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## *See you in Seattle in September!*

As the 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter News goes to press, your invitation to attend the 2004 Reunion in Seattle is in the mail. The mailing includes: (1) Hotel reservation instructions; (2) Reunion Registration instructions & fee breakdown; (3) Reunion Registration Form and return envelope.

After we receive your Registration Forms, we will send you an Optional Activities Reservation packet. A description of Optional Activities being offered was sent to you as a Reunion data mailing in November and also included in the November issue of the newsletter, so we hope you have been doing some thinking about your reunion agenda. The Optional Activities Reservation packet will provide a brief description of each optional activity (tours, cruises, dinner train etc.) and the current price structure. Reservations and deposits will be required by mid July to ensure our group space & specific schedule needs on these very popular activities. Your return response will also require your selection of entrée choice for the Squadron dinners on Thursday evening and for the Association banquet on Saturday.

The reunion program is continually evolving. Those of you who monitor the 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter website at [www.1stfighter.org](http://www.1stfighter.org) are likely aware of some of the developments. Our initial candidate for featured guest and banquet speaker, Gen. Hal Hornburg was forced to withdraw due to preemption by changes in his duty calendar. We are extremely pleased to have Gen. Stephen Goldfein, accept our invitation, but with the equivalent caveat that duty may call. Gen. Goldfein is currently Director, Operational Capability Requirements at Headquarters USAF in the Pentagon and he was Commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing at Langley immediately prior to our 2002 reunion there. Langley's hosting of our Association in 2002 was due in a large part to Gen. Goldfein's early influence and all of us that were there count that reunion one of the best.

Our Friday schedule in the Museum Of Flight (MOF) will give you the opportunity to tour the grand expanse of the museum including the new Personal Courage Wing which displays the many WWII fighter planes of the former Champlin collection from Mesa, AZ (including our beloved P-38). One floor of that wing has a very unique collection of WWI aircraft in a very realistic setting. After a refreshing luncheon in the View Lounge, we have the opportunity to hear Robert D. Barnes, Boeing Vice President, F/A-22 Program Manager and Steven J. Teske, Boeing Joint Unmanned Combat Air System, X-45 Program, Business Development Manager tell us of the Boeing achievements in the future of combat aviation. The F/A-22 is currently being introduced into the USAF operational inventory via the 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing's 27<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron and Gen. Goldfein may have related words.

Your day at the MOF on Saturday will give you the opportunity to further explore the museum exhibits and even go aloft into the 'wild blue yonder' in an open cockpit biplane. The Olde Thyme Aviation Co. offers flights from the 'front yard' of the MOF and if we can enlist enough of you to subscribe to a raffle for two to soar into the blue for a great half hour overview of Seattle there will be a real thrill available at a bargain price.

The MOF will feature our 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter reunion on Saturday, Sept. 18 and has requested that we provide the public with an insight into our history and experiences as veterans of America's '1<sup>st</sup> and best' fighter outfit. Several of our outstanding pilots have volunteered to participate in a panel discussion of their experiences in the MOF theater in the afternoon. A group of our ground crew veterans and a couple of pilots that they crewed for will do the same in a morning panel discussion. These Saturday events in the MOF theater are given pre-publicity in the MOF magazine 'ALOFT' and we can expect a good public interest and attendance.

The crescendo of the 2004 reunion in Seattle will be the Association banquet in the Skyline Room of the MOF at 7 PM on Saturday. The MOF catering will give us excellent food for our bodily enjoyment and our featured speaker, Gen. Goldfein will offer us some memorable food for thought. You can't afford to miss it!

SEE YOU IN SEATTLE!!

