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Article I.

NAME

The name of the Unit shall be the Port Colborne Unit Number 43 of the Canadian Corps Association, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to in this Constitution as the Unit.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTIVES

The Unit is formed for the purpose of carrying out the aims and objectives of the Canadian Corps Association. It is formed further to perpetuate the friendships, associations and memories of the Canadian Corps Association resident in the Port Colborne area, and to provide its members with social and recreational enjoyment, and with the further object of maintaining the traditions of the Canadian Armed Forces and of upholding the solidarity of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

ARTICLE III (a).

MEMBERSHIP

Any person shall be eligible for membership in the Unit who has offered himself for unlimited service in the Armed Forces of Canada or in the Armed Forces of any Allied Power, provided he shall not have left the Service by reason of

misconduct, or his resignation shall not have been accepted by reason of misconduct or he shall not have been discharged by reason of misconduct.

It is intended that this paragraph comply with the terms of Article III of the Constitution of the Ontario Provincial Command, of the Canadian Corps Association issued July, 1951, and any subsequent amendments thereto. The definitions in that paragraph shall apply.

ARTICLE III (b).

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Any person shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the Unit, whose application has been approved by the Executive of the Unit, and who has paid the prescribed fees, provided that any member of the Unit, in good standing, may, by written notice to the Executive, object to the approval by the Executive of such application by an Associate Member. Whereupon the application shall be voted on by the members at the next regular meeting, either in person or by proxy.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS AND POWERS

(1)

The Officers of the Association shall

consist of the Immediate Past-President, President, Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary and a Sergeant-at-arms. The Executive Committee shall consist of these officers, and the chairman of the various Committees set up to facilitate the efficient operation of the Unit. The Executive Committee shall have charge of the management of the Unit subject to any limitations or rules or regulations prescribed by this Constitution, or by specific resolution passed at any general meeting of the Unit.

(2)

The election of officers of the Association shall take place at the general meeting of the members of the Association which shall be held annually. Officers may be confirmed in office, or a new officer may be elected at a special general meeting called for such purpose, of which due notice shall have been given according to Article VII. Officers shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected.

(3)

AUDITORS

Auditors for the purpose of auditing the financial statements and the affairs of the Association shall be appointed at each annual meeting, and shall be qual-

ified in their profession. No auditor so appointed shall be a member or an associate member of the Unit.

ARTICLE V.

FILLING VACANCIES AMONG OFFICERS

In the event of an office becoming vacant by death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancy thus caused shall be filled by the Executive Committee and the person chosen shall hold office until the annual meeting or general meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties of officers shall include those duties customary to such positions in similar organizations, and insofar as may be applicable, shall be in accordance with the duties set forth in the by-laws of the Canadian Corps Association.

ARTICLE VII.

HOLDING OF MEETINGS

The Unit shall hold general meetings at such times and places as the executive shall decide, and shall hold its annual meeting in accordance with the provisions of Article IV. All annual meetings shall be called at a time and place to be

decided by the executive, of which due notice in writing shall be given to each member at least twenty days before such meeting. Mailing to the last known address of a member shall be construed to be proper notice.

ARTICLE VIII.

QUORUM

Fifteen qualified members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any special meeting and at the annual general meeting. The majority of these qualified members present at any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum. Four persons shall form a quorum at any executive meeting, and in case of a tie, but not otherwise, the Presiding Officer shall vote.

ARTICLE IX.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called by the President, and in any event, shall be called by him upon a written requisition signed by twenty members which shall state the purpose and object of the meeting. Notice of a special general meeting shall be posted in the Club premises, and shall be given in writing to each member in good standing at least twenty days before such meeting is to be held, and such notice shall state

the purpose of the special general meeting.

ARTICLE X.

FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year shall be the same as the calendar year, namely January 1st to December 31st.

ARTICLE XI.

FEES

Members and associate members shall pay such annual fees to the Unit Association as may be set by the Unit Association and such dues shall include the per capita fee required by the by-laws of the Canadian Corps Association, Ontario Command.

ARTICLE XII.

TRUSTEES

There shall be a Board of Trustees consisting of five Trustees, elected for a term of three years each, from the members of the Unit, who have been in good standing for a period of five or more consecutive years. No trustee shall be re-elected to the Board but may become eligible for a further term after an interval of one year. The term of office is to be staggered so that no more than

three of the five members are retired in any one year.

No trustee may be elected who is :

- (a) under obligation directly or indirectly to the Unit;
- (b) holds any other office in the Unit;
- (c) is employed by the Unit.

Any three of the trustees shall be empowered to sign on behalf of the Board of Trustees and a majority decision shall be binding on the Board.

The Board of Trustees shall have power to review and delay the execution of any motion for the expenditure of money over \$150.00, made by the executive, or by a general meeting, for the space of one calendar month after such motion is made. After the expiration of this period, the motion shall be sent back to the executive for re-presentation if the Trustees do not agree by a majority that the expenditure should be made. If the motion is passed again by the Unit at a general meeting, the Trustees shall forthwith give their approval to such expenditures.

The Board of Trustees shall have charge only of such matters as shall be specifically allotted to them. The Unit may hold funds and accounts other than such trustee accounts.

At each annual meeting they (or their chairman) shall present a report on the fulfillment of the duties which have been allotted to them and upon their activities in connection therewith, and such report shall be accompanied by an audited statement which shall set out the transactions involved.

ARTICLE XIII.

POWER TO INCORPORATE

Subject to the approval of the Dominion Council of the Canadian Corps Association, Incorporated, the Unit may apply for incorporation of a local company without share capital, to hold property and to conduct legally such activities as are consistent with the aims and objectives of the Unit, provided that only the officers and executive officers duly elected by this constitution shall hold office in such incorporated company and provided that such company if incorporated shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the members of this unit as defined by this constitution.

"Members" shall be deemed to mean only those persons who are in good standing, and shall not include Associate Members.

ARTICLE XIV.

AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended at an annual meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose, provided that the notice calling such meeting shall state that it is for the purpose of making certain amendments to the Constitution and provided the proposed amendments shall be posted in a prominent place in the Unit Clubhouse, for at least three weeks prior to that meeting.

It shall require a majority vote of two-thirds of the members present, who are qualified and in good standing, to pass any amendment to the Constitution.

ARTICLE XV.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules and Regulations may be made by the executive committee in their discretion, and on being approved by the Unit at a general meeting shall have full force and effect.

January 1, 1958.