

Pursuant to the instructions of the President at our last Reunion, the final revision of our Jumping Mustang Association By Laws and Constitution are completed and have been approved by the Executive Board.

Each active member has received a copy. We shall vote on accepting the revision at the Business Meeting at our 16th Reunion in Spokane.

Our Legal Officer, Tom Frye confirms that we meet all legal requirements of both the 1st Cavalry Division Association, of which we are and shall remain a chapter and of the IRS.

There are really no major changes in the original By Laws. They are primarily an update, including accepted practices and items voted on and approved by the Executive Board or the membership. Also included are recommendations from our members where appropriate.

The revised By Laws strengthen our leadership and financial affairs. A recommendation for our Chapter to leave the 1st Cavalry Division Association and be a separate chapter was not accepted. We originally formed as a chapter of the Division Association and derive many benefits including the Scholarship Fund for those in need, plus IRS protection as a non profit association. We are proud of being a Chapter of our great 1st Cavalry Division. Most of our members are also life members of the Division Association.

A recommendation to delete all reference to the words "Air Assault" and "Airmobile" was not accepted for obvious reasons. Our members were all either "Airborne, Air Assault and Airmobile or all three. That is what we are and proud of it. Also rejected were efforts to make it more difficult for members to join our Chapter, to include providing a copy of a DD 214, most difficult for some potential members to obtain. We have had no "wantabees" and if we did, they would be quickly found out. We follow similar procedures of most organizations, with minimum required information. We do not want to discourage membership.

Our committee (Tom Frye, Jim Laurie, Al Schroeder and Ken Mertel) thank you for granting us the privileged of completing this project. We recommend the membership approve the revision.

For our Committee,
HONOR AND COURAGE
DRIVE ON ALL THE WAY

JUMPING MUSTANG 6, Ken Mertel

NATIONAL CHAPTER
CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS
AND THE
ORGANIZATIONAL GUIDELINES
OF THE
FIRST BATTALION, EIGHTH CAVALRY REGIMENT
(AIRBORNE, AIRMOBILE, AIR ASSAULT)

VIETNAM VETERANS CHAPTER

"JUMPING MUSTANGS" 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

**CHAPTER HEADQUARTERS (Address will be that
of the current Treasurer)**

NOTE: A copy of the By-Laws will be provided by the Secretary to any active member upon request.

15 APRIL 2001:

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CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: For God, Country and for our common bond, we the Vietnam Veterans of the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment (Airborne/ Air Mobile/Air Assault), 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile), 1965-1971, having aided in maintaining the honor, integrity and supremacy of our country, holding in remembrance the sacrifices in common made and drawn together by strong bonds of respect and mutual relationship, solemnly and firmly associate ourselves together in creating the First Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment (Airborne/Air Mobile/Air Assault) "Jumping Mustangs", Vietnam Veteran's Chapter, as part of the 1st Cavalry Division Association. The principles and purposes of which shall be supreme allegiance to the Republic of the United States of America, fidelity to its Constitution, to hold aloft the torch of True Patriotism, to cherish and preserve the memories of our military tradition by our association and fellowship.

BY-LAWS AND ORGANIZATIONAL GUIDELINES

PREFACE

We, the Veterans of the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1965-1971, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) desire to form a non-profit Chapter as an affiliate and subsidiary of the 1st Cavalry Division Association.

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1: - The Chapter shall be known as: The First Battalion, Eighth Cavalry Regiment (Airborne/Air Mobile/Air Assault), 1st Cavalry Division, Vietnam Veterans 1965-1971, Jumping Mustangs"

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1 - The purpose is to have a National Vietnam Veteran's chapter to support the 1st Cavalry Division Association and in particular to provide that Vietnam Veterans of this Battalion hold an Annual Reunion for fraternal gathering with their families and friends.

Section 2 - Promote and preserve the memories of those who were killed in combat and a final resolution of the problem of unaccounted for MIA/POW'S.

Section 3 - Said chapter is organized by natural sovereign citizens of the United States of America, who have a God given inalienable right to form an organization to meet peacefully and conduct social and Chapter business activities.

Section 4 - The chapter is a non-profit, non-partisan, non- sectarian unit voluntarily formed by and under the fundamental values and beliefs of our Nation.

