

BYLAWS
THE MILITARY OFFICERS OF AMERICA ASSOCIATION (MOAA)
EAST CENTRAL ALABAMA CHAPTER (ECAC)
(AL-03)

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the **Military Officers of America Association, East Central Alabama Chapter, (AL-03)**, hereinafter referred to as the chapter.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purposes of the chapter shall be to promote the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); foster fraternal relations among retired, active duty, and former officers of the uniformed services and their reserve components; protect the rights and interests of active duty, retired, and reserve component personnel of the uniformed services and their dependents and survivors; provide useful services for members and their dependents and survivors; and serve the community and the nation.

ARTICLE III – STATUS

Section 1. The chapter shall be a nonprofit organization, operated exclusively for the purposes specified in Article II above.

Section 2. Officers, directors, and appointed officials shall not receive any stated compensation for their services, but the board of directors may authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Section 3. Nothing herein shall constitute members of the chapter as partners for any purpose. No member, officer, or agent of the chapter shall be liable for acts or failures to act on the part of any other member, officer, or agent. Nor shall any member, officer, or agent be liable for acts or failures to act under these bylaws, excepting only acts or failures to act arising out of willful malfeasance or misfeasance.

Section 4. The chapter shall use its funds only to accomplish the purposes specified in Article II above, and no part of said funds shall inure or be distributed to members with the exception of funds/prizes distributed to members as the result of a board of directors authorized raffle conducted at a chapter meeting.

Section 5. In the event of dissolution of the chapter and after the discharge of all liabilities, the remaining assets shall be given to a nonprofit organization whose purposes and objectives are similar to those of the chapter, such organization to be designated by a majority vote of the board of directors.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be of four classes: Regular, ROTC, Associate and Honorary.

Section 2. Regular Members. The Regular membership of the Chapter shall be composed of men and women who are serving or have served on active duty or in one of the National Guard or reserve components as a commissioned or warrant officer in one of the eight U.S. uniformed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Space Force, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service). All regular members must also be a member in good standing of MOAA National.

Section 3. Surviving Spouse. Surviving spouse members are members whose spouse was a member of MOAA or who, although not a member, was eligible for membership at the time of their death. Persons in this category must also be members of MOAA national. These members will be required to pay dues as stated by the chapter Board of Directors.

Section 4. Associate members. Associate members are the spouse of a regular member in good standing who is elected or appointed to serve on the chapter board and is granted all of the rights and privileges of regular members so long as they hold the elected office and are exempt from paying dues. They are not reported as regular members to MOAA.

Section 5. ROTC Members. Members of a ROTC program are given all of the privileges of a Regular member so long as they are enrolled in the ROTC program.

Section 6. Honorary Members Persons who have performed exemplary service to the chapter are eligible to be nominated as honorary members. Nominations may be submitted by any member of the chapter to the Board for review. The board of directors shall be empowered to accept or reject any application or recommendation for honorary membership. Honorary members do not pay chapter dues, and will remain on the mailing/email list to receive the newsletter and any other communication sent to regular members.

Section 7. Applications for regular membership shall be submitted in writing to the board of directors.

Section 8. The board of directors may drop any member for good and sufficient cause after that member has been given an opportunity to be heard.

Section 9. Regular members are required to hold and maintain membership in national MOAA after a year of new membership in the chapter.

Section 10. Any chapter affiliated with MOAA is expected, upon application to and approval by the council, become affiliated with its state council. Such affiliation does

not authorize the council to participate in the organizational or managerial affairs of the chapter unless requested by the chapter.

ARTICLE V – COMMUNICATIONS

Section 1. The Chapter newsletter is established as the primary official form of communication to disseminate information throughout the chapter.

Section 2. Distribution of the newsletter shall be by email, or in the case of those on the roster without email, by USPS mail.

Section 3. The newsletter will be mailed/emailed no later than 7 days before the general membership meetings.

Section 4. Notice of the general membership meetings, to include speakers, shall be mailed or emailed to each member to be received at least 14 days in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE VI – VOTING

Section 1. Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, all questions coming before the board of directors shall be decided by a majority vote of those present but not less than three. Each board members/committee chair is entitled to voice and vote. Only one vote is allowed per person.

Section 2. Regular, Surviving Spouse, and Associate members in good standing or, as determined by the board of directors, present at a meeting of the chapter shall be entitled to vote.

Section 3. Proxy voting shall not be permitted at any general or board meeting of the chapter.

ARTICLE VII – DUES

Section 1. The annual dues for each member for the next calendar year shall be determined by the board of directors and presented to the membership at the annual meeting.

Section 2. The annual dues for a calendar year shall become due on January 1 of that year.

Section 3. The board of directors, without further notice and further hearing, will drop any member from the rolls who are over 30 days delinquent for failure to pay dues.

Exceptions can be granted by the board of directors for reasons such as medical and other situations that prevent payment of dues. The member shall thereupon forfeit all

