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Dear Colonel Richey:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the Honorary Membership which the Fort Benning Hunt Club so kindly extended to me.

I have read your Constitution, and I hope to have an opportunity in the not too distant future to become acquainted with the Club facilities.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

RICHARD T. KNOWLES
Brigadier General, USA
Assistant Division Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Ralph D. Richey
President, Fort Benning Hunt Club
Fort Benning, Georgia 31905

FORT BENNING HUNT CLUB
Fort Benning, Georgia

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Brigadier General Richard T. Knowles
Assistant Division Commander
11th Air Assault Division
Fort Benning, Georgia

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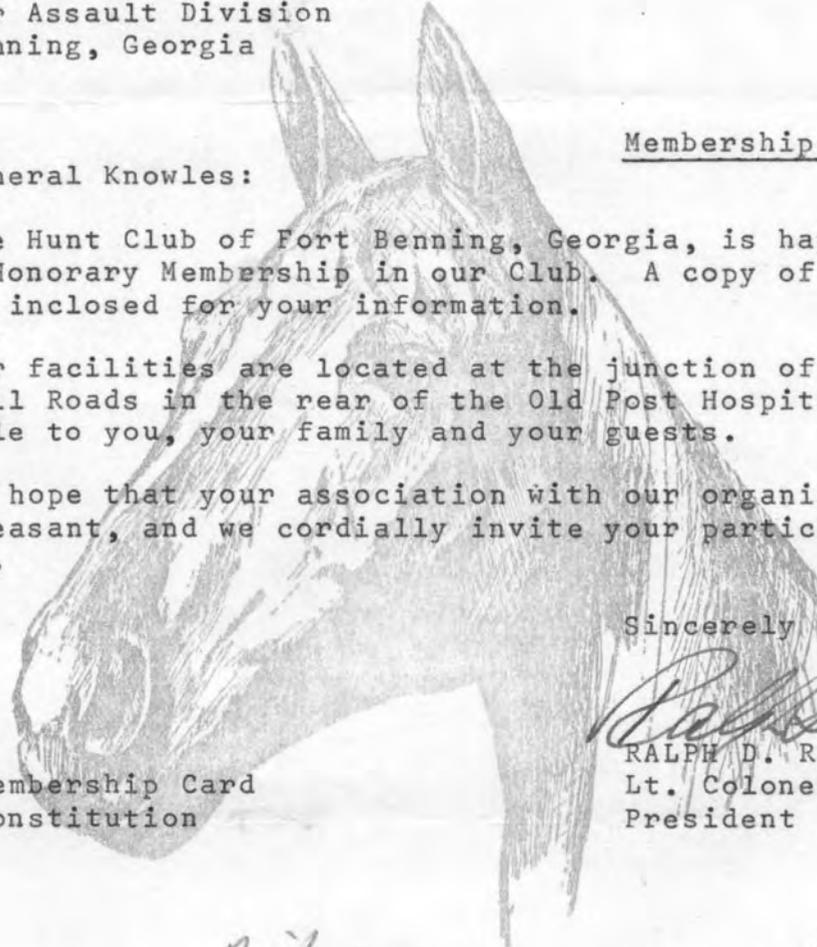
Dear General Knowles:

The Hunt Club of Fort Benning, Georgia, is happy to present you an Honorary Membership in our Club. A copy of our Constitution is inclosed for your information.

Our facilities are located at the junction of Marne and Stonewall Roads in the rear of the Old Post Hospital, and are available to you, your family and your guests.

We hope that your association with our organization will be most pleasant, and we cordially invite your participation and support.

Sincerely yours,


Ralph D. Richey
RALPH D. RICHEY
Lt. Colonel, Infantry
President

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I -- NAME

1. This association of the personnel of Fort Benning will be officially known as the HUNT CLUB. This is the designation under which this organization hereinafter referred to as the Hunt, shall operate and conduct business.

ARTICLE II -- AUTHORITY

2. The Hunt shall be organized as a private association under the provisions of paragraph 2b of AR 230-5 with the approval of the Commanding General, Fort Benning, Georgia. The Hunt shall not operate as an instrumentality of the Federal Government by individuals acting outside the scope of their official capacity as official employees or agents of the Government.

3. The Hunt shall be responsible for the upkeep of facilities made available to it by the Commanding General. Repairs to these facilities necessitated by the operation of the Hunt shall be the responsibility of the Hunt. These facilities shall be returned in the condition in which received, except as authorized by the Commanding General.