- a. To up-hold and maintain the intent of the United States Constitution and other principles set forth by our Founding Fathers.
- b. To realize the True American ideals and aims for which those eligible for membership fought.
- c. To stimulate a feeling of mutual devotion, helpfulness and comradeship among all veterans of the Vietnam conflict and all other personnel of this Battalion who were not Veterans of the Vietnam conflict.
- d. To encourage in all, that spirit and understanding of the history of the Battalion in Vietnam, 1965-1971.
- e. To establish an unofficial Chapter for all Vietnam Airborne Paratroopers, Airmobile and Air Assault members of the 1st Air Cavalry Division, thus maintaining the high esprit de corps and tradition within the Spirit of the United States Cavalry.

ARTICLE III

ORGANIZATION

Section I - This chapter is formed as part of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, and will support it and its foundation.

Section 2 - This chapter will encourage its membership to become life members of the Division association.

Section 3 - This chapter will use as a guide those powers which may be exercised by the 1st Cavalry Division Association.

Section 4 - The administration and conduct of chapter business shall be vested in the duly elected officers as established by this document.

Section 5 - The chapter shall make no request to the 1st Cavalry Division Association for funds. A limited Treasury will be maintained to cover the cost of postage, reproductions, stationery and expenses incidental to chapter activities. It is not intended that the chapter would engage in any extensive financial transactions. No credit or debt shall be permitted. (See Article VII)

Section 6 - The Association will provide a copy of this document to all new members as part of their membership welcome package.

Section 7 - A copy of this document will be filed in the permanent chapter files, that are maintained by the Chapter Secretary. The organizational documents and original charter are posted at the Carroll County Court House, Berryville, Arkansas.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

Section I - Class

- a. Charter - The 23 veterans who also attended the first reunion in Eureka Springs Arkansas, 21-23 August 1986 were declared charter members by the First Chapter Executive Board. Each charter member has a special membership card identifying him as a charter member.
- b. Active - Any veteran of the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division, (Air mobile) who served in Vietnam and has paid his membership donation into the chapter treasurer shall be an active member. This class of membership shall also include charter members.
- c. Associate - Any individual not eligible under section a and b, above, may become an Associate Member. Associate members do not have voting privileges. This class of membership is to encourage other veterans and active duty personnel of the United States Armed Forces to be part of the chapter.
- d. Auxiliary - This organization recognized the need for a spouse's auxiliary and will support its activities in accordance with the chapter's purpose and objectives. This class of membership is for the chapter member's family will not have voting privileges, except as outlined in subsequent paragraphs.
- e. Spouses and family members of deceased veterans who served in Vietnam with the Jumping Mustangs" may become either auxiliary or associate members.
- f. Honorary - In recognition of individual support to this chapter, or any individual of Political, Military, or Civilian position, may be recommended by at least three (3) active members. This would be voted on by the Executive Board. Honorary membership will be announced by inclusion in the News Letter Bugle and on the Jumping Mustang Internet.
- g. Life - Any member attending eight (8) reunions, may request Life Membership with a one time donation of eighty dollars (\$80.00). A special Life Membership Card will be issued, numbered in the order received.

Section 2: Eligibility:

- a. General - All chapter members have active membership status as long as the individual exhibits interest in the chapter, maintains active membership and does not disgrace the chapter or the 1st Cavalry Division Association by any disorderly act or behavior. The Executive Board shall take appropriate measures to expel any member for conduct that is detrimental to the purpose for which this chapter was established. An individual notified of such expulsion may appeal to the general membership for a review of the Board's action. Only active members may vote at the general membership meeting.

b. Annual Membership - For charter, active and associate membership a suggested annual dues (donation) amount is \$10.00. This annual donation is not refundable. Any increase or decrease in this amount requires a 2/3 vote of the membership present at a general membership meeting.

c. Membership Duration - A member who has not renewed his status for the current membership year will be automatically dropped from active membership until reinstatement.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 -- Chapter Officers

- a. The Executive Board shall consist of an Honorary President, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations, Historian, and Chaplain. Past Presidents are encouraged to sit in on Board meetings to offer advice and counsel.
- b. The Honorary President shall have no voting privilege as a member of the Executive Board, but has voting privilege as an active member of the general membership.
- c. No Chapter officer shall be liable for acts or failure to act on the part of any other member, officer or agent of this chapter. All members of the Executive Board may appoint assistants as required in the performance of their duties.

Section 2 - Terms of Chapter Officers

- a. All members of the Executive Board (except for the Honorary President), shall serve for a period of three (3) years.
- b. The Honorary President shall serve for a period to be designated by the Executive Board. This period of service may be lengthened or shortened at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Section 3 - Succession of Chapter Officers

- a. The order of succession of officers is as follows: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the Secretary.
- b. Presidential Vacancy - A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President, but in the case of absence of a Vice-President, shall be filled by appointment of a qualified member as the board may direct. Any other temporary appointment, for death, resignation or removal may be made by the chapter President. The new Executive Board member will serve out the remaining term of office.

