



National Order of Trench Rats
NEW DUGOUT CHARTER

The **NATIONAL ORDER OF TRENCH RATS** is a veteran organization. It is formed for the purpose of providing a closer bond by which veterans may be drawn together for the further benefit of the veteran, and to provide a fun and philanthropic Order to aid and assist in its aims and purpose in every way possible.

Any veteran with a General Discharge or above, is potentially eligible for membership in the **NATIONAL ORDER OF TRENCH RATS**, who by their personal work, aid, help, effort, sacrifice, and service, has shown their devotion to the best interest and welfare of veterans, their dependents, and survivors.

Membership by application is prohibited. An eligible person can become a member only by written recommendation of two (2) members who will vouch that he meets the eligibility requirements. His eligibility will be checked thoroughly before he is elected to membership by the Dugout.

Those who desire to form a Dugout in a location not covered by an existing Dugout shall:

1. **Request** an application form from Imperial Headquarters.
2. **List** the names and addresses of all old members or potential new members who wish to become Charter Members on the Charter Application. A MINIMUM of fifteen (15) members may apply for a Charter. A transferred member may hold membership in both Dugouts in the same Sector temporarily until such new Dugout is formed and officers are installed. He may be an officer of the new Dugout and then give up his membership in the other Dugout.
3. **Completed Life Membership Applications and a minimum of \$30.00 for EACH new Life Member shall be mailed to Imperial Headquarters along with the Charter Application.** Life Membership shall be paid in full prior to the two years as per our by-laws.
4. A one-time \$10.00 Charter Fee shall be sent with all of the above.

The Dugout shall be chartered in an area that has a boundary, i.e. City, Town, etc. The Dugout may hold meetings or Rendezvous in any reasonable distance to the location. The Dugout dues are LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY.

When the Charter has been granted, the members will then have any scavvies initiated, elect officers, and install officers. Before holding any office, a member must have received all three Degrees or been excused from them. However, every member must take the obligation of the 1st Degree. A Dugout must maintain fifteen (15) members of the Charter may be revoked.

MAIL ALL FORMS AND MONIES TO:

**National Order of Trench Rats
Imperial Headquarters
P O Box 500208
Malabar, FL 32950**