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CONSTITUTION

of

OREGON WOMENS AMBULANCE CORPS

Preamble

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one-hundred-percent Americanism;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State, and Nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and good will on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;

To have and to keep ourselves trained to be of all possible help to our Community, State, and Nation in the event of any disaster whatsoever.

ARTICLE 1 Name

The name of the organization shall be the Oregon Womens Ambulance Corps.

ARTICLE 2 Objects and Purposes

The objects and purposes of the Corps shall be to promote the principles set forth in the Preamble.

ARTICLE 3 Organization

State Headquarters: State Headquarters of the Corps shall be maintained in Portland, Oregon.

After approval by State Headquarters

Unit Headquarters: Unit Headquarters shall be maintained in the City or Town where individual Units or Companies are formed.

ARTICLE 4 Nature

Section 1 -- Civilian Organization:

This Corps is a civilian organization until such time as a change in status is deemed necessary for the purpose of giving greater service to our country. Rank does exist, however, and every member should be addressed by her official title in any meeting, at any time when in uniform, and when on duty.

## Section 2 -- Non-Political:

This Corps shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking office or preferment.

## Section 3 -- Citizenship Duty:

Each member of this Corps must perform her full duty as a citizen and cannot be a member of, or active in, any subversive group whatsoever.

## ARTICLE 5 Membership

### Section 1 -- Eligibility:

Any woman, 18 years of age or older, who is a citizen of the United States, or who has applied for citizenship in the United States, or has signified her intention of applying for citizenship in the United States, and who presents reasonable personal appearance, and is physically sound and mentally competent, and of good moral character, shall be considered eligible for appointment to this organization.

### Section 2 -- Evidence of Eligibility:

Evidence of eligibility shall be furnished by each applicant. This evidence shall be as follows: Birth certificate, or recognized affidavit as proof; one identification photograph; two sets of finger prints, and character references.

### Section 3 --

The final right to either reject or accept an applicant shall rest with the Board of Officers of the Unit involved.

### Section 4 --

In case an applicant is accepted it becomes the duty of the commanding officer of the unit or of some qualified member whom she shall designate to explain to the recruit the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations.

### Section 5 --

There shall be two classes of membership: active and reserve. Active members shall be those who are enrolled in two or more training classes, one of which shall be military drill, and those who have completed the five mandatory courses and continue military drill only. Reserve members shall be those who are on furlough for reasons acceptable to the commanding officer of the unit, and those who have completed the mandatory courses, and continue to pay their dues.

### Section 6 --

Membership may be in one Unit only. However, transfer between Units is permissible, if transferee is in good standing.

### Section 7 --

A member once expelled from the Corps may not again be eligible for membership. Resigned officers, either commissioned or non-commissioned, may not regain rank by the expedient of re-applying for membership.



## ARTICLE VI Management

The management of this organization shall be vested in a Council of Seven members, consisting of the President, also known as the Colonel, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Finance Officer, Liaison Officer, Educational Director and Adjutant. These officers shall hold office permanently.

## ARTICLE VII Vacancies

Vacancy in any office may be declared for cause by vote of the entire Council of Seven. Vacancies may be filled by a majority vote of the Council members present and voting.

## ARTICLE VIII Officers

### Section 1 --

The ranking officer of the Oregon Womens Ambulance Corps shall have title of Colonel. In this capacity the Colonel shall act as coordinator among her various Portland Unit officers and among the various State Units, and be recognized as State Commander, subject to policy determined by State Headquarters Board.

### Section 2 -- Clarification of the terms "State Board", "State Headquarters Board", "Unit Board";

The State Board of Officers shall consist of the Council of Seven members mentioned in Article Seven and one Commissioned Officer of each State Unit.

The State Headquarters Board shall consist of the Council of Seven of the Portland Unit.

Unit Boards shall consist of Officers of each local State Unit.

### Section 3 -- Duties of Various Boards:

The State Board shall meet once every three months; or when called by the President, also called the Colonel; or upon the written request of any one member of the State Board to pass on matters pertaining to State activities at large and for information as to measures taken by the State Headquarters Board quorum.

State Headquarters Board shall meet when called by the commanding officer, or upon the written request made by any one member of the Council of Seven to the commanding officer.

The Unit Boards shall meet when called by the Unit Commander or upon the written request made by any one member of the Unit Board to the Commanding Officer and shall keep State Headquarters Board informed by means of monthly reports, in writing, as to progress of training and financial status.

### Section 4 --

The number of members in a Unit regulates the number of Non-commissioned officers of the different grades in that Unit.

The Unit Board will appoint Non-commissioned Officers on the basis of proven ability and adaptability to the position in question.

Section 5 --

The State Headquarters Board shall appoint three male advisors in the following capacities:

1. Educational Advisor
2. Military Advisor
3. Corps Board Advisor

At any time it appears necessary the President, also known as a Colonel, may seek the advice of any person or persons, who, by reason of training or profession, are qualified to give counsel.

ARTICLE IX Amendments

The constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Council of Seven by two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting.

ARTICLE X Dues

Section 1 --

There shall be monthly dues, one-fifth of which or not less than ten cents per member shall be apportioned and forwarded to State Headquarters for maintenance.

*Proposed change - State Board*