Section 4. General:

- a. The Executive Board shall meet prior to the Reunion general membership meeting and/or as required by the President.
- b. Chapter officers shall not concurrently hold an elected public office.

c. The Executive Board shall have supervision, control and direction of the affairs of the chapter, and shall determine its policies or changes are within the limits of this document. The Board shall actively prosecute the Chapter's purpose and shall have discretion in the determining of funds disbursements. It may adopt such rules and regulations for the control and conduct of business as may be deemed advisable and may, in the execution of the power granted, appoint such agents as it may consider necessary. The presence of 2/3 members of the Executive Board at the Reunion constitutes a quorum.

d. The Executive Board will insure that the "non-alcohol policy" is enforced during annual reunions. All alcohol available in public rooms must be sold by the hotel.

Section 5. Duties of Executive Board

a. Honorary President: This is a non-elected, non-voting position on the Executive Board. Normally this position will be held by a Vietnam Battalion Commander or Senior Officer of the Battalion. He will act as consultant and senior advisor to the Executive Board, chapter membership, and the chapter. The Honorary President shall, with the agreement of the President, be the official spokesman for the chapter.

b. President: The President will shall have the duty of presiding at all meetings of the chapter, to cause to be issued all notices which may be required to appoint all committees. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee, to execute all agreements or-contracts or other documents in the name of the chapter, and to perform such other acts as pertain to the office which shall not contravene any provisions of the Chapter Constitution, By-Laws, and Guidelines.

The President shall to the extent possible:

- Make every member feel wanted and needed.
- Actively assist and supervises Executive Board members and appointed committees in performance of their duties.
- Keep lines of communications to members open.
- Ensure letters of sympathy are sent to families of deceased members.
- Ensure cards, letters, flowers, etc are sent to members in hospital.
- Make certain all new members are welcomed to the Chapter.
- Assure timely publication of the BUGLE, appointing the Editor and assistants as required.
- Cause a yearly audit of the financial records of the chapter and announce the results to the members at each Reunion and also cause results to be published in the BUGLE.
- Write a short article for each issue of the BUGLE.

c. Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to aid the President to carry out the duties of the President during absence or disability of the President, and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President. He must actively assist the Chapter Officers as needed and prepare for duties of

becoming President at a later date. The Vice President shall take an active role in recruiting and retaining active members, the life blood of our organization.

d. Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the minutes of all meetings of the chapter up to date and accurate, to conduct the correspondence pertaining to the chapter, and to maintain the roster of the chapter membership, and communication with the Divisional Association. Also the Secretary will act as liaison with the 1st Cavalry Division Association for all chapter activities.

e. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep accurate and up to date accounts and records of all receipts and expenditures of chapter funds, maintain care and custody of all money, be accountable for chapter assets, ensure liabilities are paid, submit an annual report on the fiscal status of the chapter at each reunion and submit such other reports as may be prescribed in his duties.

f. Public Relations: It shall be the duty of the Public Relations Officer to provide publicity for the meetings and activities of the chapter through all available media, and to develop procedures for dissemination of information and promotional material about the chapter membership and association.

g. Historian.- It shall be the duty of the Historian to collect and keep History of the chapter, gather information about our KIA's in Vietnam, make an effort to locate next of kin of these men so as to help the Division Association in awarding Scholarships to children of KIA's. He will submit all information to the Secretary for chapter records.

h. Chaplain, To assist in all religious activities of the chapter, aiding the membership with spiritual matters and participate in all chapter meetings and Reunion activities. He will send cards, notes, flowers (if appropriate) to ill members and families of departed members.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTIONS:

Section I - Elections

a. The base year for holding elections will be 1988. Elections will be held every three (3) years thereafter at the respective reunion.

b. To provide for chapter leadership continually, the Vice-President will automatically replace the President at the start of the Executive Board's new term of office.

c. Those elected to the Executive Board will assume their duties of office at the conclusion of the Reunion. The change over of Presidents will be at the conclusion of the Reunion.

d. The nomination and election of officers require serious thought, for they are one of the most important events for the Association. The President will appoint a nomination and election committee, of at least three members (he may not be a member), at the reunion one year prior to the election. The

committee members will select their chairman. They should come to the election reunion with a prepared slate of qualified candidates and prepared ballots. Ballots should have space for write-ins who are nominated from the floor at the business meeting prior to where the election will be held..

