

*National Constitution
And
By-Laws
Of the
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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the NATIONAL ORDER OF TRENCH RATS.

ARTICLE II -Nature

Section 1. The National Order of Trench Rats is a secret and fraternal organization and is a recognized Auxiliary of the Disabled American Veterans.

Section 2. It is and ever shall continue to be non-partisan, non-political, non-sectarian, and not for profit.

Section 3. Each member is and shall be left free to perform his duties as an individual and as a citizen in consonance with his own ideals and conscience.

Section 4. The National Order of Trench Rats is formed for the purpose of providing a closer bond by which disabled veterans may be drawn together for the further benefit of the disabled veteran, and to provide a fun and philanthropic Order of the disabled American Veterans to aid and assist in its aims and purposes in every way possible.

ARTICLE III - Organization

Section 1. The National Order of Trench Rats shall be composed of an Imperial Board, Imperial Council, and Imperial Van, Sectors and Dugouts.

Section 2. The term "Sector" may be employed when referred to all Dugouts located within a given State, Territory, or the District of Columbia of the United States. Sectors shall function as a unit between the Dugouts and the Imperial Van.

Section 3. The term "District" may be employed when referring to all Dugouts located in Sectors that comprise the same States as those comprising National Districts as set forth in *ARTICLE V* of the National Constitution of the D.A.V. It shall have no political or administrative significance; it is solely geographical in nature.

Section 4. The National Order of Trench Rats recognizes as an auxiliary the National Order of Alley Cats subject to mandates of the National Order of Trench Rats, its constitution and by-laws; they will make an annual report to the Imperial Rendezvous including a complete Financial Statement.

ARTICLE IV - Eligibility

Section 1. Any disabled veteran ~~person~~ is potentially eligible for membership in the National Order of Trench Rats, who has been an active member of the Disabled American veterans for a period of two years and who, by their personal work, aid, help, effort, sacrifice and service, has shown their devotion to the best interest and welfare of Disabled Veterans, their dependents and survivors; or who has been an active member of the D.A.V. for two years and who has obtained at least five (5) new members for the D.A.V.

Section 2. There shall be none other than active members and dues shall be payable for life, with the exception that every Past Imperial Golden Rodent shall be awarded a GOLD Life Membership Card by the National Order of Trench Rats.

Section 3. Membership by application is prohibited. An eligible person may become a member only by written recommendation of two members who will vouch that he/she meets the eligibility requirements. Their eligibility will be checked thoroughly by the Dugout, the IER for the District will double check eligibility and will contact the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer for approval before they are elected to membership. Their eligibility shall not be final until the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer has issued their membership card.

Section 4. They will be voted upon by a written secret ballot with a unanimous affirmative vote necessary for election to membership. Any member in good standing who has attained the third degree may object to the accepting of any member or to the advancement from first to second degree or from second to third degree without regard to Dugout affiliation.

Section 5. The name of a rejected candidate shall not be divulged to any person not a member.

Section 6. Dual Membership may be permitted in more than one Dugout but not in the same sector with the exception to form a new Dugout. A member holding dual membership can be a delegate from only one Dugout at a National Rendezvous. Dual membership may be defined as having a Membership in two or more Dugouts.

Section 7. The Imperial Council shall have the right to suspend Sections 3 and 4 of the Article if, in their opinion, such action is both necessary and expedient in order to organize and establish a Dugout in an isolated or hitherto unrepresentative locality.

ARTICLE V - National Rendezvous

Section 1. The legislative body of the National Order of Trench Rats shall be the National Rendezvous, to be held annually at a time and place to be selected by the Imperial Council.

Section 2. At the National Rendezvous, each Dugout shall be entitled to one delegate for its charter and to one additional delegate for each 15 members or fraction thereof who's current per capita has been received by the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer 20 days before the convening of the current National Rendezvous. Any dugout chartered between July 1st and the holding of the National Rendezvous, will be recognized at the National Rendezvous and its delegates will be seated with full power to vote. However, the number of delegates to which such Dugout will be entitled will be determined by the number of members shown on the charter. Each

Dugout shall also be entitled to one alternate for each delegate, who shall have the same power as delegates with the exception of voting power, provided, however, that the delegates of any Dugout which is indebted to Imperial Headquarters shall not be entitled to vote at the National Rendezvous.

Section 3. The highest standing Sector officer present and each delegate, each Elected Officer and Appointed Officer, with the exception of the IRR and IHIR of the Imperial Van, and each Imperial Rodent shall be entitled to one vote. The majority of the delegates present from their Dugout shall cast the vote of an absent delegate who is not represented by an alternate.

Section 4. Proxies of any kind are forbidden.

Section 5. A quorum of a National Rendezvous shall consist of a majority of Dugouts registered.

Section 6. The Imperial Golden Rodent will be entitled to vote only to break a tie on any question that arises.

Section 7. The Imperial Council shall have full power to make all arrangements for the National Rendezvous and shall act as a credentials committee passing on the number of votes that each Dugout is entitled.

Section 8. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of Imperial Rodents. They shall be the three (3) junior Imperial Rodents and two (2) appointed by the Imperial Golden Rodent.

ARTICLE VI - Imperial Board

Section 1. The Imperial Board shall be composed of all Imperial Rodents. They shall establish the policy for the management of the Life and Building Funds. They shall act as Trustees and guide the direction of all Funds. They may grant exceptions to these constitutions and by-laws by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those in attendance at a meeting of the board. They shall act as a body exercising good judgment and their

collective wisdom to further the best interest of the N.O.T.R.

Section 2. The board shall meet twice a year at present and twice a year in the future. At the first meeting they shall elect a Chairman and a Secretary. A quorum shall be 51% of those registered and they shall establish their own operating Articles.

ARTICLE VII - Imperial Council

Section 1. The Imperial Council shall be composed of all members of the Imperial Van, as provided in *Article VIII, Section I*, and all Imperial Rodents with vote.

Section 2. Full administrative powers shall be vested in the Imperial Council.

Section 3. A quorum shall exist where there is present a majority of those members of the Imperial Council or Imperial Van who possess the voting power.

Section 4. The Imperial council shall fill any vacancy in office, which may occur between meetings of the National Rendezvous. Seniority shall be given due weight when making such selections.

Section 5. Any vacancy occurring in the Office of Imperial Executive Rat shall be filled by an appointment of the Imperial Golden Rodent.

Section 6. The Imperial Council, at its first meeting following the National Rendezvous, shall appoint an Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer and such Assistant Red Eyed Gnawers as necessary, an Imperial Bench Rat, and Imperial Hole-y Rat, and Imperial Cure Rat, Imperial nightingale, and an Imperial Rendezvous Rat, such officers to hold office at the pleasure of the appointing body. They shall also, at this first meeting, select the time and place at which the next National Rendezvous shall be held.

Section 7. Any question that may come up between meetings of the Council which requires their action, shall be handled by means of

a mail ballot.

