



COUNCIL
FOR MILITARY SPOUSE CLUBS

Offer something for everyone? Sub Clubs can help!

No matter the name within your organization, these are small groups within your spouse's club that offer opportunities to gather socially with a specific activity or purpose.

Forming Breakout Groups, Sub-Clubs and Special Interest Groups

Traditionally, to be able to attend these groups, club membership is required, and there may be financial commitment to participate in some of these clubs aside from club dues. These groups are a way to connect with other members who have similar interests, desire to share their knowledge or want to have new experiences.

What will work at your installation may differ from what will work at another. Keep in mind that these types of clubs may be a way to bring in new people who might not usually become a member, so be sure to talk about them in your marketing and publicity. If your special interest groups appeal to all sorts of spouses, your club will become more diverse.

What will work for your club? Ask members what interests them and get volunteer group leaders to take charge – and as time goes on, be open to changing out your groups as interest increases and decreases.

Here are some ideas:

Back to Basics

- Newcomers Club: People new to the area can get to know each other
- Community Service: Monthly events to volunteer as a group in support of your community
- Book Club: Read and discuss books selected by the group
- Retiree Club
- Self Defense Skills Workshops (check with local Women Empowered Gracie University)
- Personal Finance Club: wealth management, insurance, budget, etc. Collaborate with Financial Readiness, or military spouses in the personal finance space

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Out and About

- Lunch Bunch: Hit a different restaurant each month as a group
- Supper Club/Out to Dinner once a month as a group (For those not free during the day)
- Tourist Club: Get to know your surrounding Community – visit new places as a tourist would
- Let's Go/Travel Club: Weekend trips to places a little further away
- Antique/Vintage Shopping: Monthly visits to unique places
- Afternoon Tea: Have tea together around town or at member's homes
- Coffee Club: Meet at local coffee shops once a month as a group
- Movie Club: Visit local movie theatres to watch new releases, or movie genres
- National or State Park Club: Visit those around the installation

Fun and Games

- Bunco Group
- Trivia Group
- Mahjong Group
- Ax Throwing
- Escape Room
- Board Game Club

Talent Based

- Quilting Group
- Crafting Club

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- Woodworking Group
- Cooking/Baking Group: Take classes or lessons
- Pottery
- Cookie Decorating
- Computer Coding

Professional Purpose

- Leveraging Military Support for Job Search: Have monthly speakers talk about Resumes, LinkedIn, Military One Source, etc.
- Networking Groups: Professional spouses getting together to share ideas for career advancement and connections
- Partnerships as a group: Attend organizations already in this space like AMSE chapters, HOH MSPN local network, etc.

Adult Beverage Related

- Wine Club
- Bourbon Club
- Mixology Group
- Craft Brewery Club

Child Related

- Playdate: Can be one for all children or divided for infants, toddlers and school-age children
- New Parent Club

Athletic Minded



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- Bowling League
 - Golf League
 - Tennis League
 - Pickleball League
 - KickBall Team
 - SLAM/Stroller Warriors – Workout group for moms pushing strollers
 - Running Group
 - Walking Group
 - Cycling Group
 - Fitness Classes- Yoga/Pilates/TRX etc.
 - Workout Group (Meet at the gym)
 - Hiking (collaborate/partner with Military Wild local group)
 - Water sports (snorkel, scuba, beach, etc.)
 - Softball League
 - Volleyball League
 - Check with MWR/MCCS/FRS, or local recreation to use fields and equipment.

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