

The Sons Of The American Legion Detachment Of Arizona Constitution

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 masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will 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 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, Detachment of Arizona".

Section 2.

The Detachment Headquarters of the Detachment of Arizona shall be located at the same site as the Department of Arizona.

ARTICLE II NATURE

Section 1.

The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Arizona is a civilian organization. Membership therein does not effect, nor increase liability for military, or police service.

Section 2.

The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Arizona, shall be absolutely non-political, and shall not be used neither for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for promotion of the candidacy of any person or group seeking public office of preferment.

Section 3.

The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Arizona, shall be absolutely non-sectarian.

Section 4.

Each member shall perform his full duties as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding according to the Law, and not according to the dictates of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Arizona.

ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION

Section 1.

Each Post of the American Legion shall sponsor no more than (1) squadron of the Sons of the American Legion. With the approval of the Department of Arizona, Squadrons sponsored by the Posts shall be organized into Areas, and a Detachment Organization as shall be in accordance with the Department guidelines, 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.

Section 2.

The Sons of the American Legion shall be organized on a local basis, under a sponsoring Post, and shall bear the name of said sponsoring Post as follows; "Sons of the American Legion Squadron of Post #, Detachment of AZ".

Section 3.

Detachment organization shall take jurisdiction over all Squadron, and Areas, within the geographical area, and within the guidelines set up by the Detachment of Arizona, as regulated by the Department of Arizona.

Section 4.

The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Arizona, shall be regulated by such rules as prescribed by the National Executive Committee of the American Legion, and as such restrictions may be prescribed by the Department of Arizona.

ARTICLE IV ELIGIBILITY

Section 1.

The Legislative Body of the Detachment of Arizona shall be the Detachment Convention, to be held annually in conjunction with the Department of Arizona American Legion. All acts of this Legislative body shall be subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee of the American Legion.

Section 2.

The Detachment Commander or his appointed representative shall issue a call to the Detachment Convention no less than (60) sixty days prior to such a Convention. This call shall be by letter, and publication in such as is available to the Detachment of Arizona.

Section 3.

Each Squadron shall be entitled to (1) one vote for their Squadron Charter, and (1) one vote for each (10) ten members, or major part thereof, as such membership is received by Detachment not less than (30) thirty days prior to such called Detachment Convention. Any Squadron must have a minimum of (10) ten paid members in order to be given a vote at the Detachment Convention. Such Squadrons as have not paid (10) ten memberships not less than (30) thirty days prior to the called Convention shall be ineligible to vote. Each Squadron shall be entitled to (1) one alternate for each delegate registered at said called Convention. A Registered delegate shall be one who has paid such fee as may be required, and has received his credentials. When a registration fee may be required and not paid by such delegate, then said delegate shall be ineligible to vote, and his Squadron shall forfeit the right to cast his vote. All delegates, and alternates, shall receive all privileges, if said registration fee as required is paid. The vote of all absent delegates shall be cast by their alternates, if insufficient numbers of alternates are present, then the majority of that delegation shall cast such votes as are absent and such number that that Squadron is entitled to.

Section 4.

Delegates from (5) five Squadrons shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5.

The Detachment Executive Committee shall determine if, and how much, of a fee shall be required for a registration fee, currently set at .10 cents per member rounded to the nearest dollar.

Section 6.

All Past-Detachment Commanders shall be delegates to the Detachment Convention, and shall have (1) one at-large vote, to be cast with their respective Squadrons. The elected Detachment Officers shall also be automatic delegates to the Detachment Convention, and shall also be entitled to (1) one at-large vote, to be cast with their respective Squadrons. No Past Detachment Commander, or currently elected Detachment Officer shall cast more than (1) one at-large vote.

ARTICLE V DETACHMENT OFFICERS

Section 1.

The Detachment Convention shall elect a Detachment Commander and three Detachment Vice-Commanders, of equal rank. The Vice Commanders shall be elected according to Areas A, B, and C to conform with that of the Department of Arizona, further, that election shall include a National Executive Committeeman, an Alternate National Executive committeeman, (5) five Detachment Executive committeemen, and a Detachment Chaplain. If any position of an elected nature should have no candidate, then the newly elected Detachment Commander, with the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee, shall appoint such officers as required. All elected and appointed officers shall be approved of the Department Executive Committee.

Section 2.