ARTICLE VIII - Imperial Van

Section 1. The National Rendezvous shall elect as members of the Imperial Van, an Imperial Golden Rodent; an Imperial Silver Rodent; an Imperial Blue Rodent; an Imperial Turquoise Rodent; an Imperial Bubonic Plague; an Imperial Black Plague; an Imperial Iron Claw, and shall elect one Imperial Executive Rat representative for each District of the Disabled American Veterans. Their seniority shall all be in the order above-given, the Imperial Executive Rats shall be of no lesser Rank with one another.

Section 2. No one shall be elected to any office on the Imperial Van unless he is present at the National Rendezvous. Exception, for cause, will only be granted by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Imperial board members present at the National Rendezvous.

Section 3. Such officers shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding National Rendezvous following their election and thereafter until their successors are chosen.

Section 4. No elected National Line Officer of the Disabled American Veterans therein or a candidate for national office shall be eligible as a candidate for an office of the Imperial Van.

ARTICLE IX - Sectors

Section 1. To be recognized by the Imperial Council and operate as a Sector in any state, officers shall be elected at a Sector Rendezvous each year by all of the Dugouts present. Their eligibility to hold office shall be as Past Golden Rodents or Past Red Eyed Gnawers of a Dugout. Their duties shall be to keep the existing Dugouts active and to form new Dugouts within the Sector and to hold a Rendezvous within the Sector at some time within the year, preferably in conjunction with the Department Convention. They

will confer with and be responsible to, the Imperial Executive Rat of the District.

Section 2. Where there is no Imperial Officer and no Dugout within a Sector, the Imperial Golden Rodent may appoint a Sector Golden Rodent. Where there are one or two Dugouts in a Sector, the Dugouts may appoint a Sector golden Rodent and Sector Red Eyed Gnawer. The appointments will be subject to review by the Imperial Golden Rodent. States with three or more Dugouts may appoint a Red Eyed Gnawer and a Bench Rat and elect a Golden Rodent, Silver Rodent, Blue Rodent, etc., at their Sector Rendezvous in accordance with the number of Dugouts in good standing (3 Dugouts - 3 Officers) up to the number and in rank according to those of the Imperial Chair Officers, providing at least three Dugouts are present to elect the officers. The remaining chair officers will be filled by appointment of the Sector Golden Rodent who shall make such appointments in an order that each Dugout shall have representation in the Sector. For voting purposes each Dugout shall have one vote. The Sector Red Eyed Gnawer shall notify the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer within 30 days after the election of the name and address of the officers. Elected Sector Officers should serve in each office for a term of one year, but no more than two years.

Section 3. Those States with large numbers of Dugouts and geographical distances exceeding 500 miles, may petition the Imperial Council to divide the State into Geographical Sectors within the State, provided there are not less than eight (8) Dugouts in each of the Sectors.

Section 4. When a Sector has been duly formed and recognized by the Imperial Council, the Imperial Council shall issue an appropriate Charter.

Section 5. All Sector accounts shall be in the name of the NOTR with the Sector Name. No funds shall be kept in any personal accounts. All accounts must require two of three signatures. All Sectors shall furnish Imperial each year, along with their Annual

Financial Report, one voided check from all their accounts for the Imperial Records.

Section 6. Any Sector that has over twice their annual budgeted expenses held in funds and assets shall conform to the guidelines established by the parent organization or they shall be subject to suspension of their Charter for failure to comply with this mandate.

Section 7. Each Sector shall adopt its own Constitution and By-Laws, provided they shall in no manner conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Order of Trench Rats, and will be sent to Imperial Headquarters for the approval by the Imperial Bench Rat.

Sector By-Laws shall contain the following:

"This Organization recognizes the National Organization known as the National Order of Trench Rats and its Imperial Board and affirms its allegiance, and subordination, to this National Organization, its Constitution, by-Laws and all rules, mandates and regulations promulgated pursuant hereto. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the assets remaining after payment of its debts shall be distributed as provided in Article XI, Sections 1,2, and 3 of the NOTR Constitution.

This organization and its members shall not have the right to any of the regalia, ritual, name, initials, symbols or emblems pertaining to the National Order of Trench Rats."

ARTICLE X - Dugouts

Section 1. Those who desire to form a Dugout shall apply for a charter to Imperial Headquarters. Whenever the Imperial Council approves such application, the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer shall forthwith issue the necessary charter over his signature and that of the Imperial Golden Rodent. Imperial Council may, however, delegate approval of charters to the Imperial Golden rodent and the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer.

Section 2. The Imperial Council shall not approve an

application for a charter from those seeking to establish a Dugout in either a town, or a city wherein a Dugout is already located, except in cities with a population of 1,000,000 or more shall be entitled to more than one but not more than four Dugouts subject to approval of the Imperial Council.

Section 3. The Imperial Council shall not approve an application for a charter in any sector without first receiving the approval of the Department Executive committee of the D.A.V. in the State wherein such Dugout is to be established, provided, however, in such states as have no D.A.V. State Department, such prior approval shall be obtained from the D.A.V. National Executive Committee.

Section 4. Fifteen (15) or more eligible persons may apply for a charter. The application must be accompanied by a charter fee of \$10.00 and dues (Minimum Part Life) for each name appearing on the application.

Section 5. Dugouts shall have no names either prefixed or suffixed to them, but shall be known solely by the numerical designation given at time charter is issued to them.

Section 6. The officers of a Dugout shall correspond both in number and in name to those of the Imperial Van, with these two exceptions; that first the term "Imperial" shall be dropped and never used, and secondly, that no such office as that of Executive Rat shall exist.

Section 7. Each Dugout shall adopt its own Constitution and By-Laws, provided they shall in no manner conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Order of Trench Rats, and will be sent to Imperial Headquarters for the approval by the Imperial bench Rat.

Dugout By-Laws shall contain the following:

"This Organization recognizes the National Organization known as the National Order of Trench Rats and its Imperial Board and affirms its allegiance, and subordination to this National Organization, its Constitution, By-Laws and all rules, mandates and

regulations promulgated pursuant hereto. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the assets remaining after payment of its debts shall be distributed as provided in Article XI, Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the NOTR Constitution.

This organization and its members shall not have the right to any of the regalia, ritual, name, initials, symbols or emblems pertaining to the National Order of Trench Rats."

Section 8. Each Dugout must submit both an Annual Officer and Financial Report to Imperial Headquarters. Failure to submit such reports at the proper time shall prohibit the seating of the Delegates of a Dugout at the Annual Business Meeting of the National Order of Trench Rats. Failure to furnish such reports may lead to suspension and/or revocation of the charter of a Dugout.

Section 9. All Dugout accounts shall be in the name of the NOTR with Dugout Number (Name, if desired, may also be included). No funds shall be kept in any personal accounts. All accounts must require two of three signatures. All Dugouts shall furnish Imperial each year, along with the Annual Financial Report, one voided check from all their accounts for the Imperial Records.

Section 10. Any Dugout that has over twice their annual budgeted expenses held in funds and assets shall conform to the guidelines established by the parent organization or they shall be subject to suspension of the Charter for failure to comply with this mandate.

