

CONSTITUTION
For
Sons of the American Legion Squadron Your Squadron #
Attached to the
American Legion Post Your Post #
Department of California, American Legion.

PREAMBLE:

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Sons of the American Legion Squadron, attached to **YOUR POST NAME AND #**, California, Department of California.

ARTICLE II
NATURE

Section 1. The Sons of The American Legion Squadron, attached to **YOUR POST**, Department of California, is a civilian organization. Membership therein does not affect nor increase liability for military or police service.

Section 2. The Squadron shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

Section 3. The Squadron shall be absolutely non-sectarian.

Section 4. Each member shall perform his full duty as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding, in accord with the law.

ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION

Section 1. This Squadron is organized as a subordinate body of the Sons of The American Legion Post Name or #, Detachment of California, and under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of the, Department of California, of the American Legion.

Section 2. This Squadron shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee of the American Legion, By such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Detachment Headquarters, approved by the Department Executive Committee of the American Legion, and by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by its sponsoring Post of The American Legion, not inconsistent with those prescribed by the National Organization.

ARTICLE IV ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf War, as defined in the Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

Section 2. There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Squadron shall be: Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain, Historian and three E-Board members.

Section 2. The elected officers of this Squadron shall be the Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, (Some Sqd's elect Sgt. At Arms) and Three E-Board Members. (Please keep in mind that no individual may hold more than one elected position, if all officers are elected it could cause a problem if someone needs to hold more than one position)

Section 3. The appointed officers of the Squadron may be the Adjutant, Finance Officer, Sgt. At Arms **(if not elected)**, Chaplin and Historian. To be appointed by the Commander under the terms set forth in Article II, Section 4, of this Squadrons Bylaws. If the Squadron so chooses these may be elected officers.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Between Squadron Meetings, the administrative power of the Squadron shall be vested in the Squadron Executive Committee, which shall consist of all elected and appointed officers for the current year and in addition the immediate Past Commander.

Section 2. All other Past Squadron Commanders shall be members of the Squadron Executive Committee without vote.

ARTICLE VII DUES

Section 1. The annual membership dues of this Squadron shall be: \$ amount for those under the age of 21; (2) \$Amount for those who are also members of American Legion Post # (e.g. “Dual members”); (3) \$Amount for those 21 years of age or older. Dues are payable after the close of the Detachment Convention for each year, for the following year. Members who pay their dues on or before Veterans Day shall be entitled to an “early bird” for the following year.

Section 2. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January first shall be classed as delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before February first, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after February first, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on June Thirtieth of such year, his membership in the Sons of The American Legion shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by a vote of the Squadron and payment of current dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs. Provided, however, that the Squadrons; Detachments, and the National Organization may waive the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active military service.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution is adopted, subject to the provisions of the National Constitution and the Detachment Constitution of which this Squadron is a subordinate member. Any amendment to the National or Detachment Constitutions which is in conflict with any provision hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of this Constitution, to the extent of such conflict.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended at any regular Squadron meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members attending such regular meeting; provided, that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted by resolution, and read at the immediate preceding Squadron meeting, and provided further, that notice shall have been given to all members at least five (5) days in advance of the date which such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members at such meeting a proposal to amend the Constitution is to be voted upon.

Section 3. Only members in good standing will be privileged to participate in the business of a meeting, vote or hold office.

ATTEST:

Sig: _____ Date: _____

Commander, Sons of the American Legion, Squadron #

Sig: _____ Date: _____

Adjutant, Sons of the American Legion Squadron #

Sig: _____ Date: _____

Post Advisor, Sons of the American Legion Post Name or #

Sig: _____ Date: _____

Post Commander, Post # _____, Department of California

APPROVED BY _____ DATE ____/____/____

DETACHMENT CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS CHAIRMAN

DATE SENT TO FILE WITH DETACHMENT ____/____/____