The following officers shall be recommended for appointment by the Detachment Commander, and approved by the Detachment Executive Committee; Detachment Adjutant, Detachment Finance Officer, Detachment Sergeant at Arms, Detachment Judge Advocate and Detachment Historian.

Section 3.

All endorsements for the Detachment elected officers must be approved by the sponsoring Post Commander, and/or the sponsoring Post Adjutant. No nomination will be accepted from the floor of the Detachment Convention without the sponsoring Post endorsement. All such endorsements shall be sent to the chairman of the nominating committee, and/or the Detachment Adjutant no later than (30) thirty days prior to Detachment Convention, excepting those offered from the Convention floor, with the proper endorsement from the sponsoring post. No nomination will be accepted without said endorsement.

Section 4.

All elected officers, will be installed at a joint installation with the American Legion on the closing day of the Department Convention. No officer, shall be considered as installed until approved by the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion. This joint installation shall be considered part of the called Detachment Convention and a requirement of the office for all Detachment officers, to serve that year.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1.

Any member of the Detachment Executive Committee, including the Detachment Commander, may be removed from office by a simple majority vote of said Detachment Executive Committee present for such offenses as non-performance of duties, or non-attendance of called Detachment meetings, or such other offenses as may be deemed removable by the Detachment Executive Committee or the Detachment Commander, and approved by a simple majority of the Detachment Executive Committee present and be ratified by Detachment membership at the next membership meeting.

Section 2.

The Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Arizona shall recognize such individuals designated by the Department Commander of the American Legion, Department of Arizona, as the Department Advisor(s), and said designated of the Detachment Organization. Such person(s) shall serve as advisor(s) only, and shall have no voting power unless he is a member of the Sons of the American Legion, and appointed to such Committee or Commission by the Detachment Commander. The Department advisor shall be budgeted \$250.00 from Detachment funds and shall draw such funds by travel voucher, or submission of a phone bill.

Section 3.

The Department Commander and the Department Adjutant shall also serve as ex-officio members of all Detachment Committees and Commissions as advisors to the Detachment Organization, if that is their wish.

Section 4.

Between Detachment meetings, the administrative power of the Detachment shall be vested in the Detachment Executive Committeemen for the current year.

Section 5.

All Past Detachment Commanders shall be members of the Detachment Executive Committee with (1) one vote.

Section 6.

In fulfilling their duties and responsibilities, and the Detachment Officers, elected and appointed, shall be responsible to the Detachment Executive Committee, to the Department Executive Committee of the American Legion, or to such subordinate body by them designated. A minimum of (6) six progress reports must be submitted, no less than every (60) sixty days by all elected Detachment Officers, to the Detachment Commander and/or the Detachment Adjutant.

ARTICLE VII DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1.

The Detachment Executive Committee shall meet annually during the Detachment Convention and the Detachment fall conference, the Detachment Campout, and at such times as the Commander, or majority of its members may direct.

Section 2.

The Detachment Executive Committee shall meet just prior to each Detachment Convention to consider any resolutions, or business of an Executive nature just prior to each Detachment Convention, and shall meet following the Detachment Convention to approve all Appointments by the newly elected Commander. Actions of the Detachment Executive Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee of the American Legion.

Section 3.

The Detachment Executive Committee may transact such urgent business by mail that will not wait until a called Detachment Convention or called Detachment Executive Committee meeting. (30) Thirty days shall be allowed for mail transmittal of ballots, and/or telephone calls, and/or telegrams, to the Detachment Adjutant of the votes thereon. The Detachment Adjutant shall notify the Detachment Commander of the results of the vote taken, with the verification of such Detachment Executive Committee members designated by the Detachment Commander. The Detachment Executive Committee shall also meet at the call of the Detachment Commander or on the written request of (3) three Squadrons, at any time during that year for sufficient reasons to it appearing, and as shall be called by the Department Commander of the American Legion.

ARTICLE VIII DETACHMENT ORGANIZATION

Section 1.

The Detachment of Arizona Sons of the American Legion shall conform to all geographic restrictions set up by the Department of Arizona American Legion, and shall in no way conflict with said geographic restrictions.

Section 2.

The Detachment of Arizona shall conform to the limitations set up by the Department of Arizona American Legion. Such other elected officers of intermediary groups, such as Areas shall also conform to those limitations. Such intermediary groups as Areas, shall act as liaison between the Detachment organization, and the Squadrons, for the purposes of promoting the programs of the Sons of the American Legion.

