

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS
ASSOCIATION OF THE 103RD REGIMENT O.V.I.**

(As amended August, 2016)

CONSTITUTION

By virtue of the original Veterans this organization shall be known as "Sons and Daughters of the 103rd Regiment O.V.I."

The object of said organization is: To commemorate the lives and deaths of the soldiers of this famous and illustrious 103rd Regiment O.V.I.

To perpetuate the said Regiment.

To meet and greet the descendants of this grand regiment and their families and,

To enjoy a most social outing on Lake Erie's shore semi-annually.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section I – Full Membership Eligibility by Lineal Descent.

- (A) All Sons and Daughters, Grandsons and Daughters, Great Grandsons and Daughters and all future lineal generations of Veterans of the said 103rd Regiment O.V.I. shall be full members of, and constitute the said organization, "The Sons and Daughters of the 103rd Regiment O.V.I."
- (B) Adopted children of lineal descendants of Veterans of the 103rd Regiment O.V.I. shall also be considered lineal descendants of said organization with full rights and privileges.

Section II – Full Membership Eligibility by Marriage

- (A) The married spouse of a direct lineal descendant of a Veteran of the said 103rd Regiment O.V.I. shall be a full member during the term of the

marriage and during widowhood until such time as they remarry a person not a direct lineal descendant of said Regiment.

- (B) Divorce- A spouse of a direct lineal descendant of a veteran of the 103rd Regiment O.V.I. shall be ineligible for full membership upon the legal termination of their marriage to the descendant.

Section III - Associate Members

(A) Upon payment of registration fees, an associate member shall have all the rights and privileges of full members except the right to vote and hold elected office. Associate membership shall be so stated in the membership book.

(B) Widowhood- The widow (er) of a deceased lineal descendant of a Veteran of the 103rd Regiment O.V.I. with children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, or successive generational children, in the event of their remarriage shall, together with the newly acquired spouse, become an associate member of said organization.

(C) Divorce- The divorced former spouse of a direct lineal descendant of a Veteran of the 103rd Regiment O.V.I., in the event of the death of their former spouse, shall be eligible for associate membership in order to facilitate any lineal descendant children from the marriage, under the age of twenty-one (21) years, in attending the annual reunions.

(D) Step-children- A lineal descendant of said Veterans who marries a person with a child who is not legally adopted, said child shall become an associate member during the marriage. When said stepchild attains the age of twenty-one (21) years, or marries, or has a child of their own, any and all membership rights shall cease to exist.

(E) Foster Children- A foster child of a lineal descendant of the 103rd Regiment O.V.I. under the age of eighteen years shall be an associate member. When said foster child attains the age of eighteen (18) years, or has a child of their own, any and all membership rights shall cease to exist.

(F) Neophytes- When a full member of the 103rd Regiment O.V.I. becomes formally engaged to be married, the engaged partner of the full member, and any of the engaged partner's children under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, shall be associate members.

ARTICLE II - REGISTRATION AND FINANCE

Section I - Fixing of Registration Fees

The registration fees of said organization shall be fixed from time to time and shall not exceed an amount to meet the necessary expenses of said organization. A member shall be considered in good standing upon payment of said registration fees.

Section II - Registration Fees for Absentees

Absentee members are gratefully asked to pay Registration Fees in accordance with our organization; they shall receive a badge and receipt and shall be considered in good standing.

Section III - Income

All income received from the Sons and Daughters activities (registration, dinners, dances, candy stand, raffles) with the exception of the Mess Hall, shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the 103rd OVI Company. At the conclusion of Camp Week all money shall be turned over to the Company Treasurer.

ARTICLE III - BASIC ORGANIZATION OF SONS & DAUGHTERS

Section I - Reunions

The said Sons and Daughters of the 103rd Regiment O.V.I. shall meet semi-annually.

(A) Firstly, from the first Tuesday in August, to continue for one week upon our most beautiful grounds, located in Lorain County, Sheffield Township; this being the Lake Front property and the regular reunion of the 103rd Regiment O.V.I.

(B) Secondly, February or the closest date available to the 22nd in regular and businesslike manner.

Section II - Business Meetings

(A) All business of the Sons and Daughters Organization shall be conducted at the annual meeting during Camp Week. Said meeting, by tradition, shall be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday of Camp Week.

(B) All business meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

Section III - Closed Dates

(A) Camp Week shall be from 12:00 noon on Tuesday until the conclusion of the Flag Lowering on Sunday.

(B) Only members and registered associate members of the 103rd Regiment O.V.I. shall be permitted on the grounds between 12:00 noon on Tuesday to the conclusion of Flag Lowering on Sunday.

Section IV - Voting

(A) Any member (excluding associate members) upon reaching age 12 shall be given voting rights.

(B) A member must be in good standing to vote.

Section V - Amendments

(A) All proposed amendments to these by-laws must be presented to the Constitution Committee for their consideration and refinement. Any refinement suggested by the Constitution Committee must be subject to the approval of the originator. The Constitution Committee must then publish the proposed amendment in an issue of the 'Assembly Call' which must be prior to any action taken at a Sons and Daughters meeting.

