



CONSTITUTION

Detroit Tank Command R/C Model Armor Club

ARTICLE I

This Association shall be known as the Detroit Tank Command Club, and hereinafter may be referred to as DTC.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The purpose of DTC is to serve the needs of the entire community in the availability to and interest of, the public in the designing, construction and operating of radio controlled scale model armored vehicles.

Section 2. Radio controlled armored vehicles and real or personal property donated to and/or owned by DTC may be displayed or used in accordance with DTC.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. **Meetings** - A yearly club event and meeting calendar shall be established by the Active members in attendance at the first general meeting of the year. Time and place of these meetings may be changed by a majority vote of the membership in attendance at meeting where change is proposed. These meetings are open to the general public and those with an interest in radio controlled armor vehicles. A summary of the meetings will be posted on the WEB Site for members to view in the "member's only section" of the web site.

Section 2. **Quorum** - To transact any business, a quorum must be present, which consists of 25% of the Active Detroit Tank Command members in good standing as defined by March's membership meeting of that year or the previous year, including at least one (1) officer of the Club.

Section 3. **Notification** - Each member shall be given adequate notification by the **Executive Officer (Secretary)/ Purser (Treasurer)** of any Special meetings and the specific purpose of the meeting through any reasonable means including but not limited to phone contacts, and E-mails of the **ARMOR INTEL!** or the **DTC TIMES**.

Section 4. **ARMOR INTEL!** This is the notification for members regarding events or issues requiring immediate attention or action through e-mail communication.

Section 5. **Special meetings** - The business of any Special meeting shall be confined to the specific purpose for which it is called.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. **Newsletters** - The official instrument of communication for members ARE THE E-MAILED **DTC TIMES** AND THE **ARMOR INTEL!** These DTC Communication Bulletins will be sent by an electronic format (email or attached files) with the frequency, length, style, and content of this newsletter shall be the prerogative of the **Executive Officer (Secretary)/Purser (Treasurer)** and **Assistant Secretary/Treasurer team**. Every effort should be made to have the newsletter be timely and pertinent to the details of recent meetings and give complete information in regards to all business essential to the smooth running of a club.

THE **ARMOR INTEL!** IS A SHORT FORM OF COMMUNICATION TO THE MEMBERS REGARDING EVENTS OR ISSUES REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OR ACTION. The **Executive Officer (Secretary)/ Purser (Treasurer)** shall keep and maintain a newsletter template for completeness and thoroughness in the coverage of regular issues that need to be communicated to the membership at large. Once the Bulletins are published these communications will be posted in the "member's only section of the web site for future reference and use.

Section 2. **Website** - As a means of club communication, public awareness, and for recruitment purposes, a reasonable effort will be made by the officers, or by member or members of the club designated by the officers, to maintain an updated and timely club website. Funds as deemed necessary by the club may be used to maintain the website and its effective operation.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. Membership in the DTC is open to all persons. There is no restriction due to age, sex, religion, ethnic origin, residency, sexual orientation, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

Section 2. A person requesting membership must read and **accept the terms and conditions** of the constitution, fill out **online** an application form, put a check in the I agree box and submit the appropriate dues (the Donate Button) at the bottom of the Join page all will be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer for acceptance by the membership at the next general membership meeting. If the membership fails to review any proposals for new members the applicant will be accepted by default into the club. Receipt of the Constitution and no objection after 30 days from receipt implies agreement to its terms and a commitment by the applicant to uphold and to abide by them.

Section 3. Membership shall be divided into four classes:

- A. Staff Officer - Extremely Active
- B. Officer - Active
- C. NCO / Enlisted - Passively Active
- D. Cadet
- E. Associate – Non-Active
- F. Re-Enlistment

Section 3.a. Active members constitute the voting body. An Active member is a person 16 years of age minimum. If the member is under the age of 14 years, he or she is to be accompanied or sponsored by an adult who is an Active member. Active members shall have priority over all non-paying members in channel frequency usage.

Active Members are members that participate and own/operate R/C Armor vehicles within the club and have paid the required dues for the calendar year in which they are participating.

Section 3.b. Associate members are not entitled to vote, but are entitled to participate in DTC activities, and to receive the **DTC TIMES** and **ARMOR INTEL!**

Section 4. **Dues and Fees** Dues and fees shall be set by the membership and reviewed periodically. Dues will be paid on a yearly basis in advance. **(Traditionally dues are collected starting with attendees at the first general meeting of the year)**

Section 4.a. Active members that join in a month other than January shall submit their yearly or prorated dues (prorated means yearly divided by 12 then multiply by the remainder of months in the year) by selecting the Donate PayPal link below the application form located on the join page. (For example, someone joining as an NCO/Enlisted during a battle day weekend in September would pay only \$4 for the balance of the year)

Section 4.b. Associate Membership dues are \$0 at this time.

