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USS Muliphen AKA-61 Association

ARTICLE I:

NAME

Section A: The name of the organization shall be "USS MULIPHEN AKA-61 ASSOCIATION". Herein after referred to as "THE ASSOCIATION".

Section B: The Association is not affiliated with any other U.S. or foreign Military Organization.

Section C: The purpose of the organization shall be:

To encourage former members of the USS Muliphen crew to join the Association and remain a member through payment of annual dues assessment.

To annually bring together former crew members, and Associate members for the purpose of holding a annual reunion of the crew, to elect or re-elect officers of the Association. To enjoy the presents of crew members as if still on active duty aboard the USS Muliphen AKA-61.

To publish an informational newsletter on an annual basis, **outlining current and future Association activities.**

To provide an annual scholarship to a worthy applicant, provided ships funds are available.

ARTICLE II:

MEETINGS

Section A: The business meeting of the Association shall **be held** annually at the Association reunion.

The Association President or Vice President shall preside and conduct the business meeting.

Section B: Robert's Rules of Order shall be the governing authority in the conduct of all business meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE III:

MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Section A: Membership shall be open to **any individual** who served aboard the USS Muliphen AKA-61 from the date of her commission in 1944 to her decommission in 1979.

Membership shall include all Commissioned officers, Non-commissioned officers **i.e. enlisted personnel and officers of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corp.**

Membership shall not be restricted **to**, nor denied on the basis of age, race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, national origin, ancestry or marital status.

Section B: **Associate membership shall be open to any Wife, Son or Daughter of a non-dues paying member of the ship's crew, who qualifies to be a member of the Muliphen Association per SECTION A of these Bylaws, but who currently is in a non-dues paying status.**

Section C: Dues shall be assessed annually at **\$25.00** per membership, due and payable in the month of January.

Dues for Associate membership shall be assessed annually at \$15.00, due and payable also in the month of January.

Note: Guest of dues paying members may attend reunion functions, but have no voting privileges.

Section D: Should a member or associate member become delinquent in their dues for a period of three (3) consecutive years or more, their membership in the Association shall be terminated.

Membership may be reinstated upon payment of all passed, delinquent dues to include dues for the current calendar year.

Section E: Eligible Voting Rights are reserved for "dues paying" members in good standing with the Association. One vote per-dues paying member. Proxy voting has not been established. Voting members must be present at the Association meeting to vote. The Presidents vote will be withheld and used only during tie votes.

Section F: Resolution and reinstatement of suspension or termination of membership (for reasons other than failure to pay dues) shall be conducted at the annual business meeting only after a written appeal, for reinstatement and a NEW application for membership has been submitted by the effected member.

ARTICLE IV:

OFFICERS

Section A: The officers of the Association shall consist of President, Vice-President, **Secretary, Treasurer**, Store Keeper and Galley Officer. Officers may serve an indefinite term.

Section B: To be eligible to serve as an officer or to be nominated for election to office requires completion of five (5) years of uninterrupted membership in good standing. **Note: eligibility may be waved and vacated positions may be filled on a temporary basis, until the annual election is held, at the discretion of the President.**

Section C: Associate members may be nominated and elected to the position of **Secretary, Treasurer**, Store Keeper **and** Galley Officer.

The positions of President and Vice-President of the Association are reserved for those who served active duty aboard the USS Muliphen AKA-61.

Section D: The nomination and election of all officers shall be **conducted** during the regular business meeting of the Association.

Members and Associate members, in good standing, may announce a nomination **or their desire to be nominated, at the business meeting.**

The regular business meeting occurs during the USS Muliphen AKA-61 annual reunion.

ARTICLE V:

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President: To preside over all meetings and conduct meetings of the Association in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

To appoint committees to support specific agendas.

To delegate authority to members and associate members.

To decide all tie votes by casting the final vote.

To research, plan, coordinate and arrange accommodations for all reunions.

Vice

President: To assume the duties of the president at all business meetings of the Association should the president be absent or unable to attend.

To assume the duties of President Pro-Tem in the event the president becomes incapacitated.

To assist the President in the research, planning, coordination and arrangement of accommodations for the annual Association reunion.

Secretary: **To record and keep records of the minutes of all annual business meetings and make those minutes available for the next annual business meeting.**

To prepare and maintain all Association letters of communications.

Treasurer: To receive record and deposit all funds generated from annual dues, sale of memorabilia, donations, fund raising activities, banquet and tour reservations, etc.

To maintain itemized record(s) of all financial transactions.

To make available a financial accounting, for a membership review at all annual reunions of the Association.

To pay all bills in a timely manner.

If required, coordinate with the Association President the filing of IRS Form 990 or 990EZ **and other appropriate IRS or Insurance documents.**

To establish and maintain a bank checking account for deposit of all funds and payment of bills.

Store

Keeper:

To purchase, set price, sell items of memorabilia at the Annual Association reunion.

To maintain records of all purchases and sales.

To coordinate with the Treasurer payment of all purchases and deposit of funds realized from the sale of items and memorabilia.

Galley

Officer:

In the absence of a professional reunion coordinator, hired on behave of the Association, the Galley Officer shall:

Coordinate with hotel management/catering department the placement of tables, number of guests at each table, audio and video equipment, if required, to support the business meeting and speaker for the evening.

Coordinate with hotel management/catering the setup of the hospitalities.

Purchase and prepare all food and drink to be placed in the hospitality room.

Arrange for proper and safe storage of all food and drink.

COMMITTIES

Master

at Arms:

Shall have the responsibility of maintaining proper decorum at all annual meetings and Association events, including tours, hospitality rooms, banquets.

Shall, have the authority to ban anyone acting in an inappropriate manner and cause their membership to be revoked, subject to appeal.

Chaplain:

Read the list of lost shipmates "The Taps List" at the annual reunion banquet.

Website: To maintain the ship's website
(www.ussmuliphen.com)

Scholarship: To provide an annual scholarship to a worthy applicant, The amount and criteria of eligibility will be establish only when ships funds are available.

ARTICLE VI: DISOLVEMENT OF THE "ASSOCIATION"

Should it be determined the Association can no longer maintain sufficient membership, the remaining members, in good standing, may call for a vote of the membership and Associate membership to dissolve the USS Muliphen AKA-61 Association. In the event there are no paid memberships the President of the Association has the authority to dissolve the Association. In either event, the Treasurer shall report, to the President of the Association, the balance of all funds held in the Association bank Account.

A vote or decision to dissolve shall result in the balance of all funds being transferred, as a donation from the USS Muliphen AKA-61 Association, to the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation in Washington, DC.

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