

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
MARINE OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB
OF WASHINGTON, DC**

ARTICLE I

Name

The Association shall be known as the Marine Officers' Spouses' Club of Washington, DC.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the Marine Officers' Spouses' Club of Washington, DC, (hereafter referred to as the Club) shall be to foster and promote sociability, and to provide a source of social, intellectual and cultural stimulation in matters of common interest.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Regular Membership.

Payment of annual dues is required to achieve regular membership. Regular members are entitled to vote and are eligible for elective or appointive office.

- a. Spouses, widows and widowers of active duty or retired commissioned and warrant officers of the Marine Corps.
- b. Spouses, widows and widowers of active and retired commissioned and warrant officers of the Marine Corps Reserve.
- c. Active duty and retired commissioned and warrant Women Marine Officers.

Section 2. Associate Membership.

Payment of annual dues is required to achieve associate membership. Associate members are entitled to vote and are eligible to hold appointive office.

- a. Any former spouse of a Marine officer, holding a valid military I.D. card from that marriage.
- b. Spouses of officers of other U.S. Armed Forces.
- c. Spouses of inactive Marine Reserve officers.

Section 3. Honorary Members.

Payment of annual dues is not required for Honorary membership. Honorary members are not entitled to vote or to hold any office.

- a. Spouses of the President and Vice President of the United States.
- b. Spouse of the Commandant of the Marine Corps.
- c. Spouse of the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.
- d. Spouses of all former Commandants of the Marine Corps.
 - e. Spouse of the current Secretary of Defense.
 - f. Spouse of the current Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.
 - g. Spouses of the current Joint Chiefs of Staff.
 - h. Spouse of the current Commandant of the Coast Guard.
- i. Spouse of the current Secretary of the Navy and the current Under Secretary of the Navy.
- j. Female current Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Navy and Under Secretary of the Navy.
- k. Spouses of active duty foreign Marine officers stationed as attaches in Washington, DC.
- l. Other individuals nominated by the President and approved by the MOSC Board. Such memberships will be valid only for the duration of the club year in which they are awarded.

ARTICLE IV

Organization

Section 1. The MOSC Board is the major policy organ for the Club and approves all significant Club actions and major expenditures of the Club.

Section 2. The MOSC Board shall be comprised of honorary officers, elected officers and appointed chairmen.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall be comprised of honorary officers, elected officers and the Parliamentarian.

Section 4. Elected officers shall be installed at the General Meeting in May to serve for a term of one year.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1. General Meetings.

The number of General Meetings will be determined by the President and the MOSC Board for the Club year. A minimum of four (4) General Meetings will be required during a Club year.

Section 2. Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Club shall be held in April, and shall be for the purpose of electing officers.

Section 3. Quorums.

- a. Except as noted in Subsection b., below, 10% of the dues paying members shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Club.
 - b. At the Annual Meeting, members present shall constitute a quorum.
- c. At least one-half of the MOSC Board must be present to conduct business and decisions shall be made by a majority vote of those present.

Section 4. Parliamentary Authority

- a. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Board in all cases, which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Board may adopt.

ARTICLE VI

Legal Status and Dissolution

Section 1. This Club is an unincorporated social club as defined by section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code formed solely for the purpose of fostering and promoting sociability, and to provide a source of social, intellectual and cultural stimulation in matters of common interest to the members. The use of the funds of this Club shall be limited to financing those purposes as stated in article II of this constitution. Funds may not be used for the benefit of any individual.

Section 2. In the event of dissolution of this Club, distribution of any funds, after payment of any indebtedness, shall be made by either contribution to other officers' spouses' clubs of similar nature as this Club, or by contribution to recognized charitable organizations.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1. Providing a quorum is present, the Constitution may be amended at any meeting by a two third's vote when:

- a. The amendment has been approved by the MOSC Board, and,
- b. Prior notification of the proposed amendment was given at the previous regular meeting or by 30-day written notice.

Section 2. Amendments may be offered by any Club member to the MOSC Board.

ARTICLE VIII

Effective Date

The amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws contained in the annual revision will become effective 1 June of that year.