Section 3.

The Detachment Executive Committee shall define such powers as these intermediary groups may be given, but no intermediary group shall attempt to determine policy of any Squadron, nor in the Detachment organization.

Section 4.

Such intermediary groups as Areas shall be subordinate to the Detachment Executive Committee and shall function only so long as there are (3) three Squadrons active in said Area. (3) three Area Vice Commanders, shall be elected at the Detachment Convention by the entire Detachment sitting in a called Convention, or by appointment of the Detachment Commander as earlier stated, ties to be broken according to Robert's Rules of Order. The Commander shall vote according to Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IX SQUADRON ORGANIZATION

Section 1.

Those who desire to form a Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion shall make application for a charter to the Post Commander of their local post in the area in which they reside. Upon approval of the Post Commander, the application shall be forwarded to the Department Commander of the Arizona American Legion, and upon his/her approval, shall be forwarded to the National Headquarters of the American Legion, where the Charter may be issued by the National Commander and the National Adjutant of the American Legion in the same manner prescribed for the issuance of Charters for post of the American Legion. Such new Squadrons will not be recognized by the Detachment until elections shall be held and officer's reports submitted to the Detachment Headquarters.

Section 2.

The minimum membership for the formation of a Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion shall be (10) ten new members.

Section 3.

If any Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion shall remain inactive for a period of (2) two years, with less than the minimum of (10) ten members paid, then at the discretion of the Detachment Executive Committee the Detachment Commander shall order said charter pulled, and their active membership shall be canceled, and any paid members transferred to the headquarters squadron. Non-submission of officer's reports, and/or quarterly progress reports shall be considered as being a non-active squadron and may result in loss of squadron charter by action of the Detachment Executive Committee.

Section 4.

There shall be no more than (1) one Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion in any post. Squadrons may be organized into sections according to age, but all sections must be active, and have equal rights.

Section 5.

Squadron Officers of the Sons of the American Legion shall consist of a Commander, Vice Commander(s), Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms, Historian, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary. The Squadron First Vice Commander is to function as the Membership Chairman. Such officers will not be recognized by Detachment Headquarters, unless an officers report is submitted on a yearly basis with (30) thirty days of Detachment Convention.

Section 6.

Squadron Officers shall be elected annually, and should conform to the dates selected by the sponsoring Post of the American Legion, as closely as possible. Squadron Officers elected shall be subject to the approval of the sponsoring Post of the American Legion. If a squadron is temporarily inactive, a Commander, and an Adjutant may be appointed by the sponsoring Post Commander, provided such appointees are members of the Sons of the American Legion, and such appointments are reported to Detachment Headquarters, in compliance with the requirements of the Detachment Officers report.

Section 7.

Squadron meetings shall be held no less than monthly in accordance with the ritual of the organization, and Squadrons shall follow the requirements of the Squadron activities handbook, provided by Detachment Headquarters.

ARTICLE X
FINANCE

Section 1.

The revenue of the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Arizona, shall be from annual dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Department Executive Committee of the American Legion, or the person(s) as may be designated by the Department Commander of the American Legion.

Section 2.

The amount of such annual dues shall be \$8.00; Detachment and \$2.00 National per capita dues, and shall be payable commencing July 1st, of each year. Such funds shall be transmitted to the officer charged with the custody of Detachment funds and shall be held separately from other funds of such Department. Any member not having paid his current years dues by December 31st, of said year, shall be considered in a delinquent status and shall lose all such privileges as voting, etc.

Section 3.

The amount of such annual Squadron dues shall be determined by the individual Squadrons, with the approval of host post.

Section 4.

The annual National per capita dues shall be collected by each Squadron and transmitted throughout the Detachment Headquarters of the American Legion in which the Squadron is geographically located, and thence to the National Treasurer of the American Legion.

ARTICLE XI
DISCIPLINE

Section 1.

The Detachment Commander, in conjunction with the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee, may suspend, cancel, or revoke the Charter of any Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion over which it has jurisdiction, in the event it violates the provisions of this Detachment Constitution, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee of the American Legion Department in which said Squadron and Detachment are geographically located.

Section 2.

The cancellation or revocation of any Squadron Charter shall require the 2/3rds vote of the Detachment Executive Committee, and the approval of the American Legion Department Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XII AMMENDMENTS

Section 1.

