

BY-LAWS FOR THE USS INDIANAPOLIS

I. Commanding Officer

- a. The term of service for the Ship's Commanding Officer is 1 year, beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th of the service year.
- b. Any member of the Ship's crew is eligible to be elected as the CO; however, he or she must have passed the test for the commanding officer position prior to the elections.
- c. Elections for the CO will be held at the June meeting for the upcoming term.

II. Dues

- a. Dues are \$7 per month. \$6 of this amount goes to the Ship's fund for expenses, and \$1 is donated to charity.
- b. If a member falls behind in their dues by 2 payments, he or she may not participate in any Ship activities until dues are brought up to date.
- c. Students and children under 18 are exempt from paying dues.
- d. If a member does not attend the meeting in any particular month, no dues are owed for that month.
- e. Scholarship Program: SFC Membership will be covered for one year for any new member.
- f. Any money withdrawn from the Ship's fund requires the signature of 2 crew members, and will be done through the Ship's Treasurer.

III. Meeting Expectations

- a. Cell phones need to be turned off or put on silent during meetings. If it is necessary to make, or take, a phone call, the member should leave the table until the call is completed.
- b. It is expected that respect and courtesy will be shown towards anyone who is speaking during the meeting. Private conversations should not occur during the duration of the business portion of the meeting.

IV. Purpose of the Group

- a. The purpose of the group is to have fun, and interact with others with common interests. It is hoped that each member will have a positive experience during both the social and business aspects of the club's meetings.
- b. The USS Indianapolis belongs to everyone on the ship. If problems or concerns arise regarding the ship, the matter can be discussed openly during meetings among all crew members. Active participation is encouraged, and respect required. Additionally, any decisions to be made will be directed by group vote.

V. Special Items

a. Members are encouraged to purchase a SFC Polo shirt from the SFC website. This is not a requirement, but the member's choice only. If a member does purchase a shirt, our ship will provide the extra insignia patches.

