

BYLAWS OF
THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF VERMONT

ARTICLE I

DUTIES OF DETACHMENT OFFICERS

Section 1. Detachment Commander: The Detachment Commander shall be the executive head of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Vermont with full power to carry out the mandates and policies of the Sons of The American Legion as approved by The American Legion. He shall be the Chairman of the Detachment Convention and the Detachment Executive Committee. He shall appoint all Standing Committees and all appointive Detachment Officers subject to the ratification of the Department Executive Committee of the American Legion. He shall perform such other duties as are incident to his office.

Section 2. Detachment Vice Commanders: The Detachment Area Vice Commanders shall act as representatives of the Detachment Commander on all matters referred to them, by him, and shall counsel and advise the Squadron commanders at their request. They shall actively aid in the promotion of Legion programs, they shall seek out and aid those Squadrons that are in need of help, to help bring those Squadrons to an active participation in meetings, conferences and conventions above the Squadron level. They may at least once annually conduct a meeting of the membership of the squadrons in their area, this meeting being known as an Area meeting, and shall preside over Detachment meetings or conventions at the request of the Detachment Commander. Candidates for Area Vice Commander should announce their candidacy for office not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of the Detachment Convention and this information shall be sent to the Squadrons in all districts and areas. This does not preclude nomination from the Convention floor without announcement.

Section 3. Detachment Adjutant: The Detachment Adjutant shall give notice of all Detachment Conventions and all meetings of the Detachment Executive Committee; he shall conduct the correspondence and keep the records of the Detachment organization; the lists of the members, officers and committeemen of the Detachment. He shall keep the minutes of all Detachment Conventions and meetings of the Detachment Executive Committee; he shall notify the Detachment officers and committeemen of their election; he shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to this office. He shall be authorized in the event of the death or resignation of the Detachment Commander to summon the Executive Committee for the election of a successor.

Section 4. Detachment Finance Officer: The Detachment Finance officer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Detachment, which he will deposit in the name of the organization in banks insured by FDIC. He shall be charged with the disbursement receiving and disbursement of funds of the Squadron, intermediate level or Detachment and shall make reports on the condition of the treasury at each regular meeting, and when called for by the Commander or Executive Committee; provided, however, that all disbursements shall first be approved at the Department level of The American Legion. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. He shall sign all checks disbursing the funds of the Detachment and in case of an emergency any member of the Finance committee may sign checks after obtaining authority in writing from the Detachment Commander.

Section 5. Detachment Judge Advocate: The Detachment Judge Advocate shall advise the Detachment officers and Detachment Executive Committee on all legal matters, including the construction and interpretation of the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws.

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

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

Section 8. Detachment Sergeant At Arms: The Detachment Sergeant at Arms shall act as Sergeant at Arms at all meetings of the Detachment Convention and of the Detachment Executive Committee and perform such duties as the Detachment Commander shall direct.

Section 9. All officers of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Vermont shall be governed by the Department of Vermont, American Legion. All actions of the Sons of the American Legion at the Squadron level shall be subject to review and ratification at the appropriate level of The American Legion.

ARTICLE II

SQUADRON CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

Section 1. Each Squadron shall adopt a Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. In the formation of the Constitution and By-Laws referred to Section 1 hereof, there shall be no conflict with the National and Detachment Constitution and By-Laws governing the Sons of The American Legion.

ARTICLE III

DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Between Conventions, the Detachment Executive Committee shall have charge of, and the management of the business, property and the affairs of the organization.

Section 2. It shall grant the authority for the employment of, and fix compensation of all officers and agents of this organization with the ratification of the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion.

Section 3. The Detachment Executive Committee, for due cause, by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting, and after due notice and hearing, may, remove from office any officer or agent of this organization, as governed by the National Constitution and By-Laws of the Sons of The American Legion and approved by the Department Executive Committee, American Legion.

