

BYLAWS
OF
THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE I - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Detachment Officers elected at any annual convention of this Organization shall take office immediately upon election, and shall forthwith assume the performance of the duties of their respective offices, subject to their approval by the Department SAL Committee.

Section 2. In electing Squadron officers, the following schedule will be followed:

(A) At the **March** meeting of the Squadron, a nominating committee will be elected by the Squadron membership or by the Squadron Executive Committee. The Squadron Commander shall not appoint nor be a member of the committee.

(B) This committee shall make its formal report to the Squadron at the **April** meeting.

(C) Squadron Officers will be elected at the **May** meeting with the Squadron Commander calling for additional nominations from the floor at the Squadron meeting.

(D) Squadron Officers will be installed at the **June** meeting of **all** Squadrons.

(E) The names of the newly elected officers shall be reported to Detachment Headquarters **immediately following the election** or by **July 1st** on forms provided by the Detachment.

ARTICLE II - FINANCES

Section 1. The local Squadrons, as of January 10, 2010, shall pay into the treasury of this Detachment \$ fifteen (\$15.00) for each member for each fiscal year. The Department Adjutant shall remit annually \$ 2.00 per capita upon the membership of this Detachment to The National Finance Officer of The American Legion, as the dues of this Detachment in the National Organization, and shall use \$13.00 per capita for the usual expenses of the Detachment. Also, that if the National organization raises its member per capita to the Detachment, that the Detachment will automatically raise its per capita accordingly.

Section 2.

The Detachment Finance Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of preparing the annual budget, and no expenditures of any Detachment funds, not provided for in the annual budget shall be made by the Detachment Executive Committee, unless first referred to the Detachment Finance Committee for its study and recommendation.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Detachment Commander

(A) The duties of the Detachment Commander shall be to preside over the Convention, and he shall be

ex officio Chairman of the Detachment Executive Committee.

(B) He shall take care that the high principles and purposes of The Sons of the American Legion are preserved.

(C) He shall be the official spokesman on all occasions for The American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina.

(D) With the approval and consent of the Detachment Executive Committee, he shall discharge the duties laid upon him by the Constitution and these Bylaws, and shall further perform all duties incident to the office of Chief Executive of the organization, and faithfully carry out the mandates of the convention and all duties devolved upon him by the Detachment Executive Committee.

(E) The Detachment Commander, to lighten his burdens, is not required to visit all Squadrons of this Detachment. He is expected to attend Zone meetings held at such places as may be selected and designated by the Zone Commanders and at such times as the Detachment Commander may specify.

(F) It shall be the responsibility and duty of the Detachment Commander to prepare and submit to the Detachment convention a detailed report of his activities during the year with such recommendations as he may deem advisable for the information and guidance of the future of The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina.

(G) In order that the Detachment Executive Committee may be informed as to the contents of the Commander's report to be made to the convention, it shall be the duty of the commander to submit a report to the meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee held immediately prior to the convening of the annual Detachment convention.

Detachment First Vice-Commander

As Commission chairperson, Internal Affairs, the incumbent oversees all phases of Internal Affairs and assures the Detachment Commander, Detachment Adjutant, and the Detachment Executive Committee that all sub-committees have met, findings reported and/or plans implemented as required.

The Detachment Vice-Commander will not hold any other Chairmanship or positions on other committees at the Detachment level.

The primary duties and responsibility of the Detachment First Vice-Commander is over site of all sub-committees that formulate Internal Affairs.

The Detachment First Vice-Commander will represent the Detachment Commander and/or the Detachment at various functions as prescribed by the Detachment Commander and Detachment Adjutant throughout the ensuing year.

In addition, in case of where the Detachment Commander cannot fulfill his duties as outlined in Article VII, Section 4 of the Constitution, the Detachment Adjutant will call a special meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee for the purpose of filling the unexpired position of the Detachment Commander. The Detachment First Vice-Commander upon approval will ascend to Commander and fulfill the unexpired term as

directed by the Detachment Executive Committee.

