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On October 13th 1775 the Continental Congress of the United States authorized the creation of a Navy. That simple fact pretty much sums up why you are here right now. The importance of taking pride in Naval History and Tradition is one of the reasons Heritage was created in the first place. At NC State when you look around at the people who make up our battallion, you can still see reasons why Heritage had to be created and must continue to grow.

On November 10th 1775, the Continental Congress of the United States authorized the creation of the United States Marine Corp. We like to poke fun at the Marine Corp. but make no mistake about it. They are the best at what they do in the world. That Sprit Decorp permeates every level of the Corp. They take a lot of pride in their tradition from the grunts in boot camp, to the officers in the Corp, all the way to the Midshipmen here at State. It was the Midshipmen at State who noticed the lack of pride that many Navy Option Midshipmen took in their service.

Pride is important in all aspects of your life. What better thing to take pride in than a service to your country in which you may be asked to sacrifice your life someday?? However, Midshipmen Raul Rizzo, now a Second Liuetenant, and Lance Corporal Chris Conner, now a Corporal, noticed a serious lack in caring from the Navy Options. They believed that a good part of that was because there was no professional society around to develop Navy Option Midshipmen. The Marines had Semper Fidelus, but what did the Navy have??? Thus Heritage was born.

Just the word, Heritage, causes me to think about all those people who have gone before me. Think about it for a minute. You are entering into a service to the greatest country in the world. The United States of America has been called on to win every major conflict in the world in the last century. We are the most advanced civilization in the history of the world. By putting on the uniform and taking your oath of office you are saying not just to the Navy, but the United States as well, I am going to take care of you. I will fight and die, if need be, to uphold the ideals and freedoms established by the Constitution of the United States and the people it represents. When we interviewed you, every time, we got the same response. There is no greater country in the world and you want to fight for it. That is awesome!

Now, lets talk about the state of the Navy Options during the 92/93 school year at NC State. As I have already said, there was a serious lack of motivation. Mr. Rizzo and Mr. Conner decided to do something about it. After many discussions with Liuetenant Steve Shinego and other staff members at the time, they decided to form a society that would take those Midshipman who were extremely motivated and mold them into a locked on, hard core, kick ass group of future officers. As defined by **ARTICLE II, Section 1** of the Heritage Constitution, "The purpose of Heritage is to build and maintain a high state of excellence among its members and to help mold outstanding Naval Officers. Ideals such as honor, integrity, teamwork, and pride are developed in Heritage and should remain with members throughout their military and civilian careers." So on January 24th 1993, Heritage became a part of the NC State NROTC Battalion. Seven motivated Midshipmen took part in the first Indoctrination. That indoctrination was administered by the founders, Mr. Rizzo and Mr. Conner. They got a little help from Semper Fi too. The first Heritage Advisor was Lt. Steve Shinégo. Midshipmen Meyer, Heppner, Zdunczyk, Billcheck, Williams, Hargot, and Gaddy distinguished themselves from there peers and

becomes your Heritage. You will be the new blood, but it's not over yet. Right now you are all just Wanna Be's and anyone of you can drop out between now and Sunday afternoon. As a matter of fact, everyone of you can drop out because like Mr. Webster said, I don't want any weak links in this chain. I want the tradition and history of Heritage to continue long after I have graduated from NC State. Only the motivated and hard core stand here wearing our shirts. You can go Navy, Marine Corp, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, civilian, or anything else, but after you join Heritage you will never be the same. You will take things you learn about yourself and others with you after this weekend for the rest of your life. You will never forget the pure hell you put yourself through for an ideal. A simple fact that you want to be better than the best. You make it through this weekend and you are the best. You all Champions in my book and everyone else here.

Spencer Austin
ca. '95-'96

Constitution of the Heritage Society
Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps
North Carolina State University

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section I. The name of this organization shall be the Heritage Society, Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at North Carolina State University.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

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ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Membership in Heritage is open to all Navy Option NROTC Midshipmen at North Carolina State University.

