



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

National Constitution and By-Laws

Uniform Codes of Procedure for the
Revocation, Cancellation or Suspension of
Detachment and Squadron Charters

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RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 5-6, 1938, That there can be no fundamental difference or conflict between the constitution, by-laws, offices, resolutions and policies of The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion, but that The American Legion provisions, wherever applicable, shall cover any instance of such difference or conflict, and the conflicting provisions of the Sons of The American Legion shall be deemed void.

By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 3, 1972, that there is created and recognized a National Organizational framework for the Sons of The American Legion under the continued supervision and control of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion.

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of all 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 association of our members and our forefathers in all 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

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the "Sons of The American Legion."

Section 2. The National Headquarters of the Sons of The American Legion shall be located at the site of the National Headquarters of The American Legion in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana.

ARTICLE II NATURE

Section 1. The Sons of The American Legion is a civilian organization. Membership therein does not affect nor increase liability for military or police service.

Section 2. The Sons of The American Legion 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 or group seeking public office or preferment.

Section 3. The Sons of The American Legion 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 accordance with the law.

ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Sons of The American Legion, with the approval of the Department, shall be organized in a Detachment with a minimum set forth by the said

department. There may be one Detachment in each state, the District of Columbia, and in each territory and insular possession of the United States.

Section 2. A Post of The American Legion may sponsor not more than one (1) Squadron and with the approval of the Department of The American Legion having jurisdiction. The National Executive Committee of The American Legion may establish Squadrons in the territorial and insular possessions of the United States and foreign countries and shall designate the Detachment under whose jurisdiction they shall function, but this shall in no way affect the status of Detachment already established.

Section 3. The organization of Detachments and Squadrons shall conform with regulations of the Department of The American Legion having jurisdiction, with regulations of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, and with the National Constitution and By-Laws of the Sons of The American Legion.

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 the period of April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918, or any time from December 7, 1941, to date, who served honorably, as set forth in Article IV of the National 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.

Section 3. No person may be a member at any one time of more than one squadron.

ARTICLE V LEGISLATIVE BODY

Section 1. The legislative body of the Sons of The American Legion shall be the National Convention, to be held annually in conjunction with the National Convention of The American Legion, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. The time and place of the National Conventions shall be determined by The American Legion National Executive Committee, which shall have the authority to change such time and place for sufficient reasons for it appearing.

Section 3. In the National Convention, each Detachment shall be entitled to three delegates and one additional delegate for each 500 Members, or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by the National Treasurer of The American Legion, 30 days prior to the meeting of said National Convention,

and whose registration fees, as fixed by the National Executive Committee, for its total authorized delegate strength, have been paid, and to one alternate for each delegate. The delegates shall be chosen not less than two weeks before the National Convention at Detachment Conventions or in any other manner specified by any Detachment Constitution.

Section 4. Each duly registered delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any registered delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the registered delegates present from one's Detachment. Alternates for registered delegates shall have all the privileges of registered delegates except that of voting. A registered delegate is one who has received one's credentials and has paid such registration has been paid.

Section 5. A quorum shall exist at a National Convention when sixty percent of the Detachments are represented as provided above.

Section 6. The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion shall provide a Uniform Code of Procedure for the orderly organization and operation of National Conventions with continuing power of revision and said Code shall be applicable at all National Conventions unless it is amended, suspended, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the registered delegates at a National Convention.

ARTICLE VI NATIONAL OFFICERS

Section 1. The National Convention shall elect a National Commander, and five National Vice Commanders, who shall serve without seniority. No two Vice Commanders shall be chosen from the same Detachment. No persons shall be eligible for re-election to the office of National Commander or National Vice Commander. The region of the National Vice Commander will be consistent with those identified by The American Legion.

Section 2. Such officers shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding National Convention following their election and thereafter until their successors are chosen. Vacancies in these offices occurring between National Conventions shall be filled by election by the National Executive Committee, and any member of the Sons of The American Legion, in good standing, shall be eligible for election to such vacancy; however, no Past National Commander or Past National Vice Commander shall be elected to fill any vacancy in these respective offices.

Section 3. The National Commander, by and with the approval of the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion, shall appoint a National Adjutant, Assistant National Adjutants, National Parliamentarian, National Historian, National Chaplain, National Sergeant-at-Arms, and such Assistant National Sergeant-at-Arms as are required. Such officers shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing power.

Section 4. The Sons of The American Legion shall recognize an individual or

individuals designated by the National Commander of The American Legion as National Adviser or Advisers to the Sons of The American Legion, and they shall be ex-officio members of all committees or commissions of the National Organization of the Sons of The American Legion.