(B) The by-laws may be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members in good standing present at any regular meetings during our August reunions.

Section VI - Rights and Privileges

(A) All members and associate members of the Sons and Daughters of the 103rd Regiment O.V.I. are given the right to participate in all Sons and Daughters activities, the qualified use of the ground facilities, and are permitted to bring guests to the grounds at all times except the closed time of Camp Week.

(B) Members must be in good standing to receive the above rights and privileges.

Section VII - Officers

(A) The elected officers of the said Sons and Daughters of the 103rd Regiment O.V.I. shall consist of President, First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Vice Presidents, and Secretary.

(B) The appointed officers of said organization shall be Chaplain, Grounds Keeper, Mess Hall Captain, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant at Arms.

(C) All officers, committee members, and chairman shall serve without compensation.

ARTICLE IV - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section I - Nominating Committee

The President shall appoint a committee of three to serve as a Nominating Committee whose membership will be known a year before, so that said committee can communicate with members of Sons and Daughters to give their suggestions. No

member of the committee can be considered for office for the forthcoming year unless nomination comes from the floor.

Section II - Duties of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall use its best efforts to obtain the names of members willing to hold office for the next year and present those names to the membership at its annual meeting. There will also be opportunity for nominations from the floor.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section I - President

Duties of the President shall be to preside at all regular meetings; to preserve order and decorum therein; to appoint all committees (See Article VI); to act as judge and appoint all tellers at all regular elections; to see to having all necessary arrangements made for the comfort and entertainment of all members of the said 103rd Regiment O.V.I.; to assure that flag lowering programs are held each day of Camp Week; to assist in any way possible to make our annual reunion during August and February a success and a pleasure to all members attending them, in so far as possible.

Section II - First Vice President

Duties of the First Vice President shall be to preside in the absence of the President; to handle all arrangements for the Monday evening program; to perform all other services required of him by the President.

Section III - Second Vice President

Duties of the Second Vice President shall be to handle all arrangements for the Tuesday evening program; to perform all other services required of him by the President.

Section IV - Third Vice President

Duties of the Third Vice President shall be handle all arrangement for the Wednesday evening program; to perform all other services required of him by the President.

Section V - Forth Vice President

Duties of the Fourth Vice President shall be to handle all arrangements for the Friday evening program; to perform all other services required of him by the President.

Section VI - Fifth Vice President

Duties of the Fifth Vice President shall be to have charge of the Children's Hour during the annual encampment; to handle a program put on by the children on Saturday night of Camp Week; to perform all other duties required of him by the President.

Section VII - Secretary

Duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a true record and account of the proceedings of said Sons and Daughters. The secretary shall order appropriate badges for each reunion, of different colors and wording to designate veterans, Sons and Daughters, and associate members, to be ready for distribution July 4th.

Section VIII - Chaplain

Duties of the Chaplain shall be to perform chapel services at our annual reunions in August and February, or to arrange for other capable persons to perform the service.

Section IX - Mess Hall Captain

Duties of the Mess Hall Captain shall be to hire three or four cooks, or as many as necessary; to act as hostess for mess hall and to take care of all money, buying of food and preparation of menus with the help of the head cook; to keep the prices as reasonable as possible; to keep a complete record of food planning, purchasing, attendance, and surplus.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMANSHIPS

Section I - Executive Committee

(A) There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President, who shall be chairman, and two appointed officers appointed by the President. Said committee shall have power to act for the members in all matters during the interim between the annual meetings.

Section II - Nominating Committee

Refer to Article IV, Sections I and II.

Section III Constitution Committee

The President of the Sons and Daughters shall appoint a Constitution Committee of four (4) members and the Sons and Daughters Parliamentarian (none of whom may be associate members) to study the Constitution and By-laws of the Sons and Daughters for purpose to improve the Constitution and By-laws and to present all proposed revisions for a vote at the Sons and Daughters meeting. The Constitution Committee shall also serve as interpreters of the Constitution if such is needed.

Section V - Candy Stand

The chairman of the concession stand shall be appointed by the President. The chairman shall have full responsibility for maintenance and operation of the stand. He shall procure and sell refreshments, keeping record of same.

Section VI - Sergeant at Arms

The President of the Sons and Daughters may appoint a member or members, none of whom may be associate members, to be the Sergeant at Arms of the 103rd O.V.I. His or her responsibility shall be to police the grounds during Camp Week; to see that only members in good standing vote; to see that all associate members are registered; to see that no disturbance occurs during any Sons and Daughters sponsored program; to help enforce 103rd Ground Rules and to perform tasks so designated him by the President of the Sons and Daughters.

Section VII - Groundkeeper

The President of the Sons and Daughters of the 103rd O.V.I. may appoint a member or members of said organization to be Groundkeeper. His or her responsibilities shall be to see that all needed facilities be ready for any Sons and Daughters sponsored programs; to perform any other tasks so designated to him by the President of the Sons and Daughters.

Section VIII - Other Committees

There shall be any other committees or chairmanships the President of the Sons and Daughters deems necessary