

CONSTITUTION of the Special Task Force Veteran Association known as TAKIE 1976

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the **Special Task Force Veteran Association**, also referred to as **TAKIE 1976** (hereinafter referred to as the (the "Association")). The Association will be managed under the Non-Profit Company registered as **Takie 1976 NPC** with Registration No: 2019/236091/08.

ARTICLE II: Purpose and Heraldry

1. Purpose

Section 1: The purpose or mission of the Takie 1976 - Special Task Force Veteran Association shall be:

- To promote and maintain the friendship and camaraderie between former members of the South African Police Special Task Force (STF).
- Form a support structure for its members in times of need.
- Raise funds for various purposes including but not limited to promoting the interests of the and its members and contributing to charity.
- Hold regular social and teambuilding events.

2. Heraldry



The heraldry in the Takie 1976 Coat of Arms is similar to that of the Special Task Force and is described as follows:

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The Emblem

The Special Task Force Coat of Arms depicts a blue shield featuring a gold-rimmed red disc and a golden falcon in flight. The falcon holds a trident in its claws. Behind the falcon a downward pointing silver sword and golden laurel wreath almost fully encircling the falcon.

Below the shield a golden banner displays the name "Takie 1976".

Symbolism

The symbolism refers to circumstances and conditions that were prevalent during the times when the wearer used to operate as a member of the STF.

- The design is bullet-shaped, indicative of the mortal danger of the environments in which the bearers operated.
- The dark background symbolizes the brewing of unseen evil.
- The red depicts the core of this threat coming to fruition.
- The silver sword has a dual meaning. It primarily symbolizes the sword of justice wielded by the police unit in combating injustice. It also represents the training in combat operations on land received by STF members.
- The golden falcon symbolizes the STF swooping down in readiness or attack. This bird of prey chosen by the STF as its symbol is the peregrine falcon (L: Falco Peregrinus).
- The golden laurel wreath is associated with the prestigious acceptance into the STF subsequent to the completion of the rigorous selection process.
- The golden banner bearing the name Takie 1976 commemorates the year in which the STF was established.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Section 1: Membership in the association shall be restricted to members of the STF who served actively since 1976. To be considered as having "served actively" members must have received their STF wings and must have served within the unit for at least 6 months thereafter.

In exceptional circumstances persons may be invited to receive honorary membership. Such invitations will have to be approved by the Executive Committee. Honorary members will not be allowed to serve on the Executive Committee, will not have voting powers in general meetings and will not be required to pay member fees.

Non STF members such as current and former police officers, friends and other interested parties will be encouraged to join the Association as "Friends of Takie 1976". Friends will be required to pay the normal membership fees, join in all activities of Takie 1976 but will not be allowed to serve on the Executive Committee or have voting powers in general meetings. Applications received of non-STF members must

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be supported by the official vouching of at least three former STF Takie 1976 members and will be subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

Hereinafter all three types of members described above will be referred to as "members" for ease of reference.

Section 2: Any member may be removed from membership for violation of the purposes of the organization by a two-thirds vote of members during a general meeting. All members must be notified of this pending action at least one week prior to the removal decision. Written charges by a member are to be presented to the Executive Committee who will notify the member in question with sufficient opportunity given for the member to answer charges at a meeting of the membership. Voting for removal from membership is to be done by secret ballot. The member in question must be notified immediately of the outcome of the vote.

Section 3: It shall be stated as part of the policy of the Association that membership and membership privileges must be open to all qualifying members without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status, or any other classification protected by law.

Section 4: With membership in the Association shall come full floor and voting privileges on any and all items of Association business, including resolutions, items of legislation, bylaws, and elections.

ARTICLE IV: Officers

Section 1: The Association will be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of a number of officers no less than seven members including a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two General Officers. The three directors of the NPC Takie 1976 will act as President, Secretary and Treasurer while the Vice President and two General Officers will be selected from the ranks of the Association members who qualify for office (See Section 1 of Article III). The officers shall be responsible for all administrative duties of the Association.

Section 2: The President shall have the power to establish and maintain operation procedures of the Association, call meetings, and answer for all actions of the other officers. The President shall be able to vote in all decisions affecting the Association.

Section 3: The Vice President shall assist the President with all administrative duties and assume those duties in the absence of the President.

