



**National Ski Patrol System, Inc.
European Division, Southern Region,
Stuttgart Ski Patrol**

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31 May 2007

ARTICLE I

NAME, LOCATION AND AUTHORITY

A. The Stuttgart Ski Patrol, hereinafter referred to as the organization, is a member of the Southern Region, European Division, NSPS, with current headquarters located in Building 2949, Panzer Kaserne, Stuttgart, Germany, co-located with the American Red Cross, Stuttgart Station. The Stuttgart Ski Patrol shall operate under the jurisdiction of the Commander, 6th United States Garrison-Stuttgart, Unit 30401, APO AE 09107-0401, hereinafter referred to as the approval authority.

ARTICLE II

MANDATORY STATEMENTS

A. This organization is established in accordance with Army in Europe Regulations (AE Reg) 210-22, Private Organization and Fundraising Policy, as mandated by USAREUR. The organization is not an instrumentally of the United States, will be self-sustaining, and may not receive financial assistance from the U.S. Army, appropriated funds (APF) or non-appropriated funds (NAF).

B. The organization operates and exists on a military installation only with the consent of the approval authority. This consent is contingent upon compliance with the requirements and conditions of AE Reg 210-22. Failure to comply with cited policy will result in dissolution of the Private Organization (PO).

C. In no event will the Department of the Army or IMA-E/USAREUR assume any responsibility for the organization's actions and/or debts.

D. All members are required to read the organization's Constitution and Bylaws upon joining the organization.

E. In accordance with host nation laws, all members may be personally liable to creditors if the assets of the organization are insufficient to discharge liabilities.

F. The organization will not discriminate in membership on basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, or mental or physical handicap, and will not seek to deprive individuals of their civil rights.

G. The organization will neither propagate extremist activities nor advocate violence against others of the violent overthrow of the United States government.



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ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

A. The National Ski Patrol System (NSPS), Incorporated, is a federally chartered (Public Law 96-489), non-profit, tax exempt organization of volunteers and professionals dedicated to being the premier provider of outstanding education programs and services benefiting the global outdoor recreation community. The NSPS provides quality focused education and training in safety; credentialed outdoor emergency care and transportation service. This enables members to serve the outdoor recreation community. The NSPS has been recognized by the Secretary of Defense as a Service Educational Activity of Special Interest to the Armed Forces.

ARTICLE IV

ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

A. The organization supports the Patch Ski Club, groups, areas, or entities within Europe seeking their support. This support includes provision of basic first aid support to ski club trips, and recreational events, where participants in such events may require such services. In addition, the Stuttgart Ski Patrol provides first aid and outdoor activity safety education and training, primarily for the Stuttgart Ski Patrol membership, and for external organizations upon request.

B. The organization conducts no types of fund-raisers. Funds are generated by annual dues.

C. The organization is aware of the United States Army Garrison – Stuttgart fund raising Policy Letter, 15 July 2004, and AE Reg 210-22, 2 December 2003, and will conduct all, if any, fundraisers accordingly.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

A. At least 51 percent of the organization will be members of the U.S. Forces, the Department of Defense (DoD) civilian component, family member, retirees, and U.S. Forces contract employees or employees of organizations granted status under Article 71, 72 or 73 of the supplementary Agreement to the NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) (collectively referred to as members with SOFA status).

