

**THE CHERRY POINT SPOUSE CLUB
CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA
CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I: NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the organization shall be the Cherry Point Spouse Club, Cherry Point, Marine Corps Air Station North Carolina and shall hereinafter be referred to as the “CPSC.”

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1. The CPSC is a 501 (c)(4) non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of not only its members, but also for our Marines, Sailors, military families, and the local community. The CPSC also strives to promote goodwill, fellowship, cultural opportunities, and social activities for its members.

Section 2. The CPSC shall raise funds for charitable purposes which primarily benefit military personnel, their dependents, and the local military community.

Section 3. The CPSC shall operate in accordance with station regulations and policies and shall submit an annual “Request for Authority” to continue operations of the CPSC and the Whistle Stop Thrift Shop to the Base Commander, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina, in accordance with Air Station Order P5760.2b by the date stated in the order. The CPSC shall be a nonprofit organization, organized exclusively for the objectives set forth above, and no part of the income of the CPSC will inure to the benefit of any private member thereof, except those monies designated for scholarships.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

Section 1. Regular members – Dues required. Eligible to hold elective or appointed office.

- a. Spouses of service members who reside in the Cherry Point area.
- b. Spouses of service members who are MIA/POW and widows or widowers of deceased service members residing in the Cherry Point area.
- c. Spouses of retired service members residing in the Cherry Point area.

Section 2. Associate Members – Dues required. Eligible to hold appointed office. Membership extended to a person(s) who contributes to the enrichment of the CPSC goals and purposes. This person(s) must be presented to the CPSC board by name and voted by majority in attendance at the start of each OSC fiscal year.

Section 3. Honorary Members – Dues not required. Honorary membership may be extended to Advisors of the CPSC.

Section 4. Eligibility of member

- a. Regular members shall be eligible to serve as elected or appointed officers of the CPSC and have the right to vote.
- b. Honorary members are not entitled to hold elective office of the CPSC.

Section 5. There will be no membership discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, age, disability, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or otherwise subjected to unlawful discrimination.

Section 6. Membership in the CPSC does not in itself confer the privilege of using station facilities. Members authorized to do so in their individual rights may do so.

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The CPSC board will govern the affairs of the general membership of the CPSC. The duties of the elected and appointed officers will be those normally pertaining to the offices as outlined in the bylaws.

Section 2. The CPSC board shall consist of:

- a. Honorary Presidents
- b. Executive Advisors
- c. Elected Officers
- d. Appointed Officers
- e. Unit Representatives

Section 3. Elected officers shall be installed at the annual meeting in May to serve a term of one year. Elected Officers shall assume responsible ability for their office on June 1.

ARTICLE V: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order” shall govern the CPSC in all cases to which they are applicable in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution, bylaws, standing rules and any special rules of order that the CPSC may adopt.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Subject to the approval of the Base Commander, this Constitution may be amended at any general membership meeting of the CPSC by a two-thirds vote of the regular and members present with thirty (30) days written notice of the proposed change made available to the membership.

Section 2. Members may motion to make changes at the general membership meeting. The motion must be seconded, discussed, and then up for vote at the following general membership meeting.

Section 3. All amendment properties properly submitted must be brought to vote before the end of the CPSC fiscal year.

Section 4. This constitution, amended January 13, 2022, rescinds and supersedes all previously written constitutions of the Cherry Point Officers' Spouses' Club and the Cherry Point Spouse Club, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina.

ARTICLE VII: DISSOLUTION

Section 1. The CPSC may be dissolved by using the same procedure as described in Article VI, Section.1, in amending the Constitution. Additionally, the Base Commander, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina, may decide to withdraw authorization to operate aboard the installation at any time. In the event of a dissolution, after all bills and valid debts are paid, any and all funds, assets, and property shall be contributed to the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society. An audit will be conducted and the report forwarded to MCCA. All other records will also be forwarded to MCCA.

Section 2. In the event the CPSC is dissolved due to insolvency or is insolvent at the time of dissolution, individual members of the CPSC are by virtue of membership alone, personally liable to discharge any liabilities.