The Detachment First Vice-Commander's term of office is for one (1) year, unless otherwise provided for in the Detachment constitution.

Detachment Second Vice-Commander

The duties and responsibilities are to serve as Commission chairperson of Americanism and to oversee functioning responsibility of the various Americanism programs for The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina.

The Detachment Vice-Commanders will not hold any other chairmanship or positions on other committees at the Detachment level.

The incumbent works closely with each committee and their chairman's, as appointed by the Detachment Commander. The incumbent will learn history, program operational procedures, and time frames for all the Americanism programs conducted by both National and Detachment Headquarters.

These major programs include, but are not limited to: the Five Star Program, the Ten Ideals Program, and the following Department programs - Oratorical, Boys State, Baseball, and Law Cadet. As Commission chairperson, numerous other programs are conducted throughout the year that warrant Squadron, District, Zone and Detachment awareness and knowledge. The incumbent is responsible to disseminate appropriate information concerning these programs to Detachment, Zone, District and Squadrons.

The incumbent oversees all phases of Americanism and assures the Detachment Commander, Detachment Adjutant, and Detachment Executive Committee, that all sub-committees have met, findings reported, and/or plans implemented as required.

The incumbent works closely with the Detachment Commander, Detachment Adjutant to assure all programs outlined by the Detachment Executive Committee are implemented.

The incumbent throughout the year will represent the Detachment Commander and/or Detachment at various functions prescribed by the Detachment Commander and/or Detachment Adjutant.

The Detachment Second Vice-Commander's term of office is for one (1) year unless otherwise provided for by the Commission.

Detachment Third and Fourth Vice-Commander

The Detachment Third and Fourth Vice-Commanders' primary duties and responsibilities are to oversee the two (2) zones within their jurisdiction. These areas of jurisdiction are as follows: Third Vice-Commander covers Zones One and Two, while the Fourth Vice-Commander covers Zones Three and Four.

The Detachment Vice-Commanders will not hold any other chairmanship or positions on other committees at the Detachment level.

The Detachment Third Vice-Commander serves as the Commission chairperson of National Security and

assures the Detachment Commander, Detachment Adjutant and the Detachment Executive Committee that all sub-committees have met, findings reported, and/or plans implemented as required.

The Detachment Fourth Vice-Commander serves as the Commission chairperson of Economics and assures the Detachment Commander, Detachment Adjutant and the Detachment Executive Committee that all sub-committees have met, findings reported, and/or plans implemented as required.

The Detachment Third/Fourth Vice-Commanders are responsible for and assures that all programs outlined by the Detachment Commander, Detachment Adjutant, Detachment Executive Committee, the Commission chairperson of Internal Affairs, and the commission chairperson of Americanism are fully implemented within their Zones as prescribed. Through this process, the Detachment is assured continuity of program development and each Squadron is fully aware of all programs of the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion.

The Detachment Third/Fourth Vice-Commanders will represent the Detachment Commander and/or the Detachment at various functions as prescribed by the Detachment Commander and/or the Detachment Adjutant throughout the year.

The Detachment Third/Fourth Vice Commander will serve a term of one (1) year.

Detachment Zone Commanders

The four (4) Zone Commanders shall be elected as provided by the Constitution and shall serve without seniority. They shall be elected from each of the following areas:

- Zone One - Districts Four, Five, Six and Seven
- Zone Two - Districts Eight, Nine and Twelve
- Zone Three - Districts One, Two, Three and Ten
- Zone Four - Districts Eleven, Thirteen and Fourteen

Their duty shall be chiefly directed to membership, with such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Detachment Commander and the Detachment Executive Committee.

All Zone Commanders shall have supervisory control of the District Commanders within their respective zone. They shall submit dates and places for their independent Zone meetings to Detachment Headquarters prior to **August 1** of each year. They shall hold a minimum of at least **one (1)** meeting prior to January 1. The Zone meetings are held and conducted all inclusive from any other meetings.