ARTICLE XI - Discipline

Section 1. The Imperial Council shall have the right upon two-thirds vote to revoke the charter of any Dugout for disobedience, or any act which may be deemed as detrimental to the welfare and the interest of the National Order of Trench Rats or to the disabled veteran.

Section 2. Dugouts whose charter have been revoked by the

Imperial Council may appeal for reinstatement at the next following National Rendezvous, at which time they shall state fully the details on which they rest their appeal either by letter or in person.

Section 3. When the Imperial Council shall revoke a charter of a Dugout, all property of the Dugout shall be returned to Imperial Headquarters.

Section 4. Any member of the NOTR may be placed permanently into the At-Large Dugout by the Imperial Council for the failure to comply with orders of the Council or board or orders made with their authority. The Council can also impose a lesser penalty or can impose a penalty of expulsion. The member, once notified of said action, may appeal the decision in writing within 60 days of the notification of the action. The member will be notified of the time and place for a hearing before the Grievance committee. No member shall be entitled to any reimbursement for any cost of his appeal and hearing, if held.

Section 5. The penalty for wrongful sponsorship is expulsion.

Section 6. The Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer (and/or the Imperial Golden Rodent) may suspend the Charter of any Dugout or Sector for a period of up to 180 days pending the approval of the Imperial Council. During this 180-day suspension the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer (and/or the Imperial Golden Rodent) will show cause and will ballot the Imperial Council for approval. Upon approval by the Imperial Council the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer (and/or the Imperial golden Rodent) may recommend further action.

Section 7. The expenses for an audit or investigation and hearings into the conduct of a Dugout or Sector by Imperial shall be paid by the Dugout or Sector concerned if it is found that the action was justified. The Dugout or Sector will pay such expenses within 30 days or the suspension will continue until the amount is recovered.

ARTICLE XII - Rituals and Ceremonies

Section 1. The Imperial Council alone shall possess the right to adopt, prescribe, change and amend the ritual and Ceremonies of the National Order of Trench Rats, except the "First Part of Third Degree," which shall be left to the ingenuity, initiative, and common sense of each Dugout to devise and carry out. The Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer shall check all candidates or a person designated by him.

Section 2. The Imperial Council thereto shall furnish each Dugout two copies of the Ritual and Ceremonies, with the Appendix. The custodians of these shall be the Golden Rodent and the Red Eyed Gnawer of the Dugout in question. They shall keep them inviolate and in a safe and secret place. The only Rituals and Constitution and By-Laws that shall be used are those prescribed by the Imperial Council.

Section 3. Each Dugout shall be held strictly accountable by and to the Imperial Council for its due and unfailing observance of the ritual and Ceremonies, except where a dugout is organized in a locality where there is no degree team of an active dugout nearby to initiate the members of the newly organized Dugout. The Imperial Council shall have the right to suspend the observance of the ritual and Ceremonies with the exception of the obligation of the First Degree. It is further provided that the Second and the Third Degree may be suspended in the case of any Scavvie where the Golden Rodent or Red Eyed Gnawer is of the opinion it would be injurious to him.

Section 4. No Dugout shall present a full membership card to a Scavvie until he shall have received all three degrees of this order. After the Scavvie has received the first two degrees, and paid all the required fees in full, the Dugout may issue him a Temporary Dugout Receipt. Said receipt shall entitle such Scavvie to attend business meetings of the Dugout without the right to vote or hold office unless the presence of such is objected to by any member in good standing who has received the third degree. Such Scavvie shall receive the

full third degree of this order at the earliest possible opportunity either at a Dugout, Sector, or National Rendezvous. This Section shall be subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Article above.

ARTICLE XIII - Regalia and Paraphernalia

Section 1. The Imperial Council alone shall possess the right to adopt, prescribe, and change the regalia and the paraphernalia employed, used, and worn both by itself and any Dugout.

Section 2. Each Dugout or member of the organization and from no one else shall procure the fez, the lapel, insignia, and any other regalia or paraphernalia adopted by the Imperial Council from Imperial Headquarters.

Section 3. Life members of the N.O.T.R. may purchase from Imperial Headquarters a white patch with red letters, LM, NOTR which they may wear anywhere but not on the fez.

Section 4. The only recognized regalia for the National Order of Trench Rats shall be a fez as prescribed in Article V of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIV - Finance

Section 1. The revenue of the National Order of Trench Rats shall be derived from membership dues and such other sources as may be adopted or approved by the Imperial Council.

ARTICLE XV - Life Membership

Section 1. Any person eligible for membership as required by *Article V* of the Constitution and has full paid-up Life Membership in the D.A.V. may become a life member of the NOTR by the payment of a lump sum as follows:

Up to age 41 on July 1st \$175.00

41 to 60 on July 1st	\$150.00
61 to 70 on July 1st	\$125.00
71 to 80 on July 1st	\$90.00
81 to 90 on July 1st	\$65.00
Over 90 on July 1st	\$00.00

Funds received will be invested in time certificates, which will draw the highest possible interest available. Withdrawn from this fund yearly will be the \$4.00 Imperial Van reimbursement and \$4.00 Dugout reimbursement.

Section 2. Partial payment of not less than thirty dollars (\$30.00) may be made provided that the balance of the life membership fee must be paid "within two (2) years from the date of the application or all partial payments will be forfeited." Dugout Red Eyed Gnawers and/or other Dugout Officers must send all partial payments to Imperial Headquarters immediately upon receipt. The Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer shall be custodian of all partial payments.

ARTICLE XVI - Fund Raising

Section 1. The Imperial Council may authorize a fund raising project or drive for the National Order of Trench Rats after approval for such has been secured from the D.A.V. National Executive Committee.

Section 2. Local Dugouts and Sectors shall not conduct any Fund Raising project or Fund Raising activity without the prior consent of the D.A.V. State Department in which located and if there be no such State Department, then prior approval must be obtained from the National Adjutant of the D.A.V.

Section 3. If any Dugout or Sector desires to hold any Fund Raising project or Fund Raising Activity before requesting approval as provided in *Section 2*, it shall give written notice of its intention to seek such approval with reasonably full information about the proposed drive or activity to the Chapter or Chapters located in the

territory in which it intends to raise funds, not less than two weeks before seeking such approval.

Section 4. In order to obtain approval, write to the Department Adjutant setting forth complete details of the proposed drive or Fund Raising activity; give the territory to be solicited (including mail solicitation, if any); enclose a copy of any contract or proposed contract relating to the drive and otherwise comply with any specific requirement of the Department Constitution, by-Laws, or Convention Mandates. A copy of the Dugout or Sector's request to the Department will be forwarded to Imperial Headquarters for final approval.

Section 5. Any Dugout which shall conduct and finance a Fund Raising project without prior approval shall be subject to revocation of charter.

Section 6. Following the completion of approved Fund Raising, the Dugout or Sector shall submit to Imperial Headquarters a report of such Fund Raising along with a remittance of 10% of the NET gains.

ARTICLE XVII - Headquarters

Section 1. The National Headquarters of the National Order of Trench Rats shall be located at a location convenient for the Imperial Red eyed Gnawer and approved by the Imperial Board. Such address will be published on the title page of this constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XVIII - Incorporation

Section 1. Sectors and Dugouts are strongly encouraged to incorporate themselves to minimize individual liability of their Officers and members and to assure that they can take full advantage of tax-exempt laws.

