



## Commanders Club of Michigan Applicant Welcome Letter

Dear Applicant:

Congratulations on being recommended for membership in The Commanders Club of Michigan (Commanders Club). Our history began with Michigan's original 1835 constitution that identified the need for a state Naval Militia. This was to ensure the security of Michigan shores and assist the United States Navy if necessary. In 1893, Michigan Public Act (PA) 184 provided for the establishment of the Michigan Naval Militia. Members of the Michigan Naval Militia would serve with courage and distinction during the Spanish-American War and World War I. In 1962, Governor Swainson began efforts to modify the Public Act in order to support maritime activities in the state. In 1969, Governor Milliken and the State Legislature amended PA 184 to allow for the issuance of Honorary Commissions.

Prior to your appointment as an Honorary Commander and membership in the Commanders Club, you must attend at least two regular meetings of the Commanders Club of Michigan with your sponsor. This will give you the opportunity to learn about the Commanders Club and for Commanders Club members to get to know you.

To begin the membership processes, you must obtain and complete the Application Form for the Commanders Club and pay a non-refundable \$100.00 application fee. You must also agree to a criminal background check and sign the consent form, attached to the application. You must also attach a copy of your credit report from one of the three (3) credit bureaus (Experian, Equifax, or Transunion); you shall blackout the first five (5) digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). The Membership Committee will then review and investigate the information contained in your application.

Your sponsor is available to assist you with this process and can provide you with information to begin your journey towards becoming an Honorary Commander. Upon commissioning, you will be expected to learn the proper wearing of the uniforms of a Navy Commander (O5) (unless you are retired officer from another service), Navy standards, customs and traditions along with the structure and operation of the United States Navy. It's an undertaking that the Commanders Club hopes you'll find interesting and rewarding.

The Membership Committee – Commanders Club of Michigan

### **APPLICATION FORM**

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**APPLICATION**  
**FORM** Please Print

<https://www.commandersclubmichigan.org/>

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Suffix) mm dd yyyy

Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing State \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, please provide proof of nationality.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Land Line ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 digits of SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Status: Employed ☐ Self-employed ☐ Retired ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Name  
of Business or Company \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Business \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

How Long at Current Business \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Education: High School ☐ Some College ☐ Associate ☐ Bachelor ☐ Masters ☐ Doctorate ☐ Marital Status:

Single ☐ Married ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse or Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Please list any  
professional licenses you've held \_\_\_\_\_ Please list any  
social or professional organizations in which you're a member \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any hobbies or recreational interests \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the Commanders Club of Michigan? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a Federal or State crime? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please attach a detailed  
explanation, including location and date(s) of conviction(s), to this application.

Do you consent to a criminal background check? Yes ☐ No ☐ (please read and sign attached Criminal  
Background Check form)

Please print the name of your sponsor \_\_\_\_\_



Please list 3 references: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Phone) (Relationship) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Military Status: Active  
Duty ☐ Reserve ☐ National Guard ☐ Retired ☐ Veteran ☐ None ☐ Branch of Service  
\_\_\_\_\_ Period of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Discharge  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Rate at Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous military service applicants must provide a copy of their discharge DD214 or applicable discharge verification. The copy will be returned or destroyed after use. Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, or Retired applicants will be asked to show military identification card.**

Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please list date(s) and location of discharge \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a copy of your credit report from one of the credit bureaus listed below (applicant shall blackout the first five (5) digits of your Social Security Number SSN)). 1) Equifax ☐, 2) Experian ☐, or 3) TransUnion ☐

☐ Non-refundable Initiation Fee \$100.00 (to be submitted with application) Initiation Fee Included ☐ Cash  
☐ Check ☐ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues: Oct – Dec \$350.00 (4 meals provided – no charge)  
(do not include, Jan – Mar \$262.50 (3 meals provided – no charge)  
you will be invoiced) Apr – Jun \$175.00 (2 meals provided – no charge)  
Jul – Sep \$87.50 (1 meal provided – no charge)

I hereby state that the above information is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Print Full Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

For Official Use – Do Not Write Below

**APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER - MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Executive officer)

**APPROVED BY COMMANDING OFFICER/BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Commanding officer)

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## CONSENT TO CONDUCT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

I \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby voluntarily agree and consent to a criminal background investigation to be conducted as a condition of application for membership in the Commanders Club of Michigan and further do hereby hold harmless its officers and members acting within the scope of their office from any and all liability to same.

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION FOR APPLICANT MEMBERSHIP**  
**(To be completed by the Applicant's Sponsor)**

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Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby recommend the following individual for membership in the Commanders Club of Michigan:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Applicant)

How are you are acquainted with the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to mentor this applicant? Yes No

Please provide a summary of why you are recommending this applicant for an appointment as an Honorary

Commander in the Commanders Club of Michigan: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

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