All Zone Commanders are responsible for visiting all delinquent Squadrons in their respective Zones between July 1 and October 31 of each year. The findings of said visitation shall be forwarded to the Detachment Adjutant as outlined in Article III, Section 4(L) of the Detachment Bylaws.

Detachment Adjutant

The Detachment Adjutant shall be the Chief Operating Officer of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina. As Chief Operating Officer of the Detachment, he/she shall be charged with the administration of policies and procedures of both the National and Detachment Sons of the American Legion, as

well as the politics and mandates of the Detachment convention, Detachment Executive Committee, and as prescribed by the Constitution. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

ONLY THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT OR AN OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ANY LEGAL DOCUMENT, BORROW MONEY, ESTABLISH BANK ACCOUNTS OR TAKE ANY LEGALLY OR CONTRACTUALLY BINDING ACTION ON BEHALD OF THE DETACHMENT.

The incumbent shall keep the accounts, receive all funds, and sign all vouchers for the Organization.

With the Detachment Historian, he/she shall carefully prepare all of the permanent records of the Detachment, and shall be the official custodian of all such records.

The incumbent shall, subject to the oversight of the Department Adjutant, be in charge of the Detachment Personal Property, other than money, and resources located at the Department Headquarters Building.

The incumbent shall coordinate his activities and cooperate with the Department Adjutant.

Upon receipt of reports from Zone Commanders, the Detachment Adjutant shall assist the Zone Commanders and District Commanders to ensure that any assistance in rehabilitating all such Squadrons are accomplished and given by The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina.

Detachment Finance Officer

The incumbent shall be the Fiscal agent/Finance officer for the Organization.

If the Detachment Executive Committee shall so require, at any or all of the meetings, he shall be prepared to render true accounting of the financial condition of The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina.

Together with the Detachment Adjutant and the Detachment Finance Committee, he shall assist with the preparation of an annual operating budget for the Detachment.

Detachment Chaplain

The Detachment Chaplain shall be appointed by the Detachment Commander, as specified in Article VII, Section 5(d) of the Constitution, from among the clergyman or religious officers who are members of The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina.

The incumbent shall discharge all duties incident to his/her office, and do all things required of him by the Detachment Executive Committee.

It shall be the particular duty of the Detachment Chaplain to promote the "Service to God and Country" program of The American Legion in the Detachment and to submit programs to respective Squadrons to carry that objective into effect.

The incumbent shall be responsible for all religious and memorial services for all Detachment meetings.

Zone and District Commanders shall have the authority to appoint individuals who have served in the office of Squadron Chaplain to serve as Chaplain of the Zone or District commanded by such Zone or District Commander. The term of any such Zone or District Chaplain shall coincide with the term of the Zone or District Commander appointing him, provided, however, that such Chaplain shall continue in office beyond the end of the term of the Zone or District Commander appointing him until his successor shall have been duly appointed and installed.

The Detachment Chaplain shall hold a conference of the Zone, District and Squadron Chaplains at least once a year.

Detachment Service Officer

The incumbent shall be in charge of the Veterans Rehabilitation program and shall be the Chairman of the Veterans Rehabilitation Committee for The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina.

He shall cooperate with the other officers of both the National and the local Detachment of The Sons of the American Legion in performing the first duty laid upon this Detachment and each member thereof, that is to care for disabled veterans and the widows and orphans of deceased ex-servicemen.

The incumbent shall be prepared at all times to cooperate with the Department Service Officer, the State Director, Governor's Office of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Veterans Benefits in prosecuting all just claims of ex-servicemen, and he/she shall not hesitate to call upon any member of The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina, or elsewhere, to assist him/her in efforts thereabout.

Detachment Judge Advocate

The Detachment Judge Advocate shall be the legal advisor for the annual Detachment Convention, the Detachment Executive Committee, the Detachment Commander, and the Detachment Adjutant, as well as, the other officers of The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina, subject to the oversight of the Department Judge Advocate.

