

**GENERAL WALTON H. WALKER CHAPTER 215, INC.  
BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME AND PURPOSE**

*The name of this Chapter of the National Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., is the General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215, Inc.. The term for which it has been organized is perpetual.*

*The purpose of the Chapter is to organize, promote and maintain for benevolent and charitable purposes an association of persons who have seen honorable service during the Korean War at any time between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955, and certain other persons, that meet the qualifications set forth in the By-laws of the National Korean War Veterans Association, Inc of which this Chapter has been duly Chartered; to preserve memories and incidents of our association and participation in the Korean War; to aid needy association members and their wives and children, and widows and children of persons who were members at the time of their deaths.*

**ARTICLE II  
OFFICE**

*The principal Office of this Chapter shall be located in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metropolitan area and may move from time to time depending on the Executive Councils directions.*

**ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP**

***SECTION 1: Qualification of Members.** Membership in this Chapter shall consist of Honorary Members, Regular Members, Life Members, and Associate Members. No member shall be excluded from membership because of race, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability, so long as the individual meets the following service requirements.*

*Any person who has seen honorable service in any Armed Forces of the United States, said service being within Korea (September 3, 1945 - June 25, 1950), within and without Korea (June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955), or who, as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States as defined by U.S.C. Title 10, served honorably in Korea from February 1, 1955, is eligible for membership.*

*A. **Honorary Member.** Any person of good character may be elected an Honorary Member by a majority vote of the Executive Council and approval of the Membership. Honorary Membership shall have no voting rights and is a member for life. (no dues required)*

*B. **Regular Member.** Any person who meets Section 1 requirements and is a member of the National KWVA, Inc. and is in good standing or applies for National KWVA Membership at the time of their application to the Chapter and who furnishes a DD-214 Form or other proof of service and pays the required dues.*

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**C. Life.** *Life Membership in the Chapter is available only to those who meet the requirements of Section 1, and also are Life Members of the National KWVA, Inc..*

**D. Medal of Honor.** *Any Medal of Honor recipient, so honored for service in Korea during the Korean War is eligible for Life Membership. (no dues required)*

**E. Prisoner of War.** *Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for Life Membership. (No dues required)*

**F. United Nations Command and Korean Armed Forces.** *Any person who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United Nations Command or in the Republic of Korea Armed Forces during the Korean War era (Section 1) is eligible for membership. Proof of service and membership in the National KWVA are required for Chapter Membership. UN/Korean membership in the Chapter may not exceed 10% of the total membership.*

**G. Gold Star Parents and Wives.** *Any parent, wife and/or child of an armed force person killed in action, missing in action or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War are eligible for Life Membership. (No dues required) with no voting rights.*

**H. Associate.** *Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of the Chapter and who wishes to support its aims and not being eligible for a regular membership and agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the Chapters By-Laws shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the Chapter. Associate Membership shall not include any voting rights. The Executive Council must approve by a majority vote any application for Associate Membership.*

**I. Those Ineligible.** *Any person who has separated from service in the Armed Forces of the United States or United Nations Command or Republic of Korea under conditions other than honorable shall be ineligible for any type membership in the Chapter.*

**SECTION 2: Membership Procedures**

**A. Application.** *Any person qualified for membership as set forth above may present a written application to any member of the Chapter in good standing on a form prepared and approved by the Executive Council. The application shall be an agreement which states the applicant will agree to, abide by and conform to the Chapter By-Laws and regular rocedures of the Chapter. A DD-214 Form or other proof of service must accompany the Application if the Applicant is not already a member of the National KWVA, Inc., the Secretary may fill out and submit an Application Form for the Applicant after the proper information and dues are provided.*

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***B. Membership Card. When an application is accepted and approved the Secretary shall assign a number, for the type membership requested, and issue a signed Membership Card to the applicant.***