Section 2 - Nominations

- a. At the general membership meeting, further nominations may be made for any eligible member in good standing by an active member from the floor.
- b All candidates for chapter offices must express a willingness to serve and perform the duties of the position for which elected.

c. It is desirable that all chapter officers be on the Internet to assure timely communications with the Executive Board and the membership.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCIAL

Section I - Annual Fund Raising, Donations, and Raffles for Raising Money.

- a. Donations will be accepted to defray expenses of the chapter.
- b. Fund raising activities may be undertaken by the chapter for the purpose of obtaining funds for the Treasury, in order to maintain a viable organization. Any fund raising activity must be specifically approved by the Executive Board prior to conducting the activity. All money taken in by the chapter will be shown on the records and reported at the opening of the annual financial report to the general membership at the Chapter Reunion. The audited financial report of the last calendar year, reporting all monies handled by the association, will be in a "Financial Report" folder on the Registration Desk at each reunion and be available to all members to read

- c. The annual general fund financial report should have at least the following sub-parts:

Report on the previous Reunion.

Sales.

Other sources of Funds, Gifts, Fund Raisers and Donations, other than annual Membership Donations.

- d. The Executive Board will have a financial audit performed yearly prior to the Business Meeting by a committee of at least three qualified members appointed by the President. The report will be made available to the membership at the Business Meeting and will be made available to all active members and will be published in the next BUGLE following the Reunion.

Section 2 - Records, Account of Banking, Financial Deposits.

- a. A checking account (no interest only) will be established in a bank in the city where the Treasurer lives, under the title of "Jumping Mustangs" with the following officers permitted to write checks on this account- Treasurer, and in the absence of the Treasurer, the President and Vice President in that order.

- b. The check book and banking records will be in the possession of the Treasurer. Any member may call the elected Treasurer for financial information.

Section 3 - Use of Funds:

- a. The chapter shall use its fund to accomplish the purpose and objectives of the chapter and to insure all chapter debts are paid after each reunion.
- b. The Executive Board will prepare a yearly budget for publication and mailing of the Bugle and other secretarial and minor association business incurred.
- c. The Treasurer is authorized to program reasonable amounts for expenses incurred in Association business All outstanding accounts must be paid at the conclusion of each reunion.
- d. The President may authorize expenditures up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year by check for emergency expenses that may arise, not otherwise covered, in the interest of the Chapter.
- e. All funds drawn on the account (other than a, b , c and d, above) shall be approved by the Executive Board, (two thirds of members approving).
- f. All financial transactions will be paid by check and are to be paid as they occur.

Section 4 - Membership

- a. Annual donations (dues) in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) for the next calendar year should be made prior to or during the annual reunion. Members may also submit their annual donations by mail directly to the Chapter Treasurer.
- b. No organization can survive without financial support and for any member who indicates that he is unwilling to tender donation in support of this chapter The Secretary will place his name on the "inactive list" without requiring a vote.
- c. Any member who has been dropped for non-support of annual expenses may be reinstated upon tender of donations for the current year and the next year at one time.
- d. The Executive Board may drop any member for good and sufficient cause after he has been given an opportunity of a hearing with two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board giving approval. The individual may appeal the Executive Board's decision to the general membership at the next scheduled chapter meeting.
- e. All funds received by the chapter are contributions to cover the cost of the organization. All money given by the membership must be in the nature of a donation or gift, No direct assessment will be made to the membership. Note: IRS Code Section 102 (A) states that GIFTS are not "income", so they are not subject to income tax.

ARTICLE VIII

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Section 1 - Annual membership meetings shall be held during the Reunion each year for reading of the Annual Report, Financial Report, determining dates and place of the next reunion, elections (when needed), and the transaction of other chapter business.

Section 2 - Notices of meetings will be published and everyone who is on the membership roster, will be notified at least three (3) weeks in advance. Notices will be printed in the newsletters "The Bugle", phone, e mail, i.e., time permitting, and at the discretion of the President at any time.

Section 3 - Special Meetings: Problems that arise that need the Executive Boards approval and attention, (vote or what) will be taken care of by phone or internet, time permitting, and at the discretion of the President at any time.

Section 4 - Any member may make motions, or bring up business before the annual meeting each year, as all membership will be present at the time for hearing such motion.

Section 5 - The majority of the members present at the annual Reunion shall be considered a quorum at the general membership meeting.

Section 6. Spouses of active members may vote on selection of Reunion Sites..