The incumbent shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Detachment Commander, Detachment Adjutant or the Detachment Executive committee and shall act as parliamentarian at all, Detachment meetings during his/her term of office.

It shall be the duty of the Detachment Judge Advocate to attend all scheduled Detachment meetings and to advise the Detachment Commander and Detachment Adjutant on any matters pertaining to the interpretation of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina.

Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms

The incumbent under the direction of the Detachment Commander and/or Detachment Adjutant shall attend all scheduled Detachment meetings of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina.

The incumbent shall take care of the Detachment Colors and see that they are properly displayed and secured after each meeting.

The incumbent shall see that all Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms under his direction are assigned their post and duties, as well as, have enough assigned to fulfill the meeting requirements.

The Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms shall see that all members attending the various meetings are properly qualified and shall call for such identification as he deems necessary.

Detachment Historian

The incumbent shall be charged with the preparation of the permanent records of The American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina, and shall perform such other duties as shall be designated by the Detachment Commander, Detachment Adjutant and the Detachment Executive Committee.

District Commanders

A District Commander shall be elected for any District having two (2) or more Squadrons. In any District in which there is only one (1) Squadron, the Squadron Commander of that Squadron shall assume the duties of the District Commander of that Squadron until another Squadron shall have been established in that District, and a District Commander elected for such District.

The District Commander shall be in charge of their respective Sons of the American Legion Districts which shall correspond to the Department Districts.

They shall faithfully promote the membership, aims, ideals, and principles of the Organization.

They shall perform such other duties as directed by the Detachment Commander, Detachment Adjutant, Detachment Vice-Commander, Zone Commander and the Detachment Executive Committee.

The incumbent is specifically required to visit each Squadron of their District at least once (1) prior to November first of each year.

Each District Commander shall submit to the Detachment Headquarters, through the Zone Commander of his Zone, fifteen (15) days following the annual Detachment convention, the names and addresses of all Squadron Officers within his District.

They shall submit dates and places for all District meetings to be held separate from Zone meetings prior to August first of each year.

The incumbent shall arrange the program of their respective meetings substantially following the format in the "Department Officers Guide," with appropriate modifications for matters that do not apply to the Sons of the American Legion and shall invite such guests to attend as they may desire.

It shall be the prime duty of the District Commanders to promote and promulgate the programs of The Sons of the American Legion, to interest Squadrons within their respective Districts in the same and lend their best efforts to the promotion of its programs.

For the promotion and promulgating of the programs of The Sons of the American Legion, there shall be a District Executive Committee in each District. This shall be composed of a District Commander as Chairman, Squadron Commanders, Squadron Adjutant within a District, as well as, the District Chaplain.. The Zone Commander shall be an ex officio member of the District Executive Committee.

The District Executive Committee shall meet not less than three (3) times during the year, at a place and time determined by the District Commander and reported as stated in Article X, Section 5 of the Constitution.

Immediately following each meeting of the District Executive Committee, the District Commander shall report in writing to the Detachment Commander such action taken and such programs of The American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion presented.

The immediate Past District Commander will continue to serve on the District Executive Committee, with voting privileges for a period not to exceed one (1) year.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section 1. Unless otherwise directed by the Detachment Executive Committee, there shall be held annually at a time and place designated by such committee, a meeting/conference shall be held within thirty (30) working days after the conclusion of the annual Detachment Convention.

Section 2. This meeting/conference shall meet and consider all matters of importance to the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina, as well as, plan the upcoming events for the ensuing Detachment year. This meeting/conference shall be of informational guidelines for the Squadron Commander/Adjutants, and advisory in nature to the Detachment Executive Committee and the annual Detachment Convention.

Section 3. It may prepare for submission to the next annual convention recommendations regarding all questions arising during the year.

