

THE CONTINENTAL LINE, INC.

BYLAWS

Article I. - Name of the Organization

The name of the organization shall be “The Continental Line, Inc.” (a.k.a. “The Line”).

Article II. - Objective of the Organization

The Continental Line, Inc. is a non-profit educational organization composed of several recreated units representing the actual units, which fought on the side of the American Colonies during the American Revolution. These units may include units of the Continental Army, the various colonial militias, the Continental Navy, the Continental Marines and units in the service of the French King. In addition, the membership of each unit may include persons portraying civilians of the 18th century. The Line is organized to promote a better knowledge and understanding among its member units and the general public of that period in the history of the United States during which our nation won its independence from Great Britain.

Article III. - Membership In the Organization

Section 1 - Granting Membership

Membership in the organization is not open to individuals but rather only to those recreated units detailed in Article II. There shall be only one class of membership namely, full member. The procedure for attaining membership is as follows: A unit desiring membership shall contact a member unit of the same branch of service impression already in The Line to request their sponsorship. Same branch of service impression is here defined as: artillery sponsor of artillery, infantry sponsor of infantry, horse troop sponsor of horse troop, etc. If the Applicant has multiple impressions, then a sponsor of each like impression is required. The sponsoring unit will then invite the “applicant” unit to the Line field events for that year. At these events, the applicant unit will field with, or under the direction of the sponsoring unit or another full member unit designated by the sponsor, and be observed as to their safety, authenticity and cooperation. At the next annual meeting of The Line, the sponsoring unit may make a motion that the applicant unit be accepted for membership. A simple majority vote of the units present at the annual meeting shall be sufficient to grant membership. It shall be required that at least one member of the applicant unit be present at the annual meeting at which their unit is to be voted upon so as to represent their unit. This representative however, shall not be present in the meeting room when the vote is taken. In the event that no member of the applicant unit is in attendance at this meeting, the unit may maintain it applicant status for one more year. If no member of the applicant unit attends the next annual meeting, the unit will lose its applicant status and not be considered for full membership at this meeting.

Section 2 - Liability Insurance

It is a requirement that all member units of The Line carry liability insurance. This being the case, any unit desiring to apply for membership and to attend Line events, must show evidence of liability insurance. It shall be the responsibility of the

sponsoring unit to verify that the applicant unit has insurance. This requirement shall also apply to any “guest” units, which may be invited to attend a Line event.

Section 3 - Revoking Membership

In the event that a member unit creates a safety problem, an authenticity problem or any other type of problem at a field event, the host unit shall deal with the problem directly with the offending unit. In the case of an individual member of a member unit being the cause of the problem, the host unit shall simply contact the unit’s commanding officer, and that officer shall be responsible for correcting the problem. If a member unit continually causes problems, then any member unit of The Line shall be able to make a motion at the next annual meeting that the offending unit’s membership in The Line be revoked. Following the appropriate open discussion, membership may be revoked and the offending unit expelled from The Line by a simple majority vote of the member units present. An expelled unit shall lose all privileges associated with membership in The Line to include the right to vote and the right to attend Line events.

Section 4 - Alternate Branch of Service Impression of Full Member.

Full Member units that wish to add an additional branch of service impression will follow the procedure as an Applicant of that impression as defined in Article III, Section 1. Applying for the secondary impression under the sponsorship of a Full Member unit of the like impression at the Annual Meeting.

Article IV - Annual Meeting

Section 1 - Time and Place

The annual meeting shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Chairman.

Section 2 - Voting

Any individual member of any member unit shall be entitled to speak and/or offer a motion at the annual meeting but each member unit shall have only one (1) vote which shall be cast by the unit commander or his/her designated representative. Member units not able to attend the annual meeting may vote on any proposal presented at said meeting by registering their proxy with their respective Department Coordinator. To facilitate this process, any proposal to be voted upon will be pre-published to all member units either through the organization’s Journal or by other written and/or electronic means.

Section 3 - Robert’s Rules of Order

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern The Line in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

Section 4 - Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a minimum of 25% plus one (1) of all member units. Said quorum shall be required for the conduct of business at the annual meeting.

Article V - Administration

Section 1 - Composition of the Administration

The Administration of The Line shall consist of one Chairman, one Adjutant, one Treasurer and one Department Coordinator for each Department within The Line. In addition, the immediate Past Chairman of The Line shall be a voting member of the Administration.

Section 2 - Election

The Chairman, Adjutant and Treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting by a simple majority of the member units present. The Department Coordinators shall be elected by the member units of their respective departments at a time and place determined by that department.

Section 3 - Term of Office

The Chairman, Adjutant and Treasurer shall be elected for a two (2) Year term. Election of the Chairman shall take place during even numbered years and the election of the Adjutant and Treasurer shall take place during odd numbered years. Department Coordinators shall be elected for a one (1) year term.

Section 4 - Duties of the Administration

Chairman: The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive officer of the corporation and shall have general supervision, except as hereinafter specifically set forth, over the activities of the corporation. The Chairman shall also preside over the meetings of The Line.

Adjutant: The Adjutant shall perform the duties of the Chairman in his/her absence and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him/her by the membership or by the Chairman. He/she shall also attend all meetings of The Line and shall record the minutes of same in a book or books to be kept for that purpose. He/she shall also see that notices are given and records maintained.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall take charge of the monies and other properties of the corporation and shall keep a true and perfect record of the same.

Department Coordinator(s): Each Department Coordinator shall exercise the general supervision of his/her department. He/she shall also act as liaison between the department and The Line and shall report all activities of his/her department to the Administration.

Past Chairman: The immediate Past Chairman of The Line shall serve as an advisor to the current Administration and shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the current Chairman.

Section 5 - Vacancy

Any vacancy occurring in the Administration shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of that body with the exception of a vacancy in the office of Department Coordinator. A vacancy, which may occur in the office of Department Coordinator, shall be filled by a majority vote of the member units of the respective department. Any individual chosen to fill a vacancy under this Section , with the exception of the office of Department Coordinator, shall serve until the next annual meeting of The Line when a regular election shall be held. Any individual chosen to fill the office of Department Coordinator shall serve until the next election held by the member units of the respective department.

Article VI - Other Powers

Any powers or rights not specifically granted to the Administration under these bylaws shall be retained by the member units within their respective departments.

Article VII - Amendments

These bylaws may only be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the member units present at an annual meeting, due notice of said vote having been given.

Article VIII - Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of The Line, all monies in the treasury, following payment of all liabilities, shall be donated to the Valley Forge National Historical Park, and earmarked for use in maintaining the Neuman Collection.