This constitution may be amended at any Detachment Convention by the Affirmative vote of (2/3) two-thirds of the registered delegates there-at; subject to the ratification of the Department Executive Committee of the American Legion, wherein the Detachment is geographically located.

Section 2.

Such amendments as may be enacted by a (2/3) two-thirds vote of the registered delegates at any Detachment Convention shall take effect immediately following the close of business of that current Detachment Convention, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee of the American Legion, wherein the Detachment is geographically located.

The Sons Of The American Legion Detachment Of Arizona By-Laws

ARTICLE I DUTIES OF DETACHMENT OFFICERS

Section 1.

COMMANDER: The Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander is the executive head of the organization at his level, with full power to carry out the mandates and policies of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Arizona, as approved by the Executive Committee of The American Legion, Department of Arizona. He shall perform such duties as are usually incident to the office. He shall also act as the Chairman of the Detachment Executive Committee.

Section 2.

VICE COMMANDERS: The Vice-Commanders, shall act as the representatives of the Detachment Commander on all matters referred to them, and shall, on his request, preside over meetings and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. The primary function of the Vice-Commanders is to act as liaison between the Detachment Commander and such other intermediated groups as may be prescribed by the Detachment Constitution. The function of the Vice-Commanders is also to accept responsibility of membership in his area, and to assist the Detachment Commander in the programs of The Sons of the American Legion. He shall make progress reports to Detachment Headquarters at least every (60) sixty days, to the Detachment Commander and/or the Detachment Adjutant, or be subject to disciplinary action.

Section 3.

ADJUTANT OFFICER: The Adjutant who corresponds to the secretary of an organization, shall be charged with the usual duties of an adjutant or secretary. He is the administrative officer of the policies and mandates of the organization. He will also be charged with the approval and supervision, of the Detachment of Arizona, Executive Committee.

Section 4.

FINANCE OFFICER: The Finance Officer shall make reports on the condition of the treasury at each regular meeting, and when called for by the Detachment Commander, or the Executive Committee of the Detachment. His further duties will be to prepare reports of finances, the payment of outstanding debts, and an annual budget for the Department Headquarters. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to his office.

Section 5.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: The Sergeant at Arms shall be charged with responsibility of preserving order at all Detachment meetings and shall be given the custody and responsibility of the colors of the Detachment, when they are not in the custody of the Detachment Commander. He shall assist the Detachment Commander at all installations, and initiations, and such other functions of the Detachment as the Detachment Commander shall deem necessary, and are incident to his office.

Section 6.

CHAPLAIN: The Chaplain shall perform such divine nonsectarian service as shall be necessary adhering to the ceremonial rituals as may be prescribed.

Section 7.

HISTORIAN: The Historian shall collect from year to year all records and data of value and interest to the Sons of the American Legion, Department of Arizona, and shall compile during his term of office a complete bound history of the years activities, to be presented to the outgoing Detachment Commander on completion of his term.

Section .8

JUDGE ADVOCATE: The Judge Advocate shall be the arbiter of all disputes concerning this Constitution and by-laws, and shall only be overruled by a (2/3rds) two-thirds, plus (1) one vote of the body in session. He shall be charged with the maintenance, and updating of this Constitution and by-laws.

Section 9.

All Officers of the Sons of the American Legion in the performance of their duties shall be governed by The American Legion at the appropriate level. All actions of The Sons of the American Legion at the Squadron, intermediate, area, and Detachment Level shall be subject to review and approval at the appropriate level of The American Legion.

ARTICLE II SQUADRON & AREA/DETACHMENT CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Section 1.

Each Squadron, Area/Detachment must adopt a constitution and by-laws, with the approval of the next highest level in this Detachment. The Squadron, Area/Detachment Constitution and by-laws shall be adopted with the approval of the appropriate level of the American Legion, and there shall be no conflict with the National, or Department constitution and by-laws, on any level. Squadrons, and Area/Detachment not having a constitution and by-laws approved by the Department Executive Committee, shall not be recognized at Detachment Convention, and may offer no nominations for Detachment Officers, elected or appointed.

ARTICLE III EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1.

The Constitution of any Squadron, Area/Detachment, may create an Executive Committee, and their powers and composition shall be stated in this Detachment Constitution and by-laws, and may not exceed or conflict with said document.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

Membership in The Sons of the American Legion is membership in the Detachment, and National organization of The Sons of the American Legion by affiliation with a Squadron.

Section 2.

