

BY-LAWS OF AMERICA'S NETWORK OF TROOP SUPPORTERS, INC.

ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION

- 1.1 The name of the organization shall be **America's Network of Troop Supporters, Inc.** (the "Organization").
- 1.2 **America's Network of Troop Supporters, Inc.** is a student-led non-profit organization founded at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in March of 2004. The **Carolina Troop Supporters** is a branch of **America's Network of Troop Supporters, Inc.** and shall be the executive branch of this Organization, yet there are also currently a **Georgia Troop Supporters** branch at the University of Georgia in Athens and an **Oregon Troop Supporters** branch at the University of Oregon in Eugene.
- 1.3 The principal office shall be located at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The mailing address shall be that of the current president of the **Carolina Troop Supporters** branch of **America's Network of Troop Supporters** in Chapel Hill. The mailing address for the 2005/2006 school semester is: 539 Ashley Court , Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514. The board of directors may change the address of the registered office and the registered agent from time to time, upon filing the appropriate statement with the Secretary of State.
- 1.4 The corporation may have other offices at other colleges or universities, either within or outside of North Carolina. The board of directors shall designate the location of these other offices. The treasurer of the **Carolina Troop Supporters** branch in Chapel Hill shall maintain a copy of the appropriate accounting records of all offices nationwide.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

- 2.1 **America's Network of Troop Supporters** was founded for the purpose of showing appreciation, care, and support to the United States Armed Forces here in this country and especially to those military personnel serving abroad.
- 2.2 Sending weekly letters and care packages to soldiers in foreign countries is among the main objectives of our organization. In order to fulfill our main goals and objectives, we assign each member a soldier to write to each week, while establishing a friendship and encouragement during often difficult times.
- 2.3 It is also our goal to increase student and community awareness of military experiences in foreign nations. We do this by having veterans of war and soldiers who have been abroad in non-war settings come to our universities and speak to students, faculty and other members of the community about their experiences, by organizing tours of military bases, and through the use of our branch websites. It is

our purpose that American's, especially university students, are made aware of the life of those who serve our country.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership in this organization shall be open to all students, faculty or staff at the universities with Troop Supporter branches and open to any community members that desire to participate.
- 3.2 Both membership and participation in this organization is open without regard to age, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation. Membership and participation in this organization also is open without regard to gender.
- 3.3 There are no membership fees or dues.
- 3.4 All active members of America's Network of Troop Supporters shall be voting members and may hold office and chair committees of the branch to which they belong.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

- 4.1 Regular meetings of this Organization shall be held on university campuses across the nation. Several meetings will be scheduled each month by the branch president depending on the current projects and time of school year.
- 4.2 Special meetings of this Organization may be called by the president when he or she deems it for the best interest of the Organization. Notices of such meeting shall be emailed, mailed or telephoned to all members at least three (3) days before the scheduled date set for such special meeting. Such notice shall state the reasons that such meeting has been called, the business to be transacted at such meeting and by whom it was called. At the request of thirty (30%) percent of the members of the Board of Directors or fifty-five (55%) percent of the members of the organization, the president shall cause a special meeting to be called. No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at such special meeting without the unanimous consent of all present at such meeting.

ARTICLE V VOTING

- 5.1 At all meetings, except for the election of officers and directors, all votes shall be by voice. For election of officers, ballots shall be provided and there shall not appear any place on such ballot that might tend to indicate the person who cast such ballot.

- 5.2 At any regular or special meeting, if a majority so requires, any question may be voted upon in the manner and style provided for election of officers and directors. At all votes by ballot the chairman of such meeting shall, prior to the commencement of balloting, appoint a committee of three who shall act as "Inspectors of Election" and who shall, at the conclusion of such balloting, certify in writing to the Chairman the results and the certified copy shall be physically affixed in the minute book to the minutes of that meeting.
- 5.3 No inspector of election shall be a candidate for office or shall be personally interested in the question voted upon.

ARTICLE VI ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Roll Call and Introductions.
2. Reading of the Minutes of the preceding meeting.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Reports of Officers.
5. Old and Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Adjournments.

ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 7.1 The business of this organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of the president of each branch, together with the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer of the **Carolina Troop Supporters**, which shall be the executive branch of **America's Network of Troop Supporters**, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 7.2 The officers to be chosen for the ensuing year shall be chosen at the last regular meeting of each school year at each participating university in the same manner and style as all the officers of this organization and they shall serve for a term of one year.
- 7.3 The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of this organization. Such Board of Directors shall only act in the name of the organization.
- 7.4 The meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when deemed necessary by the President or twenty-five (25 %) percent of the members of the Board of Directors. Said meetings shall be held at least quarterly, at an agreed upon time, and may be held over conference call or through live internet chat if meeting in one place is not convenient.
- 7.5 Each director shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy.

- 7.6 The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary.
- 7.7 Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors for the balance of the year.
- 7.8 The President of the Carolina Troop Supporters branch, who is therefore the President of the organization by virtue of his office, shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- 7.9 A director may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal. The Board of Directors may entertain charges against any director. A director may be represented by counsel upon any removal hearing. The Board of Directors shall adopt such rules for this hearing as it may in its discretion consider necessary for the best interests of the organization.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

- 8.1 The initial officers of the organization shall be as follows:

President: James Boicourt
Vice President: Kaila Hinson
Secretary: Joe Flowers
Treasurer: Elliot Madre

- 8.2 The President shall preside at all membership meetings. The president shall:
- present at each meeting of the organization a report of the work of the organization,
 - appoint all committees, temporary or permanent,
 - ensure all books, reports and certificates required by law are properly kept or filed,
 - be one of the officers who may sign the checks or drafts of the organization, and
 - have such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chief executive of any organization.
- 8.3 The Vice President shall, in the event of the absence or inability of the President to exercise his office, become acting president of the organization with all the rights, privileges and powers as if he had been the duly elected president.
- 8.4 The Secretary shall:
- keep the minutes and records of the organization in appropriate books and to file any certificate required by any statute, federal or state,
 - give and serve all notices to members of this organization,
 - be the official custodian of the records and seal of this organization,

- present to the membership at any meetings any communication addressed to him as Secretary of the organization,
- submit to the Board of Directors any communications which shall be addressed to him as Secretary of the organization, and
- attend to all correspondence of the organization and shall exercise all duties incident to the office of Secretary.

8.5 The Treasurer shall:

- have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the organization and shall be solely responsible for such monies or securities of the organization,
- deposit in a regular business bank or trust company a sum not exceeding \$10,000 and the balance of the funds of the organization shall be deposited in a savings bank except that the Board of Directors may cause such funds to be invested in such investments as shall be legal for a non-profit corporation in this state,
- be one of the officers who shall sign checks or drafts of the organization. No special fund may be set aside that shall make it unnecessary for the Treasurer to sign the checks issued upon it,
- render at stated periods as the Board of Directors shall determine a written account of the finances of the organization and such report shall be physically affixed to the minutes of the Board of Directors of such meeting, and
- exercise all duties incident to the office of Treasurer.

8.6 Officers of the Carolina Troop Supporters and the President of each other duly established branch shall by virtue of their office be members of the Board of Directors.

8.7 No officer or director shall for reason of his office be entitled to receive any salary or compensation, but they shall be entitled to reimbursement of their out-of-pocket expenses upon presentation of proper receipts.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

9.1 All committees of this organization shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and their term of office shall be for a period of one year or less if sooner terminated by the action of the Board of Directors.

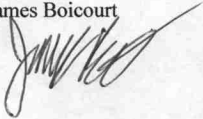
ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

10.1 These By-Laws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by an affirmative vote of not less than eighty (80 %) percent of the members.

To Whom it May Concern,

The documents and information (website, national org address) for this organization have some content used by and applying to the founding branch of the organization at UNC Chapel Hill. It is our goal to create a separate registered branch here at NCSU so those of us who go to NCSU can have our own branch instead of merely attending the UNC branch. Any questions applying to this or otherwise please contact me at (410) 507 5357

Sincerely,
James Boicourt

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Boicourt', written over the printed name.