

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this Association shall be the Brigadier General Robert Cardenas San Diego Chapter of the Air Force Association (AFA) California.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

The Association provides an organization through which we, as free people, may unite to address the defense responsibilities of our nation imposed by the many advances in aerospace technology that have been, and will continue to be made; to educate the members and the public at large as to what that technology can contribute to the security of free people and the betterment of mankind; and to advocate and support military preparedness of the United States and its allies adequate to maintain the security of the United States and the free world.

ARTICLE III

LIMITS

The Chapter shall be civilian and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles, nor for the promotion of candidacy of any person seeking office or preferment, nor for any other personal or commercial gain.

The Chapter shall operate exclusively for the purposes specified in AFA's Articles of Incorporation, and shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon dissolution of the Chapter, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. A member of the Association shall be deemed to be a member of this Chapter if they shall either have filed application for such membership with this Chapter, or shall have been assigned to this Chapter through automatic

affiliation, or shall have paid their AFA dues through, or credited the same to, this Chapter. Members in good standing may transfer their affiliation to any Chapter of the Association. No member of this Chapter may be a member of any other Chapter at the same time. No person may join the Chapter without first being a member of the Air Force Association.

Section 2. Community Partners. A company or business that wishes to support the aims of the Air Force Association for greater community understanding of the need for aerospace power in the defense of the nation may apply for affiliation with the Air Force Association and the Chapter as an AFA Community Partner.

ARTICLE V

FINANCE

Section 1. Dues. Annual dues are paid to the Air Force Association as required by the Association. No other dues are required.

Section 2. Fiscal and Operating Years. The Fiscal Year of the Chapter shall be 1 January to 31 December. The Operating Year for tenure of officers, etc., shall be October 1 to September 30.

ARTICLE VI

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings. The Chapter shall meet at least quarterly. The meeting in September shall be the annual meeting for the election of officers. Special meetings may be called by the President, by majority vote of the Executive Committee (EXCOM), or upon written request of ten (10) of its members.

Section 2. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of 50 percent plus 1 of the members present for any meeting.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. The Chapter's monthly regular meeting date is on the last Thursday of every other month beginning in February. Members will be notified of a special meeting, by mail, email, or other verified method, no less than 15 days prior to the special meeting.

Section 4. Voting. Each member of the Chapter shall be entitled to one vote in all proceedings.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Officers. The officers of the Chapter shall be a *President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer*. Additional officers may be appointed by the President. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve for a period of 2 years, and thereafter until their successors are elected. In the event that a quorum is not present for the election, the election will be conducted by mail ballot to all members.

Section 2. Appointed Officers. The President may appoint additional officers with the approval of the Executive Committee to serve concurrently with the President. Appointed officers may be removed from office by the President or by a majority vote of the EXCOM.

Section 3. Vacancies. In case of a vacancy in any elective office, it shall be filled by appointment of the President for the remainder of the unexpired term and thereafter until a successor is elected, except that in the case of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, the duties of that office shall be assumed by the Executive Vice President until such time as a President shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. President. The President shall: exercise the powers and perform the duties assigned by the Constitution and Bylaws; supervise the management of the Chapter; enforce the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws; appoint all standing and special committees or councils; and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. The President shall be Chairman of the EXCOM.

Section 2. The Vice President. The Vice President shall: perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or by the EXCOM and shall discharge the duties of the President whenever the disability or absence of the President as determined by the EXCOM makes such service advisable.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall: keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings and of all other matters of which a record shall be ordered by the EXCOM; notify the officers and all members of committees of their election or appointment; issue notices of special meetings; and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the EXCOM or that are usually incident to the office.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall: collect and disburse all funds and be the custodian of such funds; make an annual financial report, and at such other times as requested by the EXCOM or by the President; make financial records available for

inspection by any member of the EXCOM when requested; and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the EXCOM or are usually incident to the office.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees. Standing Committees shall be Membership, Communication, Aerospace Education, Programs, and Community Partners. The President, annually, shall appoint the members of each Standing Committee, designate the chairpersons, and fill vacancies.

Section 2. Special Committees. Special Committees may be created by the President or the EXCOM. The President shall appoint the members of such committees, designate the chairpersons, and fill vacancies. (When any special committee so created makes its final report, the committee ceases to exist.)

Section 3. Meetings. Standing and Special Committees shall meet after due notice to its members is given by its chairperson, by the President, by the EXCOM, or upon the written request of a majority of its members.

Section 3. Reports. Each committee shall keep a record of its proceedings and shall make a written report of its activities as may be required by the EXCOM.

Section 4. Duties. Each committee shall be charged with the duties assigned to it by the Constitution and Bylaws, by the President, or the EXCOM. Any question which may arise as to the jurisdiction of a committee shall be determined by the President.

ARTICLE X

DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Complaints against the Chapter or elected or appointed officers of the Chapter shall be handled as specified in Article XV of the AFA Constitution and in the Operations and Procedures Manual under Disciplinary Procedures.

Section 2. This Chapter shall not enter into any agreements, leases or other commitments or involvements of any kind or nature whatsoever, the direct or indirect effect of which shall be to legally obligate or constrain the AFA, without the prior written approval of the President of the AFA; nor shall they engage in any activity contrary to, or inconsistent with, the objectives or policies of the AFA.

ARTICLE XI

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitutions and Bylaws and any special rules of order the Chapter may adopt.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a Chapter meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given by the Secretary to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Adopted _____
Dick Jeffreys, President, _____ Date
Brigadier General Robert Cardenas San Diego Chapter

ENDORSEMENTS

California State President _____ Date

Far West Region President _____ Date

AFA Vice Chairman of the Board – Field Operations _____ Date