Section 4. It shall approve and grant authority for any committee project or Detachment program, involving sums as are not included in the annual budget. No solicitations of funds from any shall be made without the authority of the Department of Vermont American Legion Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Detachment Commander shall name such committees, as he shall deem advisable, subject to the ratification of the Detachment Executive Committee at its next meeting succeeding the appointment.

Section 6. The Detachment Executive Committee shall have the authority to fill any vacancies in the elective offices, as provided for in the Constitution in interim between Conventions. Any officer so elected to fill any such vacancy, may hold office until the next annual election of officers by the delegates to, or in the annual convention or until his successor is elected and qualified.

Section 7. Notice of all Detachment Executive Committee meetings shall be given not less than ten (10) days before any such meeting is held. In case a meeting is convened upon petition, the same shall be called by the Detachment Adjutant within ten (10) days after filing of the petition with him.

Section 8. The Detachment Executive Committee shall within thirty (30) days after the Detachment Convention meet and outline, establish order, direct and promulgate the work, policies, objects, endeavors and undertakings of the Detachment for the coming year; and shall be the duty of all officers and members of the Sons of The American Legion to faithfully assist in carrying out such programs when so determined and announced.

ARTICLE IV

: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Sons of The American Legion is membership in the National and Detachment organizations of the Sons of The American Legion by affiliation with Squadrons.

Section 2. Each Squadron shall be the judge of its own membership, subject to the restrictions of this Constitution and By~ Laws.

Section 3. Members may be suspended or expelled under the same procedures provided for the suspension or expulsion of a member of The American Legion.

ARTICLE V

- MEMBERSHIP AND ARREARS IN DUES

Section 1. Application 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. Members whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January first shall be classed as delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before February first, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after February first, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on June thirtieth of such year, his membership in the Sons of The American Legion shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Squadron and payment of current dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs. Provided, however, that the Squadron, Detachment 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 payment of dues by reason of active military service.

ARTICLE VI

STANDING DETACHMENT COMMITTEES

Section 1. Finance Committee: The Finance committee shall consist of five (5) members from the Detachment at large, the Detachment Commander and the Finance officer, who shall be the Chairman. The Detachment Commander shall appoint one (1) member each year for a term of five (5) years; the appointment to be confirmed by the Detachment executive Committee. All funds received from the source for the Detachment, including any board or committee created and/or appointed by the Convention or Detachment Executive Committee, shall be under the possession, control and supervision of the

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Department Finance Committee of the American Legion and the Detachment Finance Committee, and said committees shall be charged with the duty of setting up a proper and adequate system of centralized control and procuring proper audits of such funds. They shall be charged with preparation of a yearly budget, the financial policy of the Detachment, and present this budget to the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion for approval before presentation to the delegates in attendance at the annual Sons of The American Legion Convention for approval. They shall be charged with handling of funds under the budget and the approval of expenditures of all Detachment funds not budgeted. The Detachment Finance Committee will file a written report, including the official audit, with the annual Convention, setting forth in detail the financial condition of the Detachment and shall include such recommendations, as it considers advisable. They shall be charged with the duty of fixing the amount of and providing a proper and adequate bond for the Detachment Finance Officer, and all other Detachment officers who handle Detachment funds. They shall be responsible for the investing and handling of all funds in their possession with the ratification of the Department Executive Committee, American Legion. They shall meet as often as necessary on the call of the Chairmen.

Section 2. Children and Youth Committee: The Detachment Commander shall appoint, subject to ratification of the Detachment Executive Committee, at its first meeting following the Detachment Convention, five (5) members to the Children and Youth Committee for a term of one year. They shall work closely with the Department of Vermont Children and Youth Committee for a term of one year. The Detachment Commander shall appoint a Chairman from the five members, and he shall call a meeting as often as it deemed necessary.

Section 3. Constitution and By-Laws Committee: The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall consist of five (5) members from the Detachment at large. The Detachment Commander shall appoint one (1) member each year for a term of five (5) years, subject to the ratification of the Detachment Executive Committee. The Chairman of the Committee shall be designated by the Detachment Commander. They shall study and make proper recommendations concerning all matters pertaining to the Constitution and By-Laws. They shall serve during the Convention to receive and consider all amendments proposed to the Constitution and By-Laws and make proper recommendations to the Convention and to the Department of Vermont, American Legion Executive Committee for ratification prior to implementation.

