

TINKER SPOUSES' CLUB **CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

The name of this organization will be the Tinker Spouses' Club and will hereafter be referred to as the Tinker Spouses' Club (TSC). The objectives of this club are to promote social activities among the members of the TSC; to organize, develop, and sponsor charitable welfare organizations under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code; and to promote other activities related to the TSC and community, subject to approval by the 72d Air Base Wing Commander.

ARTICLE II - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section A. 72nd Air Base Wing Commander

The TSC operates on a Tinker Air Force Base only with the consent of the 72d Air Base Wing Commander. Operation is contingent on compliance with the requirements and conditions of all applicable Air Force regulations.

Section B. Authorized Payouts

The TSC will not pay any member or anyone eligible for membership for any service except the positions of Thrift Shop Manager, Thrift Shop bookkeeper, or Thrift Shop Cashier. Income will not accrue to individual members except through wages and salaries for Private Organization employees or other payment for services rendered to the Private Organization or military community.

Section C. Non-Compete with AAFES or NAFIs

The TSC will not compete or duplicate activities of AAFES or NAFIs.

Section D. Non-Sanctioned Activity

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the TSC will not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the TSC. Other activities in keeping with the purposes of the TSC may be authorized by the membership. Administration of activities, that are not specifically covered in this constitution, may be delegated by the membership to specified officers or committees.

ARTICLE III – LIABILITY

The TSC is subject to such restrictions, laws, taxes, licenses, and ordinances that may be imposed on it by local, state, and federal jurisdiction. All members should be advised that under the laws of Oklahoma for organizational debts in the event financial liability incurred by the TSC might result in individual personal financial responsibility if the treasury fails to discharge obligations.

All members shall have access to this Constitution and the Bylaws and shall read the Articles on financing prior to initiation and periodically thereafter. If any requirement for the payment of dues has been passed by the membership, the amount of dues shall be revealed to any member prior to becoming a member.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND GOVERNING BODY

Section A. Elected Officers

1. The President, Charitable Vice President, Operations Vice President, Secretary, Operations Treasurer, and Charitable Treasurer will be elected as provided for in the By-Laws.

Section B. Honorary Officers/ Advisors

1. The Honorary President, who is the most senior spouse assigned to Tinker Air Force Base, may serve voluntarily and as a non-voting member of the Executive Board . They will serve as an advisor to the President and Advisors, and their degree of participation in the affairs of the Club will be left to their discretion.
2. The Advisors of the TSC are the spouses of senior leaders as defined by the TSC By-Laws. They will not have imposed upon them the responsibility of elected officers. The degree of participation in the affairs of the Club will be left to their discretion. The Advisors are non-voting members of the TSC Board. Advisors pay dues have all the privileges of active members and have the right to vote at general membership meetings.
3. The Advisors shall serve in an advisory capacity unless designated by the TSC President to the Executive Board, the Board of Governors, and the entire TSC and are non-voting members of the Executive Board and Board of Governors.
4. At least one Advisor must be in attendance at all TSC Board Meetings, and General Membership Meetings, in accordance with the By-laws.

Section C. Appointed Officer

1. The Parliamentarian will be appointed by the President.

Section D. The Executive Board

1. The Executive Board is an advisory body to the President and will consist of the Honorary President, Advisors, Elected Officers, and the Parliamentarian.
2. The Honorary President and Advisors may be part of the Executive Board at his/her discretion upon the request of the President. They will meet at the request of the President.

Section E. The Board of Governors

1. The Board of Governors consists of the Executive Board and Chairpersons of Committees or a representative.

Section F. Board of Governors

1. The Board of Governors shall serve a term beginning 1 June and ending 31 May.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

General membership in the TSC is voluntary and will include three categories: Regular, Associate, and Honorary, as defined in this Constitution. The TSC does not discriminate in the selection of Board members or in its membership policies based on age, ethnic group, race, religion, gender identity or sexual orientation, or national origin.

Anyone participating in TSC-sponsored activities must be a dues-paying member of TSC, excluding guests and Honorary Members.

