

**The National Society of Pershing Rifles  
Company X, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
1<sup>st</sup> Platoon**



**Platoon By-Laws**

We, the students of the University of Delaware, in order to encourage, preserve and develop the highest ideals of the military profession and leadership, as exemplified by the life of General of the Armies John J Pershing, do hereby establish this student organization.

**Article I**

This organization shall be known as the National Society of Pershing Rifles, Company X, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon.

**Article II**

This group shall be a local chapter of the National Society of Pershing Rifles, Company X, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment, also located at the University of Delaware.

**Article III**

Any full time matriculating student at the University of Delaware shall be eligible to pledge this organization.

Each member will be required to pay dues to the Company. Platoon dues may be authorized by a majority vote of the active membership of the platoon, at the time of authorization there must be a specific stated purpose for the monies.

Any member who willfully, and without excuse, misses three meetings may be expelled from the organization, upon the discretion of the Commander.

**Article IV**

This organization adheres to all policies of the University of Delaware and all local, state and federal laws. This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, gender, creed, religion, national origin or veteran status.

**Article V**

Each member of the organization is required to attend the final meeting of the organization to vote on offices.

**Article VI**

Other membership statuses shall include,

Alumni: Any member graduated from the University. Cannot hold office or vote.

Honorary: Must be approved by the National Commander, cannot hold office or vote.

**Article VII**

The Commander has the sole discretion to expel a member from the organization. That member may appeal the decision to the Executive Body. The Executive Body will then convene a hearing with the Commander presiding. The Executive Body will then hear arguments and render a decision. The decision must be unanimous.

Disciplining members shall be at the discretion of the Commander. The person may appeal the decision of the Commander to the Executive Body. The Executive Body will then convene a hearing and hear arguments. They may overturn the punishment and propose their own by 2/3 vote. If 2/3 cannot be reached, then the punishment shall stand.

#### **Article VIII**

**President:** The president of the organization shall hold the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. They will be elected at the last meeting of the Company, and all active members of the platoon shall be eligible to vote. The President shall be responsible for all paperwork required by the University relating to the student organization. The President shall maintain and ensure the esprit de corps.

**Vice President:** Will be appointed by the President and shall take over in the event of a temporary absence of the President.

**Secretary:** Shall take the minutes of the meeting and any hearings.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President. The Treasurer is responsible for all monies of the platoon and for keeping accurate and complete records. They must follow the rules and regulations of the University of Delaware.

The President may be voted out of by a 2/3 majority, quorum being present. New elections shall be held the same meeting.

#### **Article IX**

Dues to the platoon shall be voted on at the beginning of the semester. For platoon dues to be authorized there must be a stated specific purpose for the money. The money will then be deposited with the Company Finance Officer.

#### **Article X**

A 2/3 majority, quorum being present, shall be enough to amend these by-laws.

#### **Article XI**

Meetings shall be held in accordance with these by-laws and Robert's Rules of Order.

#### **Article XII**

An advisor shall be chosen from the staff of the Department of Military Science at the University of Delaware.

#### **Article XIII**

The platoon may be disbanded by a unanimous vote of the active membership. The assets of this platoon shall revert in the following manner:

All assets purchased by the University of Delaware shall be returned to them.

All assets belonging to the Army ROTC, or Dep. Of Defense shall be returned to them.

All other assets (pictures and general memorabilia) shall be given to the closest Pershing Rifle Unit.

#### **Article XIV**

A quorum shall consist of 2/3 of the active membership.

**Article XV**

These by-laws are declared active by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the active membership.  
All other by-laws are hereby declared null and void.