



Palm Springs Chapter
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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the

PALM SPRINGS CHAPTER of the MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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1 September 1974

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30 April 1991

4 April 1992

20 October 1995

19 March 1999

18 February 2003

1 October 2007

1 October 2008

1 January 2013

1 October 2013

15 May 2015

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Chapter shall be:

- (a) To promote the aims of the National Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) as stated in the preamble of the By-Laws of MOAA.
- (b) To further the legislation and other objectives of MOAA and of this Chapter.
- (c) To encourage and facilitate camaraderie among active, retired, and former officers of the uniform services.
- (d) To provide useful services for, and to protect the interests of members, their dependents, and their survivors.

(e) To provide for a scholarship program directed to the families of Chapter members, the JROTC programs at the Coachella Valley high schools, and to children of military personnel, as approved by the Board of Directors.

(f) To cooperate with, and participate as an active member in the statewide CAL-MOAA organization (a Council of Chapters).

ARTICLE III – STATUS

Section 1. The Palm Springs Chapter of MOAA shall be a non-profit, tax-exempt association, operated exclusively for the purpose specified in Article II, above.

Section 2. Officers and other Directors shall not receive any stated compensation for their services, but the Board of Directors may authorize reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of Chapter duties.

Section 3. Nothing herein shall constitute members of this Chapter as partners for any purposes. No member, officer or agent of this Chapter shall be liable for the acts, or failure to act on the part of any other member, officer, or agent. Nor shall any member, officer, or agent be liable for his acts or failure to act under these By-Laws, excepting only acts or omissions to act arising out of malfeasance.

Section 4. This Chapter shall use its funds only to accomplish the purposes specified in Article II, above, and no part of said funds shall inure to, or be distributed to members.

Section 5. In the event of dissolution of this Chapter, and after the discharge of all of its liabilities, the remaining assets shall be given to a non-profit organization whose purposes and objectives are similar to those of this Chapter, such organization to be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility: Membership in the Palm Springs Chapter, MOAA shall be comprised of men and women who are, or who have been Commissioned Officers or Warrant Officers in one of the seven U.S. Uniformed Services and the Components of these services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service), as well as widows and widowers of any deceased officer who would, if living, be eligible for membership. The three classes of membership are:

(a) Regular Membership: Shall be extended to those active duty officers, duly retired officers, and former officers of the services who were duly separated under conditions acceptable to the Board of Directors. Regular members are required to pay annual Chapter dues.

(b) Surviving Spouse Membership: Shall be extended to widows and widowers of deceased officers who would, if living, be eligible for regular membership. Auxiliary members are required to pay annual Chapter dues.

(c) Honorary Membership: The Chapter may institute honorary memberships upon the recommendation and approval of the Board of Directors. Honorary members are not required to pay annual Chapter dues.

Section 2. Application for membership shall be in writing, addressed to the Chapter.

Section 3. The Board has full authority to accept or reject any membership application. No applicant who is qualified shall be denied membership on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age.

Section 4. Membership in the Chapter shall remain in force so long as the member maintains current status by payment of –dues, or as otherwise provided, and meets the requirements established by these By-Laws. The Board may drop any member for cause after that member has had an opportunity to be heard.

Section 5. Any regular or surviving spouse member in good standing shall be entitled to vote on any matter properly submitted to the membership for decision.

Section 6. Chapter Elected Officers and Directors are required to hold and maintain membership in National MOAA. Regular members are encouraged but not required to hold and maintain membership in National MOAA.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected Officers and at least three (3) Directors. This Board is empowered to act in the name of the Chapter in situations requiring action between regularly scheduled meetings and to conduct the business of the Chapter. The Board will meet monthly at the call of the President.

Section 2. The Officers of the Chapter shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3. The term of office of elected Officers shall be two years with the exception of Directors who are elected for three-year terms (staggered). A term of office may be extended if there are no volunteers to assume the office, the member agrees, and the Board of Directors concurs in having the member serve another term.