Section 5. The National Commander and the National Adjutant of The American Legion, and the staff members of The American Legion at the National Headquarters are responsible for the routine administrative work for the Sons of The American Legion and shall be recognized as ex-officio Advisers to the National Organization of the Sons of The American Legion.

Section 6. All Past National Commanders, while in good standing in their respective Squadrons, shall be members for life of the National Executive Committee, without a vote, and shall also be life delegates to all National Conventions of the Sons of The American Legion, with a vote, to be exercised by them with their respective Detachments.

ARTICLE VII NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Between National Conventions, the administrative power of Sons of The American Legion shall be vested in the National Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the National Commander, the National Vice Commanders, one National Executive Committee Member, and one alternate from each Detachment to be elected as such Detachment shall determine, the alternate to act only in the absence of the National Executive Committee Member.

Section 2. The term of office of such National Executive Committee Member and alternates shall be two years. The term of office of each National Executive Committee Member and alternate shall commence immediately upon the adjournment of the National Convention next ensuing after their election and shall end at the adjournment of the second next succeeding annual National Convention.

Section 3. Members of the National Executive Committee shall be delegates to the National Convention with a vote, which vote shall be exercised with their respective Detachments, except that the vote of the National Commander shall be exercised only in their capacity as chair of the National Convention.

ARTICLE VIII DETACHMENT ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Detachments shall be chartered by The American Legion National Executive Committee and shall be composed of the Squadrons within their respective areas, and such other Squadrons as The American Legion National Executive Committee may approve. Each Detachment charter shall be signed by The American Legion National Commander and National Adjutant.

Section 2. Each Detachment shall have a Detachment Commander, one or more Detachment Vice Commanders, a Detachment Adjutant, and a Detachment Executive Committee, Finance Officer, and may have a Chaplain and such other

officers as the Detachment may determine.

Section 3. Detachments shall have the authority to create intermediate bodies between the Squadrons and Detachment to act as a liaison between such organizations and for the purpose of promoting the program of the Sons of The American Legion. Such intermediate bodies shall conform to the framework within The American Legion Department in which the Detachment is geographically located.

Section 4. The Detachment Executive Committee shall define the powers of such intermediate groups, but in no event shall such powers invade the prerogatives now vested in Squadron or Detachment or National Organization.

Section 5. Such intermediate bodies now existing within the Departments and heretofore authorized or recognized by such Department are hereby officially recognized to the extent of the powers herein granted.

ARTICLE IX SQUADRON ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Those who desire to form a Squadron of the Sons of The American Legion shall make an application for a charter to the Post Commander of the local Post of The American Legion in the area in which they reside. The charter shall be issued by the National Commander and National Adjutant upon receipt of the application properly executed by the charter members of the applying Squadron, but only when such applying Squadron is approved by the Commander of the Department or by the Department Executive Committee.

Section 2. The minimum membership of a Squadron shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Department lies.

Section 3. There shall be no more than one Squadron of the Sons of The American Legion for each Post of The American Legion. Squadrons may be organized into sections based upon age.

Section 4. Upon receipt and processing of a proper application, a charter shall be granted and shall state that it is granted on the recommendation of the Department and on the following terms and conditions:

1. All acts heretofore duly and properly taken for the formation of the above-named Squadron are recognized and confirmed by the American Legion National Executive Committee.
2. The above-named Squadron shall uphold the declared principles of the Sons of The American Legion and The American Legion and shall conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the Detachment and Department and of the National Executive Committee, or other duly constituted national governing body of The American Legion.
3. This charter is subject to revocation by The American Legion, National Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Department, or by

such authority that may hereafter be established by the National Convention.

Section 5. Each Detachment may prescribe the Constitution of its squadrons.

Squadron charters may be suspended, canceled, or revoked upon recommendation of the Detachment Executive Committee and ratified by the Department Executive Committee as provided in their respective Detachment and Department By-Laws.

ARTICLE X FINANCES

Section 1. The revenue of the Sons of The American Legion shall be derived from annual membership dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion.

Section 2. The amount of such annual dues shall be determined by each National Convention for the ensuing year.

Section 3. The annual dues shall be collected by each Squadron and transmitted promptly through the Department to the National Treasurer. Detachments and Departments are designated agents for collection for the Sons of The American Legion with respect to such annual dues, and upon the receipt, thereof shall remit them promptly to The American Legion. In no event shall the period transpiring between the receipt of such annual dues by a Detachment or Department and the remittance thereof to The American Legion exceed thirty (30) days.

