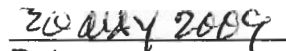
William McRae  
Vice President



Date



David Sherrard  
Secretary-Treasurer



Date