

Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club
CONSTITUTION
November 2023

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club (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 holds 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 Governing Board, which consists of the (i) Executive Governing Board (Bylaws ARTICLE III, Section 1, Part A); and (ii) the Chairpersons of the General Governing Board. (Bylaws ARTICLE III, Section 1, Part B).

Section 2. ADVISORS of the FHCSC may consist of the following: the spouse of the Commanding General of USAICoE and Fort Huachuca, the spouse of the USAICoE CSM, the spouse of the Commanding General of NETCOM, the spouse of the NETCOM CSM, and/or another suitable advisor as needed and approved by the FHCSC Executive Board. These spouses may serve in an advisory capacity to the FHCSC. The positions of the Advisors will be approved by the FHCSC Executive Board and will not have a voting position on the Governing Board. The Advisor positions are on a volunteer basis and in no way shall the aforementioned be expected to hold any position on the FHCSC Board.

ARTICLE V

Method of Financial Support

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

ARTICLE VI

Activities

The Governing Board shall determine the number and types of activities for the year. These may include, but are not limited to, regular meetings of the general membership, activities, tours, fundraising events, community outreach, the selection of community recipients of grants, 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 Governing Board Members.

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. If assets are insufficient to meet the existing liabilities, special fundraising events may be conducted as directed by the Governing Board 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's actions or debts.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1. Constitution

A. Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Governing Board for initial approval at which a quorum is present by two-thirds (2/3) vote. If the Governing Board 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 1, part A 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. The updated Constitution will then be made available to the general membership.

Section 2. Bylaws

The Bylaws may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any meeting of the Governing Board at which a quorum is present by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. A quorum of the Governing Board 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 Governing Board 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. 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 Governing Board on November 8, 2023.

We certify that the Constitution was approved by the General Members on December 13, 2023.



Candy Olivares
FHCSC President
2023-2024



Aimee Randazzo
FHCSC Parliamentarian
2023-2024