

GEORGIA JAYCEE REBEL CORPS BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I

NAME AND INSIGNIA

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps.

Section 2: Each individual selected to membership shall be designated a Colonel.

Section 3: The Corps shall present a certificate, pin, and other Corps item(s) as designated by the staff.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Rebel Corps shall be:

1. To recognize outstanding contributions to the Georgia Jaycee movement; and honor individuals who have earned the distinction.
2. To support and encourage the State Organization, Regional Organization, Local Chapters, and individual members.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP AND NOMINATIONS

Section 1. The requirements for membership shall be that the individual must have rendered outstanding contributions to the Jaycees; and if a regular member must have been active for at least five years; if an Exhausted Rooster must have been active for five years or three years active and maintained on local roster as an associate member; if a past local president must have been active for at least three years; any past or present state officers must have been active for at least five years. Candidate must have been a member of the Georgia Jaycees for at least three years.

Section 2. All nominations must be made by a colonel in good standing and the application approved by the current local President (except in case of outgoing President) and one other chapter

officer. (See **Policy Manual**)

Section 3. Each nomination must be accompanied by a check in the amount of \$125.00 made payable to the Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corp. (See **Policy Manual**)

Section 4. Applications must receive approval of three-fourths (3/4) of the members present at any business meeting at which members are recommended for membership - Region Screening, State Screening or Rebel Corps Business Meeting.

Section 5. Honorary membership shall be limited to two distinctive areas:

- A.** Individuals, excluding Georgia Jaycees, who are deemed deserving of the honor by the current Board of elective officers: Commander, Active and Inactive Vice Commanders, Adjutant and Treasurer.
- B.** Members of other National recognized Corps may be included upon approval of the nominee's Commander.
- C.** There is no application fee for Honorary membership.
- D.** Honorary members have the same privileges and responsibilities as regular members, with the exception of voting and holding office.

Section 6. Induction of new Colonels will be held each trimester at the Georgia Jaycees Board of Directors' Meeting.

ARTICLE IV

SCREENING AND APPROVALS

Section 1. Each Region, as defined by the Georgia Jaycees Bylaws, shall be allowed a maximum of five new members for each induction period. In addition, ten members may be selected from state-at-large for each induction period.

Section 2. The Inactive Vice Commander shall appoint the Region Screening Chairperson for each Region that does not elect a Region Screening Chairperson. Each Region shall establish a Region Screening Committee, headed by the elected or appointed Region Screening Chairperson to assure applicants meet membership requirements and recommend applicants for membership. No applications will be accepted by the State Screening Committee that have bypassed the Region Screening, unless that Region does not have an active Screening Committee. This does not apply in the case of "lost colonel" award. (See **Policy R.**) All applications received by the Region will be submitted to the Inactive Vice Commander for review by the State Screening Committee unless the nominating chapter asks for the application to be returned. Also, applications not meeting tenure qualifications may be returned by the Region Screening Committee. Should more than five

recommendations be submitted from a Region, the Region will rank all individuals. The rankings higher than number five will be considered at-large quota.

Section 3. All nominations must be reviewed by the State Screening Committee, which shall be composed of the Inactive Vice Commander as Chairperson, Commander, Active Vice Commander, Adjutant, Treasurer, any Past Commanders and each of the Region Screening Chairpersons or their appointed alternate. (See **Policy Manual**)

Applications must be submitted to the Inactive Vice Commander according to timetable requirements for proper application's review. (See **Policy Manual**)

Section 4. The only approval authority for a nomination is the Rebel Corps Membership at the scheduled Business meeting. The applicants recommended by the State Screening Committee will be presented to the Membership for approval. No applicants not recommended by the State Screening Committee can be considered for membership before the body. Article IV, Section 4 requires three-fourths (3/4) approval for membership into Rebel Corps. (See **Policy Manual** for refund of application fee.)

ARTICLE V

DUES

Section 1. Annual dues for active members of the Corps shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Failure to pay dues shall not affect an individual's recognition as a Colonel, however, voting and participation in social functions shall be limited to dues paying members. New members shall not be subject to dues for the Jaycee year in which they were inducted into the Corps.

Section 2. Inactive member may become active by paying a fifteen dollar (\$15.00) reactivation fee, which does not include that year's dues.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The officers of the Rebel Corps shall be a Commander, two Vice Commanders (one Active and one Inactive), Adjutant, Treasurer and the Immediate Past Commander.

Section 2. The duties and powers of the officers shall be as defined in Article X.

Section 3. The officers of the Rebel Corps shall be nominated at a special called Rebel Corps Meeting to be held in conjunction with the nomination of officers of the Georgia Jaycees, will be elected at the September Board Meeting and installed at the annual Jaycee State Convention. No announcements or nominations shall take place prior to July 1.

