

## Certificate of Incorporation

*Know All Men By These Presents,* That we, the undersigned, citizens of the United States, of full age, a majority of whom are citizens of the District of Columbia, desiring to associate ourselves as a society and body corporate for educational and scientific purposes and for mutual improvement, pursuant to and in conformity with Subchapter III, Chapter XVIII, of the Code of Laws of the District of Columbia, do hereby certify:

*First:* The name by which the said society and body corporate shall be known in law is The Society of American Military Engineers.

*Second:* The term of existence of said society shall be perpetual.

*Third:* The particular business and objects for which the said society is incorporated are:

In the interests of national defense; to advance knowledge in the science of military engineering; to promote efficiency in the military engineer service of the United States; to maintain its best standards and traditions; to preserve the memory of services rendered by the engineering profession throughout the wars in which the United States has been engaged; to encourage, foster and develop between military engineers and other arms of the military service a spirit of cooperation and a mutual understanding of their respective duties, powers and limitations; to encourage, foster and develop relations of interest between the engineering profession in civil life and that in the military service; to hold meetings for the presentation and discussion of appropriate papers and for social and professional intercourse; to procure, preserve, perpetuate and disseminate knowledge and information relating to each of the above subjects and the objects for which this Society is formed; and

to this end, and in furtherance thereof, to publish and distribute, or promote the publication and distribution of books, periodicals, treatises, circulars and other papers relating to said subjects and objects of this Society, and to dispose of said publications by sale or otherwise; and in general to do and perform every lawful act and thing necessary and expedient to be done and performed in furtherance of the objects and lawful purposes of the said Society; and to have and to exercise all the powers conferred by the laws of the District of Columbia under Subchapter III, Chapter XVIII, of the Code of Laws of the said District of Columbia, and with power to authorize the organization of members of the Society within given localities or military units into subsidiary sections, posts or chapters of the parent Society, subject to such rules as the parent Society shall provide: Provided, That the entire income of the Society shall be used in furtherance of its objects and no part of said income shall inure to the benefit of any individual or individuals.

*Fourth:* The control and management of the affairs and funds of the said Society for the first year of its corporate existence shall be vested in a board of seven trustees.

*In Witness Whereof* we have hereunto set our hands and seals this Fifth day of December, 1924.

J. FRANKLIN BELL,  
HARRISON BRAND, JR.,  
LENOX R. LOHR.

*District of Columbia, to wit:*

I, William Tindall, a Notary Public in and for the District of Columbia, do hereby certify that J. Franklin Bell, Harrison Brand, Jr., and Lenox R. Lohr, parties to the annexed and foregoing certificate of incorporation of THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS, dated December 5, 1924, personally appeared before me in said District, the said J. Franklin Bell, Harrison Brand, Jr., and Lenox R. Lohr, being personally well known to me as the persons who executed said certificate of incorporation, and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal this Fifth day of December, 1924.

WILLIAM TINDALL,  
Notary Public, D. C.  
Office of the Recorder of Deeds,  
District of Columbia

This is to Certify that the foregoing is a true and verified copy of the Certificate of Incorporation of

THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS and of the whole of said Certificate of Incorporation, as filed in this Office the 6th day of December, A. D. 1924.

No. 17685

Recorder of Deeds, D. C.