Section 4. This meeting/conference shall receive reports from all of the local Squadrons in the Detachment and from the Zone Commanders regarding their respective Districts. It shall be the duty of each member of the Detachment Executive Committee to attend this meeting/conference.

Section 5.

(A) Immediately following adjournment of the Detachment Convention, the out-going and in-coming officers and the Detachment Executive Committee shall hold a joint session, at which time the in-coming Detachment Commander shall preside.

(B) The agenda of said meeting shall consist primarily of a report of the out-going Detachment Commander concerning the situations in the Detachment that might need attention.

(C) That the District Commander be instructed that within four (4) weeks they shall arrange a meeting with their respective Squadron Commander to set up a yearly agenda of District meetings as outlined in Article

III, Section 10(f) of the Detachment Bylaws.

(D) The Detachment Executive Committee shall meet within thirty (30) working days after adjournment of the Detachment Convention.

(E) A program of events shall be submitted by the Detachment Adjutant to the Detachment Executive Committee not more than thirty (30) working days after the adjournment of the Detachment Convention for considerations of the Detachment Executive Committee to delete to amend in such particulars as may be deemed appropriate and advisable.

ARTICLE V - DETACHMENT COMMITTEES

Section 1. The standing committees of this Detachment shall be composed of members of The Sons of the American Legion.

Section 2. The Detachment Commander shall annually appoint the following committee items:

1. The general chairpersons of all committees unless already specified in the Constitution;
2. The sub-committees chairperson of all committees;
3. Appoint one-third (1/3) of committee members of all committees for a three (3) year term, unless otherwise specified already in the Constitution.

The general chairperson/subcommittee chairpersons, unless otherwise provided for, term of chairpersons coincides with that of the appointment Detachment Commander.

Section 3. The Detachment Commanders appointments shall have the consent and approval of the Detachment Executive Committee.

Section 4. Such committees and subcommittees as are appointed shall perform the duties designated by the Detachment Bylaws, Detachment Commander, Detachment Adjutant, and the Detachment Executive Committee.

Section 5. The committees shall work in cooperation with all similar committees of the National organization of the Sons of the American Legion and with corresponding Department committees in the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary.

Section 6.

(A) Upon appointment as chairperson/subchairperson of a committee/subcommittee, it shall be the responsibility of that person to take positive action and steps to familiarize themselves with the duties and responsibilities of the committee and/or subcommittee.

(B) The general chairpersons of all such committees shall call a meeting of his committee within thirty (30) days following that date of his appointment as chairperson, at which time the committee shall formulate plans for the ensuing year.

(C) Chairpersons of subcommittees shall submit the plans of the subcommittee in writing to the general chairperson of the committee.

(D) The general chairperson of all commissions will then make an inclusive report in writing to the Detachment Commander.

Section 7. Any member of a standing committee who fails to attend the meetings of the committee without acceptable excuse shall be dropped and the Detachment Commander shall then appoint a new member of such committee to fill the vacancy.

Section 8. The Sons of the American Legion commissions/committees for South Carolina shall be as follows:

(A) Internal Affairs Commission: The Internal Affairs Commission shall be divided into the following subcommittees including the General Chairperson:

1. Constitution/Bylaws Committee, six (6) members. This committee shall annually review the Detachment Constitution and Bylaws and originate and recommend such changes as are deemed necessary. The Committee shall consider all proposed Constitution/ Bylaws changes referred to it and report its findings, status, changes, additions and its recommended approval/disapproval to the Detachment Convention.

2. Membership and Squadron Activities Committee (5 permanent members):

- a. There shall be an ad-hoc committee to the Membership and Squadron Activities subcommittee which will be called “The New Squadron Formation and Revitalization Committee.”
- b. The committee will consist of one (1) member from each District selected by the District Commander with the name submitted to the Detachment Commander for approval.
- c. The committee will assist the Detachment Commander, Detachment Membership Chairperson and the Membership and Squadron Activities subcommittee.
- d. This ad-hoc committee shall also assist the Zone Commanders and District Commanders with the developing of new Squadrons and revitalization of existing Squadrons and overall membership awareness.
- e. Tenure on this ad-hoc committee shall be voluntary and therefore continuity will exist among committee membership.
- f. Vacancies will be filled by the appropriate District Commander and submitted to the Detachment Commander for approval.

