

Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club
CONSTITUTION
September 2017

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club (the "FHCSC").

Section 2. The purpose of the FHCSC shall be to support worthwhile community services and projects through revenue producing programs and to provide social, cultural, and creative activities for its members.

ARTICLE II

General Provisions

Section 1. The FHCSC is established as a private organization pursuant to the provisions set forth in Army Regulation (AR) 210-22. The FHCSC hold federal non-profit status as an Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) type of organization.

Section 2. The FHCSC is not an instrumentality of the United States Government and is not entitled of immunities and privileges thereof. It shall be self-sustaining and does not receive financial assistance from the Army or non-appropriated funds.

Section 3. All members shall have access to the Constitution and Bylaws upon joining the FHCSC.

Section 4. All activities of the organization will be conducted without discrimination based on race, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age or disability.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Membership in the FHCSC will be voluntary (See Bylaws, ARTICLE II).

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Governing Body

Section 1. The establishment, operation, and administration of the FHCSC shall be conducted by the Board of Directors ('BOD'), which consists of the (i) Executive Committee (Bylaws ARTICLE III, Section 3); and (ii) the Chairperson of each Standing Committee of the BOD

(Bylaws ARTICLE V, Section 3).

Section 2. HONORARY OFFICERS and ADVISORS of the FHCSC shall consist of the spouse of Commander of USAICoE and Fort Huachuca, to serve as the Honorary President and the spouse of the USAICoE CSM to serve as an Honorary Advisor. The spouse of the NETCOM Commanding General and NETCOM CSM spouse may serve as Honorary Advisors. The spouse of the Garrison Commander for Fort Huachuca and Garrison CSM for Fort Huachuca may also serve as Honorary Advisors. Honorary spouses may serve in such capacities as Honorary President and Honorary Advisors of Fundraising Committees. The positions of the Honorary Officers and Advisors will be approved by the FHCSC Executive Board and will not have a voting position of the Board of Directors. The Honorary Officer and Advisor positions are on a volunteer basis and in no way shall the aforementioned be expected to hold any position on the FHCSC Board. If the aforementioned spouses choose not to be involved with FHCSC, an Advisor who acts in the capacity of the Honorary President shall be appointed as Honorary Advisor by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V

Method of Financial Support

The source of income shall be annual dues and all money from fund raising activities provided by the FHCSC.

ARTICLE VI

Activities

The BOD shall determine the number and types of activities for the year. These may include, but not limited to, regular meetings of the general membership, special activities such as classes, tours, major and minor fund-raising activities, selection of community recipients of charitable donations, and the awarding of scholarship monies.

ARTICLE VII

Biennial Revalidation

The FHCSC must request revalidation from the Garrison Commander bi-annually at least ninety (90) days prior to expiration. The following must be submitted with the approval request: (i) a copy of the current Constitution and Bylaws; (ii) copy of the latest audit report; and (iii) list of current officers.

ARTICLE VIII

Dissolution

The FHCSC may be dissolved upon the approval of a simple majority of the general membership (provided that a 20 percent quorum is present). Written notification of this vote

shall be made at least 30 days prior to the date of the vote. Assets and liabilities shall be disposed of as follows:

A. The FHCSC assets shall be applied to all debts, liabilities, or obligations. In the event that assets are insufficient to meet the existing liabilities, special fund-raising events may be conducted as directed by the BOD and/or the FHCSC will make the necessary arrangements to assume such liabilities. In the event assets remain after the satisfaction of all debts, liabilities and obligations, the remaining assets shall be disposed of as determined by a simple majority of the general membership and in accordance with all applicable laws.

B. There will be no liability to individual club members for debts of, or claims against, the FHCSC. The FHCSC has met all State and jurisdictional laws. Neither the Fort Huachuca installation, the Department of the Army, nor the United States Government will have any liability for the FHCSC actions or debts.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1. Constitution

- A. Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the BOD for initial approval at which a quorum is present by two-thirds (2/3) vote. If the BOD does not approve the proposed amendment, upon petition of at least ten percent (10%) of the general membership, the petition must be submitted before a general membership meeting of the FHCSC for approval or rejection.
- B. Upon satisfaction of the procedures in ARTICLE IX, Section 1A above, the Constitution may then be amended by a simple majority (one more than half of those voting) at a meeting of the general membership provided that a ten percent (10%) quorum of the general membership is present and that the proposed changes to the Constitution were announced to the membership at a previous general membership meeting.
- C. Amendments to the Constitution shall become effective immediately upon approval Of the general membership.

Section 2. Bylaws

The Bylaws may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any meeting of the BOD at which a quorum is present by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. A quorum of the BOD consists of half of its voting members. Approved revisions of the Bylaws must be made known to the general membership.

ARTICLE X
Annual Review and Revision

This Constitution and the accompanying Bylaws shall be reviewed annually at the direction of the President by a special committee chaired by the Parliamentarian. The committee's report shall first be presented to the BOD followed by presentation to the general membership. If no revision is required, a statement to that effect shall be filed with the Garrison Commander and the Private Organization Coordinator of Human Resources, placed in the FHCS policies and precedents file. If a revision to the Constitution is required, the revision shall be submitted to the general membership for approval under the same stipulations as ARTICLE IX, Section 1 of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XI
Rescission

This Constitution and the accompanying Bylaws supersede all previous Constitutions, Bylaws, and amendments. It is effective upon adoption by an affirmative vote of a simple majority (one more than half of those voting) at a meeting of the general membership provided that a ten percent (10%) quorum of the general membership is present.

**We certify that the Constitution was approved by the BOD
(Approved this 18th day of September 2017).**

Deana R. Simpson, EA
President
2017-2018

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Parliamentarian
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