*Jim Graham, President, 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Association*

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J.V. McGinnis, 94th

Donald McGinnis wrote:

*I was floored when a friend of mine sent me a link to your site. My father was an armorer with the 94th during WWII his name was J.V. McGinnis. He was a sergeant. I would love to find any info about him and his time with the 94th as he has been deceased since 1985. I have a lot of photos relating to the squadron while in North Africa and Ft. Sumner New Mexico. My email address is [dscoot@carolina.rr.com](mailto:dscoot@carolina.rr.com). Thank You for any help that you may be able to give me. Your site is now in my favorite places.*

Donald McGinnis  
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### Contents:

This newsletter focuses on proposed changes to the By-Laws of the First Fighter Group Association. Everyone should read the proposals before they come up for a vote in September. Page 3 has thoughts by our President, Jim Graham, about the future of the First Fighters. Pages 4-6 have the proposed changed bylaws, in **boldface type**. Pages 7-9 have the existing bylaws in normal type. Pages 10-11 have proposed charters for individual Squadrons, in normal type.

### IN MEMORIAM

Lt.Gen Arthur Agan died Feb. 9,2004 in San Antonio. He was Group CO in 1944. Probably the only Group commander shot down and the only one of our vintage to reach three star level.

## *The 1st Fighter Association and the Future*

In the 20 years since our Association was founded and incorporated, the membership has enjoyed strong leadership from stalwarts of WWII. The upcoming reunion in Seattle is the 15th biennial reunion, with the roots of our Association first germinating in La Jolla, CA in 1976 when Irv Styer (27th) became the President of the fledgling group. In 1984, formal bylaws were adopted and the Association was incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Oregon with Cecil Quesseth (94th) as its legal agent. Cecil passed away in January at the age of 86.

That first paragraph imparts my message in capsule form. The Association is aging and needs to establish new roots if it is to survive. As many of you are aware, your current officers, website managers and newsletter editor are trying to graft new stock into our aging fibers by recruiting 1st Fighters from post WWII generations. Some success has been realized via the miracle of the Internet and we hope to see the evidence in new faces at the September reunion in Seattle.

The seeds for the future of the 1st Fighter Association need cultivation and an environment that meets the needs of the new generations. The cohesive comradeship generated by WWII has been replaced by a more fragile and dispersed sense of fellowship among the more recent 1st Fighter alumni. The strongest allegiances and devotion are derived at the individual Squadron level and affiliation within the 1st Fighter Association needs to be emphasized in that direction.

The current by-laws of the Association define the management as a President-Vice President-Seretary/Treasurer triumvirate of officers elected by the membership every biennium at the general business meeting held during the Association reunion. Candidates are selected by a nominating committee made up of past officers. The practice has been to have each of the three squadrons (27th, 71st & 94th) represented in the triumvirate and to create a line of succession into the Presidency by each of the lower officers of the expiring term.

To strengthen Squadron affiliation and to create closer inter-squadron participation in the management of the 1st Fighter Association, I, your current President am proposing a revision to our by-laws that would establish a Board of Directors composed of the Presidents of each of the several Squadron Associations chartered by the 1st Fighter Association. The Board of Directors would replace the President/Vice President concept and provide a balanced management representation from each of the Squadrons.

It is pertinent to note that the current 1st Fighter Wing is structured with not only the three flying squadrons (27th, 71st & 94th), but also the Operations Support Squadron (OSS) and other Maintenance & Mission Support Squadrons. The 1st Fighter Association should be structured to attract and honor past members of all 1st Fighter Wing elements.

With this issue of the 1st Fighter News, we are providing our membership with the text of the existing by-laws, the proposed by-laws, and proposed Squadron charters. We invite you to carefully read all three and be prepared to vote on adoption of the revised by-laws at the general membership meeting on Saturday morning, September 18 in Seattle.

An affirmative vote for adoption by 2/3 of the dues paying members at the general membership meeting is required to cause any change to the by-laws. Those dues paying members who are not able to attend the general membership meeting may vote by proxy by sending a signed letter expressing their vote to the 1st Fighter Association, Secty/Treas. Robert Correia, 3 Midway Drive, Warwick, RI 02886-8114. Proxy ballots must be received at his address by no later than September 1, 2004.

You are urged to devote enough time and attention to this important consideration for the future of the 1st Fighter Association so that you can thoughtfully influence its survival.