Section 4. The annual dues shall be collected in such alternate method(s) as determined by The American Legion National Executive Committee from time to time and thereafter communicated to the Detachments and Departments for communications to the squadrons provided that (a) in no instance shall the National Organization or the Detachments and Departments be empowered to retain or withhold, more than each ones published amount of per capita dues; (b) in no event shall the period transpiring between the receipt of such annual dues by the National Organization and the remittance thereof to the Detachments and Departments exceed thirty (30) days; and (c) any such alternative method shall be in addition to and not in substitution for section 3 above.

ARTICLE XI DISCIPLINE

Section 1. The American National Executive Committee, after notice and a hearing before a subcommittee as hereinafter provided, may cancel, suspend, or revoke the charter of a Detachment for any good and sufficient cause to it appearing.

Section 2. The American Legion National Executive Committee may designate, appoint, and authorize a subcommittee to hear and try and make written find-

ings of fact and recommendations with reference to the matter of the cancellation, suspension, or revocation of the charter of any Detachment of The American Legion after said Detachment shall have received due and proper notice of said hearing and trial. Said subcommittee shall make its written findings and recommendations to The American Legion National Executive Committee for its approval or rejection, and the action of said National Executive Committee upon such findings and recommendations shall be final and conclusive.

Section 3. The hearing and trial of any cause involving the cancellation, suspension, or revocation of the charter of any Detachment in Sons of The American Legion shall be had and held under rules of procedure to be adopted by The American Legion National Executive Committee.

Section 4. Upon suspension of the charter of any Detachment of the Sons of The American Legion, the Department of The American Legion, empowered and directed, by and through its duly authorized agents, to take possession, custody, and control of all the records, property, and assets of and belonging to such Detachment, and to provide for the government and administration of such Detachment during said suspension.

Section 5. Upon cancellation or revocation of the charter of any Detachment of the Sons of The American Legion, the Department of The American Legion is authorized, empowered, and directed, by and through its duly authorized agents, to take possession, custody, and control of all of the records, property, and assets of such Detachment, and to take all necessary and proper steps and proceedings to conclude and close the affairs of such Detachment, and said department of The American Legion may provide for such continued recognition and activities of squadrons in said Detachments as it may deem proper.

ARTICLE XII CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

Section 1. Any member in good standing in a Squadron moving from one's Squadron to any other Squadron shall be entitled to verification from one's original Squadron stating one's membership therein and the duration thereof.

ARTICLE XIII RATIFICATION

Section 1. All acts performed and charters heretofore granted by the temporary organization to The American Legion are hereby ratified and confirmed.

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended at any National Convention by a vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted through the National

Adjutant to the several Detachments and members of the National Executive Committee by mailing same to them at least twenty (20) days prior to the convening of the next National Convention; any such proposed amendment may be amended without further notice by a two-thirds vote of the total authorized representation thereat, provided it does not increase the modification proposed by the amendment, and it has received the approval of the Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments; and, provided further, it may be amended by unanimous vote at any National Convention without notice.

Section 2. That no proposed amendment shall be submitted through the National Adjutant to the several Departments and members of the National Executive Committee, as provided in Section 1 of this article, unless said proposed amendment shall have been first submitted by a Detachment Convention, Detachment Executive Committee, or the National Executive Committee.

**BY-LAWS
OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
ARTICLE I
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Section 1. In case of death, resignation, or removal by their respective Detachment of any National Executive Committee Member or alternate to the National Executive Committee, the successor shall be selected as such Detachment shall determine and shall serve for the remainder of such unexpired term.

Section 2. The National Executive Committee shall meet within twenty-four hours before and after each National Convention and within fifty-five days following its adjournment, provided, however, that the National Commander shall have authority to extend said fifty-five-day period for sufficient reasons upon approval by the National Executive Committee and in May of each year. Special meetings may be held upon reasonable notice at the call of the National Commander. The National Commander shall call a meeting of the National Executive Committee upon the written request of National Executive Committee Members from fifteen or more Detachments.

Section 3. Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum of the National Executive Committee.

Section 4. The National Commander shall name such committees as shall be deemed advisable, subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee at its next meeting succeeding the appointment.

Section 5. The Sons of The American Legion Oversight Committee shall appoint, upon nomination by the National Commander, a Finance Commission to be composed of five (5) members. Of the five members appointed following the National Convention, two shall be appointed to serve for a term of one year, one shall be appointed to serve for a term of two years, and one shall be appointed to serve for a term of three years; thereafter each succeeding appointee shall serve for a term of three years or until removed by the majority vote of the Sons of The American Legion Oversight Committee . The National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion shall be ex officio members of said commission. The National Commander and National Treasurer of The American Legion are ex officio members of this commission. The Finance Commission shall be charged with the preparation of the yearly budget and the handling of funds under that budget, and such other duties as shall be prescribed by the National Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee and The American Legion Finance Committee.

