



Military Members Apple User Group

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The following is the *Constitution of the Military Members Apple User Group*. It will be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of members. Amendments, changes, and additions to the Constitution may be proposed by any member and will become official when ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of members. Detachments may supplement this Constitution with a majority vote of their total membership.

The first officers were appointed by the founding members and all positions will be open for the first democratic election on 1 January, 2007.

1. **Name.** The name of the organization will be the Military Members Apple User Group. Hereafter referred to as the "Group" or "MMAUG" (pronounced "mawg").
2. **Purpose.** The MMAUG is dedicated to fostering a supporting, productive, and fun community for and providing useful services to users of Apple Inc. products who serve in the armed forces. It is tailored to the needs and interests of soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines advocates the use of Apple technology on and off-duty.
3. **Membership.**
 - 3.1. **General Membership.** Membership is open to a wide variety of persons associated with national defense. This includes active duty, reserve, and guard members of the armed forces and their spouses as well as civilians working with the Department of Defense as contractors or civil service employees. Rank and seniority in the military have no bearing in the MMAUG and vice versa.
 - 3.2. **Dues.** Dues will be required of all members in the amount of \$20 per nuclear family. Initial dues will be paid when the member joins and annual dues will be collected on each subsequent anniversary.
 - 3.3. **Terminating Membership.**
 - 3.3.1. **Automatic Expiration.** Membership will automatically be terminated if dues are not paid within three months of the due date.
 - 3.3.2. **Voluntary.** Members may voluntarily withdraw from the Group at any time by notifying the Group Staff. The Group Staff will remove the individual from all active membership listings and will refrain from contacting the individual.
 - 3.3.3. **For Cause.** Members of the Group Staff and Detachment Commanders may recommend an individual's membership be terminated for cause. Due cause includes, but is not limited to: misconduct at meetings or online, poorly representing the MMAUG to the public or a military unit, abuse of office, or abuse of rank. Decisions will be made by majority vote of the Group Staff.
 - 3.4. **Participation of Non-Members.** Non-members may enjoy the free content on the website and other public resources and they may attend meetings at the discretion of Detachment Commanders. They may not review products, win door prizes, or vote on official MMAUG business nor are they eligible for User Group discounts available through the MMAUG.
 - 3.5. **Privacy Policy.** The MMAUG will endeavor to protect member information in all activities with all available effort. All member information collected by the MMAUG during the course of its activities will be used only for official MMAUG purposes. The information will only be available to the Group and Detachment Staff. Member information will be kept confidential and will not be shared with any outside group without the Group Staff's consent and a majority vote of the members.

4. **Organization.** The MMAUG shall be structured as a two-echelon organization. A Group Staff will be responsible for managing overall Group operations (including but not limited to membership, finances, and communication). Local Detachments may be formed and will be subordinate to the Group.
 - 4.1. **Group Staff.** The Group Staff, under the direction of the Group Commander, will have the sole authority to represent the MMAUG to the public and will pass down new policies, guidance, and resources to the Detachments and members.
 - 4.1.1. **Meetings.** The Group Staff will hold meetings at least monthly by whatever means is available (face-to-face, iChat, teleconference, etc.).
 - 4.2. **Detachments.** In order to better support the needs of MMAUG members, local Detachments may be established at any military installation. Detachments may register with Apple as independent groups but will follow the provisions of this Constitution and the direction of the Group Staff so long as they share the MMAUG name and services.
 - 4.2.1. **Names.** Detachments will be identified by the name of the host installation (i.e. "MMAUG Detachment Tinker" or "MMAUG Detachment Fallon").
 - 4.2.2. **Opening.** Detachments may be established by filing a request with the Group Staff. To be recognized, Detachments must meet the following requirements:
 - 4.2.2.1. **Membership.** Each Detachment must have ten local MMAUG members.
 - 4.2.2.2. **Officers.** Each Detachment must select at least a Commander and Deputy Commander.
 - 4.2.2.3. **Meetings.** Each Detachment must declare a schedule for regular monthly meetings.
 - 4.2.2.4. **Policies.** Each Detachment must provide copies of any supplementary policies.
 - 4.2.3. **Responsibilities.**
 - 4.2.3.1. **Reporting Requirements.** Detachment Commanders must submit a monthly report – including a summary of that months meeting and all other activities – to the Group Commander by the first of the following month.
 - 4.2.4. **Closing.** Detachments will be closed by a two-thirds majority vote of Detachment members, a unanimous vote of Group Staff, or automatically if a monthly report has not been received in three months. Members of the closed detachment in good standing will lose no Group benefits.
5. **Officers.**
 - 5.1. **Elections.** Elections for all Group Staff positions will be held semi-annually. Detachment Staff elections will be held at least annually and should not coincide with Group elections to promote continuity. Individuals may hold Group and Detachment positions simultaneously but may not be elected to multiple positions on the same Staff.
 - 5.2. **Vacant Positions.** If a position is vacated for any reason, the supervising Commander may appoint a replacement or assign another officer to fill the duties of the vacant office for the duration of the current term.
 - 5.3. **Group Staff.** Elected by majority vote from among nominated or volunteer members of the MMAUG. The MMAUG Staff shall consist of the following officers:
 - 5.3.1. **Commander.** Responsible for managing all Group staff and programs. Is the sole authority for initiating new programs. May appoint volunteer members of the group to perform special functions as required.
 - 5.3.2. **Deputy Commander.** Assists the Commander in the accomplishment of their duties. Is responsible for the establishment, support, and conduct of all subordinate Detachments. May appoint volunteer members of the group to perform special functions as required.
 - 5.3.3. **Finance Officer.** Manages all account, liquid funds, and assets of the Group including the collection of dues, sale of merchandise, and other income. Maintains the Group budget and is responsible for the financial health of the Group.
 - 5.3.4. **Acquisitions Officer.** Solicits Apple and third-party products for review and other uses. Manages the review program to insure interesting content, useful reviews, and timely completion. Maintains good relations with all commercial partners.

- 5.3.5. **Public Affairs Officer.** Responsible for recruiting new members, maintaining membership records, managing advocacy programs, and operating all mechanisms of communication with members to include the website, mailing lists, and forums.
- 5.4. **Detachment Officers.** Elected from among the members of each MMAUG detachment. Detachment officers will be limited to minimize bureaucracy, reduce redundancy with the Group Staff, and simplify the establishment of detachments. Only a Commander and Deputy Commander are required, but other officers may be elected according to Detachment policy:
- 5.4.1. **Commander.** Responsible for managing all Detachment staff and programs. May appoint volunteer members of the detachment to perform special functions as required.
- 5.4.2. **Deputy Commander.** Assists the Commander in the accomplishment of their duties. May appoint volunteer members of the group to perform special functions as required.
- 5.4.3. **Public Affairs Officer.** Responsible for recruiting new members, managing advocacy programs, and operating all mechanisms of communication with members.
- 5.5. **Removal of Officers.** Officers may resign at any time without penalty. Any member of the Group Staff may recommend an officer be relieved of their duties for cause. Resolution will be by two-thirds majority vote of the Group Staff.
- 5.6. **Absence of Officers.** Due to the often unpredictable availability of military members, some flexibility must be allowed for officers that are suddenly unable to perform their duties.