

Dissolution of the 10th Armored Division Veterans' Association

The 10th Armored Division Veterans' Association, Inc. was officially chartered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by the issuance of its charter (Articles of Organization) on the 7th day of April 1952.

The purposes for which the Association was formed, as stated in its charter, were "to perpetuate the glorious memories of the active service of the 10th Armored Division; to aid the promoting of fraternity and mutual helpfulness among the veterans of the division; to assist former members of the division and their dependents; to develop the welfare and close comradeship of the veterans of the 10th Armored Division (also referred to as the Tiger Division); to own or lease real estate for the purpose of establishing a meeting place for the veterans; to render education for the purpose of further fostering good citizenship among all people....."

Over a period of 55 years the closely knit 10th Armored veterans who joined the Association diligently pursued and fulfilled the expectations envisioned by the incorporators. Their interest was exemplified by excellent attendance at our annual reunions, as many as 850 including guests. The newsletter, Tiger Tales, created "by, for and about" Tiger veterans kept its membership in touch. In the year 1999 the 10th Armored Division website was established by the Childers brothers, sons of a deceased veteran of the 55th Armored Engineer Battalion. The website is currently maintained by Dave Childers and will be available in future years as a medium through which Tiger veterans and family members can post communications, inquiries and matters of interest.

Our Association has now reached the point in time when it is no longer practical or feasible for its membership to fulfill those expectations which have been addressed with ease over the years. It is for this very reason that, at the Association's 2005 annual membership meeting in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, President Tom Bubin presented the Plan "Long Live the Memory of the 10th Armored Division" which was voted on and approved. The Plan envisioned an orderly dissolution of the Association, along with the distribution of all its assets to the following worthy recipients: The Patton Museum and Foundation, a Scholarship Fund at The Citadel and a fund providing for the continuation of the 10th Armored Division website.

Pursuant to the distribution provision in the Plan all residual funds were distributed to the named recipients. At that point the only remaining function to complete the dissolution process was to request the cancellation of our charter. On April 12, 2007 Association officers initiated such action with officials of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. After several months of communicating with and responding to officials with endless requests for supporting documentation and after engaging a Boston attorney to represent the Association at a court hearing we are now awaiting word that the process has been completed.

Thus we as Tiger veterans are no longer members of the 10th Armored Division Veterans' Association or a member of any local or regional chapter of the former Association. Instead we are now proud veterans of the famous 10th Armored Division and its local chapters. ***May the glorious memories live on forever!***

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