Thank you,

*Jim Graham - President - 1st Fighter Association*



*Museum of Flight in Seattle  
Visit it during our September 14-19th 2004 Reunion!*

Featuring 54 of the world's most awe-inspiring airplanes—authentic and in mint condition. In the steel and glass Great Gallery, the history of aviation soars past, with dozens of full-size aircraft flying in formation six stories above. Sit in the cockpit of a real SR-71 Blackbird or F/A-18 Hornet. Board America's first presidential jet—Air Force One. Step back 85 years in the magnificently restored Red Barn®, birthplace of The Boeing Company. From hands-on kid's workshops, to fly-ins, to interaction with the people who made aviation history, the Museum of Flight has something to offer every member of your family or group. Come experience the story of flight from the dawn of aviation to the Space Age.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 21-23, 2004 Air show, Langley AFB. P-38 'Glacier Girl' in Heritage flight  
MAY 29, 2004 WWII Memorial Dedication, Washington D. C.  
SEPTEMBER 14-19, 2004 1st Fighter Association Reunion, Seattle, Washington

**These revised by-laws for the 1st Fighter Association, are intended for submittal to the membership of the Association at the September 2004 reunion of the Association in Seattle, WA.**

Submitted by James Graham — President, 1st Fighter Association May 2004

**BY-LAWS OF THE  
FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION  
(Originally incorporated as FIRST FIGHTER GROUP  
ASSOCIATION)  
AN OREGON NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

**ARTICLE I - OFFICES**

The principal office of the corporation named as the 'FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION' shall be at the address of the current Secretary-Treasurer, which at the time of adoption of the original by-laws was 4142 Oakwood Road, Lompoc, California 93436.

The corporation, referred to herein as 'the Association' may have such other addresses, either within or without the State of incorporation, as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time.

**ARTICLE II - MEMBERS**

1. Any person who has served as a member of the 1st Pursuit Group, the 1st Fighter Group, the 1st Tactical Fighter Wing, or the 1st Fighter Wing (and its successor organizations), or any of their subordinate organizations or squadrons, shall be deemed to be eligible to become a member of the Association. In addition, family relatives of the foregoing shall be eligible upon defining their relationship. Others as defined elsewhere in Article II may also make application for membership. Applicants accepted for membership shall make known their address to the Secretary-Treasurer, and pays dues for the first year in order for their names to be entered upon the membership rolls.

1a. There shall be three classes of membership:  
Sustaining  
Honoray  
Friend

2. All members as defined in 1. above and who pay annual dues as established by the Association shall be known as Sustaining members.

2a. Each Sustaining member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to vote of the members.

3. The surviving spouse or family member of a deceased former sustaining member of the Association is eligible to be an Honorary member entitled to participate in all activities of the Association, except as otherwise provided in these by-laws.

3a. Any other person may be named by the Board of Directors as an Honorary member. If an Honorary member becomes an elected or appointed officer of the Association or its subsidiary organizational elements, he or she shall be entitled to a vote equal to that of a Sustaining member.

3b. Honorary members are not required to pay dues and are not eligible to vote except as defined in 3a. above.

4. Any person deemed by the Board of Directors to be significantly supportive of the Association, but without direct involvement, may be designated as a Friend of the Association and entitled to participate in all activities of the Association equivalent to the privileges of an Honorary member, except as otherwise provided in these by-laws.

4a. A Friend of the Association may choose to pay annual dues established by the corporation and thus become a Sustaining member with voting rights.

5. Membership in the Association is not transferable or assignable.

**ARTICLE III - MEETING OF MEMBERS**

1. General meetings of the Association shall be held at each reunion or convention at least every two years, at such time and place as may be designated by a majority of the membership or by the Board of Directors in the absence of direction by the membership.

2. A quorum of the membership necessary to conduct the business of the Association shall consist of those eligible voters present. A simple majority, only, shall be necessary to pass a resolution or act of the Association at such general meeting.

3. Under circumstances to be determined by the Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB), including in lieu of general meetings, a mail meeting of the membership may be conducted to carry on any election, business, or any other activity of the Association which normally would be conducted in a general meeting. A simple majority of those eligible and voting shall be sufficient for affirmation and adoption of any action presented to the membership.

**ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors.**

**2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the presiding Presidents of the Squadron Associations representative of the Squadron organizations subsidiary to the 1st Fighter Wing (USAF). Each Squadron Association shall be chartered under the auspices of the First Fighter Association. Minimum and restrictive specifications for Squadron Association charters shall be defined by the Board of Directors of the First Fighter Association and appended to these by-laws.**

**2a. Each of the Squadron Associations shall duly elect their Presidents and other officers as defined by their charters. The President of each Squadron Association automatically assumes the role as a member of the First Fighter Association Board of Directors.**

**2a.1 If for any reason, a director cannot actively serve on the board, the COB shall call upon the Squadron Association which that director represents, to designate a replacement director to serve until a duly elected Squadron Association President becomes available.**

**2b. The Board of Directors shall elect its Chairman of the Board (COB) by simple majority vote at the first meeting of the Board of Directors to be called by the existing (prior) COB after any change in the Board of Directors resulting from election of any new President by any of the Squadron Associations. If the existing COB is retiring from the Board of Directors as a result of such election, he or she shall not participate in voting for the new COB.**

**2b.1 The immediate past COB shall be designated COB Emeritus, and shall serve as a non-voting participant in Board of Director meetings from time to time when requested by any active director.**

**2c. The Board of Directors shall enlist and appoint a Secretary-Treasurer of the First Fighter Association to maintain Association records, conduct communications to the membership, and to collect and manage such funds as the Association may acquire from dues, gifts, or other assessments or sources.**

**2d. The Board of Directors may choose to designate and appoint an advisory member from the active USAF 1st Fighter Wing organization to serve as an executive liaison link to the active duty organization and its subsidiary Squadron elements. The Advisory Member shall not be a voting member of the Board of Directors.**

**3. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without any other notice than this by-law immediately after, and at the same place as, the general meeting of the members. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place for holding additional regular meetings of the Board of Directors without other notice to the general**

**Association membership.**

**4. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at the request of the COB, or any two directors, and shall be held at the principal office of the corporation, or such other place as the directors may determine.**

**5. Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least 10 days prior thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by mail to each Director at his address as shown by the records of the Association. Wherein possible, the issuer of the meeting notice shall precede the mailed notice with a telephoned or emailed notice.**

**6. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any meeting of the Board; but if less than a majority of the Directors are present at any meeting, a majority of those present may adjourn or suspend the meeting.**

**7. An act of the majority of Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be considered the act of the Board of Directors.**

**9. Directors as such shall not receive any salary for their services, but by resolution of the Board of Directors, a fixed sum and expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at any regular or special meeting of the Board, and for expenses and per diem incurred in preparation for reunions and conventions.**

#### **ARTICLE V — DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Other than the specific duties defined herein, the Board of Directors shall conduct planning and management of the Association organization, objectives and affairs to sustain the its integrity and general benefit to the membership for as long as a '1st Fighter' element of the USAF and its heritage exists.**

##### **1. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (COB)**

**The Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB) shall preside over all meetings of the Association and at the meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as prescribed by these by-laws, or by the Board of Directors, or by the membership of the Association.**

**The COB, with the assistance and advice of the Board of Directors, shall prepare an agenda for each reunion or convention, determine it's location, date and length, and conduct all formal meetings until his or her successor is elected and qualified. The COB shall determine whether a meeting of the Association membership by mail is necessary or required.**

**The COB and fellow Directors may adopt and wear a suitable badge of office to be worn at reunions or conventions and at**

such other times as they may deem appropriate.

## 2. DIRECTORS

Each of the Directors shall support the Chairman of the Board in formulation and execution of plans, operations and resolutions emanating from the meetings of the Board of Directors and to effectively represent the will of the membership of their respective sponsoring Squadron Associations.