Section 4: The Secretary shall keep accurate and detailed records of all meetings and affairs, send/transmit all official correspondence, and coordinate preparation and distribution of Association flyers, handouts and publications if any.

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Section 5: The Treasurer shall receive and distribute funds upon the authorization of the President, in accordance with the financial rules and regulations of the NPC Takie 1976 and make financial reports at all Executive Committee meetings, and at the regular meetings of the Association, etc., and coordinate fundraising activities.

Section 6: The elected officers alone shall form the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V: Elections

Section 1: The Association Officers and Directors of the NPC Takie 1976 shall be elected by the members of the Association to serve a term of one year extendable for an additional one year. Elections shall be held at the first regular meeting of the Association to elect the Executive Committee from the ranks of the members. Annual elections shall be held with the Annual General Meeting of the NPC Takie 1976. The officers shall be elected by means of a ballot. The term of office for all officers shall begin upon completion of elections, and end on the same day of the following year.

Section 2: Nominations of candidates for officer positions shall be from the floor of the meeting by any member.

Section 3: Voting shall take place after the close of nominations for each office. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of those members present, provided quorum is met. (See Section VIII.)

Section 4: The order of succession shall be: (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Secretary, (4) Treasurer.

Section 5: Vacancies occurring in any of the elected offices shall be officially filled at the next regular meeting following the occurrence of such a vacancy or vacancies. The order of succession shall be followed in the filling of any vacant office during any unexpired term. If an officer declines to succeed to a vacant office, then an election shall be held to fill the office for the remainder of the unexpired term. The election procedure for filling the unexpired term of a vacant office shall be the same as for the normal procedure for elections.

ARTICLE VI: Appointments

Section 1: The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, such positions as may contribute to the successful operation of the Association.

ARTICLE VII: Removal from office

Section 1: Any officer may be removed from office for failure to perform his/her prescribed duties by a two-thirds vote of the membership, provided that all members are notified of this pending action at

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least one week prior to the removal decision. Removal from office can occur either for failure to carry out the responsibilities of that office, or for actions which violate the purposes of the organization. Written charges by a member are to be presented to the Executive Committee who will notify the officer in question with sufficient opportunity given for the officer to answer charges at a meeting of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII: Meetings

Section 1: General membership meetings shall be held annually, with additional meetings called by the President as needed. Notice of additional meetings must be given to all members in the timeliest manner possible, usually not less than one week. The official means of notifying members shall be by email.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall meet when called by the President.

Section 3: Official notice of the meeting at which the election of officers will take place must be provided to all members not less than two weeks prior to such meeting.

Section 4: Quorum shall be defined as fifty percent of the Executive Committee plus one of the members. Quorum is needed for official votes to take place.

ARTICLE IX: Funding

Section 1: Dues shall be charged for membership in the Association as members and 'Friends of Takie 1976'. The amounts of dues charged for each year shall be determined at the AGM and will be payable monthly in advance. Membership shall expire if dues are in arrears for more than 60 days unless special dispensation is granted by the Executive Committee. Membership dues can also be paid annually in advance and shall be collected by the Treasurer. All dues and funds received by the Association shall be deposited in the bank account of the NPC Takie 1976.

Section 2: The Association shall, as it deems necessary, undertake fundraisers for its own purposes. All fundraising shall be conducted in accordance with NPC rules and regulations applicable in South Africa.

ARTICLE X: Amendments

Section 1: Amendments to this constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at two consecutive meetings at which the amendment has been read.

ARTICLE XI: Jurisdiction

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Section 1: The Association is subject to the rules, regulations, and policies of Takie 1976 NPC and the laws of the South Africa. Therefore, the rules, regulations, and policies of Takie 1976 NPC shall hold precedence over any and all rules, regulations, and policies applying to the Association including those of national organizations with which the Association may be associated at any time.

ARTICLE XII: Dissolution Clause

Section 1: This Association will be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of quorum votes to do so, or when Takie 1976 NPC is deregistered. In the event of the Association's dissolution and deregistration of Takie 1976 NPC, all financial and other assets held by Takie 1976 NPC will become property of the Government of South Africa.

DATE OF CREATION: _____

LATEST REVISION DATE: 30/01/2010

SIGNATURES:

1. **President** _____
2. **Vice-President** _____
3. **Secretary** _____
4. **Treasurer** _____
5. **General Officer** _____
6. **General Officer** _____