Section 4. The officers of the Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Commander may make the following appointments as necessary: Chief of Staff, Sergeant at Arms, Chaplain, Hospitality Coordinator, Parliamentarian and Hospitality Chairmen. These appointments will be non-voting staff members and will be approved at the annual meeting of the Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps by a majority vote of the members present.

Section 6. Appointments to fill vacant offices on an interim basis will require (2/3) approval of the officers. Subsequent final approval to fill vacant offices will require 2/3 approval of the Corps at the next scheduled meeting.

Section 7. (1) All elections will be conducted by secret ballot if there is more than one qualified candidate seeking said office.

(2) A candidate shall be declared elected if he receives a majority of the votes cast. In the event that there are more than 2 qualified candidates seeking said office, and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, then the 2 candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall remain as candidates and a new ballot shall be held as to those two candidates only.

(3) Only those members present and in good standing shall be entitled to vote at said election. Each such member shall be entitled to one vote and there shall be no absentee or proxy ballots allowed.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

Section 1. The Rebel Corps shall meet three (3) times a year.

Section 2. The Rebel Corps shall hold such additional meetings as are approved by the Corps, called by the Commander or State President, or by a majority of officers of the Corps, or by the State Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern all deliberations of the Rebel Corps.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Rebel Corps by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided notice of the meeting and amendment was given to each active Colonel at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. A Policy Manual will be maintained by the Adjutant. It shall consist of all motions and policies of the Rebel Corps. The manual will govern all activities not covered by our Bylaws and shall be considered binding. Any portion of the Policy Manual may be changed by a motion duly passed by this body at any regular or called meeting.

ARTICLE X

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

DUTIES OF THE COMMANDER:

1. To preside at all meetings of the organization
2. To serve as ex-officio member of all committees and the Georgia Rebel Corps Foundation
3. To coordinate the activities of the Rebel Corps with the Georgia Jaycees and serve as official spokesman of the Corps on the State and National Level
4. To induct new colonels and Honorary Colonels
5. To promote and publicize the Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps
6. To conduct a Planning session and Officers Training

DUTIES OF THE ACTIVE VICE COMMANDER:

1. To oversee any approved Ways and Means projects
2. To handle the ordering and selling of Rebel Corps products and the displaying of Rebel Corps products at all state and National Corps functions, excluding the cocktail party
3. To assume the duties of the Commander when absent. Should the Commander's position become vacant, the Active Vice Commander will assume all responsibilities until the Immediate Past Commander can arrange for the Board of Directors to replace the Commander
4. To plan and implement the Humanitarian Assistance Award Program through Local Presidents and Region Directors by submitting rules and application forms to State Headquarters for publication in the state mailing
5. To promote and publicize the Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps
6. To be present, as much as possible, in the Hospitality Room to assist in any way possible
7. To assume other responsibilities as deemed necessary by the Commander

DUTIES OF THE INACTIVE VICE COMMANDER:

1. To establish and communicate with Region Screening Committees in all Regions
2. To establish and conduct the State Screening Committee to pass on the induction of new colonels into the Corps
3. To keep and process new applications and return rejected ones
4. To keep the current roster and all Corps colonel records (the Book)
5. To assume the duties of the Active Vice Commander when absent. In the absence of the Active Vice Commander and the Commander, the Inactive Vice Commander will assume the responsibilities of the Commander
6. To promote and publicize the Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps
7. To be present, as much as possible, in the Hospitality Room to assist in any way possible
8. To assume other responsibilities as deemed necessary by the Commander

DUTIES OF THE ADJUTANT:

1. To be responsible for the Rebel Corps newsletter (*Dispatch*)
2. To keep minutes of all business meetings
3. To supervise the maintenance and publishing of all mailing lists, in a timely manner
4. To work in conjunction with the webmaster to promote and maintain the Corp's website
5. To assist the Commander in any way possible
6. To promote and publicize the Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps
7. To be present, as much as possible, in the Hospitality Room to assist in any way possible
8. To assume other responsibilities as deemed necessary by the Commander

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER:

1. To handle receipt and disbursement of all Rebel Corps funds and keep proper records
2. To maintain dues records and send out dues bills
3. To serve as ex-officio member of the Georgia Rebel Corps Foundation
4. To be present, or properly represented, in Hospitality Room at all times to collect dues and ribbon money
5. To assist the Commander in any way possible
6. To assume other responsibilities as deemed necessary by the Commander

DUTIES OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER:

1. To advise the Commander
2. To serve as Chairperson of the Election Board
3. To serve as a member of the Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps Foundation.
4. To promote and publicize the Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps
5. To assume other duties as assigned