3. Resolutions Committee (6 members): The committee shall consider all proposed Resolutions referred to it and report its findings, status, changes, additions and its recommended

approval/disapproval to the Detachment Convention.

4. Trophies and Awards Committee (6 members);
5. Graves Registration/Memorials Committee (6 members);
6. Public Relations Committee (6 members);
7. Distinguished Public Service Award Committee (5 members):
 - a. The retiring Detachment Commander shall name a member for this committee;
 - b. The name shall be placed at the bottom of the list;
 - c. The senior member of the committee shall be chairperson by appointment of the Detachment Commander;
 - d. The term of committee assignment shall be for five (5) years;
 - e. No person may be appointed to this committee more than once;
 - f. In case of death, resignation or disqualification of a member, the incumbent Detachment Commander shall appoint an individual to serve the remaining portion of the five (5) year term thus vacated.
8. Finance Committee (3 members).

MISSION STATEMENT

In keeping with the Constitution and Bylaws of The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina, it is important to insure that all of our programs contribute to the financial health of the Detachment.

In order to meet all of the Detachment's Financial obligations, an annual budget will be established which shows growth while insuring that all of the Detachment's needs are met. No additional funds should be expended without a complete review of the cost associated and approval by the Department Adjutant and the Department SAL Committee. Each line item in the budget will be reviewed to determine if the money is being spent wisely.

The Detachment Finance Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of preparing the annual budget, and no expenditures of any Detachment funds, not provided for in the annual budget shall be made by the Detachment Executive Committee, unless first referred to the Detachment Finance Committee for its study and recommendation.

The Detachment Finance Committee shall consist of the three (3) members, all of whom shall be appointed for three (3) years with the incoming Detachment Commander appointing one member for a three-year term. The Detachment Commander shall appoint the Chairman.

The revenue of The Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina, shall be derived from the annual membership dues as outlined in Article II, Section 1 of the Detachment Bylaws. Additional monies shall be derived from such other sources as may be recommended by the Detachment Finance Committee and approved by the Detachment Executive Committee.

The amount of such annual Detachment membership dues as prescribed in the aforementioned section, as recommended by the Detachment Finance Committee, shall be determined by each annual Detachment Convention by two-thirds (2/3) of delegates present and voting for the ensuing year, and cannot be lower than the preceding year.

12. Detachment Convention Committee (10 members):
 - a. Convention Location Subcommittee (3 members)
 - b. Distinguished Guest Subcommittee (6 members)
13. Legion and Auxiliary Liaison Committee (3 members).

(B). American Commission:

1. Community Service Subcommittee (6 members)
2. Boys State Subcommittee (6 members)
3. Oratorical Content Subcommittee (6 members)
4. Boy Scout Subcommittee (6 members)
5. Children and Youth Activity Committee (6 members)
6. Education and School Awards Subcommittee (6 members)
7. American Legion Baseball Subcommittee (1 member from each league)
8. Religious Activities Subcommittee (4 members); Detachment Chaplain as Chairperson, one (1) additional clergyman and two (2) laypersons
9. Junior Shooting Sports Committee (6 members)
10. Child Welfare Committee (6 members)
11. Law Cadet Committee (6 members)
12. Patriots Point Committee (6 members)

(C) National Security Commission: The National Security Commission shall be divided into the following subcommittees:

1. Civil Defense Subcommittee (6 members)
2. Law and Order Subcommittee (6 members)
3. Military Affairs Subcommittee (6 members)
4. Counter-Subversive Activities Subcommittee (6 members)
5. Foreign Relations Committee (restricted to members of the National Congress who are members of The American Legion)
6. Legislative Committee (9 members). This committee shall be comprised of two (2) State Senators and two (2) State House of Representatives of the South Carolina Legislature who are also members of The American Legion. In addition, there shall be five (5) persons from the general membership of The American Legion.

