

September 16, 2009 (5th Revision)

**BYLAWS
SPECIAL MILITARY ACTIVE RETIRED TRAVEL GROUP
TRI-STATE REBELS CHAPTER**

ARTICLE I – NAME

This Chapter shall be known as the SMART TRI-STATE REBELS CHAPTER, a nonprofit ORGANIZATION, composed of members in good standing with the National SMART Club.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

This Chapter shall maintain a strictly non-secular, non-partisan and non-racial attitude and shall be dedicated to bringing together people interested in the brotherhood, fellowship and principles of the National SMART Club.

The Chapter Bylaws must adhere in principle to the National Bylaws and recognize that document as the ultimate body of law in all its activities.

It shall be the purpose of the Chapter to operate a social/travel club for the exclusive use and enjoyment of its members.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Membership is limited to owners or operators of recreational vehicles, who are retired from or are on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States and who maintain membership in the National SMART Club.

Applicants for membership in the Chapter must submit to the Chapter Secretary information (on the Chapter form) in writing, along with proof of membership in the National SMART Club for the Chapter's records.

- A. Regular membership: Any Smart member from the Tri-State area, will have office holding and voting privileges .
- B. Associate members: Spouses of deceased members that continue their affiliation with the Chapter. They shall have voting and office holding privileges. Remarriage by an Associate member will invalidate their eligibility
- C. Social member: Regular members of other SMART Chapters or SMART members at large that join as Social members with no office holding or voting privileges.
- D. Auxiliary member: Those individuals who are not otherwise eligible to join SMART with the following guidelines:
 - 1. Must be sponsored by an existing Chapter member
 - 2. Membership is limited to 10% of Chapter membership.
 - 3. Auxiliary Member must have their original sponsor present to attend any Chapter functions.
 - 4. They may not hold office, nor vote on any Chapter functions.
 - 5. Auxiliary members may bring no guest(s).

ARTICLE IV – DUES

Chapter dues shall be payable on the first day of the calendar year and will be delinquent 90 days thereafter. Dues for a new member shall be prorated from the month in which they join the Chapter through 31 December. Auxiliary member dues shall be yearly from the date of entry into Chapter. Auxiliary members must renew their membership each year within thirty days of the date of joining or they will automatically be terminated. The current dues rate will be an amount approved by Chapter membership and stated in the standing rules.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Business meetings will be held at all regular Musters as necessary to conduct the business of the Chapter. A quorum of 20% of the membership shall be required to conduct Chapter Business.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Officers of the Chapter shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Muster Master, Website Manager and the Immediate-Past Chapter President. These officers shall comprise the Executive Board. When a quorum is not present at a regular Muster, the Executive Board is authorized to direct the Treasurer to pay accumulated bills upon presentation of a receipt and/or invoice. This is the sole purpose of the executive board, except, when involved in the Dissolution/Disposal of Chapter Assets.

Officers shall be elected for a period of one year at the November Muster and installed at the first Muster of the following year. The President is the only officer that may not serve more than two consecutive years.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Preside at all meetings, appoint all committees and supervise all Chapter activities.

VICE PRESIDENT: Conduct meetings in absence of the President and coordinate activities of all committees.

SECRETARY: Record minutes of all meetings, conduct correspondence, send notice of Muster dates and special events to Website Manager for publication on the Website and in the Chapter Newsletter and maintain Chapter records. In addition, the Secretary will transmit all correspondence with National SMART pertaining to membership and any other correspondence with the approval of the Chapter President. The Secretary will also take care of all dues notices and correspondence with Chapter members concerning their membership by notifying them of their delinquent status either in the Chapter or National SMART. The Secretary will provide National SMART with current Membership rosters as required.

TREASURER: Collect dues, fees, all other Chapter monies, maintain a Chapter bank account(s), pay authorized bills and prepare a treasurer's report for each Muster. The Treasurer will also maintain a dues roster of all current members and their status by month and year; in January of each year provide a list of all delinquent members to the Chapter Secretary to be contacted; provide a list of delinquent Auxiliary members to the Secretary in the month their membership expires.

MUSTER MASTER: Responsible for organizing Chapter Musters (camp outs), coordinating Hosts. Assisting the host in all necessary arrangements for outings, tours and activities at Musters as may be required. Notify the President, Secretary and Website Manager of all planned Musters and basic details.

WEBSITE MANAGER: Will, in conjunction with keeping the Website current, publish on a timely basis, after each Muster, the "REBEL YELL"(the Chapter's newsletter), with past, current and future Chapter events and other items of interest as may be submitted by the Chapter officers and members. The Website Manager will also prepare and mail, a copy of the "Rebel Yell" to those members that do not have a computer or internet access.

IMMEDIATE- PAST CHAPTER PRESIDENT: Advise the current President in matters pertaining to the Chapter when requested.

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATIONS

A nominating Committee, comprised of three members, will be appointed by the President at the July Muster. The Chairman of the committee will be selected by the Committee membership.

The nominees for the President and Vice President, elected positions, will be Regular Chapter members. The nominees for the Chapter offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Muster Master, and Website Manager will be Chapter members or spouses and may be elected or appointed by the President, if necessary. The President will appoint the Sheriff, Assistant Website Manager, Chaplin, Historian and others as may be required.

The nominating committee will submit the nominees for office at the November Muster. Prior to voting, nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

ARTICLE IX – VOTING

Members and their spouses shall be entitled to one vote each, except the President, who shall only vote to break a tie. Auxiliary members may neither hold office, nor vote on Chapter business. A simple majority of the voting membership will suffice for the election of officers and for Chapter business. Voting shall be by raised hands at the Muster.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT

A proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall be presented to the President in writing. Written notice shall then be given to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to voting on said amendment. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Chapter membership is required for approval. Vote may be by mail.

ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION/DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

After all Chapter bills have been paid, remaining funds shall be forwarded to National SMART Headquarters with appropriate information to the regional director. Material assets will be distributed as directed by the SMART TRI- STATE REBELS Chapter Executive Board. In either case, assets remaining after redistribution shall be forwarded to National SMART Headquarters for final disposition.

ORDER OF MEETINGS

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all business meetings, which will be conducted as follows:

Call to order and salute the flag.

Invocation by Chaplain.

Introduction of guests, prospective members, members of other Chapters, and members at large.

Roll Call.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting.

Treasurer's report.

Report of Committees.

Unfinished business.

New business.

Reading of correspondence.

Announcements.

Adjournment.

Adopted:
2009

Signed

Curtis W. Crowe
President