All By-Laws shall contain the following:

"This Organization recognizes the National Organization known as the National Order of Trench Rats and its Imperial Board and affirms its allegiance, and subordination to this National Organization, its Constitution, By-Laws and all rules, mandates and regulations promulgated pursuant hereto. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the assets remaining after payment of its debts shall be distributed as provided in Article XI, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the NOTR Constitution.

This organization and its members shall not have the right to any of the regalia, ritual, name, initials, symbols or emblems pertaining to the National Order of Trench Rats."

ARTICLE XIX - Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any National Rendezvous by a written resolution submitted to the Constitution, by-Laws and Resolutions Committee and a vote of two-thirds of the delegates represented thereat.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I -Imperial Van

Section 1. The term of office of all members of the Imperial Van shall commence immediately upon the adjournment of the National Rendezvous at which they are elected, and shall end at the adjournment of the next succeeding National Rendezvous. In case of death, resignation or removal of any member of the Imperial Van, the successor shall be appointed by the Imperial Council, and the term of office of such successor shall be until the adjournment of the next National Rendezvous.

Section 2. The duties of the various Imperial Officers shall be as follows: Imperial Golden Rodent - Supreme Head and Chief Executive; Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer - Secretary and Treasurer; Imperial Silver Rodent - Senior Vice Commander; Imperial Blue Rodent - First Vice Commander; Imperial Turquoise Rodent - Second Vice Commander; Imperial Bubonic Plague and Imperial Black Plague - Master of Ceremonies and of the Ritual; Imperial Hole-y Rat - Chaplain; Imperial Historic Rat - Historian; Imperial Bench Rat - Judge Advocate; Imperial Iron claw - Sergeant at Arms and Imperial Guard; Imperial Cure Rat - Surgeon; Imperial Nightingale Rat - entertainment Chairman.

ARTICLE II - Imperial Council

Section 1. The Imperial Council shall meet within one week after the adjournment of the National Rendezvous and immediately preceding the holding of the succeeding National Rendezvous.

Section 2. The Imperial Council shall provide for the appointment and employment of such subordinate officers and employees as may be needed for the administration of the affairs of the National Order of Trench Rats, and prescribe their duties and

emoluments. All questions affecting the election, eligibility and conduct of Imperial Officers shall be referred to and determined by the Imperial Council.

Section 3. At the meeting of the Imperial Council preceding the National Rendezvous, the Council shall act as a Credentials Committee for the Rendezvous and shall appoint Finance and Budget Committee and a Constitution and By-Laws Committee and such other committees for the National Rendezvous they may find necessary.

ARTICLE III - Charters

Section 1. In addition to the revocation, as provided in the constitution, charter of Sectors and Dugouts may be suspended. This function rests with the Imperial Council.

Section 2. The Imperial Council shall suspend any Sector or Dugout ceasing to function as a Trench Rat Sector or Dugout, or failing to pay per capita tax (if applicable) during any fiscal year. This suspension may be lifted anytime during the next fiscal year by the payment of per capita tax and the presentation of satisfactory evidence that the Sector or Dugout is functioning. If this is not done, the Imperial Council may revoke the charter.

Section 3. Whenever the charter of a Sector or dugout is revoked it may only be reinstated as provided for in the constitution or by the submission of a new charter application.

Section 4. A Sector or Dugout with less than fifteen (15) paid-up members, twenty (20) days prior to the National Rendezvous, shall be declared inactive and not allowed to vote in the rendezvous.

ARTICLE IV -Finances

Section 1. Dugouts may collect membership dues and, upon receipt, must immediately forward to the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer

without offset.

Section 2. The fiscal year of the National Order of Trench Rats shall begin July 1st and shall end on June 30th.

ARTICLE V – FEZZES

Section 1. In order that all fezzes of Trench Rat members may be uniform and made in the fashion conforming to the true meaning of same, all fezzes shall be purchased through the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer.

Section 2. The regulation Fez for Dugout members will be Royal Purple in color with the Red Rat embroidered on the front and with a Red Tassel, Golden Rodents of local Dugouts shall wear the Purple Fez with the Gold Rat and a Gold Tassel. The recognized elected and appointed Sector Officers shall wear a Maroon Fez with a Red Rat and a Red Tassel. Sector Golden Rodents shall wear a Maroon Fez with a Gold Rat and Gold Tassel. The Imperial Golden Rodent shall wear a Cream Fez with a Gold Tassel and a Tri-color on the front with the words "Golden Rodent" beneath it; Imperial Van Officers shall wear a White Fez with Red Rat and White Tassel for Chair Officers and Red Rat and Red Tassel for Executive Officers.

Section 3. Imperial Officers, Sector Officers and Dugout Golden Rodents shall have the right to wear their distinctive fezzes after their term of office has expired only when the word "Past" has been placed below the rat on the fez. The letters will be in Gold for Past Golden Rodents and in Red for Past Imperial Officers and Past Sector Officers. Imperial Golden Rodents, on becoming members of the Imperial Board, will place the words "Imperial Council" in Gold beneath the Tri-color on their Gold Fez. No other mask, word, or insignia of any kind than above shall be worn on any fez.

Section 4. Dugout Red Eyed Gnawers who have served one complete year may purchase from Imperial Headquarters a purple patch with gold letters P.REG that is placed on their fez below a red

rat or in place of the "Past" below a gold rat.

ARTICLE VI - Transfers

Section 1. Any member in good standing in a Dugout may make application for transfer to any other Dugout and if accepted by the procedure described in *Article IV, Section 4* of the National Constitution shall be issued a letter of acceptance by the Red Eyed Gnawer of the Dugout. No other membership card shall be issued.

Section 2. Any member in good standing as a member-at-large may make application for transfer to any Dugout and, if accepted by the procedure described by *Article IV, Section 4*, of the National Constitution, the Red Eyed Gnawer shall notify Imperial Headquarters by forwarding an approved transfer slip.

ARTICLE VII - Membership at-large

Section 1. Membership at large may be granted at a Sector or National Rendezvous. Any two members who will vouch that he meets the eligibility requirements may, in writing, submit the name of a candidate with the payment of the initiation fee and per capita tax, provided, however, that where the candidate resides in a city where a Dugout is functioning, one of the signers of the application must be either the Golden Rodent or Red Eyed Gnawer of the Dugout if present at the Rendezvous, and the other signer must be a member of that Dugout. It shall take a unanimous vote of the National Rendezvous or of a Sector Rendezvous to elect a candidate to membership. The Sector R.E.G. will send the name and address of the initiated Member-at-large and the minimum dues to Imperial Headquarters within thirty (30) days after the Sector Rendezvous.

ARTICLE VIII - Suspension/Expulsion

Section 1. Any Dugout may, upon two-thirds vote of members present at a regular secret meeting, suspend or expel any member for violation of his obligations or for any act unbecoming a member of this organization.

