

Quantico Riding Club CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME AND AUTHORITY

Section 1. The name of this association shall be the Quantico Riding Club, hereinafter referred to as the QRC. The QRC is a private, self-sustaining, non-Federal instrumentality operated on the Quantico Marine Corp Base installation with the consent of the Installation Commander, by individuals acting exclusively outside the scope of any official capacity as officers, employees or agents of the federal government.

Section 2. The QRC is organized as a membership association, under the provisions of Marine Corps Base Order 7010.1. It is entitled to limited assistance in accordance with applicable provisions of MCO 5760.4B and DoDI 1000.15. Accounting procedures will be in accordance with MCBO 7010.1.

ARTICLE II

ORGANIZATION & OFFICERS

Section 1. The Board of Directors, herein referred to as the "Board," shall consist of the elected officers of the QRC.

Section 2. The elected officers of the QRC shall be:

President	Vice-President
Stable Officer	Facilities/Maintenance Officer
Safety Officer	Finance Officer
Secretary	

Section 3. Election and terms of officers

a. Officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual membership meeting held in September each year. The initial Board of Directors shall be derived from the elected Focus Group until the September election. The slate of nominees is proposed by a three person nominating committee. Nominations from the floor will be accepted for all positions. Elections to fill single vacancies may be held at any regular meeting.

b. Officers shall be installed at the Annual meeting and take office at the October Board meeting. Any officer may be elected to succeed him or herself in office, except the President and Vice-President who may serve no more than two consecutive terms in that position".

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- c. Any regular member is eligible for election to any office.
- d. One vote is allowed per boarder contract. Written proxies are acceptable.
- e. A two-thirds majority of ballots cast shall decide the election.
- f. All incumbent officers are required to attend the first board meeting of the new board, regardless if re-elected or not, to provide continuity.
- g. In the event of death, resignation, or transfer from Quantico of the President, the Vice-President will call a special meeting of the QRC within 30 days for the purpose of electing a new President.
- h. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

ARTICLE III

CLUB MISSION & OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The mission of the Quantico Riding Club is to provide an equestrian facility and services to active duty, retired and civilian (DOD) personnel and dependents of eligible personnel within the National Capital Region. Our services will include a boarding facility, riding program, youth equestrian activities, beautification of trails, where authorized, and promotion of community equestrian activities. A portion of the QRC's net income at the close of the calendar year will be donated to charitable organizations.

Section 2. The objectives of the Quantico Riding Club are:

- a. To provide a safe, family-oriented facility for use by active, retired, reserve/guard members and DOD civilians and dependents of eligible personnel in the National Capital Region.
- b. To instruct children and adults in riding techniques and etiquette.
- c. To encourage proper respect for and compliance with local and Federal laws.
- d. To teach and promote good animal management.
- e. To further fellowship by instructive and demonstrative measures.
- f. To support youth activities which are involved with horsemanship, such as Pony Club, 4-H, and scouting by providing instructional tours and meeting space.
- g. To actively support the Quantico Natural Resources, Environmental Affairs Section, and Facilities Division, where possible.
- h. To provide facilities for meetings and recreational use by QRC members and their

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guests.

- i. To promote interest among non-riders in riding and the proper care of horses.
- j. To promote and sponsor recreational and competitive riding and instruction.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Individuals seeking membership in the QRC shall complete the required documentation, present qualifying identification, and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, age, religion, national origin, or sex.

Section 2. The following classes of individuals are eligible for regular membership in the QRC:

- a. Active-duty military and their authorized family members.
- b. Retired military personnel and their authorized family members.
- c. Reserve/National Guard members.
- d. DOD civilians employed and/or retired.
- e. Non-DOD civilians who were boarding horses at the time the QRC was formed will be granted membership.

Section 3. Associate membership will be granted to individuals who do not board a horse at the stable but wish to use the stable facilities on a regular basis.

