



OPERATIONAL BY-LAWS  
Of  
NAVY NUCLEAR WEAPONS ASSOCIATION  
(A NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION)

ARTICLE I  
NAME AND LOCATION

SECTION 1. NAME. The name of the Corporation shall be the "Navy Nuclear Weapons Association". It shall be identified by its various symbols and the legend "Keepers of the Dragon."

SECTION 2. LOCATION. The principal office for the transaction of business of the Corporation shall be in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, State of Delaware but the Corporation may have other offices and may transact business anywhere in the United States of America.

ARTICLE II  
PHILOSOPHY

The Corporation believes that the Navy nuclear weapons program was and is an important part of this nation's history and heritage and, further, that the men and women who served, in both military and civilian roles, made a significant contribution to the freedoms we enjoy today.

ARTICLE III  
OBJECTIVES

The Corporation has been formed and exists for the following purposes:

1. To promote the social welfare of the members of the Navy, Marine Corps, Naval Civil Service and Support Contractors of the Navy Nuclear Weapons community, hereafter called the "Community."
2. To provide information and assistance to the disabled and needy members of the Community.
3. To carry on programs to perpetuate the memory of deceased members of the Community and to comfort their survivors.
4. To conduct unclassified educational programs to perpetuate the Navy Nuclear Weapons historical record.
5. To maintain a written history of the Navy Nuclear Weapons program.
6. To sponsor and participate in activities of a patriotic nature.
7. To provide informational, social and recreational programs for its members.
8. To provide charitable and/or educational benefits for the members and their families.
9. To utilize appropriate means to carry forward the purposes of the Corporation and to do what is necessary and proper for the attainment of the objectives and purposes for which this Corporation is formed.
10. To perpetuate the memory of nuclear unit administration, team training, team deployment and concepts as a unique and significant part of U.S. Naval history.
11. To instill in family, friends and other non-members, by whatever unclassified means are available, an awareness of the objectives of the overall nuclear deterrence and protections by providing anecdotes on the diversity of the nuclear ratings and personnel involved, the skill levels required, the security measures imposed, the safety inherent in the program, the pride craftsmanship, and the humor and *esprit-de-corps* displayed by the members during the lifespan of the nuclear program.

#### ARTICLE IV ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1. Membership in the Corporation shall be without regard to age, race, color, creed, gender, national origin, ethnicity or disability.

SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY. The REGULAR MEMBERS of the Corporation shall be composed of active, retired or inactive members of the Navy and Marine Corps who were attached to the Navy Administrative Unit, Navy Special Weapons Units #471, #802 or #1233; or any member of the Navy, Marine