***C. Termination of Membership. The Executive Council, by a two-thirds vote of the council members, serving at that time (7 minimum), may suspend or expel a member for just cause after an appropriate hearing. For non payment of dues and after proper notice, the Executive Council may suspend, or terminate a member without a hearing.***

***D. Resignation. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but said resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges thereto accrued and unpaid.***

***E. Reinstatement. Upon written request signed by a former member and filed with the Secretary, the Executive Council by a two-thirds vote of the Council Members serving at that time and present (7 Minimum), may reinstate a former member.***

***F. Transfer of Membership. Membership in this Chapter may be transferred in or out of this Chapter from other KWVA Chapters, but no funds shall be transferred. Life Membership shall be accepted with no further monetary requirement. Regular Membership will be accepted, for the year in which transfer is made.***

***SECTION 3: Dues. Payment of dues is a condition of initial or continuing membership. The amount of annual dues shall be set by a majority vote of the Executive Council and may be changed from time to time as necessary. Dues shall be payable on the anniversary date of said membership or on a prorated schedule to allow all dues to be due on the same anniversary date as decided by a majority vote of the Executive Council. Dues may also be prorated by the Executive Council if it so desires.***

***A. Amounts. Payment of dues is a condition of initial and continuing membership. Regular Annual Chapter Membership is \$15 per year and Regular Annual Membership dues for the National are \$20. All Regular Members must be a Member of the National KWVA, Inc.. Chapter Life Membership dues are \$100 . To become a Life Member in the Chapter you must be a Life Member of the National KWVA, Inc.***

***B. Payment of Dues. All Dues shall be due and payable to the Chapter at the time of initial membership application and will be valid for a calendar year. Chapter Life dues may be paid in a lump sum or in four (4) equal payments of \$25.00 each. National Life dues may be paid in a lump sum or in six (6) equal payments of \$25.00 each. All Life dues must be paid during the same year of the Life Membership request. Both National and Chapter annual dues will be prorated at the beginning of the second year of membership in order to place everyone on a calendar year basis.***

**ARTICLE IV  
ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1: Officers.** *Elected and appointed officers shall have the powers of decision-making within the scope of their respective offices. Their power to conduct Chapter business is granted by the consent of the general membership and through the chain of command within the Chapter. Anything not specifically designated in these Bylaws as a function of the Executive Council, the Chapter Officers, or that of Appointed Officers shall rest with the general membership. All Chapter Officials shall submit a copy of their DD-214 Form or verification of service in the Armed Service to the Secretary immediately after nomination. If not received 7 days before the Chapter election meeting or before appointment is to take effect, the Secretary will inform the Nominating Committee and/or Executive Council that the individual is not certified to hold office.*

*In the absence of a specific written statement, each official shall have the authority to perform and discharge duties of the office at the same level as similar non-profit organizations whose purpose and objectives are the same or similar to those of this Chapter.*

**A. Elected Officers:** *The Chapter has five (5) elected officers consisting of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer Offices may be combined, in which case there shall be four (4) Officers. These Officers derive their authority and powers directly from the regular membership and hold office for a one year period. These Officers may be elected to succeeding consecutive terms.*

**B. Executive Council:** *This Council shall include the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President along with six (6) At-Large Councilors. The Council is thus made up of 10-12 voting members according to whether the Secretary and Treasure are held by one individual and whether the Past President is able and/or eligible to serve. The At-Large Councilors shall be elected for two year terms of office. Three At-Large Councilors will be elected every two years.*

**C. Nominations:** *The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee Chairperson and present his selection to the Executive Council for approval at its January Executive Council Meeting. The Nominating Committee Chairperson will select at least two additional members from the Chapter membership by the February Membership Meeting. Members of the Nominating Committee will be announced at the February Membership Meeting and will also be listed in the March Newsletter. Other duties of the Nominating Committee are as follows:*

- 1. List Offices open in the March Newsletter and set a deadline of April 10 to receive names of candidates for these offices.*
- 2. Provide information as needed to candidates running for office.*
- 3. Solicit information from candidates on qualifications and reasons for seeking the office.*
- 4. Publish list of candidates and qualifications with the Ballot in the June Newsletter.*

