

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NEW YORK STATE CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER, INC.
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

PREAMBLE

The general aims and objectives of this organization shall be:

- To promote and stimulate love of our Country and our Flag;
- To defend the honor, integrity and supremacy of our National Government and the Constitution of the United States;
- To advocate military forces adequate to the defense of our Country, and to oppose any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the National Security;
- To aid active and retired personnel of the uniformed services, their dependents and survivors, in every proper and legitimate manner; and
- To create harmony and a spirit of camaraderie among all retired officers of the uniformed services of the United States through an organization program of social and fraternal activities to accomplish these aims.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be:

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ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization will be:

1. To bring together commissioned officers and warrant officers, active and retired, and persons who have held a status as commissioned or warrant officers of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (and its predecessor, the Coast and Geodetic Survey) and the reserve components thereof, for the purpose of supporting the objectives as stated in the Preamble hereof, and for such other worthy causes as may be determined by the organization, and
2. To actively support the general aims and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. The membership of the Chapter shall be composed of (a) men and women who are or have been commissioned or warrant officers of the seven U.S. uniformed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health

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Service) or the reserve or other components of those services and (b) widows and widowers of any deceased individuals who would, if living, be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Subject to the eligibility requirements set forth above, these two classes of membership are established:

1. Regular members: Officers who meet the requirements for membership in the Military Officers Association of America.
2. Surviving spouses: Widows and widowers of any deceased individuals who would, if living, be eligible for membership.

Section 3. The Board of Directors may grant honorary membership to certain individuals in recognition of their services to the nation, the military officer community or the Chapter. Normally, an individual eligible for regular or surviving spouse membership is not eligible for honorary membership. However, if a person holds an elective or appointive office at the national, state, or local level, that person may be granted honorary membership during the tenure of office. The Board of Directors may also grant honorary membership to certain foreign officers. Honorary membership shall not convey any voting rights and shall not entail any requirements for the payment of dues.

Section 4. Application for regular or surviving spouse membership shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors. Recommendations for honorary membership shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors by regular or surviving spouse members. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to accept or reject any application or recommendation for membership.

Section 5. Membership shall not be denied based on Race/Ethnicity, Color, National Origin, Sex, Disability, Age, Citizenship Status, Genetic Information, Marital Status, Sexual Orientation, Political Activities, Use of Service Dogs, or any other protected Class as defined by United States Law or the Law of the State of New York.

Section 6. Regular and surviving spouse members are required to hold and maintain membership in the Military Officers Association of America.

Section 7. The Board of Directors may drop any member for good and sufficient cause, after the member has been given an opportunity to be heard.

Section 8. All regular and surviving spouse members shall be entitled to vote in this Chapter.

ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this chapter shall be:

1. President
2. First Vice President

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3. Second Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer

Section 2. Any regular member shall be eligible for election as President, First or Second Vice President. Any regular or surviving spouse shall be eligible for any other elective office.

Section 3. A vacancy in the office of President shall normally be filled automatically by the First Vice President. A vacancy in the office of First Vice President shall be normally filled automatically by the Second Vice President. Vacancies in any other office shall be filled as the Board of Directors may decide.

ARTICLE V- STATUS

Section 1. The Chapter shall be a non-profit organization, operated exclusively for the purposes specified in Article II above.

Section 2. Officers, directors and appointive 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 the 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 the acts or failures to act under these bylaws, excepting only acts or failures to act arising out of that person's willful 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 its members.

Section 5. There may come a time at which it is deemed necessary to dissolve this organization and it shall cease to exist. Any monetary or other assets shall be used to satisfy any obligations. Any assets, remaining monetary or other assets, in existence at that time shall be dispersed to certified Tax Exempt organizations with similar goals and interests.

Section 6. No person shall be a member of the Chapter if there is any chance that they might have a Conflict of Interest in such membership. Examples of such Conflict of Interest include but are not limited to: receiving compensation or assets worth a monetary amount from any company, agency, or organization that provides any goods or services used in the conduct of the Organization's operation.

ARTICLE VI- THE AMERICAN FLAG

Section 1. The American Flag shall be displayed at all meetings of this Chapter.

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ARTICLE VII- AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. The Constitution of the Chapter may be amended, or a new Constitution may be adopted, as follows:

The reading of proposed amendment(s) or a new Constitution is made by the Board of Directors at a given Chapter meeting and posted on the Chapter website. It is tabled until the following Chapter meeting, whereupon the Board of Directors presents its recommendation(s) as to the merit. The amendment(s) or new Constitution are voted upon and must be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present.

This version of the Constitution supersedes all previous versions. It includes the fifth and sixth revisions that appear for the first time in this version.

The original Constitution of this Chapter was adopted on 16 September 1971.

- First revision: April 1972
- Second revision: 6 April 1976
- Third revision: 17 November 1983
- Fourth revision: 21 March 2004
- *Fifth revision: 10 April 2016*
- *Sixth revision: 11 June 2023*

I certify that the *fifth* and *sixth* revisions of this Constitution were approved at regular meetings of the New York State Capital District Chapter, Inc., Military Officers Association of America at Rexford, New York, on 10 April 2016, and at Lansingburgh, New York, on 11 June 2023.

/s/

Alfred M. Memole, LTC USA RET
President
26 February 2026