

## **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME**

The name of this Chapter shall be the Waterman-Twining Chapter of the Florida Air Force Association (AFA)

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The Air Force 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 Waterman-Twining Chapter shall operate exclusively for the purposes specified in AFA's Constitution, 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 Waterman-Twining 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 Waterman-Twining 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 may be face-to-face or via electronic means, to include telephone or videoconference capability. The meeting in the Fall Quarter shall be the annual meeting for the election of officers. Special meetings may be called by the president, by majority vote of the Chapter Council, or upon written request of 5% of its members.

Section 2. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of no less than 10 members present.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. Members will be notified of regular meetings by mail or electronic means, to include email. Chapter members will be notified of meetings at least 15 days in advance of the meeting. Members will be notified of a special meeting, by mail or electronic means, no less than 15 days prior to a special meeting.

Section 4. Voting. Each voting 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, Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. It is permissible, but not recommended, to combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer into a single office named Secretary-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 one year 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, or electronic, ballot to all voting members.

Section 2. Appointed Officers. The President may appoint as deemed Appointed officers may be removed from office by the President.

Section 3. Vacancies. In case of vacancy in any 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 vacancy occurring in the office of President, when the office shall be assumed by the Executive Vice President.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **CHAPTER COUNCIL**

Section 1. Membership. The Chapter officers shall comprise the Chapter Council

Section 2. Duties. Between meetings, the administrative power of the Chapter shall be vested in the Chapter Council. In addition to such powers as are specifically conferred upon it by the Constitution and Bylaws, the Chapter Council shall be responsible for the general management of the affairs of the Chapter and may make such regulations as it deems advisable, not inconsistent with its governing documents. It shall keep a written report of its proceedings and shall make a written report of its activities.

Section 3. Meetings. The Chapter Council shall meet as required. The Chapter President will notify Council members at least 8 days in advance of Council Meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Chapter Council shall constitute a quorum. Absent members shall be counted as present at special meetings, provided the vote in writing of such absent members is received by the Secretary prior to the meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Section 1. Membership. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three Chapter members and appointed by the Chapter President.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Standing Committees. The standing committees of the Chapter shall be Membership and Education.

Section 2. Special Committees. Special committees may be created by the Chapter Council, the President, or at the annual membership meeting. The respective powers and duties of such committees shall be defined when each committee is created.

Section 3. Meetings. Each committee shall hold meetings at such times as may be specified by its chairman, by the President, by the Chapter Council, or upon the request in writing of a majority of its members after due notice is given to committee 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 Council.

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

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION**

Delegates to the State Convention shall be as prescribed in the State Organization Constitution and Bylaws. The Chapter President and other Chapter delegates shall be chosen at the Chapter meeting held immediately prior to the State Convention and in time to meet the registration of the State Organization.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **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 Air Force Association 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 legally to obligate or constrain the Air Force Association, without the prior written approval of the President of the Air Force Association; nor shall they engage in any activity contrary to, or inconsistent with, the objectives or policies of the Air Force Association.

### ARTICLE XIII

#### 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 XIV

#### AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting 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

(original date)

Chapter President

Date

#### ENDORSEMENTS

State President

MARK D. CHAPMAN

Date

Region President

MARK D. CHAPMAN

Date

AFA Vice Chairman of the Board - Field Operations

F. GAVIN MacALOON

Date