***D. Voting Procedure: Each Chapter member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. Fifty-one percent (51%) of those voting will be required to elect. Should there not be a 51% majority vote for the candidates of any office, the two candidates with the most votes shall have a run-off election and the candidate receiving the most run-off votes shall be elected.***

***Ballots will be mailed in the June Chapter Newsletter. For those not planning to attend the June Election Membership Meeting, ballots should be returned by mail to the official Chapter mailing address by 10:00 am on the Election date. A ballot box will be available at the Election Membership meeting for those in attendance. Run-off elections shall be done using a mailed out ballot within one week following the election with ballots returned within the second week.***

***The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for counting and recording the final tally of votes cast and to ensure that a quorum vote has been cast.***

***E. Quorum: A Quorum for a membership vote is at least twenty percent (20%) of the Chapter voting membership based on the May 1 membership roster, as certified by the Secretary of the Chapter. All general or special called membership meetings will also require at least a quorum to approve any decision requiring a vote of the membership.***

***A Quorum for the Executive Council is seven (7) based on the 10-12 membership of the elected Council.***

***F. Installation of Officers: Newly elected officers and At-Large Executive Councilors shall be sworn in at the end of the June meeting following the election certification by the Nominating Committee. The Oath of Office shall include pledges to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, the Laws of the State of Texas, the Bylaws of the National KWVA, Inc and the Bylaws of the General Walton H. Walker Chapter, Inc of the Korean War Veterans Association.***

***G. Vacancies of Offices: A vacancy of any elected office shall be filled by recommendation by the President with a quorum vote of approval by the Executive Council., or at the discretion of the President and Executive Council the vacancy may be left unfilled until the next general election.***

***SECTION 2: Appointed Officers: Appointment of Special Officers shall be made by the President with the approval of the Executive Council for a one year period. They may continue for a succeeding year at the request of the President and approval by the Executive Council.***

***Appointed Officers are responsible for giving written progress reports to the Executive Council once a month and may serve as members of or Chairpersons of more than one committee.***

***Appointed Officers vacancies may be filled upon recommendation of the President to the Executive Council for approval at any time during the year or when new committees are required other than those listed in Article V.***

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**ARTICLE V  
OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

**SECTION 1: Elected Officers: These officers may hold only one office except for the Secretary and Treasurer Office which may be combined.**

**1. President: The President is the highest ranking officer of the Chapter and as such will also be the Chairperson of the Executive Council.**

- 1. The President shall be responsible for the execution of policies and programs decided upon by the General Membership and/or the Executive Council.**
- 2. The President shall recommend to the Executive Council for their approval, all appointees for Chairpersons of the Standing Committees and Special Committees that might be required.**
- 3. The President may select to whom the Chairpersons shall report; President, First Vice-President or 2nd Vice-President after consulting with the Vice-Presidents.**
- 4. The President shall preside over all Chapter meetings.**
- 5. The President shall have the power to call emergency or special meetings for the general membership or Executive Council.**
- 6. The President shall be an ex-officio of all committees, but shall not have a vote on the committee issues.**
- 7. The President shall recommend to the Executive Council and/or the General Membership any action considered necessary and proper for the welfare of the Chapter.**
- 8. The President shall have the authority to sign all documents that may be legally binding upon the Chapter, subject to prior approval by the Executive Council, except for disbursements.**

**B. First Vice-President: The First Vice-President is the second highest ranking officer in the Chapter and reports directly to the President and is a member of the Executive Council.**

- 1. The First Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of duties.**
- 2. In the absence of the President the First Vice-President shall serve as, and have the power, of the President.**
- 3. The First Vice-President shall accept assignments from the President to oversee various functional committee Chairpersons and for other Chapter policies that are required and may suggest actions that would be proper for the welfare of the Chapter.**

