

**MONTFORD POINT MARINE
ASSOCIATION INC.**



LOS ANGELES CHAPTER #8

BY-LAWS

"Working Together Works"

September 2014

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Montford Point Marine Association, Incorporated, and Los Angeles Chapter #8.

ARTICLE II

Objectives

The objectives of the chapter shall be: 1) to preserve and strengthen comradeship among the members, 2) to aid worthy comrades in time of need, 3) to promote and preserve the interests and traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, 4) to support appropriate charities and community activities, 5) to maintain true allegiance to the United States of America.

ARTICLE III

Members

Section 1. (Classes)

There shall be no class of members other than regular members.

Section 2. (Eligibility)

Membership eligibility shall be in accordance with [Article Five, Section 1\(a\) and Article Seven, Section 8 of the National Bylaws.](#)

Section 3. (Dues)

Chapter dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) yearly, payable by September 1st each year. Members who have not paid the annual Chapter dues, and the National dues by January 1st shall not be in good standing and may be suspended from the Chapter.

Section 4. (Resignation)

Any member desiring to resign from membership in the Chapter shall submit their resignation in writing to the Membership Committee.

Section 5. (Reinstatement)

Any member that has been under suspension for non-payment of dues will be returned to good standing upon payment of all past dues. Any member that resigns and subsequently requests readmission to the Chapter shall reapply for membership. This membership application must be approved the Executive Board prior to attaining good standing.

ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. (Titles)

The officers of the Chapter shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial-Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain, three Directors (one of whom shall be the immediate past Chapter President), a Public Relations Administrator, and a Parliamentarian. They shall rank in order listed. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, special rules, procedure manual, and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Chapter.

Section 2. (Term)

The officers, excluding the immediate past Chapter President, the Public Relations Administrator, and the Parliamentarian, shall be elected by ballot at the first meeting in August in odd numbered years and shall serve a period of two years commencing the first meeting in September that year. The Public Relations Administrator and the Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the President.

Section 3. (Eligibility)

Only regular members in good standing are eligible to hold office.

Section 4. (Vacancy)

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President will fill the vacancy until the Executive Board shall authorize and hold an election. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled by appointment of the President for the remainder of that term. Should any officer be absent for three (3) consecutive meetings without valid excuse, it shall be deemed that he has resigned from office.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

Section 1. (Regular)

The regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Section 2. (Special)

Special meetings may be called the President or by the Executive Board.

Section 3. (Quorum)

No regular or special meeting may be held without a quorum. A quorum is six (6) officers, in good standing.

ARTICLE VI
The Executive Board

Section 1. (Composition)

The officers of the Chapter shall constitute the Executive Board. The President shall serve as Chairman.

Section 2. (Duties)

The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter as specified by these Chapter bylaws, special rules, and procedure manual. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Chapter, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Chapter.

Section 3. (Meetings)

The Executive Board shall meet on the Fourth Saturday of the month. Additional meetings may be called by the Chapter, the President or by a majority of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

Section 1. (Activities)

An Activities Committee, composed of the Vice-President and four members appointed by the President. Shall prepare and submit an annual calendar of planned Chapter activities to the Chapter for approval at the first meeting in December. The committee shall coordinate those activities sponsored by the chapter.

Section 2. (Auditing)

An Auditing Committee, composed of three members appointed by the President, shall audit the books and record of the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Financial-Secretary and any other accounts for which the Chapter may request an audit.

Section 3. (By-Laws)

A By-Laws Committee, composed of the Secretary, the Parliamentarian and one member appointed by the President, shall prepare language for proposed amendments to the Chapter by-laws, procedure manual, standing rules and any other administration orders.

Sections 4. (Membership)

A Membership Committee composed of the Vice President and two members appointed by the President shall receive and review applications for membership, along with proof of service, to be presented to the Chapter for approval at the next meeting. The Committee shall receive and file letters of resignation.

Section 5. (Nominations and Elections)

A Nomination and Election Committee, composed of five members elected from the Chapter, shall prepare ballots and conduct elections as required.

Section 6. (Public Relations)

A Public Relation Committee composed of Public Relation Administrator and two members appointed by the President shall publish a quarterly News Letter and shall conduct other Public Relation related affairs of the Chapter.

Section 7. (Ways and Means)

A Ways and Means Committee, composed of the Financial-Secretary and four members appointed by the President, shall prepare various proposals for the Chapter benefit and approval. The Committee will prepare an annual budget to be submitted for Chapter approval at the first meeting in August for the fiscal year, beginning September 1st.

Section 8. (Others)

Such other committees, standing or special may be appointed by the President of the Executive Board from time to time as considered necessary to carry out the business of the Chapter.

(a) Standing Committees:

- (1) The following committees shall be permanent operating units of this Chapter.
 - (a) Membership
 - (b) Health and Welfare
 - (c) Special Projects
 - (d) Ways and Means
 - (e) Budget Committee

Section 9. (Expenses)

No committee may accrue expenses on behalf of the Chapter without authorization.

Section 10. (Meetings)

A committee will meet whenever required.

Section 11. (President/Ex-officio)

The President shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominations and Elections Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

Auxiliary

The Chapter may recognize an Auxiliary according to *Article Seven, Section 12: of the National Bylaws*.

ARTICLE IX

Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Chapter, after payment of debts, all Chapter funds and property will be donated to an organized charity (to be chosen by the Chapter).

ARTICLE X

Parliamentary Authority

The rules in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Chapter in all cases in which they apply and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and special rules the Chapter may adopt.

ARTICLE XI

Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at a regular meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote if the proposed amendment has been submitted at the previous meeting.

Approved: This 27th day of September 2014

President: *L. E. (Michael) Johnson*

By-Laws Committee: James Maddox

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