

Officer Candidate Wives Club

The Officer Candidate Wives Club is an organization consisting of the wives of Candidates who are in OCS.

We meet twice a month to acquaint ourselves with the other wives and to extend helpful information on the duties of an officers wife.

Though the years many wives come and go so it is only natural that our club should have a Scrap Book as a keepsake for all the small mementoes encountered by the club.

OFFICER CANDIDATE WIFE'S CLUB
ARTILLERY OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL
Fort Sill, Oklahoma

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BY-LAWS

The Officer Candidate Wife's Club is primarily a social organization formed to assist in making the wife's stay in Lawton more pleasant and also, to impart to her helpful information about army life.

MEETINGS

1. The club shall meet on the first and third Thursday of each month from 1930 hrs (7:30 p.m.) to 2200 hrs (10:00 p.m.) in the Upperclass Day-room.

2. The meetings shall consist of:

a. A business meeting presided over by the President following parliamentary procedures. The business meeting shall normally be of 15 or 20 minutes duration.

b. A social meeting following the business meeting. The social meeting shall be planned and conducted by the "Hostess Battery." The Hostess Battery for the next following meeting shall be selected during the business meeting. Hostess Battery assignments will normally be rotated between all batteries.

OFFICERS

1. The officers of the club shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairmen.

a. The Vice President will assume the office of President when the President resigns. The new Vice President will be elected from the junior battery.

b. The Secretary and Treasurer shall serve full term until resignation.

c. Chairmen. Each battery will elect a Chairman whose duties will be:

- (1) Represent battery during business meeting.
- (2) Organize entertainment and refreshments for meeting when battery is hostess.
- (3) Notify battery members for special battery meetings.

d. Welcoming Committee. The senior battery wives will be the Welcoming Committee and will:

- (1) Obtain list of new wives from President or Sponsors.
- (2) Welcome new wives within two weeks after arrival in Lawton.
- (3) Inform new wives of Post Facilities and Officer Candidate Wife's Club.
- (4) Invite new members to next meeting.

e. Other committees may be organized when necessary.

2. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of those members present at the meeting when such elections are necessitated by the vacating of positions. Nominations and elections will follow parliamentary procedures and the requirements set forth in paragraph 1 above.

TREASURY

1. The Treasurer will:

a. Collect twenty-five cents (.25¢) dues from each member present at each meeting.

b. Allow 60% of the dues collected at the meeting to be spent by the Hostess Battery for entertainment at the next meeting. In no case will this amount exceed five dollars (\$5.00).

c. Not allow any expenditures, except those listed in 1b (above), until authorized by the President after a favorable majority vote.

d. Normally maintain a reserve of at least twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) in the treasury.

e. Be prepared at each meeting to submit a financial report.

f. Keep such accounts as are necessary and approved.

SPONSORS

1. Officer Candidate Wife's Club Sponsors are:

Mrs Leon F. Shore
Mrs John Q. Landers

Mrs. Cepshaw
Mrs. Bayer

Military Customs and Courtesy

There is very little difference in good manners and courtesy, whether in military service or civilian life. For full development of our careers and good relationship anywhere, they are of the utmost importance.

Our good manners, our consideration for others, our desire to add our service to our post or our community, are the factors that make a good post or a good community. Wives are most important in the success of their husbands' careers. They have no official duties except the duties to make good feeling and contacts of pleasant social life with others.

In military or civil life, a man always stands when speaking to a lady, a lady stands when speaking to an older lady or someone of importance. Your courtesy and coriality will impress those favorably; this may be of greatest importance in the years to come. To be known favorably is, I repeat, most important.

When an officer reports for duty on a post, he should get a copy of Post Regulations as to official calls. The desire for social calls can be obtained from the Chief of Staff or the G-1. These calls should be made as soon as convenient. Formal calls should not last longer than fifteen or twenty minutes. Leave one of your husband's cards for each adult member of the family and one of your own cards for each feminine adult. A lady never calls on a man!

The time for calling varies on different posts. This can be ascertained from the commanding officer. If you wish to call on the Commanding General, interview the aide for convenient time to call.

Remember, it is very important to know the officers and their wives and to be known by them. It is very probable you will meet again and again in the years to come.

When attending a social function of any kind, be sure, after greeting your hostess and host, to seek out your commanding officer and his wife and speak to them.

As soon as you have your home settled, try to find some time to give to the various activities of the post. If you have Scouting background and are willing to help with the Scouts, give this information to the Scout chairman or any member of the council. If you like companionship and salesmanship, give some time to the Thrift Shop. There is a Church Guild, a Catholic Sodality, a Dramatic Club; a Hunt Club for those who wish to ride or join in the fun; golf, tennis, swimming, bowling, etc. So pick your work and pick your play.

When in doubt as to the proper clothes to wear, consult your hostess, as the type of dress is her decision. For any official function, the committee in charge will give you information as to the type of dress.