

29 PALMS OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB
OF THE
MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

1. The organization will be known as 29 Palms Officers' Spouses' Club of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (COMBAT CENTER), hereinafter referred to as the "OSC".
2. Official sponsorship or endorsement by the COMBAT CENTER Command is neither stated nor implied.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

1. Within the regulations and policies of the COMBAT CENTER, the purpose of the OSC will be to foster friendships, promote goodwill, and to raise funds in support of social, educational, community, and welfare projects primarily for the COMBAT CENTER and the Morongo Basin areas.
2. The OSC will adhere to the Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(4), a federal tax-exempt status of a private, social organization.
3. Activities of the OSC will comply with DODI 1000.15 and COMBAT CENTER Order 5760.1D, or any future updated versions of said orders.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is open to all spouses of military officers assigned to COMBAT CENTER and/or residing in the Morongo Basin.
2. No person applying for membership will be discriminated against based on race, color, creed, sex, age, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation.
3. Regular Members will be required to pay annual dues to the OSC making them eligible to vote and attend members only events. Regular Members include:
 - a. Spouses of active duty commissioned officers and warrant officers.
 - b. Spouses of reserve and retired commissioned officers and warrant officers.
 - c. Widows and widowers of deceased commissioned officers and warrant officers.
4. Honorary Members will not be required to pay annual dues to the club and will not be eligible to vote. Honorary Members include:
 - a. Spouses of the Commanding General and the Chief of Staff.
 - b. Spouses of all former Marine Corps Commandants residing in the Morongo Basin.
 - c. Honorary members may elect to become Regular Members by paying annual dues and will be afforded voting privileges.

5. Auxiliary Members will be required to pay annual dues to the OSC. Auxiliary Members are not eligible to vote, but may attend members only events. Auxiliary Members must obtain sponsorship by an active member in good standing to be considered. The sponsor must present the auxiliary candidate to the General Board. A quorum of the General Board must vote to approve the membership. Auxiliary Members include:
 - a. Any person that would like to be a member but does not meet the requirements for Regular Membership.

ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION

1. The OSC General Board consisting of the Executive Board and the General Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," will govern the affairs of the OSC.
 - a. The Executive Board will consist of: Advisors and Elected Officers.
 - b. The Appointed Board will consist of: Unit/Command Representatives, Appointed Chairs, Sub Club Presidents, and Liaisons.
 - c. Officers shall be installed after the Annual Meeting to serve a term of one (1) year.

ARTICLE V ELECTIONS

1. Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to serve as elected officers of the OSC.
2. The Election of Officers will take place at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

A. General Membership Meetings

1. The General Membership of the OSC will meet at least once during the year; this meeting may serve as the Annual Meeting.
2. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect officers and conduct other necessary OSC business requiring a General Membership vote.
3. At any meeting of the general membership, the members present will constitute a quorum.
4. Only OSC Regular Members may vote, offer a motion, or second a motion.

B. General Board Meetings

1. The General Board of the OSC will meet regularly as determined by the Executive Board.
2. The purpose of the General Board Meeting is to govern the affairs of the OSC.

3. General Business is conducted with a majority vote, where a quorum is present.
4. One more than one-half of the voting members of the Executive Board will constitute a quorum for an Executive Board vote.
5. One more than one-half of the voting members of the General Board will constitute a quorum for a General Board vote.
6. Majority Vote is defined as at least one more than one half of the votes cast where a quorum is present.
7. All votes shall be verified by the Parliamentarian and one Executive Board Member.
8. Special Meetings may be called by the President or a majority vote of the Executive Board where a quorum is present.
9. Committee Meetings will be held at the discretion of the Committee Chair.

ARTICLE VII ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

1. The OSC Treasurer will account for the OSC’s funds with expenditures being authorized by the General Board.
2. The President will ensure that an audit of the financial status of the OSC is conducted annually.
3. Records will be maintained in the OSC files for a period of three (3) years unless otherwise specified.
4. Parliamentarian Authority will comply with the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order in all cases to which the rules apply. In any case where Robert’s Rules of Order are inconsistent with the Constitution, Bylaws, or Standing Rules of the OSC, then the OSC documents shall prevail.
5. The OSC will secure adequate insurance to protect against public liability and property damage claims or other legal action that may arise as a result of the activities of the OSC.
6. The OSC will comply with applicable fire and safety regulations; environmental laws; local, state, and federal tax codes; and any other applicable statutes or regulations.
7. In the event of the dissolution of the OSC for any reason, all residual funds, assets, or property will be contributed to 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organizations existing at the time of dissolution under applicable sections of federal tax laws, as determined by a majority vote of the General Board where a quorum is present, and after all bills and valid debts are paid. A designee appointed by the board will notify the IRS of the dissolution.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

1. This Constitution may be amended at any General Membership Meeting of the OSC by a majority vote, provided the following conditions are met:

- a. A voting member of the OSC in good standing submits the amendment in writing with written justification to the President.
 - b. The Executive Board approves the proposed amendment with a majority vote after review where a quorum is present.
 - c. The General Board approves the proposed amendment with a majority vote after review where a quorum is present.
 - d. The general membership is notified of the upcoming vote on the proposed amendment and the written proposal is made available to the general membership.
2. Any approved amendments will be submitted to the Commanding General of the COMBAT CENTER, or a designated representative.

CERTIFICATION OF 2018-19 OSC CONSTITUTION

These Constitution, having been duly approved by the General Membership, supersede all previous Constitutions, except that they will not affect officers elected, nor specific agreements and contracts entered into under the terms of previous Constitutions until such terms of agreements or contracts have reached their expiration dates.

President | Mary Clapp

Date: _____

1st Vice President | Katrina Ryan

Date: _____

2nd Vice President | Sue Park

Date: _____

Treasurer | Emily Ramsey

Date: _____

Recording Secretary | Jaimi Erickson

Date: _____

Corresponding Secretary | Courtney Johnson

Date: _____

Parliamentarian | Mary Strieby

Date: _____

Final Approval Date: _____