Section 4. The President shall fill interim vacancies for any elected Officer or Board member.

Section 5. The President shall be the presiding officer of the Chapter and shall conduct monthly Chapter meetings and the monthly Board of Directors meetings. The President shall also, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint standing and special committees, as may be required by the By-Laws or may be advisable.

(a) The First Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and shall be responsible for Chapter meeting programs.

- (b) The Second Vice President shall be responsible for the selection of Chapter meeting locations and meal arrangements.
- (c) The Third Vice President shall be responsible for membership records, the membership roster, annual submission of dues letters to members, and recruitment.
- (d) The Secretary shall record minutes of meetings, mail notices of meetings and handle correspondence.
- (e) The Treasurer shall receive, deposit, expend, and account for all Chapter funds. The Treasurer shall maintain a bank account with a minimum of two signatures available to the bank; however, checks may be signed by any one of the authorized persons.

Section 6. Officers and Directors are expected to attend regular monthly meetings of the Board of Directors. In the event an Officer or Director is absent from three consecutive meetings for unexplained reasons other than a physical disability, it will be presumed that he/she had voluntarily resigned his/her office.

Section 7. Standing committees shall include: Legislative, Scholarship, and Personal Affairs/Sunshine. Special committees and positions shall include: Chaplain, JROTC Coordinator, Historian, The Courier Editor and Follies. The President may appoint additional standing committees, special committees and positions as may be required or desired.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting: An annual meeting for the election of Officers and Directors shall be held in April. Officers and Directors shall be installed at an appropriate ceremony in May. There shall be a Nominating Committee appointed by the President which will report a slate in The Courier for the March meeting and also at the April Annual Meeting, at which time nominations may be received from the floor. All nominations must have the approval of the nominee.

Section 2. Regular Meetings: Regular social meetings of the Chapter will normally be held on the third Friday of each month October through May, unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors. Notice of the time and place of each meeting should be mailed to each member at the last recorded address at least fifteen (15) days in advance of each meeting. Publication of the notice in The Courier will meet this requirement.

Section 3. Special Meetings: The President may call special meetings. Notice of any special meeting shall be mailed to each member at the last recorded address at least fifteen (15) days in advance with a statement of the time and place and information as to the subject or subjects to be considered.

Section 4. Quorum: Ten percent (10%) of the voting membership in good standing, at any time, shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business of the Chapter. A simple majority of those present and voting shall govern.

Section 5. Flag: The American flag shall be displayed and honored at all annual, regular, and special meetings of this Chapter.

ARTICLE VII – DUES

Section 1. The annual dues for Regular and Surviving Spouse members shall be determined by a two-thirds vote of Directors. Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues.

Section 2. Regular and Surviving Spouse Members will be billed as of 1 January each year. A billing and a return envelope will be sent out annually prior to 1 January.

Section 3. Members who fail to pay their dues within sixty (60) days from the time they become due shall, without further notice, be dropped from the rolls, and thereupon forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

Section 4. Members who have been dropped for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated upon reapplication and payment of the annual dues for the current year.

ARTICLE VIII – ACCOUNTING YEAR

The accounting year shall be January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE IX – CHAPTER PUBLICATION

Section 1. The Courier shall be the official Chapter publication for all purposes requiring Chapter member notification.

Section 2. The President is authorized to appoint a Courier Editor responsible to him/her for publication coordination.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any duly authorized meeting of the Chapter, provided that a copy of any amendment proposed for consideration has been mailed to the last recorded address of each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting. The Courier publication shall meet this requirement.

ARTICLE XI – CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that these By-Laws supersede all previous By-Laws and were approved and adopted at the regular meeting of the Palm Springs Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America in Palm Desert, California, and last amended on 15 May 2019.

/s/ Robert Q. Ramirez

President

/s/ Dean Dierks

Secretary