## 3. SECRETARY - TREASURER

The usual duties of secretary and treasurer shall be combined into one office in this Association. He or she shall maintain a roll or roster of the membership and perform such other duties delegated to him or her by the Board of Directors. He or she shall receive all dues and other money accruing to the Association, keep and maintain all financial records, including receipts and disbursements, and may on his or her own authority authorize expenditures of \$100.00 or less. The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a written record of all meetings at reunions or conventions and of the Board of Directors. The Secretary-Treasurer may be authorized by the Board of Directors to invest money of the Association in interest bearing savings accounts.

## ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

1. The Board of Directors may appoint committees from the Association membership as they may deem necessary. In the absence of other directions adopted by the Board of Directors, such committees shall be temporary in nature, advisory in character, and shall expire when their function is completed, or at the order of the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

2. Committees may be appointed, conduct their business and make their recommendations by mail.

## ARTICLE VII - CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND GIFTS

### 1. CONTRACTS:

The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or agent of the corporation to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument on behalf of the corporation.

### 2. CHECKS, DRAFTS, OR ORDERS:

All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or agent of the corporation, and in such manner as from time to time shall be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

### 3. DEPOSITS:

All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depository as the Board of Directors may select.

### 4. GIFTS:

The Board of Directors may accept upon behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for any purpose of the corporation.

## ARTICLE VIII - BOOKS AND RECORDS

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books, and records of the account and also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, and Board of Directors, and shall keep at the principal office a record giving the names and address of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member, or his agent or attorney or any proper person at any reasonable time.

## ARTICLE IX - CORPORATE SEAL

The Board of Directors shall keep a corporate seal which shall include the original name of the corporation "First Fighter Group Association" and the words "Corporate Seal" which seal is indented in the margin hereof. The seal, produced for the original incorporation, shall serve as the corporate seal for the "First Fighter Association" corporation as defined by these revised by-laws.

## ARTICLE X - WAIVER OF NOTICE

(This article to be reviewed for suitability under Oregon state law)

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of Oregon Revised Statute, Chapter 61, or under the Articles of Incorporation or by-laws of the corporation, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

## ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new by-laws may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at the business meeting held at any reunion or convention of the Association. Any proposed amendment, repeal, or new by-laws shall be in writing and shall be first submitted to the Board of Directors at least 30 days prior to any scheduled business meeting of the Association.

**ARTICLE XIII - RATIFICATION**

*(Revised text to be provided to replace below)*

The by-laws were adopted by the initial Board of Directors of this corporation for the governance of this Association as of date of their adoption, until the reunion or convention of 1986, at which time they were placed before the membership for ratification.

Originally dated December 15, 1984.

President (Robert B. Riley)      Vice-President (Cecil H. Quesseth)  
Secretary-Treasurer (Charles E. Schreffler)

Constituting the Board of Directors

**The following are the original and existing by-laws of the 1st Fighter Association.**

**BY-LAWS OF THE  
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AN OREGON NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

**ARTICLE I - OFFICES**

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2. All members who pay annual dues as established by the corporation shall be known as sustaining members.
3. Each sustaining member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to vote of the members.
4. The surviving spouse of a deceased member is eligible to be an honorary member entitled to participate in all activities of the association, except as otherwise provided in these by-laws. Any other person may be named by the board of directors, or the membership, as an honorary member. Honorary members are not eligible to vote or hold office in the Association.
5. Membership in this association is not transferable or assignable.

**ARTICLE III - MEETING OF MEMBERS**

1. General meetings of the association shall be held at each reunion or convention at least every two years, at such time and place as may be designated by the membership or by the board of directors in the absence of direction by the membership.
2. A quorum of the membership necessary to conduct the business of the Association shall consist of those present and voting, and a simple majority only shall be necessary to pass a resolution or act of the association at such general meeting.
3. Under circumstances to be determined by the president, including in lieu of general meetings, a mail meeting of the membership may be conducted to carry on any election, business, or any other activity of the Association which normally would be conducted in a general meeting. A simple majority of those voting shall be sufficient for affirmation of any action presented to the membership.

**ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its board of directors.
2. The board of directors shall consist of the officers of the association, namely, the president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected at a meeting of the members to be held during the reunion or convention of the Association which is to be convened at least every two years.
3. A regular meeting of the board of directors shall be held without any other notice than this by-law immediately after, and at the same place as, the general meeting of the members. The board of directors may provide by resolution the time and place for holding additional regular meetings without other notice other than such resolution.
4. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called at the request of the president, or any two directors, and shall be held at the principal office of the corporation, or such other place as the directors may determine.
5. Notice of any special meeting of the board of directors shall be given at least 10 days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by mail or telegram to each director at his address as shown by the records of the corporation. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States Mail, in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon pre-paid. Any director may waive his right to notice of any meeting.
6. A majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any meeting of the board; but if less than a majority of the directors are present at any meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

7. An act of the majority of directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be considered the act of the board of directors.

8. Except as provided in Article V, Section 3 of these by-laws any vacancy that occurs in the board of directors, and any office to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors, shall be filled by appointment of the president, or in the event of his incapacity, the vice-president. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

9. Directors as such shall not receive any stated salary for their services, but by resolution of the board of directors, a fixed sum and expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at any regular or special meeting of the board, and for expenses and per diem incurred in preparation for reunions and conventions.

## **ARTICLE V -OFFICERS**

### **1. NUMBER:**

The officers of the corporation shall be the president, a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer, and such other officers as may be appointed or elected in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws.

The board of directors may elect or appoint such other officers, including one or more assistant secretaries or one or more assistant treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, and such officers shall have the authority to perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the board of directors. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the office of president.

### **2. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE:**

The officers of the corporation shall be elected at a general meeting to be held during the reunion or convention of the association, which is to be convened at least every two years.

The retiring president or acting president shall prior to such reunion or convention of the Association, appoint a nominating committee who shall nominate new candidates for all such offices. Such nominees shall be present and stand for election at the business meeting held during such reunion or convention. At that time other nominees may be nominated by the membership and stand for election. All elected officers shall serve until their successors are elected at the next succeeding reunion or convention. Officers may succeed themselves in office if so re-elected .

### **3. VACANCIES:**

In the event of the resignation or death of any officer, the officer next in line shall automatically assume the title and duties of the departed officer until the next election. In the event of the incapacity of the secretary-treasurer, the president, or in the event of his incapacity the vice-president shall appoint a new secretary-treasurer

from the membership to serve until the next general election. This sequence establishes the line of succession.

## **4. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:**

### **A. PRESIDENT**

The president shall preside over all meetings of the Association and at the meetings of the board of directors, and shall perform such other duties as prescribed by these by-laws, or by the board of directors, or by the membership of the Association.

The president, with the assistance and advise of the board of directors, shall prepare an agenda for each reunion or convention, determine it's location and length, and conduct all formal meetings until his successor is elected and qualified. The president shall determine whether a mail meeting of the membership by mail is necessary or required. The president and vice-president may adopt and wear a suitable badge of office to be worn at reunions or conventions and at such other times as they may deem appropriate.

### **B. VICE-PRESIDENT**

The vice-president shall act as an assistant to the president, perform the duties of the president in his absence, and perform such other duties delegated to him by the board of directors or by the membership.

### **C. SECRETARY-TREASURER:**

The usual duties of secretary-treasurer shall be combined into one office in this Association. He shall maintain a roll or roster of the membership and perform such other duties delegated to him by the president or the membership or the board of directors. He shall receive all dues and other money accruing to the Association, keep and maintain all financial records, including receipts and disbursements, and may on his own authority authorize expenditures of \$100.00 or less. The secretary-treasurer shall maintain a written record of all meetings at reunions or conventions and of the board of directors. The secretary-treasurer may be authorized by the board of directors to invest money of the association in interest bearing savings accounts.

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2. Committees may be appointed, conduct their business and make their recommendations by mail.

**ARTICLE VII -CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND GIFTS**

**1. CONTRACTS:**

The board of directors may authorize any officer or agent of the corporation to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument on behalf of the corporation.