**C. Second Vice-President: The second Vice-President is the third highest ranking officer in the Chapter and reports directly to the President. The Second Vice-President is a member of the Executive Council.**

- 1. The Second Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of duties.**
- 2. In the absence of the President, First Vice-President the Second Vice-President shall serve as, and have the power of, the President.**
- 3. The Second Vice-President shall accept assignments from the President to oversee various functional committee Chairpersons and for other Chapter policies that are required and may suggest actions that would be proper for the welfare of the Chapter.**

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**D. Secretary: The Secretary is an elected officer and reports to the President. The Secretary is a member of the Executive Council.**

- 1. The Secretary is responsible for the clerical duties of the Chapter as detailed below.**
- 2. The Secretary shall prepare an agenda prior to each General Meeting and Executive Council Meeting as directed by the President and other pertinent Officers and Executive Council members.**
- 3. The Secretary shall assure that a Quorum is present at all Chapter meetings. The Secretary shall report to the presiding officer the Quorum findings.**
- 4. The Secretary is responsible for recording the minutes of all General Membership meetings and Executive Council meetings and reading those minutes at the appropriate meeting.**
- 5. All incoming correspondence shall be inspected by the Secretary and either resolved by the Secretary or forward to the proper person or group for their action.**
- 6. Moneys received by the Chapter through the Secretary shall be forwarded to the Treasurer and appropriately noted for its use.**
- 7. A log and copies of all outgoing and incoming correspondence shall be kept by the Secretary for at least one year.**
- 8. The Secretary shall accept all written petitions, including nominations for office and votes cast by members; and those petitions, appeals or complaints directed toward the Chapter, its officers or Executive Council.**
- 9. The Secretary shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Chapter membership list. Should a member's dues become thirty (30) days overdue, the Secretary shall notify the member. If the dues become sixty (60) days overdue, the Secretary shall advise the Executive Council.**
- 10. The Secretary shall maintain a roster of Chapter officers, Councilors, Appointed Officers, Chairpersons, Committee Members or any other Special Committees, including names, addresses, phone numbers, service dates, office or committee served.**
- 11. The Secretary shall issue membership cards to members as required. The card shall contain the members name, membership number with type membership listed as R (Regular), LR (Life Regular), P (POW), H (Honorary), A (Associate), G (Gold Star).**
- 12. The Secretary shall obtain and keep in Chapter files, verification of suitable military service of all Chapter Officers and Councilors. If this information is not received seven (7) days before the membership election meeting or before an Appointed Officer is to take office after adequate notice verbal or written is given officer, the Secretary is to report this matter to the Nominating Committee and/or The Executive Council.**

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***E. Treasurer: The Treasurer is an elected officer and reports to the President. The Treasurer is also a member of the Executive Council.***

- 1. The Treasurer shall take and maintain control and deposit all funds for the Chapter. The Treasurer maintains a Bank Account for checking and either CD's or saving accounts for the Chapters collected funds.***
- 2. The Treasurer shall periodically survey the financial markets to determine the best institutions and types of accounts in which to place the Chapters funds notifying the Executive Council of any recommendations for change for approval to do so.***
- 3. The Treasurer shall, when called upon, assist all committees, officers, Executive Council in preparing budgets for their functions.***
- 4. The Treasurer is the only authorized individual for establishing bank accounts for the Chapter.***
- 5. The Treasurer is authorized to sign checks or drafts on behalf of the Chapter and is authorized to establish signature cards for other officers authorized to sign checks for the Chapter. Those who are authorized for signature signing shall be approved by the Executive Committee.***
- 6. The Treasurer is authorized to disburse money as directed by the budget or Executive Council approval.***
- 7. The Treasurer shall present a financial report at each Executive Council and Membership Meeting.***
- 8. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of all financial books and records of the Chapter.***
- 9. The Treasurer shall make available for inspection and audit the financial records of the Chapter to any Executive Council authorized audit team. Normal review will take place each month by the Executive Council using the required monthly financial report. An annual year end audit will be done and any discrepancies identified shall be resolved. Should a change in the office of Treasurer be required an audit will be conducted and any discrepancies resolved before a new Treasurer takes over.***

