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Felch, Francis H. Gregory and Frederick P. Markham, their associ-  
ates and successors, shall be, and they are hereby created a corpora-  
tion and body politic, within this state, by the name and style of the  
United States' Naval Fraternal Association, for the relief of the fam-  
ilies of deceased officers, and by that name shall be, and they hereby  
are made capable in law to hold, purchase, receive, possess and en-  
joy, to them and their successors, goods, chattles, effects and every  
kind of personal estate and real estate, within this state, not exceed-  
ing five hundred thousand dollars in value, and the same to sell,  
grant and dispose of; also to sue and be sued, plead and be implead-  
ed, defend and be defended, in any courts of this state having com-  
petent jurisdiction.

Powers.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall have power to  
make and use a common seal, and the same to break and alter; to  
ordain and establish such by-laws and regulations as they shall deem  
proper for the management and direction of the affairs of said corpo-  
ration and the government thereof, not being contrary to this act, or  
to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this state;  
and generally to do and perform all acts, matters and things, which  
pertain to the character of a corporation aggregate, subject as afore-  
said.

Members.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall be composed  
of such commissioned officers in the navy and marine corps, and of  
such sailing masters and midshipmen, not less than eighteen years  
of age, as may from time to time agree to become members, by sub-  
scribing the constitution of the said corporation, made in pursuance  
of the authority hereby granted, and shall pay the fees and assess-  
ments therein prescribed.

Officers, e-  
lections, &c.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the government and direction of the  
concerns of said corporation shall be vested in a president, vice-pre-  
sident, board of directors, treasurer, secretary and such other officers  
as may be deemed necessary. The board of directors shall consist  
of one member from each grade of officers in the navy, entitled to  
admission into the corporation, and of one from the marine corps,  
and shall be chosen annually on the first Monday in October, by the  
members of the corporation, at such place on each naval station, and  
at such time on said day, as the senior naval officer, being a member  
there resident, shall appoint, of which he shall give public notice at  
least ten days previously; at which meeting the officers of each class  
or grade shall vote for one director of their own class or grade re-  
spectively, and the votes being taken and counted by the presiding  
officer and secretary chosen by said meeting, and by one officer from  
each grade designated by the meeting for that purpose, if an such are  
present, shall be certified by the presiding officer and secretary afore-  
said, and transmitted to the secretary of the board of directors,  
within ten days thereafter; the votes aforesaid may be given in person,  
or by proxy of the same grade; the secretary of the board and the  
treasurer shall count the votes given by the classes or grades respec-  
tively, which shall have been returned within sixty days after the elec-  
tion, and the officer having the greatest number of votes of each class  
shall be duly elected, and the secretary shall make a record thereof  
accordingly, and shall forthwith notify each director, so chosen, of  
his election. All vacancies in any board of directors shall be filled  
by the remaining members, and in case any two or more officers have