Section A. Regular Members

1. Spouses of active-duty military officers, enlisted, retirees, guard, reserves or equivalent civilians stationed at Tinker Air Force Base are eligible. Regular Members are entitled to all privileges and benefits of full membership, including the right to vote and hold office.
2. Spouses of active-duty military assigned to Tinker AFB while their spouses are assigned to other areas may be Regular Members.
3. Spouses of active-duty military officers, enlisted, or equivalent civilians with official Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders to Tinker AFB are eligible for membership in this club.
4. Former Spouses that have been granted base access may be Regular Members.
5. Active-Duty members may be Regular Members.
6. Spouses and adult relatives residing in the same household of retired members.
7. Widows/widowers of military members.
8. Adult relatives residing in the same household as active-duty members or civilians stationed at/or with official military orders to Tinker Air Force Base. Adult relatives of military members or civilians at Tinker Air Force Base are not eligible to hold positions as officers of the TSC.
9. Spouses of active-duty military members from all US military branches stationed at Tinker AFB, or assigned to positions in the Oklahoma City area may be Regular Members.
10. Spouses of foreign active-duty military assigned to Tinker AFB may be Regular Members.

Section B. Honorary Members

1. An Honorary Member is one who does not possess the prerequisites for Regular Membership. That title is bestowed on deserving individuals selected by the Board of Governors on the basis of a specified one-year membership. It will have all the privileges of Regular Members, excluding the right to make motions, vote, hold elected office, Board positions, or chair positions.

Section C. Termination of Membership

1. Failure to pay dues and/or assessments will cause TSC membership to be terminated. However, a member may be reinstated upon written application to the Board of Governors and after full payment of back dues and/or assessments.
2. The Board of Governors may terminate membership when the conduct of a member brings discredit to the TSC, or if there is a change in the member's eligibility for membership.

Section D. Non-Discrimination

The Tinker Spouses' Club may not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, color, national origin, disability, ethnic group, or gender including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

ARTICLE VI - METHOD OF FINANCING

Section A. Operational Account

1. This organization will establish an Operations Account composed of dues voted on by the General Membership, donations, and designated fundraisers. This money shall be utilized for operational expenses of the TSC (entertainment, publication, decorations, etc.). The Board of Governors is authorized to transfer money, that is in excess of the operational expenses of the TSC from the Operations Account to the Charitable Account. In so acting, the Board of Governors shall ensure that a reasonable sum, as stipulated in the TSC By-Laws, shall remain in the Operations Account for use by the next Board. All fundraising activities require approval from the 72d Air Base Wing Commander.

Section B. Welfare Fund

1. This organization will establish a Charitable Account, the assets for which will be provided from this organization's proceeds from the Thrift Shop and other fundraising activities, which may be established by this organization for such purpose. All amounts in this fund, as required by law, will be used exclusively for charitable or other purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. All fundraising activities require approval from the 72d Air Base Wing Commander.

ARTICLE VII - ACTIVITIES

This organization's activities will be both social and fundraising to be decided by the General Membership.

Section A. Social Activities

1. The social activities among the members may include, but are not limited to the following: Book Club, Bunco, Crafty crew, Dinner Out, and Lunch Bunch, playgroup.

Section B. Fundraising Activities

1. The fundraising activities of the members may include, but are not limited to the following: Special Events (i.e. Silent Auction), Thrift Shop, Ways and Means.

Section C. Community Service

1. The community service activities of the members may include, but are not limited to Back-to-school brigade, Diaper and Wipes Giveaway, Monthly Social Charity of the Month Donations.

ARTICLE VIII - Constitution Bylaws Review and Policy & Procedures

The Constitution, Bylaws Review Policy & Procedures shall be reviewed every two years by the Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee according to AFI 34-223. When there is a change in the purpose, function, or membership eligibility of the PO, whichever comes first and must be reviewed by the installation Staff Judge Advocate

ARTICLE IX - ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution will be proposed, in writing, by the review committee or any five regular members at any meeting of the Board of Governors. The proposed amendments will be made available for examination by members for a period of at least 28 days prior to voting. The changes will become effective upon adoption by a majority vote of the voting members present at any regularly scheduled meeting. On adoption, the amendments will be subject to final approval by the 72d Air Base Wing Commander. However, the Board of Governors may amend this Constitution whenever necessary to achieve compliance with any changes in Air Force regulations or directives; notification will be given to the membership within 28 days of any such amendments.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

Operation of the TS may be terminated by recommendation of the TSC Governing Board, with the approval of the 72nd Mission Support Group Commander. In case of dissolution of the organization, whatever funds are contained in the treasury at the time will be used to satisfy any outstanding debts, liabilities, or obligations shall be in accordance with military regulation. Upon the dissolution of the TSC, all funds and property, real or personal, in excess of liabilities shall be disposed of by recommendations of the Governing Board of Directors with the approval of the general membership, and the 72nd Support Group Commander, in accordance with Air Force Instructions, and shall only be used to further the charitable purposes of this organization. This shall be accomplished with the approval of the Support Group Commander.

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Ratified by Membership Date: _____

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