



HQSACT Officers', Non-Commissioned Officers', and Staff Members Partners' Club

# Welcome to the SOPC!

The SOPC is a social club for the partners of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and civilian staff members who are members of the HQ SACT Officers' Mess or the ISRM. This is a unique opportunity to build friendships among the NATO community and Partner countries, through a wide range of social, educational and cultural events.



*"I was a little afraid to join at first but i'm glad that I did. I attended two clubs each week and when I go to the monthly lunches, I always know someone."*

*"I am not the only one that finds it difficult to speak English. But we all manage together."*



# How to Join:

Please note that first you spouse has to be a member of the Officers' Mess or the ISRM.

<https://sactofficersmess.wildapricot.org/> To register online as a SOPC member, or to find more club information visit [www.sopc.us](http://www.sopc.us)

*“ So good to be part of this diverse and ever growing SOPC family”*

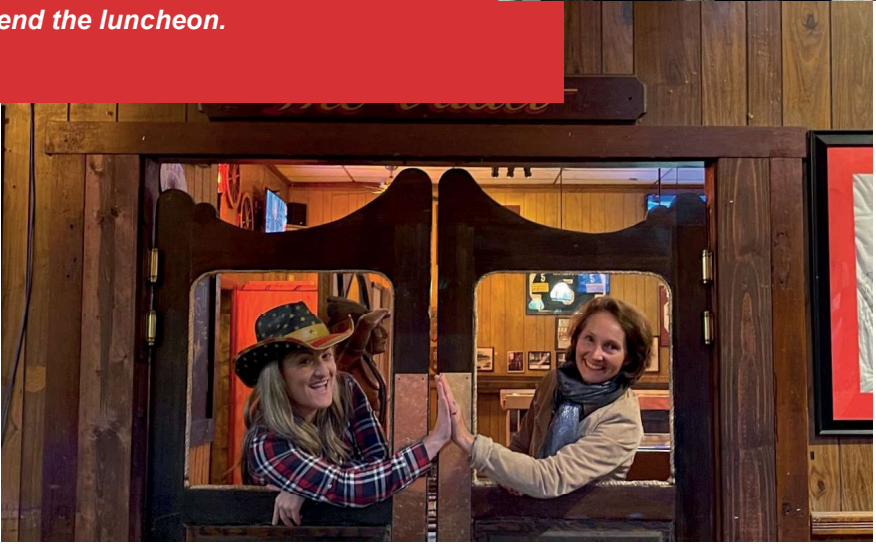


*“ Going to live in another country is a real challenge but it is a real opportunity to enrich oneself by discovering other cultures and other ways of life”*



## **IMPORTANT:**

*The fun begins in September with a luncheon and club presentation. In order to make sure you are ready, register as a member as soon as possible. YOU CAN REGISTER ANYTIME or email [membership@sopc.us](mailto:membership@sopc.us) for more information on how to attend the luncheon.*



# What We Offer

## Monthly Luncheons

A great opportunity to meet with friends and enjoy a fun lunch. Luncheons are hosted by individual nations, clubs, or members who come together to share an interest or a fun idea. Our luncheons are held at Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach. The format is usually a small meal, with activities to get to know each other better and a raffle to support our charities.



*"Luncheons are the best time. I love how each country or group takes their turn hosting."*

**Clubs** - The SOPC offers social clubs where you can spend your days making a lot of new friends and extending your knowledge. We cater to diverse interests including learning a language, cooking, sports, crafts, reading, games, and more!



*"I like meeting new friends from many different countries"*



# Social Events

- Social events are organized by our Social team. They might include seasonal celebrations, arts and crafts opportunities, local tours, etc. with the aim of creating interesting experiences for all members.



*“ The results of this great adventure within the SOPC are very positive and I encourage everyone to join this dynamic and multinational group”*



## Charities

The SOPC supports charities that are selected by members with the sale of raffle tickets at luncheons and our annual Christmas Market, as well as other activities through the year.

*“ Day after day, you embody ideals we cherish”*

## Volunteer Opportunities

Living in the USA, for most of us, means not being able to work. You can join the Operations Committee (OPC) and use this unique experience to support worthwhile causes, work with people from different countries, use your skills, increase your knowledge and make the SOPC an even better club because you got involved. If you are not quite ready to take on a job with a title but would like to lend a hand, come and talk to us and we will help you find a place to begin.