1 2	The National Guard Association of Connecticut
2 3 4	CONSTITUTION
4 5 6 7	Of October 1993, as amended in March 1996, March 1997, March 2002, March 2003, March 2004, March 2007, and March 2012
8 9	Article I – Name
10 11 12	The name of this Association shall be "The National Guard Association of Connecticut," herein called the Association.
12 13 14	Article II – Purpose
15 16 17 18	Section 1. To improve the welfare and efficiency of the National Guard of Connecticut and the National Guard of the United States and to achieve their interests.
19 20 21 22	Section 2. To promote and support state and national security as provided for under the Constitution of the State of Connecticut and the United States of America.
22 23 24 25	Section 3. To encouraged increased association, friendship, understanding and cooperation between all members of this Association.
26 27 28	Section 4. To foster improved relations of the Army and Air National Guard of Connecticut with the general public.
29 30 31	Section 5. To initiate and/or support legislation, both state and federal, for the betterment of the National Guard of the state and nation.
32 33 34 35	Section 6. To obtain benefits for the Guard members as individuals that are similar to those enjoyed by their counterparts in the active federal service.
36 37 38 39 40 41	Section 7. To promote the best interests of the Association and the purpose for which it was formed, it shall have the power to receive and collect membership dues and accept contributions, and may acquire, hold, take gifts, devise or purchase property, either real or personal, and invest its funds therein. It may sell and dispose of such property and create obligations when it is in the best interests of the Association. All income from whatever

42 source derived shall be used exclusively to promote the purpose for which

- 43 the Association is organized.
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Section 8. To be the Connecticut affiliates of the Enlisted Association of
the National Guard of the United States and the National Guard Association
of the United States and to promote the goals and purposes of those
organizations.

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## 50 Article III – Membership

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Section 1. Every active, retired or former member of the National Guard,
separated under honorable conditions, is eligible for membership in this
Association. All persons, having paid their yearly dues before the annual
business meeting/conference and life members will be considered as
members in good standing and entitled to vote and hold office in the
Association.

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## 59 Article IV – Meetings

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Section 1. The Association shall hold its annual business meeting of
members for election of Association officers, and the Executive Council, and
for the transaction of such business as properly may be brought before it.
The Executive Council will set a date for the annual meeting/conference
annually during the first quarter of fiscal year.

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67 Section 2. Special meetings of the members can be called by the
68 President or upon written request of one third (1/3) of the members of the
69 Executive Council.

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Section 3. Notice of all meetings shall be published at least one monthpreceding the date of the meeting.

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Section 4. A quorum shall exist at the regular annual meeting/conference
or any special meeting when five percent (5%) of the membership of the
Association is represented.

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- 78 Article V Officers
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- 80 Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be as follows:
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- 82 President