Section 6. There shall be the following standing commissions: Americanism Commission, Finance Commission, Internal Affairs Commission, Legislative Commission, Public Media & Communications Commission, Veterans Affairs &

Rehabilitation Commission, and Veterans Employment & Education Commission.

The commissions shall consist of such number of members of Sons of The American Legion as the National Executive Committee may from time to time determine. Appointments to such commissions shall be made by the National Executive Committee upon nomination by the National Commander. The National Executive Committee is empowered to assign duties and responsibilities to all standing commissions and committees and to group standing committees with commissions for the purpose of efficient supervision and coordination of activities.

Section 7. All questions affecting the election, eligibility, and conduct of national officers shall be referred to and determined by the Sons of The American Legion, National Executive Committee. All questions affecting the election, eligibility, and conduct of the National Executive Committee Member from any Detachment, or of Detachment officers, or members of Detachment Executive Committees, shall be referred to and determined by the Executive Committee of the Detachment involved, which shall be the final authority thereon.

ARTICLE II DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. National Commander: The National Commander shall be the executive head of the Sons of The American Legion with full power to enforce the provisions of the National Constitution, National By-Laws, and the will of the National Convention. The National Commander shall be the chair of the National Convention and the National Executive Committee and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. The National Commander shall also carry out the mandates and policies of the Sons of The American Legion as approved by The American Legion.

Section 2. National Vice Commanders: The National Vice Commanders shall act as representatives of the National Commander on all matters referred to them, and shall, on the National Commander's request, preside over the meetings of the National Convention or National Executive Committee, and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 3. National Adjutant: The National Adjutant shall be charged with the administration of the policies and mandates of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee, and of the National Commander. The National Adjutant shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office and shall also be authorized, in the event of the death or resignation of the National Commander, to summon the National Executive Committee for the election of a successor. In the event the National Adjutant shall fail, refuse, or neglect, within fifteen days after said death or resignation, to issue a call for said meeting of the National Executive Committee to be held within thirty days after said death or resignation, then said meeting for the purpose of electing a successor may be

held upon the written demand therefore signed by representatives from fifteen or more Detachments, giving fifteen days' notice thereof.

Section 4. Finance Commission Chairman: The Finance Commission Chairman shall be the custodian of the funds of the organization, and he shall be charged verifying that funds are available and within budget. Once approved, the national SAL liaison will disburse the funds. The chairman shall make reports on the condition of the treasury at each regular meeting, and when called for by the Commander or National Executive Committee, provided, however, that all disbursements shall first be approved at the appropriate level Sons of The American Legion. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 5. National Parliamentarian: The National Parliamentarian shall give advice on parliamentary procedure to the national officers and the National Executive Committee. Any matter requiring legal advice or council will be forwarded to the American Legion National Judge Advocate for review or opinion.

Section 6. National Chaplain: The National Chaplain shall perform such divine and nonsectarian services as may be necessary, adhering to such ceremonial rituals as may be recommended by National Headquarters from time to time.

Section 7. National Historian: The National Historian shall collect from year to year all records and data of value and interest for the National Headquarters of the Sons of The American Legion and The American Legion and shall compile during their term of office a complete history of the year's activities. The National Historian shall also assist Detachment and Squadron historians so as to coordinate and unify the work of these officials and shall have such other duties as the National Executive Committee shall prescribe.

ARTICLE III CHARTERS

Section 1. The Department Executive Committee may suspend, cancel, or revoke a Squadron Charter. The action taken by the Department Executive Committee shall be final and conclusive unless an appeal is taken to The American Legion National Executive Committee within thirty days from the date of said suspension, cancellation, or revocation. The action taken by The American National Executive Committee upon appeal shall be final.

Section 2. Any Squadron failing to meet the obligations imposed upon it by the Constitution and By-Laws, or ceasing to function for six months as a Sons of The American Legion Squadron, or voluntarily ceasing to function as a Squadron, or merging with one or more other Squadrons, or refusing to pay the Detachment and National per capita dues, or under such other conditions as might make such action necessary shall, upon order of the Department Executive Committee, surrender its charter for cancellation. Upon failure to surrender such charter, immediate steps may be taken for its revocation, suspension, or cancellation.