Section 5.a. Membership shall be renewed each calendar year (1 Jan. through 31 Dec.). Deadline for renewal is the monthly meeting of March. In the event there is no meeting held in the month of March, and then the last Sunday of March will be the date of reference.

Section 5.b. Any member, who does not renew membership by the monthly meeting of March of the current calendar year, shall have membership terminated on said date. Access to **DTC MESS HALL** will be denied by means of password control. Passwords are changed by the last day of March and the new password communicated to paid-up members by April 1st via **ARMOR INTEL!**

Section 5.c. Any member whose membership has terminated is invited to apply for membership by filling the appropriate membership application and must pay a \$5 late-penalty fee and \$20 membership dues.

Section 5.d. Any active class member may request an indefinite withdrawal from the club with one year being the minimum period. Dues will therefore not be required until such time as he may reapply for membership.

ARTICLE VI Management and Administration

Section 1. The government of the Club shall be vested in the **Commanding Officer, Executive Officer (Secretary), Purser (Treasurer)** and in addition to the **Assistants to the Secretary/Treasurers**, elected by the voting members of the Club. All Officers shall be radio-controlled model owners.

- DTC relies on volunteers to serve for two-year terms in order to sustain the club.
- If there is a surplus of volunteers then an election may be held to select club officers. (See Section 3, this Article, Articles VII and IX).
- The government of the club shall be comprised of various officers including, but not limited to, the **Commanding Officer, Executive Officer (Secretary)/ Purser (Treasurer), Web Master, and Tech Officer**.
- Flexibility may sometimes be necessary to match volunteers with duties.
- The offices and duties can be combined where necessary, and even shared with other officers. This is up to the discretion of the "**Officer Team/Staff Officers**".
- Following the selection of the officer team during the first general membership meeting of the year the specific duties of each officer will be published in the **DTC TIMES**.

Section 2. In the event an election process is chosen then all Elective Officers shall be nominated during the November general meeting and/or during the first general membership meeting of the next year of office eligibility, and be elected by a majority of those members present at the first general membership meeting of each year. Nominations may also be submitted by e-mail or regular mail by Active members providing a second is obtained at a general membership meeting. The Officers elected shall be installed by the outgoing **Commanding Officer** after the report of the election committee is read by the **Executive Officer (Secretary)**. The newly elected **Commanding Officer** shall close the meeting. (See Article VIII for duties) -

Section 3. **Elective Officers** - Shall serve for a two (2) year term from the time of their election or until their successors are appointed. Elective Officers may serve for no more than three (3) terms in succession in any one office.

Section 4. **Vacancies** - Shall be filled for any un-expired terms by the nomination and voting members.

Section 5. **Qualifications** - Any voting member in good standing may hold an elective office.

Section 6 **Finances** - Decisions affecting all financial aspects or costs between \$25 and \$100 shall be presented to the elected officers for majority approval. Any amount above \$100 shall be presented at a general club meeting and properly voted upon and accepted.

ARTICLE VII Committees

Section 1. **Appointment** Committees shall be created and organized by a proper vote of the DTC membership for that particular task or shall be created and organized by majority vote of the elected officers. The committee chairperson and his assistants shall be selected as properly voted and accepted upon by the members of that committee.

Section 2. **Authority** The Committee, led by the committee chair, shall have authority equal to the authority the lead officer of the club would otherwise have, restricted only in the parameters for which it was formed and the terms of this Constitution. The general membership, however, can vote to restrict the committee's parameters, or to dissolve it at any general membership meeting.

ARTICLE VIII Duties of Officers

Section 1. **Commanding Officer** - He is the chief executive officer of the Club. His duties consist of the following:

1. Oversee all club matters and club officers.
2. Lead meetings, and conduct elections.
3. Coordinate events, activities, and club meetings.
4. Be main contact person to the public.

5. Communicate with the membership in club matters through the club's electronic newsletters.
6. Resolve all Grievances related to the manner of the club
7. He may delegate authority as needed to officers for specific assignments and general duties.

Section 2. **Executive Officer (Secretary)**. He is the officer tasked with the recording of business conducted during meetings. His duties include:

1. To take down the minutes of meetings and provide a summary for the club newsletters
2. To read the previous meeting's minutes at each general membership meeting
3. Preside over the elections (tabulate the results)
4. Publish news through the **DTC TIMES** and **ARMOR INTEL!** to the active membership

Section 3. **Purser (Treasurer)** - He is to handle all money matters for the club and keep records on members. His duties are the following:

1. Collect all fees and dues and keep accurate records of all income and expenditures in a club financial book.
2. He shall give a financial report at each general membership meeting
3. Maintain an up-to-date listing (roster) of members at all times.
4. The listing shall also consist of the club record of radio frequencies attributed to the active members. Where practical the model or models using any given frequency shall be stated along with scale reference. The combined lists shall be provided at the start of each quarter to all active members and also upon request by any active or associate member.
5. Maintain a photo copy of all the entries in the club record book separate from the book

Section 4. **WEB Master** His duty is to maintain and update the club website with current information including club calendar and other information supplied by other officers and articles from the membership.