Section 4. Membership Committee: The Detachment Commander shall appoint subject to the ratification of the Detachment Executive Committee, at its first meeting following the Detachment Convention, a Membership Committee, to be composed of at least one member from each District in the Detachment. The Detachment Commander shall designate the Chairman, who shall call a meeting of the committee whenever he deems it necessary. They shall devise ways and means of maintaining and increasing the membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

Section 5. Advisory Committee: The Advisory Committee shall automatically consist of the last five (5) Active Past Detachment Commanders. They shall assist the Detachment Commander when called upon in all matters pertaining to appointments of Detachment Officers and Standing Committees, as well as advise current Detachment officers when required.

NON-STANDING COMMITTEES
Added at 2012 Convention

Americanism Committee

It shall consist of a Chairman and three (3) members from the Detachment appointed by the Commander.

The Americanism Committee shall be charged with the inspiration of patriotism and good citizenship by arrangements for proper observance of patriotic occasions; encouragement of patriotic and civic phases by instruction in schools; Americanization of aliens; combating anti-American propaganda by education of the general public in American ideals through public forums, etc., and activities for community and civic betterment.

VA & R Committee

It shall consist of a Chairman and one (1) member of the Detachment appointed by the Commander

They shall be closely associated with the Veterans Hospital at White River Junction and the Veterans Home in Bennington, as well as the activities of the Department Service Officer.

Activities Committee

It shall consist of a Chairman and seven (7) members from the Detachment appointed by the Commander.

It shall promote, advise and assist the Squadrons of the Detachment in forming and maintaining a Detachment Annual Golf Tournament that will benefit the Scholarship programs of the Detachment of Vermont.

Scholarship Committee

It shall consist of a Chairman and three (3) members from the Detachment appointed by the Commander. It shall formulate plans and programs for rendering assistance to the youth of the State of Vermont so that they may secure a college or other education. It shall also be charged with the duty of selecting the recipients of all Scholarship awards. It shall meet at the call of the Chairman as often as may be deemed necessary.

Awards Committee

It shall consist of a Chairman and four (4) members of the Detachment appointed by the Commander. It shall be responsible for selecting individuals or squadrons nominated for awards.

VAVS Hospital Committee

It shall consist of a Chairman who has been certified and has been appointed by the Commander from the Detachment. It shall work closely with the VA & R Committee.

Public Relations Committee

It shall consist of a Chairman and as many members as the Commander appoints from the Detachment. It shall be charged with promotion of public support of the Sons of the American Legion's program by the establishment of proper contact with the American Legion Magazine, department and national Legion news service and by local publicity of post programs and activities.

ARTICLE VII

AUDIT

Section 1. A complete audit of all books and records of the Detachment Finance Officer, and including all the financial affairs of the Detachment shall be made April 30th of each year by disinterested parties employed by the Finance Committee and submitted through the Department Finance Committee to the Department Executive Committee for approval and submitted to the Detachment Convention for approval.

ARTICLE VIII

RULES

Section 1. In order that the business of the Convention may be expeditiously transacted and proper parliamentary procedure observed, the following rules are prescribed:

