

National Event

A Heritage Event!

Oct. 10-12

Virginia

2020 (61st Annual) U.S. Armed Forces Chess Championship

G/2, +30 (increment 30 seconds/move), FIDE-rated. USCF Ratings will be used for pairing purposes. HUBZone HQ, 1591 Dahlia Dr., Ste. 103, Virginia Beach, VA 23453. Website: <https://usarmedforceschess.org>. Due to pandemic-related factors, this year's venue is off-base. Venue restrictions limit the number of players to 20. USCF MCC player selection criteria: 12 slots are reserved for the Top 3 rated applicants from each service (USA, USN, USAF and USMC) who apply on or before Labor Day (Monday 7 SEP). Remaining 8 slots plus any of the unfilled 12 service slots will be assigned to other applicants based on their highest USCF regular ratings. List of participants will be finalized on Friday 11 SEP 2020 to allow sufficient time for selectees to make travel plans. U.S. Active Duty, Reservists, Military Retirees, Cadets, Midshipmen, and ROTC who have a USCF membership may apply. **Entries and additional information:** tbelke@hubzonehq.com. **EF:** Free! **Prizes:** Trophies/Plaques to Top 3 overall players, Top player of each DoD service on Active Duty, Top Reservist, Top Retiree, Top class A, B-and-below, Highest Upset, Best Sacrifice and various special prizes. If there are at least 2 class C entries, the class prizes will be revised to A, B, and C-and-below. Top Team member plaques to the top 3 scoring members of the winning military service team: USCF Rollins team scoring points system applies. **Reg:** Advance registrations only on the website **On-site check-in:** 0800-0845 **Rds.:** Sat. 0900-1500; 0900-1500; 0900. All participants must have a Military ID Card as it is required at check in for the tournament. Participation is voluntary and all participants must sign a pandemic contact sports liability waiver. **Byes:** A single half-point bye is available and must be requested 30 minutes before Round 2. Byes for rounds 3, 4 & 5 may not be changed after the start of round 2. **Billeting:** None. Include room-sharing requests with your e-entry. **Hotel:** See hotel information on the website. **Info:** For all other questions contact CAPT Tom Belke, USN (ret.) at tbelke@hubzonehq.com. Boards, sets and clocks provided. **FIDE. W.**

Special Events: The Awards ceremony will be held immediately after Rd 5. **1st Annual Armed Forces Rapid Championship** will be held on Sat, 10/10 at 2130. (5-SS, G/12 incr. 3, FIDE). **The Armed Forces Blitz Championship** G/5 d0 will be held Sunday 10/11 at 2130 (double 5-SS, G/5 d0, USCF-rated only). See the website for details.