Section 4. Membership is attained by application to and approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. The non-refundable one-time membership fee for regular members shall be \$60.00, to be paid when membership application is submitted. An annual, non-refundable membership fee for associate members shall be \$60.00, to be paid when membership application is submitted and on each subsequent anniversary thereof.

Section 2. Membership in the QRC is subject to payment of required dues, and to such minimum attendance and participation requirements determined by the Board to be essential to the attainment of QRC objectives.

Section 3. The amount of dues and any other fees and assessments shall be determined by the

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Board, voted on by the membership, and published by the Secretary.

ARTICLE VI

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Board may suspend any individual from membership when they can show a specific violation of the QRC Constitution and Bylaws or the QRC's policies and regulations by that individual. The Secretary shall immediately notify a member in writing of the intent of the Board to suspend him/her from membership. Any member so notified may appeal the action of the Board to the membership at the next regular meeting. In such case the action of the membership on the appeal shall be final. In the absence of an appeal at the first regular membership meeting following notification of the individual's intended suspension, the action of the Board shall be final and not subject to further appeal. Reimbursement of membership fees to suspended members is not authorized.

Section 2. Individual membership privileges may be denied to or withdrawn from members as recommended by the Board for:

- a. Infraction of the rules as stated in the SOP.
- b. Failure to pay dues or fees per the Bylaws.
- c. Any act prejudicial to the good order or welfare of the QRC.
- d. Four non-excused absences from workdays.
- e. Debarment from Quantico, MCB.

Section 3. Any member desiring to resign shall submit their resignation in writing to the Secretary, who shall present it to the Board of Directors for action.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

Section 1. There will be three general membership meetings of the QRC to be held in January, April, and July. The annual membership meeting and elections will be held in September. Written proxies will be accepted.

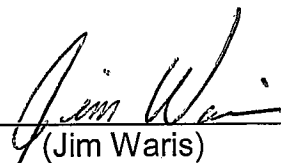
Section 2. The Board shall meet at least once per month at the call of the president. The minutes of such meetings will be made available to the QRC membership within one week of the meeting.

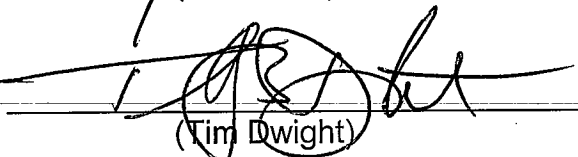
Section 3. Special meetings of the QRC and the Board shall be held at the call of the President or by written request of at least one-fifth of the members to question any Board action. The will of the majority of those present and voting will prevail.

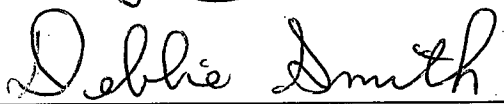
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Section 4. Workdays will be called by the Board for the repair, improvement and upkeep of the facilities at least seven days in advance. All members are expected to participate.

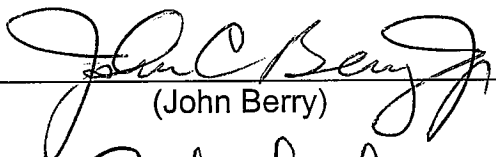
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(Jim Waris)

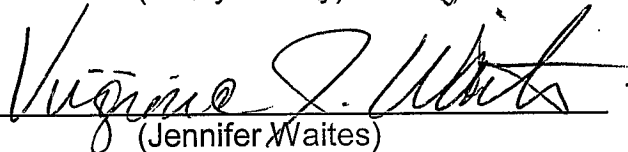
Signed:  Title: Vice-President
(Tim Dwight)

Signed:  Title: Stable Officer
(Debbie Smith)

Signed:  Title: Facilities/Maintenance Officer
(Tom Chapman)

Signed:  Title: Safety Officer
(John Berry)

Signed:  Title: Secretary
(Cathy Cherry)

Signed:  Title: Finance Officer
(Jennifer Waites)

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