- A. When a delegate desires to make a motion or address the Convention, he shall address the Chair as Mr. Commander and state his name and the name of his Squadron and number proceeding.
- B. The debate is limited to five minutes for each speaker.
- C. That not more than two (2) delegates from anyone Squadron be permitted to speak on the floor on anyone subject.
- D. That the floor be permitted but once to any individual delegate on anyone subject, except by the consent of two-thirds of the voting strength of the Convention present, except that the Chairman of the Convention Committees may speak as frequently as may be necessary in Convention with the reports of their committees.
- E. That on roll calls the Chairman or Acting Chairman of each delegation shall poll his delegates on the floor and shall announce the vote of his delegation.
- F. Voting shall be by acclamation except that when a roll call is demanded by the Chairman or Acting Chairman of at least three (3) Squadrons, and except in the election of Detachment Officers.
- G. That the vote of Detachment Officers entitled to vote shall be cast with their respective Squadrons.
- H. Nominations for Detachment Officers shall be made from the floor or on a roll call, the Squadrons numerically arranged.
2. A motion to suspend the rules shall not operate to suspend any provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Detachment except that, the roll call for the _____ Officer, after one or more candidates have been named _____ assent.
- J. Delegates and persons recognized by the chair shall be entitled to a respectful Hearing, and the Chair shall have the authority to clear the floor, or have the Sergeant at Arms escort from the auditorium any person or persons who may create any disturbances which interfere with the orderly

procedure of the Convention.

K. No appeal shall lie to the Convention from any decision of the presiding officer thereof made in conformity with any provisions of the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws or Roberts Rules of Order, revised.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws and Standing Rules may be amended by any Detachment Convention of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Vermont, by a vote of two-thirds authorized representation thereat, subject to the ratification by the Department Executive Committee, American Legion

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APPROVED BY


Department Adjutant

Detachment Adjutant

Date revised:

Department Commander





Detachment Commander

Constitution of
The Sons of The American Legion Department
of Vermont

PREAMBLE

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

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and 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 Vermont.

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-sectarian.

Section 3. 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 4. Each member shall perform his full duty as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding of the law.

ARTICLE III

ORGANIZATION

Section 1. This Detachment is organized as a subordinate body to the National organization of the Sons of The American Legion, and under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of the Department of Vermont, American Legion.

Section 2. This Detachment shall be divided into areas and districts to coincide with the Department of Vermont, American Legion.

Northern Area: shall be composed of District 1, District 2 and District 3.

Southern Area: shall be composed of District 4 and District 5.

District 1: Addison, Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle Counties

District 2: Caledonia, Essex and Orleans Counties

District 3: Lamoille, Orange and Washington Counties

District 4: Bennington and Rutland Counties

District 5: Windsor and Windham Counties

Section 3. The local unit of the Sons of The American Legion is the squadron and one (1) Post of The American Legion, Department of Vermont may sponsor not more than one (1) squadron.

Section 4. The organization of Detachments and squadrons shall conform to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Department of Vermont, American Legion Executive Committee and with regulations of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, and with National Constitution and By-Laws of the Sons of The American Legion.

Section 5. The Sons of The American Legion squadrons shall be organized under the jurisdiction and sponsorship of a local Post of The American Legion and shall bear the name of the sponsoring Post as follows: "Sons of The American Legion Squadron of _____Post # •_Department of Vermont".

Section 6. This Detachment shall have jurisdiction over all squadrons with the State of Vermont, subject to the limitations as may be prescribed by the Department of Vermont, 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 wartime dates as prescribed by The American Legion National Constitution and Bylaws, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharged 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 V

DETACHMENT CONVENTION

Section 1. The legislative body of this organization shall be the Detachment Convention, to be held annually in conjunction with the Department Convention of The American Legion, all acts of the Detachment Convention are subject to ratification by the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion.

Section 2. The Department Headquarters of The American Legion shall issue a call to the Department Convention to each squadron not less than sixty (60) days prior to the opening day of the Department Convention.

Section 3. A Detachment Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternates chosen annually by each squadron, each of which shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members of major fraction thereof paid to the Department Headquarters, American Legion, thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of said Detachment Convention. All past Detachment Commanders, and current Detachment Officers and current National Officers, while in good standing in their respective squadrons, shall be delegates to the Detachment Convention, with vote, to be exercised with the respective squadrons, such votes thereof, shall be in addition to the number of delegates allowed said squadron as provided by this Section.

Section 4. Each duly registered delegate shall be entitled to one (1) 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 his squadron. Alternates for registered delegates shall have all the privileges of registered delegates except that of voting. A registered delegate is one who has received his credential and has paid such registration fee as may be required.