Section 7 - Order of Business

The suggested order of business at any meeting of the Chapter or the Executive Board shall be as follows:

- a. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- b. Invocation
- c. Introductions and/or Roll Call
- d. Reading of the Minutes and Treasury Report.
- e. Discussion of and vote on Future Reunion sites.
- f. Correspondence and/or Announcements
- g. Reports of Committees and Chapter Projects..
- h. Unfinished Business/old Business.
- i. New Business:
 1. Elections will be the next order of business in election year.
 2. Formal installation of new officers first order of business after the election by making public installation of new officers occur at the reunion in which the election is held.
- j. Open Business - Anyone at the meeting may make comments, remarks or statements pertaining to Chapter activities.
- k. Benediction
- l. Adjournment

Section 7 - Guest speakers and special programs may be inserted in the above order at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

Section 8 - No proxy votes or votes by mail from general membership shall be permitted. Members are welcome and encouraged to contact the association in writing to express their concerns and comments, if not able to attend a business meeting and vote.

Section 9 - The National Colors, the Flag of the United States, shall be displayed and honored at all meetings (Public Law 94-3", 94th Congress, U.S. Code, Title 6, Chapter 10, Section 171-177) The chapter flag etiquette will follow these prescribed rules and regulations governing the use of the flag.

Section 10 -Procedures not specified by this document in the conduct of meetings will be the parliamentary rules contained in the current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised"

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

Section 1 - All committees shall be appointed by the Executive Board. They shall be formed as needed, and they can either operate by mail, e mail, telephone or actually meeting together. The President has the power to appoint special committees as he deems necessary. Each committee shall be charged with effecting a program and shall have the full support of the chapter in such activity as approved by the Executive Board of the chapter.

Section 2 - The following standing committees should plan well in advance and submit a report at the annual reunion:

- a. Annual Reunion
- b. Constitution and By-Laws
- c. Financial
- d. Historical
- e. Spouses Auxiliary
- f. membership
- g. Personal Affairs
- h. Program
- i. Public Relations/publicity

Section 3 - All standing committees and their members will be identified by the President in the "Bugle" and on the Internet Home Page. Standing Committees members serve until the next election cycle, when they may be replaced or re-appointed by the Executive Board. Special Committees and their members will be identified by the President in the "Bugle" and on the "Internet Home Page"

ARTICLE X

CONSTRUCTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Section I - The provisions of this document shall be construed liberally to accomplish the purpose and objectives of this chapter.

Section 2 - This document may be amended, repealed, or suspended by the proper and customary procedures used to amend, repeal and suspend like organizations, namely, by parliamentary procedure using Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 3 - The Constitution and By-Laws Committee and/or the Executive Board shall review the Constitution and By-Laws each year. In the event changes are proposed, members shall be notified at least one (1) month in advance of the chapter general membership meeting.

Section 4 - Once an announcement has been made of a proposed change to an Article/Section of this document, any further modification to the proposed or new proposals to same Article/Section will not necessitate any additional notification or delay.

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION OF CHAPTER

Section I - The chapter will exist until dissolved by a two thirds (2/3) vote at a scheduled meeting of the general membership. The motion for dissolution must be announced in both the 1st Cavalry Division Association newspaper and first-class letters to all charter and active chapter members.

Section 2 - In the event of dissolution of this chapter, and after the dissolution of all debts and liabilities, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit organization or as decided by the Executive Board and in accordance with Army Regulations.

The following is a list of unit awards to the various elements of the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment for service in the Republic of South Vietnam, 1965-1971.

Find your company, then the column headed "time period", then look down the list to see how many different awards you are entitled to wear as a result of your service in the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment.

Presidential Unit Citation

Citation	Legend	Time Period	HQ	A	B	C	D	E
DAGO 40, 1967	Pleiku Province	23 Oct - 26 Nov 65	X	X	X	X	X	
DAGO 73, 1968	Trung Luong	21 - 22 Jun 1966	X		X	X	X	
DAGO 2, 1973	Bihn Thuan Province	9 Nov - 12 Dec 66			X			

Valorous Unit Award

DAGO 43, 1973	Fish Hook	1 May - 29 Jun 70	X	X	X	X	X	X
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South Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Unit Award

DAGO 59, 1969	Vietnam 1965-69	9 Aug 65-19 May 69	X	X	X	X	X	
DAGO 42, 1972	Vietnam 1969-70	20 May 69-16 Feb 70	X	X	X	X	X	X
DAGO 11, 1973								
DAGO 42, 1972	Vietnam 1971	21 Feb 71-28 Feb 71	X	X	X	X	X	X

South Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Unit Award

DAGO 42, 1972	Vietnam 1969-70	1 Jan 69-1 Feb 70	X	X	X	X	X	X
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