DUTIES OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

1. To type and provide copies of an agenda at all Rebel Corps business meetings
2. To assist the Commander whenever possible
3. To assist the Hospitality Chairperson and Hospitality Coordinator whenever possible
4. To promote and publicize the Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps
5. To assume other duties as assigned by the Commander

DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS:

1. To be present in the Hospitality Room and cocktail party to strictly enforce the policies and Bylaws of the Georgia Jaycees Rebel Corps
2. To act as High Sheriff at corps Business Meetings
3. To assist the Commander whenever possible
4. To assist Hospitality Chairman whenever possible
5. To promote and publicize the Rebel Corps
6. To assume other responsibilities as deemed necessary by the Commander

DUTIES OF THE CHAPLAIN:

1. To be responsible for the prayer, benediction, and/or inspirational message, as deemed necessary, at any and all Rebel Corps meetings
2. To send appropriate condolences, congratulations, etc. as provided for in the policies
3. To assist the Commander in any way possible
4. To promote and publicize the Rebel Corps
5. To assume other responsibilities as deemed necessary by the Commander

DUTIES OF THE HOSPITALITY CHAIRMAN:

1. To obtain all beverages and foods for the Hospitality Room
2. To serve as host of the Hospitality Room and Cocktail Party, in the absence of the Commander
3. To assist the commander in any way possible
4. To promote and publicize the Rebel Corps
5. To assume other responsibilities as deemed necessary by the Commander

DUTIES OF THE HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR:

1. To arrange all facilities for the hospitality room and a room for the hospitality chairman
2. To assist in arranging the location for the cocktail party
3. To arrange for corsages/floral arrangement for the cocktail party, as deemed necessary by the commander
4. To assist the commander in any way possible
5. To promote and publicize the Rebel Corps
6. To assume other responsibilities as deemed necessary by the Commander

DUTIES OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN:

1. To maintain Constitution, Bylaws and Policy Manual for the Corps
2. To assist the commander in any way possible
3. To promote and publicize the Rebel Corps
4. To assume other responsibilities as deemed necessary by the Commander

ARTICLE XI

GEORGIA JAYCEE REBEL CORPS FOUNDATION

The Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps shall establish a Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps Foundation with the funds paid by Colonels as lifetime dues and ribbon fees as established further in this Article. The Foundation shall maintain incorporation in the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE XII

STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be an on-going Long Range Planning Committee charged with constant reviewing of the policies and Bylaws of the Corps. This committee shall have the authority to propose to the Commander, the Corps staff, and the Corps body changes in policy, written or observed; and in the Bylaws. The Commander and Staff and the full body of membership shall have full authority to accept or reject any proposals.

The committee shall be comprised of nine members, as follows:

- A.** Immediate Past Commander as Chair
- B.** Two Past Commanders as Vice Chairs (one each appointed by Commander and Chair)
- C.** Corps Treasurer, changed yearly by elections
- D.** Corps Parliamentarian, changed yearly by appointment by Commander
- E.** Two at-large members initially appointed by the Chair
- F.** Two at-large members initially appointed by the Commander

The four at-large members shall have two year terms, staggered such that two members are replaced yearly; the Commander and the Chair shall each appoint one of these.

Section 2. There shall be within the Corps a Finance Committee. This committee will be charged with reviewing any and all proposals that require expenditure in excess of \$250.00 that are not on the approved yearly budget. Any such proposed expenditures must go through the Finance Committee and Corps body. The committee shall make recommendations regarding such expenditures to the Commander and the Executive Committee.

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- A.** At each Board Meeting and State Convention, the Rebel Corps will have a Hospitality Room for Colonels and spouses/dates. No one under the age of 21 years of age will be allowed in the hospitality room at any time.
- B.** A Cocktail Party for Colonels and spouses/dates will be held at Board Meetings and the State Convention on Saturday night. Time and location will be announced. No one under the age of 21 years of age will be allowed in the Cocktail Party.
- C.** Guests shall be cleared through the Commander. No active Georgia Jaycee, unless a member of the Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps, may attend a Rebel Corps business meeting.
- D.** Annually at the State Convention, a JCI Senatorship shall be conferred on the Colonel, who in the judgement of a three person committee composed of three Colonels holding a JCI Senatorship and appointed by the Commander, has contributed most to either the State Jaycee organization and/or the Rebel Corps.
- E.** A Hospitality Room and two bedrooms shall be furnished by the Corps at each State Board Meeting and Convention, provided the host chapter does not provide these rooms.
- F.** Standard Rebel Corps patches and pins are not to be used as trade items at the National Convention, except with members of the Corps of Corps.
- G.** The Treasurer shall be bonded, if deemed necessary. Any checks written on the operating accounts of the Corps require either the Commander or Treasurer's signature. Non budgeted expenditures must be approved by the officers for payment.
- H.** The Corps will give a cash award, not to exceed \$200, to the chapter receiving the State Humanitarian Assistance Award.
- I.** One name tag will be furnished to each new colonel at the Board Meeting following the one at which he/she was inducted. Name tags will be purchased on a bid basis by the Inactive Vice Commander with the approval of the Commander. Any additional tags will be billed back to the Colonel requesting it.
- J.** To help cover the cost of hospitality at State Meetings, a ribbon fee of \$10.00 per Colonel and guest per Board Meeting will be charged (this fee will be \$15.00 for Colonels and guests for any board meeting with three nights of hospitality). This charge applies only to members attending the Hospitality Room and/or Cocktail Party. Each Colonel is allowed one guest per weekend. Ribbons will be purchased and made available to Rebel Corps membership only at the Hospitality Room, Business Meetings and Cocktail Party upon payment of the charge. In order to enter the Hospitality Room/Cocktail Party, Colonels must wear their