Section 5. **Tech Officer** He is responsible for organizing the 1/16 combat aspects of the club. His duties include the following:

1. Lead a team to inspect Tamiya battle-unit equipped tanks for compliance with club rules.
2. Register tank owners and certify their tanks once inspection has passed the tanks on battle day and other competitive meets.
3. Organize a judge and referee team for combat events or sessions during club meetings.
4. Organize a team to keep records of competition results.

Section 6. **Battle Master** He is responsible for running the battlefield for combat aspects of the club. His duties include the following:

1. Assist the Tech Officer, define and establish the rules of battle
2. Organize a team to maintain and coordinate improvements of the battlefield
3. Setting up of the battlefield for battle scenarios
4. Write, maintain and distribute rules of battle for each game scenario

Section 7. **Any** elected or appointed officer may be challenged with a vote of no confidence at any time. For this to occur, 25% of the Active Detroit Tank Command membership as defined by the March membership meeting of that year, or the previous year, must submit a signed petition to the **Executive Officer** who then presents it to the **Commanding Officer** requesting that the office at issue stand open for election at the next regular meeting. The individuals requesting an election must also present a suitable/capable candidate to run against the incumbent. These individuals must also prepare the necessary ballots and mailings under the supervision of the most senior noninvolved officer. There must be an approval of 25% of the Active Detroit Tank Command membership as defined by the March membership meeting of that year.

ARTICLE IX

Nominations and Election procedures

Section 1. DTC shall seek candidates for the several offices by nominations of a member in good standing **should elections be necessary**.

Section 2. A qualified member may be nominated for only one (1) Club office each year when that position is open for re-election.

Section 3. At the first general membership meeting of each year voting members of DTC shall identify their vote for each of the open elected positions. The voting can occur by an oral response or by written ballot if properly voted upon and accepted. If by written ballot, the **Executive Officer (/Purser)** and the **(Assistant Executive Officer /) Purser (s)** will collect and count all ballots. They will have sole responsibility for determining the validity of all ballots counted.

Section 4. After the tally of votes the **Executive Officer (/) AND Purser** will report the name of the member elected to each of the several offices.

ARTICLE X

Order of Business - (monthly) meetings

Meetings (shall) **may** be conducted as follows, using Robert's-Rules-of-Order as a basic guideline only.

1. Meeting called to order (time noted and persons attending noted)
2. Roll call of Officers
3. Minutes of the previous monthly meeting read
4. Financial report
5. Communications
6. Report of Officers
7. Reports of Committees
8. Nominations and Elections - November and January meetings only
9. Unfinished business
10. New business
11. Proposals for new members
12. Good and welfare
13. Adjournment
14. Model activities

ARTICLE XI

Battle Day and/or War Games and Operational Events

Section 1. **Rules.** The rules for War Games Day shall be those rules voted upon and accepted by DTC and be incorporated herein. This is going to be a separate document and will be attached to the website for use and review.

Section 2. **Battle Master** – There shall be appointed by DTC a Battle Master.

Tech Officer - The tech officer is to direct and enforce the mandates developed in the Rules and to provide reports as necessary to DTC the **(Battle Master) Tech Officer** may be vested with decision-making authority granted by DTC as previously identified and voted upon.

Section 3. Each War Games Event including "Battle Day" shall be planned events designated by DTC as voted upon and accepted.

Section 4. **Administration** - Decisions affecting all financial aspects, media promotions, and organizational supervision of War Games Day and/or Battle Day shall be presented to the Club and properly voted upon and accepted. However, the Club can also vote to authorize the elected officers and/or the **(Battle Master) Tech Officer** to make limited decisions.

ARTICLE XII

Behavior

Section 1. The firing of projectiles by any device or model vehicle shall be prohibited, including but not limited to paintballs, BB firing mechanisms, or any and all types of pyrotechnique devices, attachments, etc. We use only infrared systems designed and sold by Tamiya or similar equal to/compatible systems on all models, dioramas etc.

Section 2. The display of Nazi Swastikas other than those presented as historically credible on the models themselves is prohibited for any club activities.

Section 3. The wearing of offensive military or nonmilitary uniforms in any club activity as to discredit the Club or give the appearance as to be representative of the Club shall be prohibited as determined by a simple majority of the members present and at least one officer at that event. Such determination may be made at anytime during that club activity.

