

**THE OFFICERS' SPOUSES' CLUB
CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA
CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I: NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the organization shall be the Cherry Point Officers' Spouses' Club, Cherry Point, Marine Corps Air Station, North Carolina and shall hereinafter be referred to as the "OSC."

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1. The OSC 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 OSC also strives to promote goodwill, fellowship, cultural opportunity, and social activities for its members.

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

Section 3. The OSC shall operate in accordance with station regulations and policies and shall submit an annual "Request for Authority" to continue operations of the OSC, the Whistle Stop Thrift Shop, and the Treasures of the Point Gift Shoppe, formerly known as The Cherry Point Sampler, to the Base Commander, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina, in accordance with Air Station Order P5760.2b by June 30. The OSC shall be a nonprofit organization, organized exclusively for the objectives set forth above, and no part of the income of the OSC 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 Commissioned and Warrant Officers who reside in the Cherry Point area.
- b. Spouses of Commissioned and Warrant Officers who are MIA/POW and widows or widowers of deceased Commissioned and Warrant Officers residing in the Cherry Point area.
- c. Spouses of retired Commissioned and Warrant Officers 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 OSC goals and purposes. This person(s) must be presented to the OSC board by name and voted by majority in attendance at the start of each OSC fiscal year.

Section 3. Honorary Members – Dues not required.

- a. Honorary membership is extended to the members of the Executive Advisory Board.
- b. Honorary membership may be extended to the spouse of retired or deceased Marine Corps General Officers.

Section 4. Eligibility of member

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

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 OSC does not it 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 OSC board will govern the affairs of the membership of the OSC. The duties of the elected and appointed officers will be those normally pertaining to the offices as outlined in the bylaws.

Section 2. The OSC board shall consist of:

- a. Honorary President
- 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 term of one year. Elected Officers shall assume responsible ability for their office on June 1.

ARTICLE V: PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern the OSC 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 OSC may adopt.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Subject to the approval of the Base Commander, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, this Constitution may be amended at any monthly meeting of the OSC by a two-thirds vote of the regular and

associate members present, provided thirty (30) days written notice of the proposed change was made available to the membership.

Section 2. Changes may be proposed by the OSC Board on its own motion, by the Constitution Committee as deemed necessary, or upon written request of fifteen (15) members made to the OSC Board.

Section 3. All amendments properly submitted must be brought to vote before the end of the OSC fiscal year.

Section 4. This constitution, amended August 2017, rescinds and supersedes all previously written constitutions of the Cherry Point Officers' Spouses' Club, Marine Corps Air Station, and Cherry Point, North Carolina.

ARTICLE VII: DISSOLUTION

Section 1. The OSC may be dissolved by using the same procedures 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 such 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 OSC is dissolved due to insolvency or is insolvent at the time of dissolution, individual members of the OSC are by virtue of membership alone, personally liable to discharge any liabilities.