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NAVSUPACT NAPLES INSTRUCTION 5420.15G

From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Support Activity, Naples, Italy

Subj: U.S. NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY NAPLES, ITALY WARDROOM

1. Purpose. This instruction issues and sets forth the Wardroom Mess by-laws for U.S. Naval Support Activity (NAVSUPACT), Naples, Italy. It includes revisions to membership eligibility, and should be read in its entirety.
2. Cancellation. NAVSUPACTNAPLESINST 5420.15F
3. Discussion. The United States Navy has provided its members with a heritage of leadership with inspiring traditions and ideals. This leadership begins at the command level, passes through the "Wardroom", and radiates throughout the entire organization.
4. Action. All eligible members of the NAVSUPACT Naples Wardroom are invited to join and are encouraged to participate in wardroom activities based upon the by-laws set forth.
5. Membership. Membership in the NAVSUPACT Naples Wardroom Mess (hereafter referred to as the Mess) is open to all military officers, U.S. civilians GS-11 (or equivalent), and above; and Host National UA-2 (or equivalent) and above, who are permanently assigned to NAVSUPACT Naples or a subordinate command. Membership, though highly encouraged, is optional for eligible officers and civilians.
6. Dues
 - a. Dues will consist of a one-time \$150 buy-in upon arrival at the command.
 - b. For those who will be members of the wardroom for longer than 3 years, every 2 years past the Initial buy-in time that someone is a member of the wardroom there will be an additional \$50 fee.
 - c. The Mess Vice President shall have the responsibility to collect all proceeds from any Mess-sponsored function.
 - d. The Mess President, Mess Vice President, and Mess Fund Treasurer are the only authorized signatures for access to the Mess bank account.

e. Dues will be used to purchase a pair of collar devices upon a member's promotion, and NAVSUPPACT Naples departure gift for individuals departing and in good standing upon their farewell.

f. To be a member in good standing, all dues must be paid on a timely basis and remain current.

7. Mess Officials

a. Mess President shall be the NAVSUPPACT Naples Executive Officer.

b. Mess Vice President shall be a Commissioned Officer who qualifies for Wardroom membership. The Mess Vice President will also act as the Mess Treasurer, managing all Wardroom funds under the direction of the Mess President and is responsible for maintaining accurate and organized records of all financial transactions associated with the Mess. In addition, the Mess Vice President must ensure that a semi-annual audit of the books is conducted by Manager Internal Audit Program (MICP).

8. Mess Funds. Mess Funds consist solely from the dues collected pursuant to paragraph 6. Mess Funds operate in the interest of the well-being and good morale of the Wardroom Mess members balanced by the demand for financial solvency.

a. Mess Funds may be used to purchase gifts for newborn children of its members. Additionally, funds may be used to purchase plants or make donations to a specified charity in the event that a wardroom member or a member of their immediate family is hospitalized or passes away.

b. Funds, up to \$50, will be used to purchase other items as directed by the Mess President, anything greater than \$50 will be voted on by the Mess.

c. MICP will audit the financial transactions of the Mess semi-annually or more frequently as directed by the Mess President.

9. Hail and Farewell Responsibilities. The Hail and Farewell promotes esprit de corps among NAVSUPPACT Naples officers, civilians, and Host Nationals and recognizes new members and those detaching from the command. In addition, the Hail and Farewell offers a unique opportunity for members and their guests to honor fellow members who have earned special distinctions (i.e., promotions, awards, medals) since the last Mess function.

a. To promote greater member participation and interest, new and imaginative approaches are highly encouraged.

b. Use of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation facilities are encouraged, though not required.

c. The Mess Vice President will be responsible for purchasing gifts for detaching members.

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10. Wardroom Events. For Wardroom events other than Hail and Farewells, wardroom members are entitled to bring their spouse and guests as deemed appropriate by the Mess President. The cost of these events will be paid for by the members who are available to attend. Mess Funds will only be used to supplement these events when deemed appropriate by the Mess President.

11. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy Assistant for Administration, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at: [https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/ All Items.aspx](https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx).

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the OPNAV Records Management Program (DNS-16).

12. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, NAVSUPPACT Naples will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years unless revised or cancelled in the interim and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.

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