

ROCKS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____



THE HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER



Name _____ Spouse _____

Last, First, MI., Rank

Service (circle one): USA USN USMC USAF USCG OTHER _____

Branch/Specialty: _____ Estimated PCS _____

Status (circle one): Active Duty Reserve Retired Former

Source of Commission (circle one): ROTC Service Academy OCS Direct

College/University: _____ Degree: _____ Year: _____

Graduate School: _____ Degree: _____ Year: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Birth Date (Mo/Day) _____

Mailing address: _____

Duty Station or Employer: _____ E-mail Address _____

Telephone: Work: _____ Home: _____ Cell: _____ Fax : _____

Which committee(s) would best benefit from your expertise/experiences?

- Membership
 Ways and Means
 Hospitality
 Publicity
 Scholarship
 Finance Scholarship
 Programs
 Leadership Outreach
 Nominating

Sponsor's Name: _____

National /Local Rocks Membership Dues*

Annual: O-3 & Below 1 year - \$63 **O-4 & Above** 1 year - \$88 **Cadet** \$30

* Dues include both National and local dues. Lifetime members pay only local chapter dues.

Lifetime Membership: \$650 Lifetime Member Annual HRC Chapter Dues: \$30.

Please make check payable to: **HRC Rocks, Inc.**, and mail to:

HR Chapter Rocks, Attn: Membership Committee, P.O. Box 4499, Fort Eustis, VA 23604.

The Rocks, Inc. is a Non-Profit organization: Contributions may be tax deductible.

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 "Concern, Dedication, and Professionalism"

Vision: To become the premier ROCKS chapter in the world.

Chapter History: The Hampton Roads Chapter of Rocks, Inc. began during the summer of 2000 when a few interested officers got together to discuss the need for and benefits to be gained from starting a Rocks chapter in Hampton Roads, Virginia. At this point it was clear that with the heavy concentration of military personnel from all services in the area, there was definitely a need for mentorship and outreach programs. Due to the unusual large turnout of officers and warrant officers at these meetings, it was evident the group had a strong desire to establish a Rocks Chapter in the area. On 14 August 2001, the Interest Group forwarded the required documents to Rocks National Headquarters, requesting permission to proceed to a formal Chapter. On 30 November 2001, the Interest Group was chartered as the Hampton Roads Chapter of The Rocks, Inc. There were 53 Charter members. The Chartering ceremony was held at the Hampton University Museum, Hampton, Virginia.

Mission: To promote officership, mentorship, and counseling from cadets to retirees from all military services. Promote good citizenship, community service and professional networking within the Hampton Roads area, and provide scholarship assistance to students.

Membership: The members of the organization are attuned to the changing professional and career needs of the membership. Membership in the organization includes voting, holding office, attending meeting, assisting in the development of policy, participating in all social function, and other community service projects and events.

If you are interested in becoming a member of "The Rocks," please complete the membership application on this brochure or contact LTC (R) John James, Phone: (757) 449-6265. e-mail : johnejamesjr@msn.com: Mailing address:

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National Rocks History

During the mid 1960's, a group of Army officer assigned to the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, began to meet informally in order to get to know each other better. Many of these officers had known each other in college or during other assignments. They, of course, had one additional thing in common at the time – how to “survive” at Fort Leavenworth. The group jokingly dubbed itself the “BLUE GEESE” , a term well known at CGSC as the vehicle used to convey a special assignment to a student officer. When the school year ended; the group discovered that many were being assigned to the Pentagon, and other places in the greater Washington, D. C. area.

Upon reaching Washington, several informal meetings followed. However, the emphasis was modified to deal with survival in the National Capitol Region, and to address other issues of interest to the members. The need for a more structured organization was also seen, so a formal meeting was held on October 9, 1974, to get the group formalized. Those present decided to call themselves the “No Name Club.”

One of the later meetings was held on December 1, 1974, with the expressed purpose of naming the group. General Roscoe (Rock) C. Cartwright and his wife, Gloria, had been in Columbus, Ohio visiting their daughter and Rock was expected at the meeting. It was then that the group received the shocking news that the plane on which the Cartwright's were returning had crashed enroute to Dulles airport with no survivors. During the period of mourning, the Cartwright family requested that instead of flowers, a scholarship fund be established in the name of their parents. This resulted in the establishment of the Roscoe C. Cartwright Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance to students who excel academically. The group also decided to rename the organization “The Rocks” after their fallen leader, Roscoe “Rock” Cartwright.

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