**2. CHECKS, DRAFTS, OR ORDERS:**

All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or agent of the corporation, and in such manner as from time to time shall be determined by resolution of the board of directors.

**3. DEPOSITS:**

All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depository as the board of directors may select.

**4. GIFTS:**

The board of directors may accept upon behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for any purpose of the corporation.

**ARTICLE VIII - CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. The board of directors shall provide for the issuance of cards or certificates evidencing membership in the corporation which certificates shall be in such form as may be determined by the board. Such cards or certificates shall be signed by the secretary-treasurer. The name and address of each member and date of issuance of the certificate shall be entered into the records of the corporation. If any certificate is lost, mutilated or destroyed, a new certificate may be issued therefor on such terms and conditions as the board of directors may direct.

**ARTICLE IX - BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books, and records of the account and also keep minutes of the proceedings of it's members, and board of directors, and shall keep at the principal office a record giving the names and address of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of the corporation can be inspected by any member, or his agent or attorney or any proper person at any reasonable time.

**ARTICLE X - CORPORATE SEAL**

The board of directors shall keep a corporate seal which shall consist of the name of the corporation "First Fighter Group Association" and the words "Corporate Seal" which seal is indented in the margin hereof.

**ARTICLE XI - WAIVER OF NOTICE**

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of Oregon Revised Statute, Chapter 61, or under the Articles of Incorporation or by-laws of the corporation, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

**ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new by-laws may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at the business meeting held at any reunion or convention of the association. Any proposed amendment, repeal, or new by-laws shall be in writing and shall be first submitted to the board of directors at least 24 hours prior to any scheduled business meeting of the Association.

**ARTICLE XIII - RATIFICATION**

These by-laws are adopted by the initial board of directors of this corporation for the governance of this Association as of date of their adoption, until the reunion or convention of 1986, at which time they will be placed before the membership for ratification and approval, or amendment as necessary.

Dated December 15, 1984.

President (Robert B. Riley)  
Vice-President (Cecil H. Quesseth)  
Secretary-Treasurer (Charles E. Schreffler)

Constituting the Board of Directors

**This draft charter for Squadron elements of the 1st Fighter Association is intended for submittal to the members of the Association at the September 2004 reunion of the Association in Seattle, WA. It is intended as an appendage to revised by-laws submitted to the membership at that time for approval.**

CHARTER OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ SQUADRON ASSOCIATION  
An Element of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION  
-A non-profit organization incorporated in Oregon, 1984-

**ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

The FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION functions as an association of current and former active duty personnel who have served in the USAF 1st Fighter Wing or its predecessor units which have direct lineage from its origination as the 1st Pursuit Group in World War I. The scope is enlarged to include relatives thereof and contributing friends of the Association and its heritage.

Under the umbrella of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION are several organizational elements oriented to the sub-organizational elements of the USAF 1st Fighter Wing . These elements are defined at the Squadron level and are named as SQUADRON ASSOCIATIONS. The charter of each SQUADRON ASSOCIATION is defined and granted by the Board of Directors of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION as stated herein.

**ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

1. Any person who is a member of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION may choose to be a member of one or more of its SQUADRON ASSOCIATIONS. To qualify for a particular SQUADRON ASSOCIATION the individual shall define to the officers of that ASSOCIATION his or her heritage of service or interest in that specific SQUADRON element.

2. To support activities and interests of the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION, it may assess dues upon its members to fund the treasury of that ASSOCIATION. The amount, frequency and intended disposition of the collected funds shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION. Collection of the assessed dues shall be a function of the Secretary-Treasurer of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION. Disbursement of the collected funds to the designated SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall be made expeditiously to the Secretary-Treasurer of that SQUADRON ASSOCIATION.

3. The SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall maintain and keep current a roster of its membership with data content and format approved by the Board of Directors of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION. The Secretary-Treasurer of the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall coordinate with the Secretary-Treasurer of the

FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION to ensure roster-to-roster agreement.

4. Any change in membership status within the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall not affect the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION membership status of the individual.