B. Membership is open to anyone 15 years of age or older who can meet the NSPS standards, including:



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1. Successful completion of the NSPS Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) Course and current certification of CPR at the Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer level for attainment of OEC Technician status.
 2. On-the-hill validation of OEC skills for attainment of Auxiliary Patroller status.
 3. On-the-hill validation of ski and toboggan handling proficiency for attainment of Basic Patroller status.
 4. Patrollers are registered and classified by NSPS categories: 1) skill classification (alpine, nordic), 2) type of service (volunteer or professional), and 3) member level (candidate, auxiliary, basic, senior, certified, inactive, or alumni) in accordance with criteria contained in the NSPS Ski Patroller Manual and the NSPS Policies and Procedures Manual.
 5. Withdrawal or termination of membership is done by written notification to the Patrol Representative.
 6. Patrollers may be suspended or removed from organization's membership for:
 - a. Failure to meet NSPS standards.
 - b. Conduct detrimental to the NSPS.
 7. Before taking action to remove a patroller from the organization, the Patrol Representative/Director will direct the formation of an investigative committee of no less than three (3) active patrollers to investigate the circumstances and make a recommendation to the Patrol Representative. The final determination rests with the Patrol Representative.
- C. The organization's activities are conducted primarily off post.
- D. The organization activities are directed towards supporting quality of life and MWR programs by providing education programs and services benefiting the global outdoor recreation community.

ARTICLE VI

COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

- A. The governing body will consist of:
1. The Patrol Representative
 2. The Assistant Patrol Representative



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3. The Secretary
4. The Treasurer
5. The Outdoor Emergency Care Coordinator

ARTICLE VII

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. The Patrol Representative is the only elected officer. All other officers are appointed the by the Patrol Representative.
- B. Elections are held during monthly patrol meeting in May.
- C. Patrol Representatives are elected for one-year terms.
- D. Valid election quorums consist of a simple majority of the electorate.
- E. Absentee ballots will be submitted by mail, email, or phone to the Election Coordinator after nominations have closed and before final votes are tabulated.
- F. Removal/Replacement of officers or members.
 1. The Patrol Representative can be removed before a subsequent annual election under the following conditions:
 - a. At the direction of the European Division Director, NSPS.
 - b. By a two-thirds vote of the officers superior to the officer being removed.
 - c. By vote of the organizations' membership.
 - (1) A simple majority must petition, in writing, for a special election.
 - (2) An affirmative 2/3 majority vote of the membership is required to remove a Patrol Representative.
 - (3) Members must be present to vote.
 - (4) The vote will be taken within one week after presentation of the petition to the Patrol Representative.



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2. If the Patrol Representative resigns or is removed from office, the Assistant Patrol Representative will assume duties of the office until the next scheduled patrol meeting, where a new Patrol Representative will be elected.

ARTICLE VIII

APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORS AND HONORARY OFFICERS

A. Recommendations for appointment of advisors/honorary officers may be made by any patroller to the Patrol Representative. Appointments will be confirmed by a consensus of the majority at an official meeting.

ARTICLE IX

DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

A. Dissolution of the organization may be accomplished by

1. A simple majority of the membership.
2. Order of the approval authority.

B. Assets remaining after satisfaction of all debts will be donated to, in order, without proportion:

1. The Treasury of the European Division, NSPS, Stuttgart, Germany.
2. The Treasury of the NSPS, Lakewood, Colorado.
3. The USAREUR Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund specifically for the benefit of the Youth Services Program.

C. The approval authority will be notified of the dissolution. Notice will include:

1. A statement of dissolution dated and signed by the Patrol Representative.
2. A copy of the complete terminal audit.
3. A copy of the receipt(s) issued by the charitable organization to which residual assets were transferred.



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4. A copy of the bank statement showing a zero balance.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

A. Recommendations for amendments to this constitution must be made in writing to the Patrol Representative.

1. Recommendations for amendments must contain the original wording, proposed changes, and the reasons for change.

2. The general membership will be notified of the proposed change at least two weeks prior to the forum at which it will be presented.

3. A simple majority of the membership will be required to adopt the change.

4. Absentee ballots must be submitted by mail, email, or phone to the Patrol Representative before the scheduled vote.

B. Copies of amendments made will be forwarded to the approval authority.



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ARTICLE XI

APPROVAL

This constitution was approved by majority vote of the membership on this 31st day of May 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl Schmitt", written over a horizontal line.

Carl Schmitt
Patrol Representative and Acting Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Fant", written over a horizontal line.

Witnessed Major Patricia Fant
Stuttgart Patrol Member