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84	Vice President – Officer
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86	Vice President – Enlisted
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88	Secretary
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90	Treasurer
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92	Section 2. Term of Office
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94	<ol> <li>All Officers shall be elected for a two-year period or until their</li> </ol>
95	qualified successor is elected.
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97	<ul> <li>a. Election of Officers shall be held at the annual</li> </ul>
98	meeting/conference during even numbered years, commencing at the 1998
99	annual meeting/conference.
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101	b. The office of President may be held by either an Officer or
102	Enlisted member of the Association and the one Vice President shall be an
103	Officer and one Vice President shall be an Enlisted member of the
104	Association.
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106	c. If any elected officer or member of the executive council is unable
107	to complete tenure of their elected term, under the provisions of the NGACT
108	Constitution, an interim replacement will be appointed by the President and
109	approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of remaining members of the Executive
110	Council.
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112	Section 3. There shall be an Executive Council of the Association
113	consisting of the following:
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115	a. The duly elected officers of the Association.
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117	b. Two Retired National Guard Member, officer or enlisted, one Army
118	and one Air.
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120	c. One Officer, one Senior Enlisted and one Junior Enlisted member
121	from the Connecticut Air National Guard.
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123	d. One Officer, one Senior Enlisted and one Junior Enlisted member
124	from the Connecticut Army National Guard.
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126	e. Two At-Large-Members from the Connecticut Army National Guard
127	and two At-Large-Members from the Connecticut Air National Guard.
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129	f. Executive Director.
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131	g. Parliamentarian
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133	Section 4. The President shall be the chairman ex-officio of the Executive
134	Council.
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136	Section 5. Election of Executive Council members (with the exception of
137	the Executive Director) shall be during the annual meeting each year as
138	follows:
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140	a. During even numbered years, the officers of the Association and
141	four members-at-large will be elected.
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143	b. During odd numbered years three Army Guard members and three
144	Air Guard members of the ranks specified in subsections 3c and 3d above,
145	and the two Retired members National Guard member will be elected.
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147	Section 6. Members of the Executive Council shall attend all meetings
148	called by the chairman. Failure to attend any two consecutive scheduled
149	meetings without sufficient reason shall be sufficient cause for such person
150	to be removed from office in accordance with Article V, Section 7 of this
151	Constitution.
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153	Section 7. Any member of the Executive Council of the Association may
154	be suspended or removed from office for inefficiency or conduct grossly
155	detrimental to the interests of the Association, or for any grave cause by a
156	two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Executive Council.
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158	Section 8. A quorum of the Executive Council shall consist of nine (9)
159	members.
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161	Section 9. Duties and Powers of Elected Officers
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163 a. The President shall preside at the annual meeting/conference and special meetings of the Association and shall be the chairman ex-officio of 164 165 the Executive Council. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all 166 committees, be responsible for the location and operations of the Executive 167 Council and have authority to incur such incidental expenses, that do not exceed limits imposed by the Association's by-laws, that occur between 168 169 Executive Council meetings. 170 171 b. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President during the absence or disability of the President and such duties as the President 172 173 may assign. 174 175 c. The Secretary shall have charge of all the records pertaining to the 176 Association. The Secretary of the Association shall also be ex-officio 177 Secretary of the Executive Council. The Secretary shall notify members of the Association of all meetings at least 30 days prior thereto. The 178 remuneration for services required shall be specified in the by-laws. 179 180 181 d. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for and be custodian of all 182 funds of any nature whatsoever due the Association and such contributions 183 as may be made to it and be bonded in the amount not less than the balance 184 of the treasury at the last open meeting. The Treasurer shall draw warrants 185 in payment of all bills and claims against the Association. There shall be an annual audit of the books and finances of the Association and a report 186 187 thereof submitted to the Executive Council prior to the annual meeting and to 188 the Association at the annual meeting. The treasurer shall make an annual report of the finances of the Association to the annual business meeting. The 189 190 remuneration for the required services shall be specified in the bylaws. 191 192 Section 10. Executive Director Duties and Responsibilities 193 194 a. Furnish staff support and administrative support to the President. 195 196 b. Act as official representative of the Association in dealing with other 197 organizations and/or businesses. 198 199 c. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the By-laws or 200 assigned by the President of the Association. 201 202 d. Be a non-voting member of the Executive Board. 203

204 205 206 207	e. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Executive Council through the competitive process from applications of the Association membership.
208 209	f. The remuneration for required services of the Executive Director shall be specified in the By-laws.
210 211 212	Section 11. Parliamentarian Duties and Responsibilities
213 214	a. Be a non-voting member of the Executive Board.
215 216 217	b. Aid and advise the President, Executive Board, committees, members and staff in Parliamentarian Procedure and Robert's Rules of Order.
218 219 220 221	c. Is knowledgeable on the contents of the Association's By-Laws and Constitution.
222 223 224	d. Is a source of information on Parliamentary Procedure, but has no authority to make rulings or to enforce them.
225 226	e. Is appointed by the President with consent of 2/3 of the Executive Board.
227 228 229	Article VI – Finance
230 231 232	Section 1. The fiscal year shall be from 1 January each year through 31 December of the same year.
233 234	Section 2: Not used.
235 236 237 238	Section 3. Expenditure of funds must be for either internal operations of the Association or consistent with the purpose, goals, objectives and policies of the Association as set forth in the Constitution and By-laws.
230 239 240 241 242 243	Section 4. All requirements for funds must be submitted in writing with complete justification to the Finance Committee for review and inclusion in each year's budget except that the President of the Association shall be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$300.00 per quarter without requiring prior approval of the Finance Committee or Executive Board. Such
244	discretionary expenditures shall be reported to the Treasurer immediately

- 245 upon being incurred and shall be reviewed not less than quarterly by the
- 246 Executive Board in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of
- 247 Subsection 3 above.
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## 249 Article VII – By-Laws

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The Association shall publish and maintain a set of By-laws which shall be adhered to by all members. All meeting will be run in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

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- 255 Article VIII Omitted
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## 257 Article IX Amendments

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Section 1: This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for such purpose by the President of the Association. Prepared amendments of the Constitution must be submitted at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting to which the proposed amendments are to be considered.

265 Section 2: The Associations By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds

266 (2/3) vote of the Executive Council at a properly convened meeting of the

267 Executive Council. Amendments or changes to the By-Laws shall be

reported to the membership at the annual meeting/conference by the

269 President.