Section 2. This proceeding shall be done in open trial. The accused shall be presented with a copy of the charges brought against them in writing and signed by the complainant, or complainants, at least one week before their trial.

Section 3. The accused may make an appeal from any finding or order of the trial body to the Imperial Council at its next regular meeting. A written notice of appeal must be filed by registered mail with the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer within 30 days after mailing of notice of such finding or order by the trial body.

Section 4. The Red Eyed Gnawer shall keep a Roll of Suspension and/or Expulsions containing the names of all suspended or expelled members and make a report to the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer immediately upon conviction of any member.

ARTICLE IX - Ritual and Ceremonies

Section 1. The secret ritual and Ceremonies shall be kept by the Golden Rodent and the Red Eyed Gnawer of each Dugout, and shall be used only at secret meetings of the Dugouts.

Section 2. No copies of the secret Ritual and Ceremonies with Appendix thereto shall be made by any Dugout unless written authority for same shall be granted by the Imperial Golden Rodent and the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer.

Section 3. Order of business for a dugout shall be as follows:

1. Opening Ceremonies.
2. Roll Call of Officers.
3. Imperial Correspondence to Dugout, Dugout Golden Rodent

or Dugout Red eyed Gnawer will be read in its entirety to the members.

4. Minutes.
5. Treasury Report and Supplies and Regalia (if any).
6. Correspondence (other than Imperial).
7. Nine O'clock Ceremony.
8. Reports of Officers and Committees.
9. Old business.
10. New Business.
11. Closing.

Section 4. Order of business for a Sector shall be as follows:

1. Opening Ceremonies.
2. Roll Call of Officers and Dugouts.
3. Imperial Correspondence to Sector, Sector Golden Rodent or Sector Red Eyed Gnawer will be read in its entirety to the members.
4. Minutes.
5. Treasury Report and Supplies and Regalia (if any).
6. Correspondence (other than Imperial).
7. Nine O'clock Ceremony.
8. Reports of Officers and Committees.
9. Old Business.
10. New Business.
11. Closing.

Note: Good of the Order is not included as all business of the Trench Rats should be for the Good of the Order.

ARTICLE X - Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any National

Rendezvous by a written resolution submitted to the Constitution, by-Laws and Resolutions Committee, and a vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation there.

ARTICLE XI - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. The masculine gender, whenever used in these Bylaws, shall include the feminine gender.

AS AMENDED AT THE NATIONAL RENDEZVOUS AT

Atlanta, Georgia on August 4th, 2010

Gerald Ogle

Signed by Imperial Golden Rodent

William Brzezinski

Signed by Imperial Bench Rat

Joel Devenish

Signed by the Chairman of the Imperial Board

Albert Sorrentino

Signed by the Imperial Red-Eyed Gnawer and/or CEO

AFFIX SEAL

ORIGINAL SIGNATURES ON FILE AT IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS

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RITUAL AND CEREMONIES OF A BUSINESS MEETING

GOLDEN RODENT: (Raps the Gavel Once)

The officers will take their respective stations and the Dugout will come to order.

GOLDEN RODENT:

Silver Rodent, you will ascertain if the Iron Claw is in his true position and at his proper station.

SILVER RODENT: (Salaams)

Most Worthy GOLDEN RODENT, the Iron Claw is in his true position at his proper station.

GOLDEN RODENT:

Bubonic Plague and Black Plague attend. You will determine if all present are 00True Trench Rats by causing each one to give you the Grip of this Order, the Password or Answer, and you will carefully scrutinize the Membership Card of all those present within this Dugout.

(The Bubonic Plague and Black Plague., when obeying the command of the GOLDEN RODENT, will proceed from their respective stations to the end of the room at which sits the GOLDEN RODENT, they will then proceed down the room examining those present on their respective side of the room. When their task is completed they will meet at a point four paces in front of the S.R. and face about so that they may face the GOLDEN RODENT and each will report.)

BUBONIC PLAGUE: (Salaams)

Most Worthy GOLDEN RODENT, all present on my side of the room are Brothers in good standing. (Or not in good standing, or unknown.)

BLACK PLAGUE: (Salaams)

Most Worthy GOLDEN RODENT, all present on my side of the room are Brothers in good standing. (Or not in good standing,)or unknown.)

GOLDEN RODENT: (Raps the Gavel three Times)

Hole-y Rat. You will now recite our opening prayer.

HOLE-Y RAT: Let us bow our heads.

Our Heavenly Father, grant Thy blessings we beseech Thee. Let Thy Divine Grace rest upon each and everyone of us at this hour; that we may be better able to perform the duties now before us. Inspire us, Oh Lord, with Thy Divine strength and wisdom, in order that we may safe-guard the interest of those absent as well as those with us tonight, and conscientiously serve those who have placed their faith in us. May the objects we have in view, and the principles we strive to teach, find favor in Thy Holy sight. Amen.

(The GOLDEN RODENT may at this stage of the proceedings pay tribute to the Flag of our beloved country. The method and manner of doing this left up to the Dugout GOLDEN RODENT)

GOLDEN RODENT: (Raps the Gavel three times if not standing already)

Please join with me in giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our beloved country.

GOLDEN RODENT: (Raps the Gavel Once, Seating the Audience)

By virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution, rules and Regulations of the Imperial Council, the Sector _____ of the National Order of Trench Rats, I now declare Dugout _____ to be duly and properly convened.

GOLDEN RODENT:

Red-Eyed Gnawer, for what purpose are we now assembled?

RED-EYED GNAWER: (Salaams)

Most Worthy GOLDEN RODENT, we are assembled for the Regular Business Meeting.

GOLDEN RODENT:

Red-Eyed Gnawer, you will call the roll of officers.

GOLDEN RODENT:

Red Eyed Gnawer, you will now read in its entirety any correspondence received from Imperial.

GOLDEN RODENT:

Red-Eyed Gnawer, you will now read the minutes of the previous meeting.

GOLDEN RODENT:

Are there any omissions or corrections? If not, they will stand as read.

GOLDEN RODENT:

Red-Eyed Gnawer, you will now read the Treasurer's Report.

GOLDEN RODENT:

Are there any omissions or corrections? If not, they will stand as read.

GOLDEN RODENT:

Red-Eyed Gnawer , is there any report on Supplies and Regalia?

GOLDEN RODENT:

Red-Eyed Gnawer, is there any correspondence? (Other than from Imperial)

GOLDEN RODENT:

Are there any Brothers ill or in distress?

SYMBOLIC HOUR OF NINE: (Raps the Gavel three Times)

No prayer, no salute, only silence and the proscribed ceremonies.

The Symbolic Hour of Nine-R.E.G. reads names of Brothers who died since last Rendezvous. Brothers standing in silence, lights out, then 9 strokes of chimes by R.E.G., B.R., S.R., lights on. (R.E.G. has lowest note, B.R. has middle, S.R., has highest.)

GOLDEN RODENT:

May they rest in peace.

GOLDEN RODENT: (Raps the Gavel Once, Seating the Audience)

GOLDEN RODENT:

We will now be open to proposals for membership.

GOLDEN RODENT:

We will now vote on any previously proposed members who have been investigated.

