

BY-LAWS  
OF  
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION  
25 April 2001

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this association shall consist of three categories.

Active – any person shall be eligible for membership who served honorably with the One Hundred Twenty-Sixth Infantry or successor unit during peacetime or war. Only active members shall hold office and vote.

Associate Members – military and civilians may become associate members by application or petition and a majority vote of the membership present at the annual or special meeting; or by the majority vote of the members of the Executive Committee present at a meeting called by the president for that purpose.

Honorary Members – honorary membership will be for a period of three (3) years after which time the individual may become a dues paying member if they so desire. Honorary membership may be conferred upon the following, after approval by the Executive Committee or two-thirds vote of the association members present at any regular meeting:

1. The father/mother/spouse of any member of the One Hundred Twenty-Sixth Infantry or successor unit who served during war times.
2. Any person who made a valuable contribution to the One Hundred Twenty-Sixth Infantry or successor unit.
3. Any person making valuable contributions to this association.

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS

President – the president shall preside at the meetings of the Association and Executive Committee meetings, appoint the Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Historian, appoint committees, call special meetings, etc.

First Vice President – the First Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and succeed to the office of President in case of vacancy. He/she shall be in charge of membership.

Second Vice President – the Second Vice President shall preside at the meetings of the Association in the absence of the President and First Vice President. The Second Vice President shall chair the Program and Entertainment Committee.

Secretary – the Secretary shall keep the permanent records of the Association, notify the membership of the time and place of meetings. The Secretary shall mail the minutes and/or hand out a list of the membership to all Association members annually.

Treasurer – the Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds, keeping accurate records of the same, make an annual report to the Association and at such other times as may be directed by the Association Executive Committee.

Historian – the Historian shall be the custodian of all records obtainable of the One Hundred Twenty-Sixth Infantry and successor units; and shall be the chairman of the History Committee.

Executive Committee – the Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association and shall be the governing body between meetings. The President shall appoint at least two members of the Association to audit the books of the Treasurer annually.

### ARTICLE III - ELECTION

Election – no member shall be elected to office without member's consent. In case a member is nominated to office and member is not present at the meeting, the sponsor must have written consent to place the member's name before the Association for election.

Absentee voting may be accomplished by any member in good standing who is unable to attend the annual meeting. Such members must make their request for absentee ballot to the Secretary, in writing, immediately after notice of the annual meeting has been given to the membership. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the annual meeting in order to qualify as a valid vote.

### ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint the following committees and other committees as deemed necessary.

1. Membership Committee – the First Vice President shall be appointed chairman of the Membership Committee.
2. History and Biographical Committee – shall be chaired by the elected Historian. Historical information shall be reproduced and made available to the association's general membership.
3. Program and Entertainment Committee – shall assist the President in providing suitable programs and entertainment for the association meeting.
4. Nomination Committee – at least three members with the Junior Past President as chairperson.

### ARTICLE V – MEETINGS AND DUES

Annual meeting – the date for the annual meeting will be selected by the Executive Committee and meetings shall be not less than 10 months nor more than 15 months from the preceding year.

Dues – Active and Associate members are required to make a one time dues payment of \$10.00. Donations may be included with dues, and the checks should be payable to:

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION  
1200 44th Street SW  
Wyoming, MI 49509-4374

#### ARTICLE VI – RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order shall be the basic parliamentary deliberation of the Association. A quorum shall consist of those members present at any official meeting of the Association.

#### ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at any officially called meeting of the Association.