NATIONAL ORDER OF TRENCH RATS

MISSION STATEMENT

Our core values are the pillars that support our mission statement.  They form the foundation that guides our individual and collective actions. The core values are designed so that each supports the other.

INTEGRITY:

We always strive to do the right thing, not what is popular or convenient. Our commitment to the truth is unwavering, both in actions and words.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

See it, Own it, Solve it. Doing the right thing is our standard. We hold ourselves responsible for this attention to detail in all of our duties.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT:

We are a dynamic Veteran service organization that constantly seeks areas of growth and innovation. This growth starts at a personal level.

TEAMWORK:

Teamwork is our individual actions, brought together for our common purpose, which subordinates our individual needs to the needs of the National Order of Trench Rats. We put aside our individual needs to work towards and accomplish the National Order of Trench Rats mission.

SERVANTS ATTITUDE:

We only exist to serve our all ranks, all branches of service Veterans, Widows and Orphans. We will serve our Veterans with a genuine humility that leaves no doubt that they are the sole focus of our endeavors.

The name “TRENCH RATS” was adopted by our founding Brothers as it is symbolic of the rats which the World War 1 Veterans encountered in the trenches in France. Veterans who were patients in the United States Public Health Service Hospital No.54 located at Arrowhead Springs, California found themselves isolated with no activities to pass the time. A few members conceived the idea of organizing a group of the most active members as a fraternal society. They devised an initiation ceremony for fun to raise funds to assist Veterans by supplying health and comfort items. Some other activities playing bingo in Veteran Homes, visiting hospitalized Veterans and placing flags on grave sites help combat the isolation and increased camaraderie. We know that membership in this all ranks, all branches of the service Veterans organization inspires all of us to continue with these incentives and we will support legislation that is of benefit and will further the welfare of our Brothers, Sisters, Widows and Orphans.

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