GOLDEN RODENT:

We will now hear any reports from Officers and/or Committees.

GOLDEN RODENT:

Is there any Old Business to come before this Dugout?

GOLDEN RODENT:

Is there any Current Business to come before this Dugout?

(NOTE: In the ritual there is no “Good of the Order” but at this time the GOLDEN RODENT may have closing announcements or comments from Brothers present)

CLOSING

GOLDEN RODENT: (Raps the Gavel three Times)

I will now proceed to close this Rendezvous. Hole-y Rat you will recite the closing prayer.

HOLE-Y RAT: Let us bow our heads.

We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, for the pleasure and benefits we have derived from this meeting. We implore Thee to be with us and to bless us, now and forevermore. Amen.

GOLDEN RODENT:

Silver Rodent, is all well in the far West?

SILVER RODENT:

All is well in the Far West, Most Worthy GOLDEN RODENT.

GOLDEN RODENT:

Brothers, the Hour Grows Late, the Smudge Pots Burn Low and the Fog Hangs Heavy o'er the Hills and Valleys. 'Tis Time for Trench Rats to Part – Blue Rodent, how should Trench Rats Part?

BLUE RODENT:

With harmony prevailing and naught but good will toward his brother.

GOLDEN RODENT:

And so shall it be. HOLE-Y RAT what shall forever remain in the memory of all those present?

HOLE-Y RAT:

“Semper Idem et Semper Fidelis”.

GOLDEN RODENT:

I now declare this meeting adjourned.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installing Officer:

The newly elected and appointed officers of Dugout _____ will approach the altar facing the Tri-Color of the Organization, with the Golden Rodent seated two paces in the front of the officers, his hands crossed upon the Flag of our Country.

(S.R. places left hand on the right shoulder of the G.R., B.P. places left hand on the left shoulder of G.R. Other officers line up behind these in alternating fashion, B.P. behind S.R., Bl.P. behind B.R., etc.)

The installing officer requests that the REG call the roll of officers.

Installing Officer:

Brothers, it is a pleasure to thus see you before us as the newly elected officers of this Dugout. The Brothers of Dugout _____ have seen fit to confer an honor upon you which it is trusted will be not only respected as the honor it truly is, but which will be accepted by each of you as a charge upon you to truly, duly, and well administer the solemn duties which may fall to your lot as officers of a Dugout. All pales into nonexistence in comparison with having the esteem of your fellow members. Did your Brothers not feel that you and each of you were especially fitted to the task given you to perform you would not have the honor which is yours this evening. Justify this faith and at the close of your term of office, may it be the privilege of each of you to know that you are leaving a work well accomplished. You will repeat after me as follows, saying "I" and giving your full name:

I, _____, as an officer of this Dugout, do hereby promise and swear on my word as a Brother of this order that I will do all in my power to fulfill the obligations of this order pertaining to the office to which I have been *elected* or *appointed*.

That I will truly and well to the best of my ability carry out the work pertaining to my office, always endeavoring to conform to my duties as my conscience shall dictate, never allowing myself to be swerved from what I shall consider my bounden duty by the voice of the masses or the power of might that no considerations shall enter into the discharge of my duties other than a devout wish to do according to the trust which has been placed in me.

To all this I promise and swear.

Installing Officer:

Brothers, what shall forever be the motto and guide of these new officers?

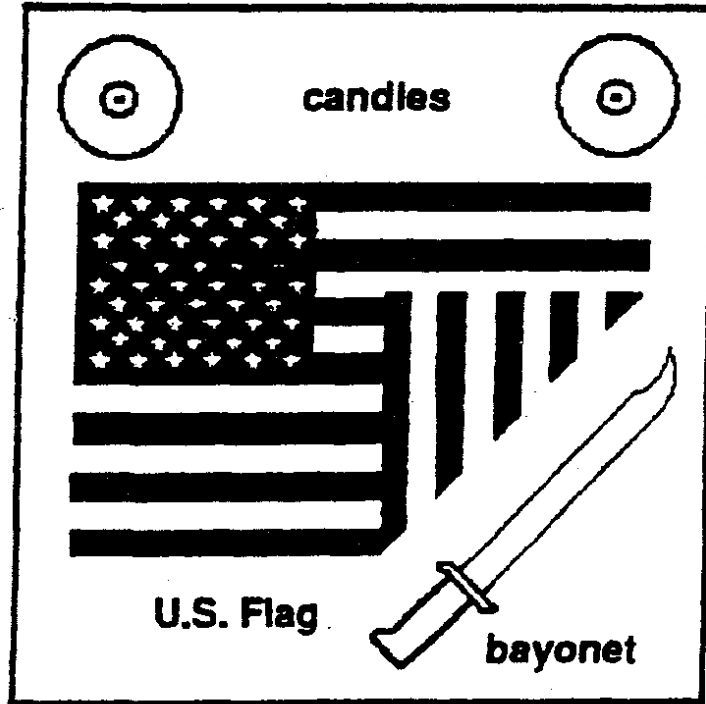
Members:

“Semper Idem et Semper Fidelis.”

Installing Officer:

Brothers, I declare you to be regularly installed as officers of Dugout _____. Be assured that the best wishes of the Imperial Council shall always be yours. I give this Dugout into your hands.

Altar of the Burning Bush



NATIONAL RENDEZVOUS STANDING RULES

Unless otherwise changed: A quorum for the Imperial Board shall be 51% of those registered at the Rendezvous.

COMMITTEES:

Finance and Budget Committee shall have three (3) members, one of which shall be the Imperial Silver Rodent.

Awards committee shall have three (3) members, one of which shall be an elected chair Imperial Officer.

Resolution, Constitution, and By-Laws Committee shall have three (3) members, one of whom will be the Imperial Bench Rat as Chairman, and he will serve as Chairman of the Grievance Committee (if such is needed).

Nominating Committee shall have five (5) members, three (3) will be the junior Imperial Rodents present and two other Imperial Rodents appointed, after approval by the Imperial Board by the Imperial Golden Rodent. They shall elect their own chairman. All other committees to be appointed by the Imperial Council as needed.

All motions or actions recommended by the Imperial Board to the Imperial Council should be made by Officers of the Imperial Council rather than by Imperial Rodents.

No resolution or change to the Constitution and By-Laws will be considered unless submitted to the Imperial Headquarters 120 days prior to the pre-rendezvous meeting of the Imperial Council and no candidate for office shall be considered unless he appears before the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall give first consideration to a candidate for the position of District Executive Rat that has been endorsed and/or recommended by the members of his District if that office is vacant.

POLICIES OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

POLICY is approved by the Imperial Board and Council members. Dugouts, Sectors, Alley Cats, and all associations of any type should comply.

It is the policy of this organization not to condone the exploitation of any person or persons because of their race, creed, ethnic background, or gender.

Further; immoral or demeaning conduct of any nature during any NOTR initiation ceremony is prohibited.

Each subordinate unit is responsible to insure that its initiation ceremonies conform to this policy.