Section 4. The use of alcoholic beverages during general membership meetings prior to adjournment, or at public events is prohibited.

Section 5. The use of FCC-illegal air frequencies (including air frequencies for ground vehicles), or the use of any air frequency transmitters in the vicinity of a model aircraft field for any public or private DTC event or gathering is prohibited .

Section 6.

The intentional contact of another member's vehicle or model, i.e. "ramming", shall be prohibited unless part of the historically credible activity of those vehicles and with the written/signed consent of those owners involved. This document will become part of the maintained selection of records of the club.

ARTICLE XIII Discipline.

In case of any occurrence injurious to the welfare of the Club, any member or members implicated therein (may be proposed for expulsion, in written charges, at any general membership meeting. The action on such a proposal for expulsion shall be by a majority vote of the members present at the next general membership meeting, except that the member or members implicated shall have no vote, but may address the Club in his or their defense.) Will be permitted to state their case before an ad hoc committee comprised of the three most senior active members present -- based on membership ranking established by the March meeting current roster -- who are not directly involved. Said emergency hearing shall be conducted expeditiously at any time convenient to all parties involved including before, during, or after any portion of a club meeting.

Section 2. Should any rule established by the club in the service of such rule or rules, be broken by a member, that member will be subject to discipline. Detroit Tank Command club expects all members to respect one another and the property of others. Also, members will be held responsible for their actions and those of their guests at all times.

Section 3. Any member engaging in prohibited activities as indicated in Article XIII may be subject to discipline by the club.

Section 4. There shall be zero tolerance for physical abuse. There will be extremely low tolerance for verbal abuse and any behavior from a member which causes another member, or members, to be unduly slighted, provoked, threatened, or otherwise unjustifiably made to feel uncomfortable, whether while in the presence of another member or other members, or by means of a public forum. The character and seriousness of any disturbance to the harmony amongst members will be expeditiously determined by the ad hoc discipline committee. Punishment may include a warning, probation, or expulsion with the prorated refunding of dues to the offending party or parties. If the alleged "DISRUPTIVE" individual or individuals should leave the club premises without suitable cause, or otherwise choose not to be present at the discipline hearing, the accuser(s) will relate the incident to the committee for a determination in lieu of the so-called disruptive party or parties providing testimony. The ad hoc committee may ask for witnesses to appear at said hearing if necessary.

Section 5.

Grievances Related to the manner in which the club is managed or represented by the officers shall be addressed through the mechanisms of Article VIII, Section 7, (vote of "no confidence", etc.) and otherwise dealt with within the confines of club procedures. Those that take club disputes to outside forums run the risk of expulsion from DTC.

Section 6. Violations of behavior will be addressed firmly and swiftly and all must follow the rules laid down for us. These include: obeying all instructions from DTC officers; no stealing, and have respect for the officers and fellow members. Club officers have the authority, and members have the responsibility, if necessary, to remind other members of the rules and prohibitions -- including those of DTC.

ARTICLE XIV Amendments

Section 1. Any motion to amend the Constitution in order to become a law must be approved with a first reading and approval by 25% of the Active Detroit Tank Command membership as defined by the March membership meeting of that year, or the previous year.

Section 2. **Notice** - Due notice must also be provided for the Active membership of the proposed amendment by requiring the proposed amendment to be written and submitted to the DTC Bulletin and included in at least one additional issue **with said second issue** indicating the specifics of the proposal and the scheduled date for a **FINAL** discussion and vote.

Section 3. **Proxy Vote** - For an amendment vote, proxy votes shall be permitted by Active members who submit their vote in the mail and are received by any Active officer at least a week prior to the scheduled vote.

ARTICLE XV

Dissolution. DTC shall not be dissolved so long as there are five (5) active members in good standing.

ARTICLE XVI

- The preceding Articles comprise the entire Constitution for DTC and upon approval became effective (March 2009).
- These Articles replace any previous Constitution previously published or approved.
- A copy of this document will be issued to each active member and out-of-area active member.
- This document is the property of DTC and is intended for the exclusive, personal use of the members.
- The above Articles were presented for a first reading at the general membership meeting on (Xxxxxxx 2009) Xxxxx XX, 2009.
- They were then (posted) provided to the membership via e-mail on Xxxxxxx XX, 2009.
- (until) THERE WAS a second reading at the following general membership meeting on (Xxxxxxx 2009).
- After discussion and a vote they were unanimously approved and adopted by the members then in attendance.
- These Articles were EITHER ENTIRELY WRITTEN OR PARTIALLY AMENDED BY RICH UPTON AND THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AT THE ABOVE MEETINGS ON THE DATES STATED ABOVE. REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING: These articles were revised and used from the B.A.T. organization and revised or changed to reflect the direction, opinions, and judgments of the founding members of the Detroit Tank Command R/C Armor Club