Section 5. All delegates and alternates shall be elected by the squadrons not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of the Detachment Convention.

Section 6. A quorum shall exist at the Detachment Convention when a majority of the chartered squadrons are present.

Section 7. The Detachment Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion shall provide a Uniform Code of Procedure for the orderly organization and operation of the Detachment Convention with continuing power of revision, and said Code shall be applicable to all Detachment Conventions unless it is amended, suspended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the registered delegates at the Detachment Convention. The Detachment Executive Committee may establish in the Uniform Code a registration fee to be paid by the delegate's at Detachment Convention and may determine the amount of said fee.

ARTICLE VI

DETACHMENT OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Detachment shall be the Detachment Commander, Senior Vice Commander, two (2) Area Vice Commanders, (5) District Commanders, (13) County Commanders, Finance Officer and Chaplain. They shall be elected annually by the delegates in the Detachment Convention and shall serve until their successors are chosen. They shall be nominated and elected from the floor by roll call of squadrons in numerical order and elected by plurality vote.

Section 2. A National Executive Committeeman and an Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall be elected to a two (2) year term by the delegates in the Detachment Convention.

Section 3. Two (2) Detachment Area Vice Commanders each of who shall be nominated by the delegates to the Detachment Convention from his area and whose election shall be from the floor by roll call vote of the squadrons from each area in numerical orders, and elected by plurality.

Section 4. The Detachment Commander by and with approval of the Detachment Executive Committee, shall appoint a Detachment Adjutant, Assistant Adjutant, Assistant Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Historian, Sergeant at Arms and such Assistant Sergeant at Arms as are deemed necessary and or desirable. Such officers shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing power. Vacancies in these positions shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.

Section 5. Vacancies in the elective Detachment offices, occurring between Detachment Conventions, shall be filled by election by the Detachment Executive Committee, and for this purpose a mail ballot may be taken. Any member, of the Sons of The American Legion, in good standing, shall be eligible for election to such vacancy.

Section 6. The Detachment of Vermont, Sons of The American Legion shall recognize an individual or individuals designated by the Department Commander, as Detachment advisor or advisors, and he or they shall be ex-officio members of all committees of the Detachment.

Section 7. The Department Commander and Department Adjutant of The American Legion and the staff members of The American Legion Headquarters, responsible for the routine administrative work for the Sons of The American Legion, shall be recognized as ex-officio advisors to the Detachment of Vermont.

Section 8. In fulfilling their duties and responsibilities the Detachment Officers shall be responsible to the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, or to a subordinate body by it designated.

ARTICLE VII

DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Detachment Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion shall meet a minimum of four (4) meetings per year. It shall meet immediately preceding the Detachment Convention to establish the agenda for the Detachment Convention, and within thirty (30) days following the Detachment Convention to approve the Detachment Commanders appointments. They will meet in conjunction with The American Legion Fall Conference and Midwinter Convention. It may also meet at the call of the Detachment Commander, as such times and place, as he shall order.

Section 2. Between Detachment Conventions the administrative power shall be vested in the Detachment Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion. The membership of which shall be composed of the Detachment Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Area Vice Commanders, Finance Officer, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Historian, Sergeant at Arms, National Executive Committeeman, Alternate National Committeeman, District and County Commanders, Chairman of Detachment Standing Committees. All Past Detachment Commanders who are in good standing in their respective squadrons shall be members of the Detachment Executive Committee with vote. **(Added at 2015 Convention)**

Section 3. A quorum shall consist of five (5) members of the Committee. One of which must be the Detachment Commander or Senior Vice-Commander.

Section 4. Minutes of all Detachment Executive Committee meetings shall be circulated to each squadron by the Detachment Adjutant by special mailing.

