

❧ CHAPTER BY-LAWS ❧
WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION
EDITH MACIAS VANN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Edith Macias Vann, Southern California Chapter (CA-7) of the Women Marines Association.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

Section 1. To further the spirit and purposes stated in the bylaws of the National organization.

Section 2. To cooperate with other local chapters in patriotic, educational, and charitable endeavors.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any active or honorary member in good standing of the Women Marines Association is eligible for membership in CA-7.

ARTICLE IV

FINANCE

Section 1. Chapter dues shall be covered in the Standing Rules.

Section 2. Initial anniversary month is established upon receipt of dues. In the case of National life members, they may be a member for any period of time desired.

Section 3. Members will be notified 30 days prior to active membership expiration. Yearly dues should be received by Membership Secretary by the last day of the anniversary month.

Section 4. Chapter Life membership is available for National Life Members. The cost of life membership is covered in the Standing Rules.

Section 5. Chapter Life Membership dues will be set up in an interest bearing account to be used toward community causes; donations to be approved by membership.

Section 6. All interest accrued from Chapter Life Membership dues will be transferred to the Chapter General Fund annually upon maturity.

Section 7. Upon the passing of a Chapter Life Member, her dues will be transferred to the Chapter general fund unless otherwise designated by the member in writing during her life time.

Section 8. The Executive Board shall have an audit of business records of the chapter at the end of each fiscal year June 30 or more frequently if necessary.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section 1. The chapter shall hold at least two (2) regular meetings annually, at times and places to be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board may call additional meetings as necessary or desired.

Section 3. Quorum shall be ten (10) members present at the general meeting.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of CA-7 shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected for a two (2) year period and shall serve until their successor is elected. Any Officer may be re-elected to her current office and should not exceed two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. Officers may not serve in more than one (1) office concurrently.

Section 3. The duties of the offices of the chapter shall be those usually ascribed to the holder of each respective office. Each officer should maintain a turnover folder for her successor.

Section 4. Appointed Officers: Officers to be appointed by the President, with approval of the Executive Board, shall be: Chaplain, Editor, Membership Secretary, Historian and Scholarship Chair.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTIONS

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of three (3) members and two (2) alternates shall be elected by the membership at the January meeting of the election (even) year. The Nominating committee shall report at the regular meeting in March at which time nominations may also be made from the floor. All nominees must be willing to serve. Elections of officers shall be held at the April meeting of the convention year. Elections shall be by ballot except if there is only one candidate for an office, then that candidate may be elected by voice vote. Installation of the officers shall be held at the May meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the chapter officers and the immediate past President.

Section 2. Duties of the Executive Board shall be to call meetings, approve payment of bills, appoint committees, and conduct the business of the Chapter.

Section 3. Quorum shall be three (3) members present at an Executive Board meeting.

ARTICE IX
CONVENTIONS

Section 1. Members attending a National Convention will be named "Chosen Representatives" if their names have been submitted for inclusion in Chapter minutes prior to a Convention.

ARTICLE X
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. Proceedings of this Chapter shall be governed by Roberts's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, in all matters not otherwise provided for in Bylaws, Standing Rules or Rules and Regulations issued by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These by-laws shall be subject to amendment by two-thirds vote at a regularly scheduled meeting, provided that written notice is given thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the National Secretary of the Women Marines Association for approval before becoming effective. This does not preclude changes in dues structure or meeting schedules which are matters of local concern.

ARTICLE XII
DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION OF ASSETS

Section 1. In the event of the dissolution of CA-7, the net assets shall be applied and distributed as follows:

1. All liabilities of the Chapter shall be paid, satisfied, and discharged or adequate provisions shall be made therefore.
2. Assets of the chapter shall be distributed to another veteran charitable organization(s) that is qualified for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. The original Chapter Charter shall be returned to the National Secretary for processing in accordance with the National procedures.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Chapter Secretary (Signature)

National Secretary (Signature)

Amended: January 1985 – 1991, October 2009; January 2010