

CONSTITUTION  
ADOPTED BY THE SOCIETY OF THE FIFTH CORPS, A. E. F.

SECTION I : This society shall be known and designated as: "SOCIETY OF THE FIFTH CORPS, A. E. F."

SECTION II : PURPOSES AND OBJECTS :

The purposes and objects of this Society shall be: To perpetuate the memories of active service with the Fifth Corp in France; To promote fraternal feeling among the members thereof; To aid and assist all poor and distressed members, their wives and children; To help provide for employment for the members of the Society in the United States; To collect such mementoes of service in France as members of the Society may donate or may receive from other sources; To preserve the memory of, and establish monuments to the fallen; To provide markers or monuments at crucial points on the battle fields of the Fifth Corps; To publish a memorial containing obituaries of all officers and men killed in action or who died of wounds during the operations of the Fifth Corps; To publish annually obituaries of members who may die.

SECTION III : QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

The following qualifications will be required for membership in this society: Any officer, field clerk or enlisted man of the Army of the United States or of the Allied Armies, and any officer, field clerk or enlisted man honorably separated from the military service of the United States or of the Allied Governments who has served in any organization assigned or attached as Corps Troops to the Fifth Army Corps since July 13th, 1918, or who has served in a Division which has participated in active operations against the enemy while assigned or attached to the Fifth Army Corps, during which operations casualties have been sustained in such Division, or who has served in a Division which for a period of sixty (60) days has been assigned to the Fifth Army Corps in a training area, shall be eligible to membership in this society.

SECTION IV : FORM OF ORGANIZATION:

The officers of this Society shall consist of the following: Not to exceed five Honorary Presidents; a President; Vice-President; Secretary; Registrar; Treasurer, and a Historian. Of the above named officers the President and Secretary and Treasurer and two other non-official members of the Society appointed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall constitute an Executive Committee, with authority to make final decisions upon qualifications for membership in addition to such other duties as are herein prescribed.

SECTION V : DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The officers of the Society shall perform the ordinary duties incident to and have the powers pertaining to their respective offices as commonly understood in private corporations.

The Registrar shall keep the official rosters of the various organizations which formed a part of the Fifth Army Corps and a roster of the members of this Society.

The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds of the Society, shall give bond in such amount and with such sureties as shall be fixed by the Executive Committee or in the By Laws. No disbursements shall be made by the Treasurer except on the approval of the Executive Committee.

The Historian shall collect and preserve historical data relating to the campaigns and to the periods of other activities of the Fifth Army Corps and shall prepare from time to time such memorials, obituaries, and histories of the Fifth Army Corps and of its components and members as may be of value and interest to the Society.

The Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence of the Society, the records of its membership and of the constitution and By Laws. All applications for membership shall be finally addressed to the Secretary who shall prepare them for the attention and action of the Committee on Membership, and he shall give such evidence of membership as shall be prescribed by the Executive committee.

The Executive Committee shall have general charge and supervision of the affairs and business of the Society, the auditing of accounts, the direction of publicity, the solicitation of membership, the enforcement of the provisions of the constitution and by laws, expenditure of the funds of the Society, the general direction of its activities and such further duties as may be prescribed from time to time.

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SECTION VI : ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS, TERMS OF OFFICE AND ELECTION PROCEDURE:

Any member of the Society shall be eligible to appointment or election as an officer of the Society, except that an honorary president shall be an officer who has commanded the Vth Corps or higher unit of which the Vth Corps has been a component part or any distinguished member of the society. The first officers of the Society shall be elected by the members of the Society at the first meeting to be called by the Commanding General of the Fifth Army Corps and shall hold office until January 1, 1920; and thereafter the term of office shall be for one year, commencing January 1st of each year, except that honorary presidents shall hold office for the term of five years.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to hold general elections on the 11th day of November each year for the election of officers, provision to be made in By Laws for participation either in person or by proxy of all members of the Society in such elections. The manner of notification, the method of nomination and the procedure of election, and the method of determination and declaration of results of such election shall be prescribed by the Executive Committee in By Laws.

SECTION VII : APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES:

The Executive Committee shall appoint from among the members a nomination committee for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices prescribed herein; A Membership Committee to solicit members and to increase the membership of the Society; A Publicity Committee for the advancement of the interests of the Society by the employment of suitable advertising etc.; An Auditing Committee to audit the accounts of the Society and of the Treasurer; A Committee on Constitution and By Laws of the Society, to formulate amendments to the constitution and to make by-laws and propose amendments to the same. The work of these Committees shall be supervised by the Executive Committee.

SECTION VIII: HEADQUARTERS.

The Executive Committee shall select and maintain Headquarters for the Society.

SECTION IX : FEES AND FINANCES:

The initial fees for membership in this Society shall be as follows: For commissioned officers of all grades and field clerks, five (5) francs when paid in the A.E.F. and One (1) dollar when paid in the United States or elsewhere; For enlisted men of all grades one (1) franc when paid in the A.E.F. and twenty five cents when paid in the United States or elsewhere. The annual dues shall be such amount as may be determined by the Executive Committee, not to exceed Two (\$2.00) Dollars, and shall be the same for all members. The initial fee shall cover the membership for the first year of the Society's organization. Voluntary contributions of money in addition to the fees may be received by the Society.

SECTION X : Vacancies in offices will be filled by appointments to be made by the Executive Committee.

SECTION XI : The Executive Committee shall have authority to appoint such agencies for the carrying out of the objects and purposes of the Society, the collections of fees and the obtaining of members, as the exigencies of the Service, during the present war, may require. In this connection the Executive Committee shall arrange for and establish local organizations of members whose general purpose shall be the same as prescribed in this constitution for the Society.

SECTION XII : Amendments to the constitution may be adopted at any annual meeting of this society by a majority of the credited delegates thereto.

SECTION XIII : That the Society adopt a distinctive button to be worn by its members.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

Honorary President:	Major General C. P. Summerall, U.S.A.
President:	Brigadier General Wilson B. Burt, U.S.A.
Vice-President:	Colonel R. L. Foster, 52nd Pioneer Infantry.
Secretary:	Major Edward Cavanaugh, Infantry.
Treasurer:	Lt. Colonel S. D. Pepper, J.A.G.D.
Registrar:	Major Harry C. Kaefring, A.G.D.
Historian:	Colonel George M. Russell, General Staff.

For the Executive Committee:

Edward Cavanaugh,

Secretary.

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