

IF WE CALL OUR ACTIVITY OPPORTUNITY TICKETS VS. RAFFLES – CAN WE CONDUCT?

In general, gambling has three elements: (1) Consideration (i.e. money), (2) a game of chance, and (3) an offering of a reward or prize. Thus, “opportunity tickets” are permissible if it is clear that contributions are NOT required.

CAN A UNIT USE SFRG INFORMAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT AN ORGANIZATION DAY EVENT?

Yes. SFRG informal funds may be used, so long as the support is consistent with the Informal Fund SOP.

CAN TWO EVENTS BE COMBINED TO USE SFRG INFORMAL FUNDS SUCH AS ORGANIZATION DAY AND SPRING FLING?

Yes, so long as the activities are consistent with the SFRG’s informal fund SOP.

CAN A SPOUSE THAT’S NOT PART OF THE SFRG FUNDRAISE FOR ANOTHER SFRG?

Yes. The regulations do not prohibit a spouse from fundraising for another SFRG.

CAN A DOLLAR AMOUNT BE PLACED ON ITEMS AT OUR SFRG FUNDRAISING EVENTS?

The regulations do not place dollar restrictions on items sold at SFRG fundraising events.

CAN THE SFRG’S INFORMAL FUND BE USED FOR A FUNDRAISER SUCH AS CANCER WALKS, FOOD PANTRIES, CLOTHING DRIVES OR TOYS FOR TOTS?

No. The SFRG Informal Fund is to be used for specific purposes stated in the SOP and is to benefit SFRG membership. Fundraising must be for the SFRG informal fund rather than a private charity.

Can IET SFRGs fundraise at IET graduation?

Yes. IET SFRGs may raise funds at IET graduation in accordance with Army regulations and Fort Gordon Garrison Commander Policy Letter No. 13.

CAN SFRGs TAKE DONATIONS FROM ANOTHER SFRG OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATION?

SFRG informal funds may only be used to benefit the SFRG membership as a whole. Accordingly, it is improper for a SFRG to donate to another SFRG. However, a private organization may donate to a SFRG.

CAN SFRGs HAVE A DONATION JAR?

Yes.

CAN SFRGs PLACE A DOLLAR AMOUNT ON ITEMS DURING A FUNDRAISING EVENT?

Yes.

CAN SFRGs CONDUCT A SILENT AUCTION?

Yes.

CAN SFRGs OFFER COMMANDER'S PARKING SPACE AS PRIZE IN A FUNDRAISING EVENT?

Yes.

WHAT IS THE DEFINITIVE REGULATION FOR SFRG FUNDRAISING? WHERE CAN WE ACCESS IT?

AR 600-29 and AR 608-1, Appendix J. Additionally, SFRG leaders should consult Fort Gordon Garrison Commander Policy Letter No. 13 (On-Post Fundraising).

HOW DO YOU ESTABLISH A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION?

Commanders cannot organize private organizations (POs) or direct their activities, including how POs spend their money. Private organizations (POs) may be established by individuals, including SFRG members if they so desire, to support shared goals and objectives. However, as stated in the G1 ALARACT message, "These POs may not receive preferential treatment and must be treated the same as all other similarly situated Pos IAW the Joint Ethics Regulation (JER), and AR 210-22, Private Organizations on Department of the Army Installations. To prevent potential conflicts of interest, if such POs are established, its leaders must consist of different persons than the SFRGs' leaders." SFRG members and commanders should remember not to use government or SFRG resources or government equipment for PO business.

CAN SFRG FUNDS BE MIXED WITH OTHER FUNDS?

No. AR 608-1, J-7(a)(1) states, "SFRG informal funds may not be deposited or mixed with appropriated funds, unit MWR funds, the unit's cup and flower funds, or any individual's personal funds.

DOES THE RULE OF "NO OFF-POST FUNDRAISING" APPLY TO OTHER SERVICES AND COMPONENTS (USAF, USMC, USN, RC) ON FORT GORDON?

The other services should seek guidance from their respective policies and regulations. However, SFRG leaders must follow Fort Gordon Garrison Commander Policy Letter No. 13 (On-Post Fundraising).

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WHAT KIND OF FUNDRAISERS ARE UNAUTHORIZED ON FORT GORDON?

Competition with AAFES is prohibited. Fundraising by the resale of non-handmade goods and of foods and beverages, such as bottle water and soft drinks, candy bars, and Krispy Kreme doughnuts, competes with AAFES. Also, the sale of hot foods such as hotdogs, hamburgers, and tacos competes with AAFES. To seek an exception, send a request to the DFMWR office. Additionally, contact the Veterinarian (706-787-4452) before serving hot meat products and Preventive Medicine for proper food handling.

"Flamingo flocking" is not authorized. Additionally, car wash fundraisers are not approved on the installation.

FUNDRAISING OUTSIDE COMMANDER'S FOOTPRINT:

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