(D) Economic Commission. The Economic Commission shall be divided into the following subcommittees including the General Chairperson:

1. Veterans Employment Subcommittee (3 members)
2. Veterans Housing Subcommittee (3 members)
3. Veterans Preference Subcommittee (3 members)
4. Rehabilitation Subcommittee (9 members); includes county service officers as ex-officio members provided they are members of The American Legion
5. Hospital Subcommittee (9 members)
6. Hospital Service Subcommittee (12 members)

ARTICLE VI - CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Section 1. Before each annual Detachment convention the Detachment Commander shall appoint the following convention committees to serve during the life of the convention only:

A. Committee on Credentials: The Committee on Credentials shall pass upon the credentials of all delegations to the convention from local Squadrons. In case of a controversy, the action of this committee shall be final provided that an appeal may be taken to the floor by either of the contestants in such controversy.

B. Committee on Rules: The Committee on Rules shall recommend to the convention such rules as they deem advisable and necessary for the conduct of the business of the convention.

Section 2. There may also be appointed by the Detachment Commander any further or other committees for each convention as shall be deemed necessary and proper.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Bylaws may be amended at any Detachment Convention by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted through the Detachment to the Detachment Squadrons, and members of the Detachment Executive Committee by mailing same to them at least sixty (60) days prior to the next Detachment Convention. Any such proposed amendment may be amended without further notice by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total authorized representatives thereat, provided it does not increase the modification proposed by the amendment and it has received the approval of the Detachment Constitution/Bylaws Committee and, provided further, it may be amended by unanimous vote at any Detachment Convention without notice.

Section 2. That no proposed amendment shall be submitted through the Detachment Adjutant to the Squadrons and members of the Detachment Executive Committee, as provided in Section 1 of this Article, unless said proposed amendment shall have been submitted by a Detachment Squadron, Detachment Squadron Executive Committee, or the Detachment Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - DISCIPLINE

Section 1:

(A) Each Squadron of The American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina shall be the judge of its own membership, subject to the restrictions of the National and Detachment Constitution and Bylaws and the oversight of the Department SAL Committee.

(B) In order that the membership in each Squadron of the Detachment of South Carolina has an opportunity to become thoroughly familiar with the purposes and ideals of The Sons of the American Legion and the objectives of his/her Squadron, each Squadron is required to meet at least once (1) every three (3) months during each SAL year.

(C) The Squadron meetings are to be stated and at fixed intervals to be provided for in the Bylaws of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron.

Section 2

(A) Members may be suspended or expelled from The Sons of the American Legion only upon proper showing of cause.

(B) Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty, and conduct unbecoming a member of The Sons of the American Legion.

(C) All charges must be made under oath and in writing by the accusers and served on the accused either by personal service or by mailing a certified copy of same to him/her by registered mail at his/her last known address at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for his/her trial.

(D) No member in good standing shall lose his/her membership until given a fair trial in such manner and form as the Detachment Bylaws shall provide.

Section 3. The trial of a member shall be held before the executive committee of the Squadron, the Commander presiding, and he/she shall be the sole judge of the admissibility of evidence.

Section 4. Any member who has been suspended or expelled has the right to appeal to the Detachment Executive Committee, and its decision shall be final.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

We do hereby certify the adoption and approval of these ByLaws by the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of South Carolina, in convention regularly assembled this 28th Day of June, 2008 in Columbia, South Carolina.

W. Alex Weatherly, Jr – Detachment Adjutant

Andrew J. Hornbuckle – Detachment Commander

Approved by the American Legion Department of South Carolina Committee on the Sons of the American Legion this ____ day of _____, 20____.

William Patterson – Detachment Advisor

Approved by the Department Executive Committee of the American Legion Department of South Carolina this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Jim Hawk – Department Adjutant