

CY24 Unauthorized Use of UNITE Funds

- Unite funds are not to be used for the following: December holiday parties, end of year events, balls, banquets, dining/out, combat dining in/out, squadron training/meetings, change of commands, eating events, promotion/retirements, or base-wide special events. (December holiday, Christmas, Hanukkah, End of Year celebrations are typically subsidized by squadron booster club funding.)
- Unite funds cannot be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.
- Unite funds cannot be used to purchase equipment, including electronics. However, funds are authorized to rent recreational equipment in support of a unit cohesive event. Unauthorized rentals include but are not limited to portable toilets, trash services, cleaning fees, cleaning supplies or cleaning companies and lodging. Contact AFSVC if the cost of renting equipment exceeds the cost of procuring the equipment.
- Unite funds are not authorized to purchase items for volunteer events, such as gloves, tools, paint, or supplies.
- Unite funds cannot be used to purchase cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, gloves, masks, face shields, thermometers, or medical equipment as these are considered Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Food service gloves are authorized.
- Unite funds cannot be used to cover the cost of damages, late fees, or insurance.
- Unite funds cannot be used to purchase prizes, gift cards, giveaways, or promotional items (examples: trophies, medals, plaques, banners, marketing/advertisements, apparel, cups, personalization of objects, murals, shirts, hats, and jerseys).
- Unite funds cannot be used to purchase equipment to donate to charities (examples: Build-A-Bear and Build-A-Bike).
- Unite funds cannot be used for gambling or to purchase gambling products, including traditional bingo games, where funds are accumulated and paid to a winner. Such an arrangement is a prohibited practice that conveys a personal benefit to a winner.
- Decorations for Unite events should not exceed more than 10% of the event's total cost. (Example: squadron teambuilding event cost \$1000, then the cost of decorations should not exceed \$100).
- AFSVC will **not** provide reimbursement to events that have not been approved. If a squadron executes an event without approval, all expenses will be the responsibility of the squadron.
- Commanders should make every effort to ensure all authorized members of a unit have an opportunity to participate in Unite events; inclusive to all Airmen and Guardians in a unit and cannot be divided based on rank, age, race, gender, or religion. **A Unite event cannot be held for dependents only**, each Unit Commander has the authority to decide if they want to allow dependents to attend however, no additional funds are given.
- Wing or Group events may be held with written acknowledgment & approval of each participating Unit Commander agreeing to the use of their funding.
 - **NOTE:** APF dollars are intended to fund the **actual** team-building event (only).