



THE WASHINGTON ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION

(Washington Artillery Board of Managers)



The purpose of the Washington Artillery Association is to assist, in whatever manner deemed proper, in the perpetuation and maintenance of the military organization known as the Washington Artillery, including, but not limited to, the control and the administration of all assets of the corporation; maintenance and care of the Washington Artillery Monument in the Metairie Cemetery; and the financial support of the active battalion.

Organized on June 5, 1866, at Lyceum Hall, and incorporated by ACT 101 of the Louisiana Legislature of 1878, with the original purpose of providing relief to veterans of the "Old Command" during the Civil War. Today the WAA continues to care for the monument and has added the names of Washington Artillery fallen from battles and campaigns in which it was involved.

The Washington Artillery Association is 145 years old. Every June 6 add 1 year for organizations age. Its membership consists of ALL ACTIVE members of the current Battalion Washington Artillery.

In 1948, the Association sold one of the original armories of the battalion. An investment fund was created from these proceeds with some of the interest earned from this investment fund providing the annual budget for the active battalion.

The assets of the Washington Artillery Association, to include the investment fund, are managed by the Association's Board of Managers (WAABOM).

Membership of this board consists of the following:

All former commanding officers of any battalion or higher unit of the Washington Artillery who have served no less than 12 months in the command. * #

The commanding Officer(s), Field Grade officers, and Command Sergeants Major of the active battalion(s). * +

Duly elected members of the active battalion and veterans of the "Old Command". \$

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* These members are Ex-Officio and in turn will elect other members to the board and those members elected shall not be more than 50% of the board's membership.

These individuals have lifetime membership on the board.

+ These individuals serve on the board for the length of term of their battalion position, i.e. commanding officers, field grade officers and sergeants major serve on the board for as long as they hold those positions in the battalion. Once their tour has ended, unless voted on the board, they are no longer eligible to serve on the board. Commanding officers if in command for 12 months or longer, and former Command Sergeants Major, are the exception and then fall under the former guidelines.

\$ These individuals are elected annually.