Section II. Anyone who wishes to become a member of the Heritage Society must pass indoctrination.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section I. The Officers of Heritage shall be the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section II. Only active members in good standing will be eligible for office (as defined by Article VIII Sec III).

Section III. The Commanding Officer and Executive Officer must be a member with seniority based on the membership of Heritage at the time. All other offices will be at the discretion of the Commanding Officer/Executive Officer.

Section IV. No member may hold either Commanding Officer or Executive Officer for more than one term.

Section V. The term of office for the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer shall be two consecutive semesters.

Section VI. Elections shall be held at the end of each Commanding Officer/Executive Officer term. New Officers will be installed before the conclusion of the term. The eligible member with the most votes will become Commanding Officer. The eligible member with the second most votes will become the Executive Officer.

Section VII. Duties of Officers

(Paragraph I) The Commanding Officer shall preside at all meetings and functions of the Heritage Society.

(Paragraph II) The Executive Officer shall plan and coordinate meetings and events with the Commanding Officer, and he/she will preside in the Commanding Officer's absence.

(Paragraph III) The Secretary will take notes at all meetings and take care of any necessary correspondence. He/She will also be responsible for making certificates for new members, updating the scroll of members, and taking attendance at meetings.

(Paragraph IV) The Treasure will be responsible for all finances and reimbursements for the Heritage Society. He/She will also plan and coordinate all fundraising activities with the Commanding Officer.

ARTICLE V

INDOCTRINATION

Section I. Indoctrination is a period of intense physical and mental training designed to make new members aware of the purpose and goals of the Heritage Society.

Section II. Indoctrination will be run in strict compliance with both North Carolina State University and United States Navy Regulations.

Section III. The length of the period of indoctrination will be at the discretion of the Commanding Officer and current members.

Section IV. Indoctrination shall take place early in the fall semester and will end at least a week before midterm exams begin.

Section V. Prospective members will be required to learn general knowledge such as: General Orders, Chain-of-Command, leadership traits, rank structure, and fleet doctrine during indoctrination.

Section VI. All active members will take part in the planning and execution of the Indoctrination.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section I. Physical fitness is an important quality in a Naval Officer. Therefore, Heritage members should try to achieve and surpass the physical standards set by the Commanding Officer each semester.

Section II. The Heritage Society shall meet at least two times per week for Physical Training.

Section III. There will also be other regularly scheduled meetings for professional development and for Heritage business. The Heritage Society will also meet for social activities on a regular basis.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCES

Section I. The Treasurer will be responsible for keeping track of all income and expenditures for the Heritage Society.

Section II. All expenditures must be approved by a majority vote. The Commanding Officer or Executive Officer may approve in an emergency.

Section III. All members are to take an active role in fundraising for the Heritage Society. A major fundraiser must take place each year as well as several smaller ones.

ARTICLE VIII

GENERAL

Section I. This Constitution will be ratified by a three quarters vote of all founding members.

Section II. Amendments to the Heritage Constitution will be approved by a two-thirds vote of all active members.

Section III. An active member is defined as a member who is still enrolled at North Carolina State University, in Naval ROTC, and regularly attends Heritage events.

Section IV. Any circumstance that arises, which is not clearly defined by this Constitution, will be approved by a unanimous vote of active members.

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We have reviewed your organization's constitution and officers list and everything seems to be in proper order. You are now a registered student organization at North Carolina State University entitled to all privileges accorded by that status.

Understand that this registration in no way gives the University or Student Government responsibility for any financial liability that may be incurred by your group. Your status does, however, give you the opportunity to approach the Student Senate with a request for funds and gives you certain on-campus solicitation privileges. Additionally, this status enables you to link your student organization's homepage to the University's Web, and to access the services provided by the Student Organization Resource Center.

Please be aware that we ask each student organization to update its file whenever there is a change of officers and at the beginning of each school year. Failure to do so will result in loss of registration.

We look forward to working with you. Good luck with your new group.

Sincerely,

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