Policy Regarding INITIATION TEAMS

At the annual National Rendezvous it shall be the responsibility of the Imperial Bubonic and Black Plagues to supervise the initiation team. At the Imperial Council meeting prior to the National Rendezvous, the Imperial Golden Rodent shall appoint a committee of two (2) or more Imperial Rodents to monitor the initiation. A similar system of monitors is to be utilized by all subordinate bodies.

SUSPENSION of a Dugout or Sector

The Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer (and/or Imperial Golden Rodent) may Suspend the Charter of any Dugout or Sector for a period of up to 180 days pending the approval by the Imperial Van. During this 180 day suspension, the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer (or Imperial Golden Rodent) will show just cause and ballot the Imperial Van for approval of this action. Upon approval by the Imperial Van, the Imperial Red Eyed Gnawer (or Imperial Golden Rodent) may recommend further action.

Upon any Dugout/Sector notification of Suspension, all funds and bank statements will be mailed to Imperial Headquarters within 15 days. These funds shall be held by Imperial until either the Suspension is removed or Revocation of Charter is approved. If Suspension is removed, Imperial will return all funds and records to the Dugout or Sector.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

Failure to comply may result in Trustee's being assigned to act on behalf of the Imperial Van.

DUGOUT and SECTOR BANK ACCOUNTS

All bank accounts shall be in the name of the NOTR with the Dugout or Sector name on account. No funds shall be kept in any personal accounts. All accounts must require two of three signatures. All Dugouts and Sectors shall furnish to Imperial each year an account statement or one voided check with their Annual financial Report.

Any Dugout or Sector that has accumulated funds over \$5000 shall bond all officers for three times the amount and send proof of such

bond to Imperial Annually. Any Dugout or Sector that has over twice their annual budgeted expense and who does not conform within one year will be just cause for Imperial to suspend said Charter.

DUGOUT and/or SECTOR AUDIT OR INVESTIGATION

If this action is necessary, and found that problem(s) did justify this action by Imperial, all cost of such will be at the expense of the Dugout/Sector. The Dugout/Sector will pay such expense within 30 days of notice or will be suspended until such is recovered.

MEMBERSHIP

Any member of the NOTR may be placed permanently into the At-Large Dugout by the Imperial Council for failure to comply. The member, once notified of said action, may appeal this decision in writing within 60 days of this action. Upon written notice of appeal by the member, Imperial will notify said member of time and place for a hearing before the Grievance Committee. No member shall be entitled for reimbursement for any cost for his appeal. Permanent action can only be reconsidered after five years and only by a vote of the Imperial Board.

HISTORY

The National Order of Trench Rats was conceived by a group of disabled World War I veterans who were patients in the United States Public Health Service Hospital No. 54 located at Arrowhead Springs, California. Because of the shortage of beds following WWI, this hospital, like many others, had been converted out of a building formerly used for other purposes. This particular building in which the hospital was housed had been a well known hotel located on the side of the mountain about seven miles from the city of San Bernardino. The name “Trench Rats” was adopted as it is symbolic of the rats, which the World War I veterans encountered in the trenches in France.

Some of the patients were members of the Los Angeles Chapter of the DAV. The hospital was isolated and there were no activities for the patients to pass the time, the majority of whom were ambulatory. A few members of this DAV Chapter conceived the idea of organizing a group of the most active members as a secret, fraternal society and devised an initiation ceremony for fun and amusement and invited for membership only those DAV members who were most active in the Chapter. As a result of this, most of the patients became members of the DAV and its delegates to the National Convention in Salt Lake City in 1924 were able to get the N.O.T.R. officially recognized as an Auxiliary of the DAV.

The N.O.T.R. is a secret, fraternal and honor organization limiting its membership by selection only to those who show their devotion and meritorious service to the DAV and the welfare of the disabled veterans, his widow and orphans. As result of this limitation, non-members have been encouraged to become more active in their Chapters and sign up new members in the DAV, this being one of the qualifications for membership.

The Trench Rats were proud of their contributions to the DAV and the fact that many projects adopted by Dugouts in their local communities have helped publicize and enhance the name and prestige of our organization. The National and State Rendezvous of the Trench Rats have long been recognized as the highlight of the entertainment programs of DAV conventions and have contributed greatly to the attendance. In the early years of the DAV, when it was in financial trouble and having a difficult time supporting and extending its Service Officer program, the N.O.T.R. raised and contributed funds for this purpose. In recent years they have contributed to the Disabled American Veterans Service Foundation to assist the Legislative Programs of the DAV and to the Memorial Honor Roll of Beneficiaries of the Perpetual Rehabilitation Fund.

**As of the 2008 DAV National Convention
over \$320,000.00 has been contributed.**

Much could be said about the difficulties the organization encountered in the early struggle to survive. Recognition should be given not only to those who participated in its founding, but to all of those members who worked so hard over the years helping build the N.O.T.R. to the high position it now holds and to those who continue to sell its aims and purposes. Their names are legion, many have passed away and even to mention a few would be unfair to all the others, but recognition must be given to the responsible for it all and that is the founder, **Volney P. Mooney**, who was the first Imperial Golden Rodent. He later became Commander of Chapter No. 5 in Los Angeles, Department Commander of California, National Judge Advocate for eight years and was elected National Commander of the DAV in 1934. To him and to all of those living and dead who contributed over the years of its existence, this history is dedicated. Their names are inscribed in the archives of this Order, they were tried and found true to their trusts, to their obligations and their own consciences.

We know that membership in this Organization inspired all of them with the incentives to further the welfare of our disabled comrades and there will always remain in the minds of all members those immortal words.

“Semper Idem et Semper Fidelis”

