

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
MARINE OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB
OF WASHINGTON, D.C.**

2016-2017 Edition

ARTICLE I

Name

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

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the Marine Officers' Spouses' Club of Washington, D.C., (hereafter referred to as MOSCDC or 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 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. Spouses of active duty foreign Marine officers stationed as attachés in Washington, D.C.
- k. Other individuals nominated by the President and approved by the MOSCDC 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 MOSCDC Board is the body acting on behalf of the Club and approves all significant Club actions and major expenditures of the Club.

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

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

Section 4. Elected officers shall be installed in May, generally at a Club event, to serve for a term of one Club year.

Section 5. The Club year shall run from 1 June to 31 May of the following calendar year. All positions, membership, dues, fiscal, and financial dealings and records shall adhere to the Club year.

ARTICLE V Meetings

Section 1. Board Meetings.

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

Section 2. Annual Meeting.

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

Section 3. Other meetings.

Additional meetings of the general membership can be called as needed throughout the Club year.

Section 4. Quorums.

- a. Except as noted in Subsections b. and c., below, 10% of the dues paying members shall constitute a quorum at any general membership meeting of the Club.
- b. At the Annual Meeting, members present shall constitute a quorum.
- c. For Board meetings, when at least one-half of the MOSCDC Board, excluding Honorary Officers, is present to conduct business this shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. 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 of the Club by a two third's vote when:

- a. The amendment has been approved by the MOSCDC Board, and,
- b. Prior notification of the proposed amendment was given at the previous meeting of the general membership or by 14 -day written notice.

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

Section 3. The Parliamentarian shall notify the members as to the disposition of the member's request.

Section 4. All Board approved amendments must be presented to the general membership for a vote.

Section 5. Amendments to the Constitution shall become effective upon being approved by the general membership, unless a specific date is otherwise stipulated. Any amendments shall be noted in the annual revision, no later than 31 May of the Club year.