***SECTION 2. Appointed Officers: These officers are appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Council to serve one year terms.. They may continue for succeeding years at the request of the President and approval by the Executive Council. Those officers shown in this Section are Officers of Standing Committees which continue from year to year.***

***A. Judge Advocate: The Judge Advocate shall act as legal advisor and serve as parliamentarian for the Chapter. Unless otherwise directed by the President, this officer shall report to the Second Vice-President.***

***B. Chaplain: The Chaplain when appropriate, shall conduct services of remembrance and recognition of the MIA's and those who have died of wounds received in hostile action. He shall memorialize Chapter Members who have died and offer a short prayer at each meeting or other occasions, as required. He shall act as spiritual advisor to the Chapter and visit, call or send cards to Chapter Members who are ill and/or notify others to also visit, call or send cards. Unless otherwise directed by the President, this Officer shall report to the Second Vice-President.***

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**C. Historian:** *The Historian shall collect and record history of the Chapter. He is responsible for maintaining picture albums and other necessary books for displaying the history and memorabilia of the Chapter and the Korean War. The Historian shall report directly to the President.*

**D. MIA/POW:** *The MIA/POW Officer shall conduct all efforts in regards to the MIA/POW issues. He shall report current events and news concerning these issues to the Chapter and suggest action to be taken by the Chapter. He shall communicate as needed with Government Agencies or other sources to determine the status of our MIA/POW situation and what is being done about it. Unless otherwise directed by the President, this Officer shall report to the First Vice-President.*

**E. Service Officer:** *This Officers duties are to keep the Chapter informed of current events and changes emanating from the Veterans Administration and to assist the members in obtaining information about available benefits such as land and health programs. To recruit volunteer workers for the Veterans Administration Hospital and to keep accurate records of volunteer work by the Chapter Members. To perform other related activities and duties which may fall within this area of responsibility and recommend to the Chapter, action programs that will help Veterans, disabled or not. Unless otherwise directed by the President, this Officer shall report to the First Vice-President.*

**F. Education Officer:** *The Education Officer shall be responsible for dissemination of information about the Korean War and the United States mission in that War. He shall approach local secondary education institutions for the purpose of providing lectures to students about the achievements of those who served in Korea and attempt to kindle a spark of patriotism in the students and teachers. This Officer should also involve the membership from the Chapter to assist in this endeavor. Unless otherwise directed by the President, the Education Officer shall report to the Second Vice-President.*

**G. Publicity and Membership:** *This Officers duties are to communicate with the general public, media, and other bodies the official position of the Chapter on any and all subjects or issues. The Chapter positions shall be established by the Membership and Executive Council who shall so instruct the Publicity and Membership Officer as to the extent the Officer may comment. This Officer shall also establish any advertisement for Chapter Meetings or recruitment for additional members to appear in local newspapers or media. This committee must maintain an accurate list of prospective members and those who have received calls and/or letters with application forms so duplicate contacts are not made to those who show no interest in the Chapter. The Officer should coordinate recruitment with the Secretary who is to provide a current membership list. The Publicity and Membership Officer shall report to the President.*

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**H. Fund Raising:** *The Fund Raising Officer shall be responsible for actively raising funds to meet objectives and purpose of the Chapter. He shall recommend to the President and/or Executive Council special fund raising activities for the Chapter Membership. Solicitations should also be pursued in the corporate community. This Officer shall report to the President.*

**I. Meeting Planning and Entertainment:** *This Officer shall arrange for General Membership meeting places and entertainment at each meeting. Meeting times will be as shown in Article VI, and entertainment should be geared for the type meeting planned. A plan for a complete year of General Membership Meetings is to be prepared in advance, for the June through May time period, and presented to the President for approval by the Executive Council. This Officer shall report to the President.*