ARTICLE III -- PURPOSE

4. The purpose of the Hunt Club is to provide facilities where members may maintain horses or ponies, and to provide regulated activities connected therewith. No activities of the Hunt shall substitute for activities conducted by other authorized clubs, associations, or organizations on the post.

ARTICLE IV -- MEMBERSHIP

5. Membership in the Hunt shall be open to all military personnel and such additional personnel as authorized in paragraphs 5a and 5b below, and shall include the privileges of use of the facilities of the club by all dependents and guests of said member as set forth in the bylaws of the organization. Membership shall be limited by availability of facilities as determined by the Board of Governors. There shall be the following types of membership:

a. Honorary Membership:

Established by this constitution and by the initiating action of the Board of Governors. No responsibility for membership dues or fees, except as outlined hereinafter, and no voting or office holding privileges accrue to such membership in connection with the Hunt. Responsibility does accrue on such membership for payment of fees in effect during the life of membership chargeable for the boarding and maintenance of a personally owned mount, maintenance and repair of personally owned equipment, and/or rental or riding fees for mounts other than those personally owned and maintained by the member as applicable.

b. Associate Membership:

Established through invitation from, or by written application to the Board of Governors and by compliance with pertinent provisions set forth hereinafter. Provisions of Associate Membership shall extend only to individuals and their dependents. Payment of initiation fees and monthly dues as established by the Board of Governors, and responsibility for no assessments, and no privilege of voting or office holding in connection with the business of the Hunt are features of such Associate Membership.

c. Regular Membership:

Established through written application to the Board of Governors and by compliance with the requirements set forth hereinafter, with voting and office holding privileges accruing to the regular member. Qualifications for this membership include:

(1) Payment of initiation fees and monthly dues as established by the Board of Governors.

(2) Agreement to pay pro rata share of any financial assessments that may be determined and levied upon the members by the Board of Governors in accordance with the provisions of the constitution as hereinafter stated.

6. Application for resignation from Regular Membership in the Hunt shall be made in writing to the Board of Governors. Such resignation shall be effective only after all mounts, for which the member is responsible, shall have been removed from the Hunt's facilities and all current accounts and pro rata share of financial responsibility with the Hunt have been settled. Such pro rata share shall be determined by the Board of Governors.

7. Regular and Associate Memberships may be terminated for reported violations of the Constitution, the Bylaws, Stable Regulations, or Post Regulations, or for any other act prejudicial of the interests of the Hunt, if substantiated by investigation by the Board of Governors. The provisions of paragraph 6 above shall apply as appropriate.

8. All general officers, permanently assigned to Fort Benning, and the Chief of Staff of the Post shall be extended honorary membership in the Hunt.

ARTICLE V -- OFFICERS

9. The officers of the Hunt shall include a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Stable Officer. The officers and the Board of Governors shall be elected annually in February by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting called for that purpose. Each member shall be notified in writing at least 5 days prior to date of such meeting. Officers and members of the Board of Governors who cease to be regular members of the Hunt shall be replaced by the Board of Governors.

10. The Board of Governors.

a. The Board of Governors shall be comprised of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Stable Officer, and not more than four additional members. No two members of the Board of Governors shall be from the same family. No member of the Board of Governors shall be a full time employee of the Hunt Club. The President shall be the chairman of the Board of Governors.

b. The duties of the Board shall be to:

(1) Prescribe the activities, services, and facilities of the Hunt, and the charges, rules, and regulations pertaining thereto.

(2) Rule on membership.

(3) Ascertain that all proper revenues have been received and accounted for, and authorize all expenditures.

(4) Prescribe the responsibilities and authority, and provide for the appointment, of such committees as may be necessary.

(5) Supervise the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Stable Officer in the performance of their duties.

(6) Act upon matters presented by the Commanding General.

(7) Consider financial statements, inventories, reports of audits, boards, and committees and take appropriate action.

(8) Advise all members and employees that no member charged with any duty in connection with, nor any employee of the Hunt may accept or receive any gifts, privilege, or prerequisite from the Hunt, or from vendors or vendees of the Hunt.

c. The Board shall meet prior to the fifteenth day of each month. Its proceedings will be recorded, will indicate the members in attendance, and will include the most recent and properly certified financial statements of the Hunt fund. The minutes, signed by the President and Recorder, will be submitted, together with financial statements, to the Post Commander, as required.

