

# USS WILLIAM M. WOOD (DD715/DDR715) ASSOCIATION RULES

## ARTICLE 1-NAME

SECTION 1. The name of the organization shall be the USS WILLIAM M. WOOD DD715/DDR715 ASSOCIATION, hereafter referred to as the association.

## ARTICLE II-PURPOSE

SECTION 1. The purpose of the association is to promote the common bond among former members of the USS WILLIAM M. WOOD through reunions, communications and the preservation of its history.

SECTION 2. No use may be made of the members' names and addresses, for other than the PURPOSE.

## ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Any person who has served aboard WOOD may be included in the association's master crew list and is eligible for ACTIVE membership.

### SECTION 2. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS

- a. ACTIVE: One who has paid his current dues.
- b. INACTIVE: One who has not paid his current dues.
- c. ASSOCIATE: An eligible survivor of a deceased WOOD member who desires to become active in the association
- d. HONORARY: Honorary membership may be conferred by the President or a majority vote at a reunion business meeting. \*\*A surviving spouse is eligible for life membership in the association, without dues

### SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY TO NOMINATE:

- a. An active member who is present at the reunion business meeting.
- b. An active member who is unable to attend the reunion business meeting may submit a written statement that he is willing to be nominated for a specific office.

### SECTION 4. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE:

- a. An active member who is present at the annual\* reunion business meeting

## ARTICLE IV-ASSOCIATION DUES

SECTION 1. Dues are ten dollars (\$10) per calendar year, payable by February 1 of the year.

Dues are not prorated.+

## ARTICLE V-OFFICERS

SECTION 1. President, vice president and secretary-treasurer.+

SECTION 2. Shall be elected for a term running from the day following a reunion to the last day of the next reunion. Election is by a majority of active members voting at the annual\* reunion business meeting. Officers may be reelected.

SECTION 3. The PRESIDENT shall coordinate the activities of the association and preside at reunion meetings.

SECTION 4. The VICE PRESIDENT shall assist the president in his duties and any other duties assigned.+(Original section 5 elated to 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president deleted)

SECTION 5. The SECRETARY-TREASURER shall:

- a. Maintain the association's records, correspondence, member list and bank account.
- b. Manage association funds, make all deposits and disbursements
- c. Coordinate the association's mailings

SECTION 7. VACANCY. In the event an officer resigns or is unable to meet his

responsibilities, the remaining officers shall confer and decide as to whether a replacement shall be appointed to fill the unexpired term.

#### **ARTICLE VI- COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

**SECTION 1.** Shall be appointed by the president to assist as required. May be reappointed.

**SECTION 2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** The President serves as chairman and consists of the vice president and the secretary-treasurer.+

**SECTION 3. REUNION COMMITTEE.** A site chairman, in coordination with the vice president, shall be responsible for arranging matters pertaining to the reunion, including lodging, banquet, meeting and hospitality facilities, registration, activities, transportation and financial accountability for the reunion. He shall provide the necessary reunion information to the chairman and the secretary-treasurer in a timely manner for dissemination to the membership.+

**SECTION 4.** The reunion committee chairman shall coordinate reunion notices to military newspapers, magazines, organizations and newsletters to ensure broad notification of the reunion.+

**SECTION 5.** In event of a chairman's resignation or incapacity, the committee shall continue to function until a successor is appointed or elected.

#### **ARTICLE VII-MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE MOMMITTEE:** Shall meet as deemed necessary.

**SECTION 2. BUSINESS:** Shall be held at the annual\* reunion, with the agenda:

a. General business

b. Active members may nominate from the floor.

c. An absent member may be nominated in accordance with ARTICLE III.

d. Voting will be by active members only by secret ballot. If there is but one nomination for an office, vote may be made by voice acclamation.

In event of a tie, another vote will be taken immediately.

e. The nomination/election sequence shall be in the following order:

President (2) secretary-treasurer (3) vice -president (4) reunion site and date (5)  
reunion site chairman +

#### **ARTICLE VIII-COMMUNICATIONS**

**SECTION 1.** Initial correspondence to a prospective member shall consist of a returnable information form and any other information considered appropriate. Upon response, he is added to the active member list if dues are paid.

#### **ARTICLE X-AMENDMENTS**

**SECTION 1.** These rules may be amended by a two thirds vote of the active members voting on the motion at a reunion business meeting..

Adopted and appoved by the membership on April 25, 1999 in Peabody, MA.

\*Amended by the membership to reflect annual reunions on April 8, 2000 in Philadelphia, PA.

\*\*Amended by the membership to reflect surviving spouse membership May 4, 2002.

+ Amended by the membership in Chicago, IL Oct. 8, 2005