**J. Newsletter:** *The Newsletter Officer shall be responsible for the Chapter Newsletter. The Officer shall receive, select, edit and publish articles deemed appropriate and timely, as well as information presented him by the Executive Council, the President, and other Officers of the Chapter. The newsletter shall be at least an every other month edition and a newsletter distribution list shall be maintained with new member updates from the Secretary received each month. Coordination with all Appointed Officers for news items is mandatory to make sure Chapter news is timely and accurate. Unless otherwise directed by the President, this Officer shall report to the 1st Vice-President.*

**K. Communications Officer:** *The Communications Officer shall have the prime responsibility for contacting members by telephone, on items of interest that cannot be accomplished by mail or E-Mail, or because of the need to stimulate attendance at upcoming meetings or other Chapter affairs. The Officer shall form a Telephone Committee of members, in a pattern which will keep down long distance calls, to accomplish this task. Unless otherwise directed by the President, this Officer shall report to the Second Vice-President.*

**L. Quartermaster:** *The Quartermaster Officer shall be responsible for procurement of materials for the Chapter. He shall keep in touch with the National and other Chapter Quartermasters as well as other similar organizations to remain up-to-date on flags, uniforms and other related materials.*

*The Quartermaster shall maintain records of all Chapter property and present an annual report and inventory of such property. In addition this Officer shall prepare an annual budget for the new year beginning in January of each year and seek updated budget funds as required from the Executive Council throughout the year.*

*The Quartermaster shall maintain storage and safekeeping of all Chapter property and shall maintain records of who has checked out property and has same in their care, custody or control. The Quartermaster shall also be responsible for safe return of all property he is charged with.*

*The Quartermaster shall be the focal point for any Color Guard Uniforms by keeping the Chapter advised as to uniforms and where accessories items may be purchased. The responsibility for ordering items for the Chapter Membership is also the responsibility of this Officer. Unless otherwise directed by the President this Officer shall report to the 1st Vice-President.*

*M. Color Guard Commander: The Color Guard Commander shall be responsible for leading and coordinating the time and place where the Color Guard will be in attendance or perform. This Officer shall coordinate with the Executive Council any activities planned before accepting any invitation.*

*The Color Guard Officer shall select those interested in participating as Color Guards, with a view on the requirements of having performances of the highest Military Standards that requires both practice and regular attendance for Color Guard presentations at the Chapter Meetings, funerals, patriotic events and etc.*

*This Officer shall be responsible to see that all flags, banners and other required military paraphernalia used in the Color Guards duties are maintained and stored properly when not in use and are transported and available at any function or presentation by the Color Guard Unit. The Officer is to coordinate with the Quartermaster for obtaining Executive Council approved uniforms and that each member of the Color Guard chosen obtains the proper uniform. Costs for Uniforms will be the sole responsibility of those in the Color Guard. Chapter will arrange for belting, patches and other necessary accessories.*

*Color Guard candidates shall be obtained on a voluntary basis and as many as necessary should be selected to make sure there are enough for all functions when illness, vacations or other reasons cause some to be absent. No Color Guard will be allowed to participate who has not been adequately trained in guard responsibilities. The Color Guard Officer shall report to the President.*

*N. Sergeant-at-Arms: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for maintaining order at Chapter meetings. He shall be responsible for arranging security, when requested to do so, for all Chapter functions. This Officer shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the President and shall report to the President.*

**SECTION 3: Special Committees: Special Committee Chairpersons are appointed by the President with approval by quorum vote of the Executive Council. These Special Committees shall remain in effect for no more than one (1) year, or when the Special Committee is dissolve, whichever occurs first. Special Committees may be renewed and the Chairperson re-appointed upon a request by the President with Executive Council approval. If not requested to continue the Special Committee shall be informed it is officially dissolved by the President. Special Committees shall report to the President unless told to report to another Officer.**