11. The President, and the Vice-President:

a. The President shall be elected from the regular membership of the Hunt and for a term of one year. He shall be a member of a permanent garrison and shall be the Chairman of the Board of Governors. He shall perform such needed or appropriate tasks as may be required for the efficient conduct of the affairs of the Hunt.

b. The Vice-President shall be the Chairman of the Board of Governors in the absence of the President, and shall perform such other tasks as are prescribed by the President. He shall be a member of the permanent garrison, and shall be elected from the regular membership of the Hunt for a term of one year.

12. The Secretary, Treasurer and the Stable Officers:

The Secretary, Treasurer, and Stable Officer will be appointed by the President from among the duly elected Board of Governors.

a. The Secretary shall act as recorder to the Board of Governors.

He shall, when directed by, or after obtaining approval of the President, cause appropriate publication of notice for all meetings of the Hunt. Such notice shall include date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

b. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of funds and property, and shall receive, disburse, and account for funds in accordance with AR230-21 as a guide, and the policies and procedures prescribed by this Constitution and the Board of Governors.

(1) The accounting system shall be maintained in accordance with good business practices using AR 20-21 as a guide.

(2) The funds and accounts shall be subject to such audits and inspections as may be prescribed by the Post Commander.

(3) All funds due the Hunt shall be collected by the tenth of each month.

(4) All accounts owed by the Hunt shall be paid by the tenth of each month.

(5) A financial statement will be prepared for presentation at the regular monthly and annual meetings.

(6) The Treasurer shall:

(a) Call on the Internal Review Division, Office of the Comptroller for advise with regard to the receipt of monies, the maintenance of bank accounts, and the accounting for funds.

(b) Be financially liable for losses of Hunt funds and property, only where dishonesty, fraud, or obvious negligence on his part is established.

(c) Be responsible for accounts and records of property and transactions pertaining to the establishment, operations, and liquidation of the Hunt.

(d) See that the accounting system is maintained and operations conducted in such a manner as to provide adequate measures of internal control for the prevention of losses through dishonesty of employees or members.

(e) Within the specific authority vested in him by this Constitution, execute contracts in the name of the Hunt.

c. The Stable Officer.

The Stable Officer shall supervise and be responsible for the operation of the stables and associated facilities. He shall be assisted in the performance of his duties by such Assistant Stable Officers as may be appointed by the Board of Governors. The Stable Officer shall:

(1) Ensure strict compliance with the Stable Regulations.

(2) Establish and ensure proper stable management procedures.

(3) Initiate procurement of appropriate equipment and feed for the Hunt in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board of Governors.

(4) Hire and discharge, with the approval of the Board of Governors, the necessary employees for the efficient operation of the stables.

(5) Ensure inspection of the stables as directed by the Board of Governors.

(6) Recommend to the Board of Governors necessary or advisable changes to the published Stable Regulations.

(7) Notify the Secretary and Treasurer by the second of each month as to the assessment to be made against each member for the operation of the stable facilities and for feeding the mounts of respective members.

ARTICLE VI -- COMMITTEES

13. The Board of Governors shall provide for the appointment of such committees as may be necessary. The responsibilities, authority, and scope of functions of each committee shall be prescribed by the Board of Governors.

14. The actions of all elected officers and appointed committees shall be subject to review by the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE VII -- PROPERTY

15. The property of the Hunt shall consist of such furniture, fixtures, and equipment as may properly come into its possession.

16. If and when the Hunt is dissolved, any unobligated funds and property will be disposed of in accordance with the recommendations of the members of the Hunt.

ARTICLE VIII -- REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

17. The Fort Benning Hunt is a nonprofit organization.

18. a. Revenues.

(1) The revenues of the Hunt shall consist of:

(a) Membership fees and/or dues.

(b) Riding fees.

(c) Assessments paid by the Regular Members.

(d) Boarding and maintenance fees.

(e) Proceeds from authorized sales of surplus Hunt property.

(f) Lesson fees.

b. Expenditures. The expenditures of the Hunt will comprise payments in connection with Hunt activities. All expenditures will be approved by the President, prior to payment, on the basis of policies established by the Board of Governors as recorded in the minutes of the meetings.