Each Squadron shall be the judge of its own membership, but subject to the restrictions and qualifications of this Constitution and By-laws.

Section 3.

Members may be suspended or expelled under the same provisions for suspension or expulsion of a member of The American Legion.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP AND ARREARS DUES

Section 1.

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

Section 2.

Any member not having current years membership dues paid on/by December 31, of the current year, shall be considered delinquent. Any member not having current years dues paid by December 31, of that year shall automatically be suspended from all privileges, and failure to pay current years dues by July 1, of the next year shall cause forfeiture of membership in The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Arizona. Any Delinquent or suspended member may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by a majority vote of his Squadron upon payment of all dues in arrears, plus payment of the current years dues. Any member whose membership has been forfeited for non-payment of dues for (1) one year may be reinstated by a majority vote of the Squadron upon payment of (1) one years dues in arrears in addition to the current years membership dues.

ARTICLE VI EXPENSES

Section 1.

All Detachment expenses over \$250 must be approved at a regularly scheduled Detachment Meeting, by a majority, on a roll call vote of all Squadrons in attendance.

ARTICLE VII AMMENDMENTS

Section 1.

These By-laws may be amended by any Detachment Convention by the (2/3rds) two-thirds vote of the registered delegates thereat, and are subject to the ratification of the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, wherein the Detachment is geographically located.

Section 2.

Such amendments as may be enacted by a (2/3rds) two-thirds vote of the registered delegates at any Detachment Convention shall take effect immediately following the close of business of that current Detachment Convention, subject to the approval from the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, wherein the Detachment is geographically located.

Section 3.

No amendments to, or current contents of this By-laws shall be in conflict with either Department, or National American Legion policy, or The Sons of The American Legion National Organization.

This constitution is recommended for ratification by the By-laws committee to the membership to the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Arizona.

By-law committee:

April 6, 2007

Steve Blank Detachment Commander

W.L. Foster Detachment Adviser

Jim Ashley Detachment Judge Advocate

Thomas Baxstrom Department Adviser

Approved: June 19, 2007

Amended: June 21, 2008

Resolution 1

Approved: June 21, 2008 Tucson Arizona

Whereas:

The Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion comprised of descendents of Veterans; and

Whereas:

The Detachment of Arizona, seeking to expand the opportunities for more individuals to serve as members of the Detachment Executive Committee, now therefore be it,

Resolved:

By Squadron 117, The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Arizona in regular session assembled in Tucson, Arizona on June 21, 2008, that there shall not be more than one member from any given Squadron elected to the five member Executive Committee; and be it

Further Resolved:

That there shall not be more than one member from any given Squadron serving on the Finance Committee; and be it

Finally Resolved:

That his Resolution shall take effect with the close of business of the 2007- 2008 Detachment of Arizona Convention held on June 21, 2008 in Tucson Arizona.

Submitted and Approved by, Steve Allen (s) Commander Squadron 117

Resolution 2

Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Detachment Convention 2014 Carefree, Arizona June 28, 2014

Resolution Title:

Memorial Day Ceremony Participation by the Sons of The American Legion at National Cemeteries in Arizona.

Origin(s):

Earl E. Mitchel Squadron 29 of Glendale, Arizona, on April 24, 2014 at a regular General Meeting, and concurrently by

Irving B. Selmer Squadron 107 of Phoenix, Arizona, on May 12, 2014 at a regular General Meeting.

Submitted by: Earl E. Mitchell Squadron 29 Glendale, in conjunction with Irving B. Selmer Squadron 107 Phoenix.

WHEREAS, The Preamble of The Sons of The American Legion states: "to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in the Great Wars"; and

WHEREAS, We, the Sons of The American Legion, "must remember S.A.L.'s mission: to strengthen the four pillars of The American Legion"; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with The Four Pillars, we as Sons of The American Legion continue to honor and remember the men and women who died while serving; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion remember and honor the service of our Veterans every day, a special day of remembering is designated "Memorial Day" on the final Monday of May; and

WHEREAS, A ceremony is held at the Arizona National Cemetery and the Prescott National Cemetery in recognition of the Veterans service and as a remembrance of their passing during military service with honor; and