Section 3. Upon revocation, cancellation, or suspension of the charter of a

Squadron in any Detachment of The American Legion, said Squadron shall immediately cease operations and, upon revocation or cancellation, shall turn over its charter to its Department Commander or Department Executive Committee, and the sponsoring post is authorized, empowered and directed by and through its duly authorized agent to take possession, custody, and control of all the records, property and assets of said Squadron; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as requiring any Detachment to take over or assume any financial responsibility as to such property. Said Detachment Executive Committee may provide for the transfer of the members in said Squadron to other Squadrons of their choice, subject to the approval of such other Squadron.

Section 4. The National Executive Committee shall provide a uniform code defining the procedure to be followed in the revocation, cancellation, or suspension of Squadron charters and providing for a method of appeal, and further providing a code of procedure for the revocation, cancellation, or suspension of Detachment charters with continuing power to revise said code, provided, however, that the procedure now in effect shall continue until such code is so adopted.

ARTICLE IV

DISCIPLINE OF SQUADRON AND SQUADRON MEMBERS

Section 1. Each Squadron of the Sons of The American Legion shall be the judge of its own membership, subject to the restrictions of the Constitution and By-Laws, except that no person who is a member of an organization which has for its aim the overthrow of the United States Government by force or violence, or who subscribes to the principles of any group opposed to our form of government, shall be eligible to become or remain a member of the Sons of The American Legion.

Section 2. A Squadron may suspend or expel a Squadron member from the Sons of The American Legion only after providing the member due process and a proper showing of cause. Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty, and/or conduct unbecoming a member of the Sons of The American Legion. All charges must be made under oath in writing by the accusers, and no member in good standing shall lose their membership until given a fair trial by the Squadron or Detachment in such manner and form as the Squadron or Detachment By-Laws and Squadron, or Detachment Executive Committee shall prescribe.

Section 3. Any member who has been suspended or expelled has the right of appeal to their Department Executive Committee, or to the Department Convention, according to the provisions in the By-Laws of such Detachment. The decision of the Department shall be final.

Section 4. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January first shall be classed as delinquent. If their dues are paid on or before February first, the member shall be automatically reinstated. If the member is still delinquent after February first, the member shall be suspended from all

privileges. If the member is still under such suspension on June first of such year, their membership in 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 the reinstatement occurs; however, 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.

Section 5. All disciplinary decisions made by the Squadron Executive Committee shall be reviewed by the Post Executive Committee, and decisions made by the Detachment Executive Committee shall be reviewed by the Department Executive Committee to be confirmed and approved.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Applications for Squadron membership shall be verified by the designated officials of the sponsoring Post of The American Legion having jurisdiction over the Squadron.

Section 2. Membership in the Sons of The American Legion is membership in the National Organization of the Sons of The American Legion by affiliate with a Squadron.

ARTICLE VI MONIES AND COLLECTIONS

Section 1. All national employees handling all American Legion monies and negotiable instruments shall be covered by fidelity/crime insurance in an adequate amount as desired by The American Legion Finance Commission and said fidelity/crime insurance policy(s) shall be approved by The American Legion National Treasurer, The American Legion National Judge Advocate, and The American Legion Finance Commission.

Section 2. National Headquarters shall, should it be deemed advisable, detail special auditors to investigate the membership roll and financial statement of any Sons of The American Legion Detachment and, should that Department so desire, assist in a similar audit of Squadrons within that Department.

ARTICLE VII GOVERNANCE

Section 1. The American Legion National Executive Committee shall be the overall governing body over the Sons of The American Legion program.

Section 2. All By-laws, amendments, and/or standing rules from the Sons of The American Legion must be presented to the National Executive Committee of The American Legion for confirmation and approval prior to use.

Section 3. The Sons of The American Legion Constitution and By-Laws referred to in Section I hereof, there shall be no conflict with the National Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion whose Constitution and By-laws shall supersede any conflicts or items not addressed by the Sons of The American Legion Constitution and By-laws.


ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any National Convention by a vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted through the National Adjutant to the several Detachment and members of the National Executive Committee by mailing same to them at least twenty (20) days prior to the convening of the next National Convention; any such proposed amendment may be amended without further notice by a two-thirds vote of the total authorized representation thereat, provided it does not increase the modification proposed by the amendment, and it has received the approval of the Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments; and, provided further, it may be amended by unanimous vote at any National Convention without notice.

Section 2. That no proposed amendment shall be submitted through the National Adjutant to the several Detachments and members of the National Executive Committee, as provided in Section 1 of this article, unless said proposed amendment shall have been first submitted by a Detachment Convention, Detachment Executive Committee, or the National Executive Committee.



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