19. Assessments to cover the cost of operation shall be made on a pro rata basis depending on the number of mounts maintained. Special and/or additional feeds shall be provided by the members desiring them.

20. Special assessments may be made for the improvement of, or addition to, Hunt facilities or for special activities sponsored by the Hunt. Such assessments shall be made only with the approval of and in the manner provided by three-fourths of the members present at any meeting called for that purpose. Members shall be advised in writing prior to such meeting. These assessments shall be paid as announced with the notification of such assessment.

ARTICLE IX -- GOVERNMENT

21. The Board of Governors shall govern and direct the activities of the Hunt in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the Bylaws.

22. There shall be at least one annual meeting of the Hunt, and such other meetings as the President may call. It shall be the duty of the President to call a Hunt meeting upon the written request of one-third of the members. Forty percent of the members shall constitute a quorum.

23. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

24. No family shall have more than one vote in elections or at any meeting.

25. Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting called for that purpose.

26. All activities of the Hunt will be subject to the approval of the Commanding General, Fort Benning.

ARTICLE X -- ADOPTION

27. This Constitution and Bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the Commanding General, Fort Benning.

BY LAWS

SECTION I

1. Persons desiring membership in the Hunt shall make written application to the Board of Governors and include the following:

- a. Name.
- b. Name of dependents or guests authorized to use the facilities of the Hunt and to ride mounts owned or leased by the applicant.
- c. Number and type of mounts.
- d. An agreement to abide by all rules and regulations of the Hunt.
- e. Acceptance of responsibility for acts of all guests, dependents, and mounts.
- f. Owner's certificate for release of responsibility on mounts leased and maintained on the facilities of the Hunt.
- g. Payment of initiation fees and monthly dues as established by the Board of Governors. For Associate and for Regular Members this includes all adult dependent members of the immediate family.

SECTION II

2. No mount will be accepted within the Hunt's facilities unless the owner or lessee is a member of the Hunt.

3. No mount will be accepted within the Hunt's facilities without a Certificate from the appropriate member that the mount is free from known vicious habits.

4. No mount will be accepted within the Hunt's facilities without a veterinarian's certificate that said mount is free from all communicable diseases. This certificate must have been signed within twelve hours before the mount started its last move to the Post.

5. All mounts accepted by the Hunt will be quarantined for twenty-one days in stalls provided for that purpose. Mounts so quarantined will not be permitted in the common corral, nor pasture, nor to use common drinking facilities.

6. During the time mounts are on the Hunt's facilities they will be inspected periodically by a Veterinarian. The cost of any medicines will be charged to the member concerned. Arrangements made for treatment by civilian veterinarians will be the responsibility of the member concerned.

SECTION III

7. The Hunt will furnish stalls, and standard feeds for all mounts. Owners desiring special and/or additional feeds will purchase them at no cost to the Hunt. Employees of the Hunt will feed and water mounts in accordance with schedules prescribed by the Stable Officer. The Hunt will be responsible for the police of the facilities.

8. Members are responsible for medical care and shoeing of personal mounts stabled at the Hunt Club.

9. Members must furnish the following minimum items of serviceable equipment for each mount at the time of delivery to the stables; halter and halter-shank. These items must be maintained in a serviceable condition at all times. Saddles, bridles, blankets, equipment box with lock, grooming equipment, and other equipment required will be furnished by the owner.

SECTION IV

10. Club members and/or parents are responsible for the conduct of dependents and guests who visit or use the Club facilities.

11. Members shall accompany all guests to the stables to arrange for their use of the member's mount the first time such guest is invited to ride from the stables. Members shall furnish the Stable Officer and the Secretary with a list of guests permitted to ride the member's mounts without the member being present.

12. The Hunt retains the right to refuse any guest or minor dependent the privilege of using the Hunt's facilities. Such refusal will be made only on the recommendation of a member for cause and with the approval of the Board of Governors.

13. The Hunt Club will not be pecunairily liable for privately owned mounts destroyed by an Act of God or for privately owned mounts lost, stolen, or strayed from the stable or injured on the Club premises.

SECTION V

14. Those members having mounts will be required to maintain on file with the Secretary-Treasurer evidence that they are currently protected by a minimum of \$10,000.00 in comprehensive liability insurance covering damages or injuries that may be caused by their mounts. A record of each policy, showing the issuing company, issuing agency, policy number, amount of coverage, and expiration date will be maintained by the Secretary-Treasurer.