HISTORY OF IMPERIAL GOLDEN RODENTS

NAME	#	REND DATE	ELECTED AT	DUGOUT	LOCATION	
Volney P Mooney	1	June 28, 1924	Salt Lake City UT	2	Los Angeles	CA
Hobart C Kincaid	2	June 25, 1925	Omaha NE	24	Wak Wale	WA
John H Schueman	3	June 22, 1926	Atlanta GA	2	Los Angeles	CA
Samuel I Zook	4	June 22, 1927	El Paso TX	46	Des Moines	IA
Ray H Faulker	5	June 27, 1928	Denver CO	26	Cincinnati	OH
Julius F Setze	6	June 15, 1929	Detroit MI	40	Atlanta	GA
Victor A Millen	7	June 24, 1930	New Orleans LA	11	Detroit	MI
H.O.Hanes	8	June 23, 1931	Wildes-Barre PA	54	Portland	OR
Harold V Snell	9	June 21, 1932	San Diego CA	44	Kansas City	MO
George Boldin	10	June 28, 1933	Cincinnati OH	65	Glendale	CA
Roy Westbury	11	July 4, 1934	Colo Springs CO	6D	Madison	WI
Dr. Fred D Jeths	12	July 19, 1935	New Haven CT	90	Chicago	IL
Michael Glossinger	13	July 23, 1936	Milwaukee WI	53	New Orleans	LA
Claude E Kemp	14	Aug 5, 1937	Columbus OH	2	Los Angeles	CA
Allen Hendricks	15	Aug 18, 1938	Grand Rapids MI	96	Wichita	KS
Donald J Beaudoin	16	Aug 2, 1939	Boston MA	61	New Haven	CT
Earl A Quant	17	Aug 25, 1940	Green Bay WI	90	Chicago	IL
Jack W Sevin	18	Aug 13, 1941	Louisville KY	11	Detroit	MI
Jack W Sevin		1942	NO RENDEZVOUS			
Loyd E Ireland	19	Sept 18, 1943	New York NY	13	Seattle	WA
T. Reynolds Pillman	20	Sept 13, 1944	Denver CO	30	St Louis	MO
Frank Zeman	21	Oct 21, 1945	Chicago IL	90	Chicago	IL
LeRoy Cazel	22	Sept 4, 1946	Portland OR	26	Cincinnati	OH
John S Kitts	23	Aug 20, 1947	Las Vegas, NV	142	Oshkosh	WI
JC Dickerson	24	Aug 18, 1948	New York NY	51	Denver	CO
Gordon J Dunn	25	Aug 17, 1949	Cleveland OH	11	Detroit	MI
John W Cassara	26	Aug 16, 1950	San Francisco	135	Palo Alto	CA
William F Surgi	27	Aug 15, 1951	Milwaukee WI	53	New Orleans	LA
James a Schneider	28	Aug 13, 1952	Boston MA	110	New York	NY
Clifford McMann	29	Aug 28, 1953	Kansas City MO	94	Grand Rapids	MI
Edward F James	30	Aug 18, 1954	Miami Beach FL	167	South Bend	IN
Hugh G O'Neil	31	Aug 17, 1955	Des Moines IA	90	Chicago	IL
Charles V Gorman	32	Aug 22, 1956	San Antonio TX	103	Boston	MA
Maurice J Sweeney	33	Aug 17, 1957	Buffalo NY	307	Patterson	NJ
Oswald Crummack	34	Aug 13, 1958	Louisville KY	13	Seattle	WA
Ivor J Williby	35	Aug 19, 1959	Miami Bech FL	285	Des Moines	IA
Jack C Sagray	36	Aug 24, 1960	Seattle WA	289	San Antonio	TX
Charles P Merrifield	37	Aug 23, 1961	St Louis MO	319	Louisville	KY
David B Williams	38	Aug 22, 1962	Atlantic City NJ	303	Acton	MA
Sam M Vigil	39	Aug 21, 1963	Miami Beach FL	51	Denver	CO
William D Villont	40	Aug 19, 1964	Phoeniz AZ	324	Omaha	NE
Joseph J Jank	41	Aug 4, 1965	New Orleans LA	90	Chicago	IL
Louis M Wilhelm	42	Aug 10, 1966	New York NY	180	Miami	FL
James W Cain	43	Aug 2, 1967	Denver CO	168	Troy	NY
Joe F Ramsey	44	Aug 21, 1968	Phila PA	305	Houston	TX
Dr. Henry Swann	45	Aug 27, 1969	Miami Beach FL	95	Azusa	CA
Holey C Livingston	46	Aug 29, 1970	Los Angeles CA	44	Kansas City	MO
Paul G Law	47	Aug 11, 1971	Detroit MI	285	Des Moines	IA
Earl L Slonicker	48	Aug 23, 1972	Saint Louis MO	338	Racine	WI
Alfred W Grajok	49	Aug 15, 1973	Miami Beach FL	90	Chicago	IL
Roger E Yost	50	Aug 7, 1974	New Orleans LA	180	Miami	FL
Edward C Moore	51	Sept 2, 1975	Honolulu HI	139	Spokane	WA
Joe Gibbs	52	Aug 4, 1976	Miami Beach FL	95	Azusa	CA
Lester Kerr	53	July 13, 1977	Las Vegas NV	348	Redford Tnsp	MI
Coleman J Hewett	54	Aug 16, 1978	San Francisco CA	383	Macon	GA
Fred A Graf	55	July 18, 1979	Boston MA	135	Palo Alto	CA

Jack E Follis	56	July 27, 1980	Honolulu HI	90	Chicago	IL
Douglas R Jones	57	July 15, 1981	Miami Beach FL	168	Troy	NY
Lee A Henderson	58	July 21, 1982	Las Vegas NV	ISO	Miami	FL
Douglas H McGarrity	59	Aug 3, 1983	Los Angeles CA	348	Redford Tnsp	MI
John DiLaurenzio	60	Aug 29, 1984	Washington DC	338	Bristol	CT
James J Morgan	61	July 24, 1985	New Orleans LA	334	Lincoln	NE
Warren B Lone	62	July 23, 1986	Reno NV	388	Washington	DC
Kenneth G Nowry	63	Aug 19, 1987	Atlanta GA	348	Redford Tnsp	MI
Vincent P Reed Jr	64	July 27, 1988	Dabs TX	358	S. Boston	MA
Oswald Pederson	65	Aug 2, 1989	Las Vegas NV	44	Kansas City	MO
Robert Elliot	66	Aug 1, 1990	Anaheim CA	90	Chicago	IL
George J Zosmak	67	July 31, 1991	New Orleans LA	480	Grand Rapids	MI
Ernest G Balcom	68	Aug 5, 1992	Reno NV	446	Madeira Beach	FL
Fred A Sutton	69	Aug 18, 1993	San Francisco CA	492	Terra-Haute	IN
Paul C Bailey	70	Aug 24, 1994	Chicago IL	436	Gulfport	MS
Alfred W Nowak	71	July 26, 1995	Las Vegas NV	372	Buffalo	NY
Curtis L Gulgelaar	72	July 31, 1996	New Orleans LA	480	Grand Rapids	MI
John D Engwiller Sr	73	1996 by Res	Las Vegas NV	413	Sarasotz	FL
Harry Warburton	74	Aug 20, 1997	Las Vegas NV	405	Lehigh Acres	FL
Jimmie S Foster	75	Aug 26, 1998	Las Vegas NV	356	Oklahoma City	OK
Larry A Polzin	76	Aug 24, 1999	Orlando FL	65	Woodland Hills	CA
William Brzezinski	77	Aug 23, 2000	Reno NV	421	Las Vegas	NV
Frank L Cummings	78	Aug 2, 2001	Miami Beach FL	53	Metairie	LA
Bernard Walkowiak	79	Aug 13, 2002	Dallas TX	587	Jefferson City	MO
Gerald W. Horton	80	Aug 19, 2003	New Orleans LA	303	Reading	MA
Michael A Stokes	81	Aug 17, 2004	Reno NV	608	Poplar Bluff	MO
Joel Devenish	82	Aug 17, 2005	Las Vegas NV	447	Garden Grove	CA
Albert Sorrentino	83	Aug 14, 2006	Chicago IL	472	Melbourne	FL
Floyd 'Pet' Buell	84	Aug 13, 2007	New Orleans LA	421	Las Vegas	NV
Terrance Flick	85	Aug 12, 2008	Las Vegas NV	53	New Orleans	LA
Vernon Christian	86	Aug 19, 2009	Denver, CO	407	Brooklyn	NY