**ARTICLE III - MEETINGS**

1. The SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall hold a general meeting for its membership at each reunion or convention of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION at least every two years. Minutes of the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION meetings shall be prepared and offered to the Board of Directors of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION for presentation to the general membership meeting of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION at the concurrent reunion or convention.

3. Election of officers of the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall be conducted at its general membership meeting at least every two years in conjunction with the reunion or convention of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION.

4. The SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall not hold any reunions or conventions for its membership separate from that of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION without prior coordination with and approval by the Board of Directors of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

1. The SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall be governed by at least a President and a Secretary - Treasurer. A SQUADRON ASSOCIATION President shall be limited to a maximum of two consecutive terms.

2. The President of the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION is automatically designated as a Director of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION for the term of his or her office in the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION. He or she shall be inducted into the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION Board of Directors at the general membership meeting of that association held at the reunion or convention concurrent with his or her election for the ensuing two year period.

3. Should the President of the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION, for any reason, be unable to serve, or be removed from office during his or her term, a general meeting of its membership shall be called and convened, either by attendance or by mail or electronic means to designate an interim replacement President. The vacancy shall be refilled within 30 days if possible.

4. The SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall, as soon as possible, inform the Board of Directors of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION

TION of any change in its officers' status in order to maintain representation and coordination with the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. The SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall determine and assign the duties for its officers and inform, in writing, the Board of Directors of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION of those assignments in order to maintain coordination between the two organizations.

2. No duty, function or assignment of a SQUADRON ASSOCIATION officer shall interfere with or take precedence over that officer's role as a member or officer within the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE VI - ACTIVITIES & FUNCTIONS**

1. The SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall not conduct any activities or functions that conflict with objectives or scheduled activities or functions of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION.

2. The FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION Board of Directors may, from time to time, advise the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION concerning its objectives, functions and activities, but shall not infringe on the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION program except as noted in (1.) above.

**ARTICLE VII - CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND GIFTS**

**1. CONTRACTS**

The SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall not enter into any contract or execute and deliver any legal instrument in the name of the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION or under the name of or in behalf of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION and its corporation.

**2. FUND DEPOSITS, DRAFTS, OR ORDERS**

The SQUADRON ASSOCIATION may open and maintain such bank accounts as needed to preserve, invest and disburse funds collected for it by the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION.

2a. The SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall ensure that money accounts, checks and associated transactions are viewed and executed as independent from the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION corporation.

2b. The SQUADRON ASSOCIATION officers shall make its financial records available to the Board of Directors of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION upon request and shall prepare a summary report in writing to be reviewed and entered into the minutes of the biennial general meeting of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION.

2c. Any gifts or bequests received by the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION

shall be identified, documented and entered into the minutes of the biennial general meeting of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE VIII - BOOKS & RECORDS**

The SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall keep correct and complete books and records of its financial accounts and also keep minutes of the proceedings of its membership and officers. In addition, an accurate and current record of names and addresses of those individuals entitled to vote as members of the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION shall be maintained by its Secretary - Treasurer. All books and records of the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION may be inspected by any of its members and shall be made available to the Board of Directors of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION upon request by the Chairman of the Board.

**ARTICLE IX - CHARTER AMENDMENTS**

The SQUADRON ASSOCIATION may propose and solicit changes to this charter by written notice to the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION Board of Directors at any time along with a justification for the proposed change. Any amendments granted shall be communicated in writing to the members of the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION and voted upon by the membership to validate adoption. At least 2/3 of the SQUADRON ASSOCIATION eligible voting membership shall cast an affirmative vote for an amendment to attain adoption.

**ARTICLE X - RATIFICATION**

This charter for the \_\_\_\_\_ SQUADRON ASSOCIATION is adopted and affirmed by its officers for its governance. The charter, prepared and authorized by the by-laws of the FIRST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION as revised \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

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President,

\_\_\_\_\_ SQUADRON ASSOCIATION

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Secretary - Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_ SQUADRON ASSOCIATION



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