WHEREAS, These Veterans are interred in a National Cemetery reserved for those so honored; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Arizona, continue to serve and honor our Veterans and their service to our County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Detachment of Arizona, in keeping with the purpose of the Sons of The American Legion, shall participate in said ceremony and lay a wreath to honor and to remember those service personnel qualified to find this cemetery their place of everlasting peace; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Arizona, shall place into its annual budget the amount of funds necessary to obtain and maintain a wreath or wreaths suited to the purpose; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The Detachment Commander of Arizona shall designate one or more volunteers from the membership of the Sons of The American Legion to assist or to officially represent the Commander at this annual event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The addition of new cemeteries by the Veterans Administration shall be included as they become designated as a National Cemetery under their administration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, This resolution, subject to approval of the Executive Committee of The American Legion, Department of Arizona shall take effect upon the conclusion of the 2014 Department of Arizona Annual Convention held in Carefree, Arizona; and, be it finally RESOLVED, The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Arizona shall be represented at all Memorial Day ceremonies held at all Veterans Administration National Cemeteries in the State of Arizona.

Resolution approved during regular Meeting of Detachment Convention 2014

Voting Per Capita Changes

Voting fees set for “per capita” fees due prior to voting at Detachment Convention:

If your Squadron has:

100 members or less, your fee is: \$6.00

\$1.00 for the charter and \$5.00 for membership, totaling \$6.00;

101 members or more but less than 501 members, your fee is: \$11.00

\$1.00 for the charter and \$10.00 for membership, totaling \$11.00;

501 members or more but less than 1001 members, your fee is: \$16.00

\$1.00 for the charter and \$15.00 for membership, totaling \$16.00

Approved during Executive Board meeting by vote prior to Convention General Meeting 2013 and approved by unanimous vote during Convention General Meeting.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee Changes 2017

Bylaws Committee 2017 April recommendations during regularly convened Detachment Bylaws Committee meeting and approved thereof:

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee met on April 29, 2017 at Hualapai National Park during the Sons of The American Legion annual Campout D.E.C. Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Mekula at 1:45 pm. Also present were Committee members Chuck Treat and Joe Roberts.

The committee discussed and agreed to make the following updates to the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws:

Constitution

Article V, Section 3

“All endorsements for the Detachment elected officers must be approved by the sponsoring Post Commander, and/or the sponsoring Post Adjutant. No nomination will be accepted from the floor of the Detachment Convention without the sponsoring Post endorsement. All such endorsements shall be sent to the chairman of the nominating committee, and/or the Detachment Adjutant no later than (30) thirty days prior to Detachment Convention, excepting those offered from the Convention floor, with the proper endorsement from the sponsoring post. No nomination will be accepted without said endorsement.”

Replaced with:

“All candidates for Detachment elected office must submit a completed and signed Personal Information Data Form to the nominating committee, and or the Detachment Adjutant no later than at the time of nomination. If a candidate is nominated from the Convention floor, in addition to accepting the nomination, the candidate shall complete the Personal Information Data Form at that time.”

Article VI, Section 2 (Remove last sentence)

“The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona shall recognize such individuals designated by the Department Commander of The American Legion, Department of Arizona, as the Department Advisor(s), and said designated of the Detachment organization. Such person(s) shall serve as advisor(s) only, and shall have no voting power unless he is a member of the Sons of The American Legion, and appointed to such Committee or Commission by the Detachment Commander. ~~The Department advisor shall be budgeted \$250.00 from Detachment funds and shall draw such funds by travel voucher, or submission of a phone bill.”~~

Article IX, Section 3 (Update first sentence)

*“If any Squadron of the Sons of The American Legion shall remain inactive for a period of ~~(2) two years~~, **(1) one year**, with less than the minimum of (10) ten members paid, then at the discretion of the Detachment Executive Committee, the Detachment Commander shall order said charter ~~pulled~~, **suspended**, and their active membership shall be canceled, and any paid members transferred to the headquarters squadron. Non-submission of officer’s reports, and/or quarterly progress reports shall be considered as being a non-active squadron and may result in loss of squadron charter by action of the Detachment Executive Committee.”*

By-Laws

Article I, Section 1 (add Sub Section a) (Resolution approved 6/28/14)

- a. *“The Detachment Commander shall attend, or shall designate another member to participate in as his official designee, Memorial Day ceremonies at all Arizona-based National Cemetery remembrances.”*

Article III, Section 2 (new Section) (Resolution 1, approved 06/21/08)

2. *“No Squadron shall have more than one (1) member to serve on the Detachment Executive Committee. Also, no Squadron shall have more than one (1) member to serve on the Finance Committee.”*

There being no further business, Chairman Mekula adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.