**ARTICLE VI  
CHAPTER AND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

**A. Chapter Meetings:** *The General Membership shall meet at least every other month. The Executive Council shall determine the meeting dates, place and time and the Membership will be notified by Newsletter, E-Mail, Letter or the Communication Committee.*

*The scheduled place, dates and times, for the meetings, may change from time to time based on the approval of the Executive Council.*

**B. Executive Council Meetings:** *The Executive Council shall meet no less than every other month prior to the Membership Meetings. The place, date and time shall be agreed upon by a majority of the Executive Council.*

**ARTICLE VII  
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

*The rules contained in the current edition of "ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER" shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Chapter may adopt.*

**ARTICLE VIII  
OFFICIAL AND FISCAL YEAR**

*The official year of the Chapter shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th of each year. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall begin January 1st and end on December 31st of each year.*

**ARTICLE IX  
CHAPTER SEAL**

*The Chapter seal shall be circular in form and shall contain the words GEN WALTON H. WALKER CHAPTER KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOC. Encircling an image of the peninsula of Korea. The Seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile to be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced. The Chapter seal may be altered by order of the Executive Council at any time.*

**ARTICLE X  
CHAPTER CREED**

*The Chapter has adopted the following Creed to be read to express its beliefs and purpose at the opening of each Chapter Membership Meeting either by an individual or all present.*

*“We, the members of the General Walton H Walker Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, are the living representatives of all the Americans who gave their lives in Korea. As members we are dedicated to also represent the known American Prisoners of War that were never returned after the war, and the American Service Personnel still listed as Missing in Action in the Korean War.*

*Our Purpose is:*

- 1. To motivate patriotism amongst the American People and to raise their awareness of the Korean War and those who served in it.*
- 2. To render help and support to all the wounded and disabled American Veterans of the Korean War.”*

**ARTICLE XI  
INDEMNIFICATION**

*Each Councilor, and Officer of the General Walton H Walker Chapter, Inc., now or hereafter serving as such, shall be indemnified by the Chapter through its Executive Council against any and all claims and liabilities to which the Official has or shall become subject by reason of serving or having served as such an Official, or by reason of any action, suit or proceeding in which they, or any of them, are made parties, or party, by reason of being or having been an Official of this Corporation, except in relation to matters as to which any such Official shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in performance of duty. The forgoing right to indemnify shall include reimbursement of the amounts and expense paid in settling any such action, suit or proceeding, when settling or a plea of nolo contendere appears to be in the interest of the Corporation.*

**ARTICLE XII  
DISSOLUTION**

*The Chapter may be dissolved in accordance with the laws of the United States and the State of Texas in which it was incorporated. All property of the Chapter shall be disbursed in accordance with the United States Internal Revenue Service Code and the laws of the State of Texas.*

**ARTICLE XIII  
AMENDMENTS**

*These Bylaws may be amended at any regular Membership Meeting by a 2/3 majority vote of the quorum present, providing that the proposed amendment(s) was submitted in writing at the previous meeting and was made available to the membership to read and/or the proposed changes were verbally summarized to the Membership.*

*The Membership may call for a vote on any Bylaws changes, without approval of the Executive Council, by presenting a change with 30 signatures of qualified members at a regular membership meeting with voting conducted at the following membership meeting.*

*The Executive Council shall review all proposed changes and provide opinions to the Membership.*

*It shall not be required that amendments be published in the Chapter Newsletter prior to being voted upon.*

**Changes:**

*Original Bylaws approved by the General Membership on June 16, 2001 by a unanimous vote of the twenty-six eligible voting members present. See Minutes for June General Membership Meeting approved at July 21, 2001 General Membership Meeting.*

*Revision One (1) was approved by the General Membership on April 19, 2003 by a two-thirds vote of a Quorum of 25 present and voting members. See Minutes for April General Membership Meeting approved at May 17, 2003 General Membership Meeting.*