Rebel Corps name tags with their ribbon and all guests must wear their ribbons. Past Commanders and Life members will be provided distinctive ribbons. There will be no fee for life members.

- K.** An outgoing President, qualifying under the three (3) year rule, is not eligible for induction at the State Convention.
- L.** After making notations on the applications as to the origin of the check (personal, chapter, etc.) and on the check as to whose application it covers, the checks should be transmitted directly to the Treasurer by hand or registered mail. All checks will be deposited immediately by the Treasurer.
- M.** No applications for membership shall be held over. For applications which are not accepted, a refund check (drawn in the Rebel Corps account), along with a cover letter will be returned to the applicant's local chapter.
- N.** The appointed alternate for a Region must be a Colonel from that Region not in attendance. The alternate for an elected officer must be either a current appointed officer or a Colonel who has previously held a Rebel Corps elected office.
- O.** The Inactive Vice Commander shall announce at all Business Meetings the deadline for submitting of nominations to the State Screening Committee.
- P.** Since each Region handles their Region Screening Committee in various ways, it is the responsibility of the appointed Region Screening Chairperson to establish their committee in guidelines consistent with Region policy. Under no circumstances may an individual not a Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps Colonel be a member of a Screening Committee.
- Q.** A \$10.00 current ribbon fee will be collected from all honorary members and members of other corps who attend social functions. Honorary members requesting state mailings will be charged the prevailing dues.
- R.** Annually, a candidate will be selected to receive a "lost colonelship". The purpose of this nomination is to select an unrecognized Jaycee who might otherwise have been overlooked. The selected individual must be approved by normal processing (see Bylaws, Article IV) and meet minimum requirements. The nominee must not be a regular member or associate member of any existing Jaycee Chapter. A three person committee of colonels appointed by the Commander will make the recommendation at second trimester Board Meeting. The Commander will make the announcement at the next State Convention.
- S.** In the event of the death of an active or life colonel, at the discretion of the Chaplain, an arrangement of red, white and blue flowers or an available combination of flowers tied with red, white and blue ribbons will be ordered not to exceed \$75. As an alternative, a donation of \$50 may be made to Camp Dream. In the event the family requests some other charity or cause, a donation may be made in that fashion as an alternative. In the event of the death of other family members, an appropriate goodwill gesture shall be up to the discretion of the

Chaplain.

- T.** The Commander shall recognize each trimester a Colonel for outstanding achievement to their local chapter. The local chapter president shall submit in writing a letter describing the nominee's work. The award shall be called the "Outstanding Colonel Award". Also, the Commander shall recognize a Colonel for outstanding achievement for the year. Submissions will be the same as the trimester award. The award shall be called the "Carl Lane Memorial Award for Colonel of the Year".
- U.** The Commander shall recognize each trimester a New Colonel for outstanding achievement to their local chapter open ONLY to Colonels in their first two years as a Rebel Corps Colonel. The local chapter president shall submit in writing a letter describing the nominee's work. The award shall be called the "Outstanding New Colonel Award". Also, the Commander shall recognize a New Colonel for outstanding achievement for the year. Submissions will be the same as the trimester award. The award shall be called the "Abit Massey Award for New Colonel of the Year". A Colonel will not be able to receive Outstanding Colonel of the Trimester & Outstanding New Colonel of the Trimester in the same trimester. A Colonel will not be able to receive the "Carl Lane Memorial Award for Colonel of the Year" & "Abit Massey Award for New Colonel of the Year" in the same year.
- V.** Any Colonel displaying conduct unbecoming of a Colonel will be subject to a review by a tribunal of three immediate past Commanders (*in order of service*). The findings of the review committee shall be brought to the general membership at the next scheduled meeting for disciplinary action including up to a year of suspension or expulsion from the organization. The Colonel will be allowed to state his/her case before the entire body. Disciplinary action will require a vote of 2/3 of the members present.