Section 5. The Detachment Executive Committee without meeting may transact business by mail, or telephone on matters of urgency not involving new policy and on which action cannot be delayed until the next regular meeting. Fifteen (15) days shall be

allowed for the return, by mail or telephone of the votes thereon by the Detachment Adjutant. The Detachment Adjutant shall notify the Detachment Commander and all members of the Detachment Executive Committee of the Results of the vote taken. The Detachment Executive Committee may also meet at the call of the Detachment Commander upon the written request of ten (10) or more members of said Detachment Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

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 the local Post of The American Legion in the area in which they reside. Upon approval by the Post Commander the application shall be forwarded to the Department Commander of The American Legion, and upon approval it shall be forwarded to the National Headquarters of The American Legion, where the charter may be issued by the National Commander and National Adjutant of The American Legion in the same manner as prescribed for the issuance of charters for Posts of The American Legion.

Section 2. The minimum membership for the formation of a squadron shall be ten (10).

Section 3. There shall be no more than one (1) squadron for each post of The American Legion. Squadrons may be organized into sections based on age.

Section 4. All squadrons shall prior to receiving a permanent charter adopt a Constitution and By-Laws and submit to the Department Advisory Committee for approval. Each squadron shall have on file With the Detachment Adjutant a copy of their Constitution and By-Laws with any amendments or changes thereto.

Section 5. In the event that any squadron in the Detachment has less than ten (to) paid members by the records of the Department Adjutant by February 1 of any year, the charter of any delinquent squadron shall be suspended and may be reinstated upon proper certification by the Department Adjutant that ten (10) or more members have been enrolled.

Section 6. The officers of a squadron shall be the Commander, one or more Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Finance, Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant at Arms and such other officers and committees as may from time to time be authorized.

Section 7: Officers of the squadron shall be elected annually and the date of such election should conform to the annual meeting of the Squadron. Squadron officers elected shall be subject to the approval of the sponsoring American Legion post. This authority may be delegated to a Post supervisory committee or other designated body.

Section 8. Squadron officers shall be installed at the next regular meeting following the annual meeting.

Section 9: Squadron officer's roster shall be forwarded to the Detachment Adjutant immediately following installation.

Section 10: Squadron meetings shall be held not less than once a month in accordance with the ritual of the organization.

Section 11. All squadron and post officials handling squadron moneys shall be properly bonded with a good and solvent bonding and surety company, as surety, to cover double the average amount of moneys handled in a single year.

ARTICLE IX

FINANCE

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

Section 2. The amount of dues shall be determined by the Detachment and National Conventions with the approval of the Department and National Executive committees respectively.

Section 2A. Dues - The amount of such annual dues transmitted to the Detachment of Vermont shall be \$10 per member, with distribution thereafter to be as follows \$2 to National, \$2 to The American Legion Department of Vermont and \$6 to the Detachment of Vermont, approved by the Department Executive Committee. Added 2018

Section 3. The Squadron dues will be determined by the squadron.

Section 4. The annual membership shall be collected by each squadron and transmitted through the Department Headquarters of the American Legion on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Section 5. Annual dues shall be payable October 20 of each year for the succeeding calendar year.

Section 6. The financial year of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Vermont shall end April 30 of each year.

ARTICLE X

DISCIPLINE

Section 1. The Detachment Headquarters may suspend, cancel or revoke the Charter of any squadron of the Sons of The American Legion, in the event it violates the provisions of this Constitution or the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, subject, however, to the approval of the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion.

Section 2. Upon the cancellation or revocation of such Charter of any squadron of the Sons of The American Legion, the property and assets belonging to such squadron shall thereupon become the property of the post of The American Legion to which such squadron is attached.

SECTION XI

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any Detachment Convention by the affirmative vote of two -thirds vote of the registered delegates present thereat; provided that the proposed amendments shall have been sent to all squadrons and members of the Detachment Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of a regularly called Detachment Convention.

Section 2. That no proposed amendment shall be submitted through the Detachment Adjutant to the several squadrons, as provided in Section 1 of this Article, unless said proposed amendment shall have first been submitted to the Department Executive Committee by a squadron, the Detachment Executive Committee or by the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws Committee and approval for distribution granted.

Section 3. Any provisions of this Constitution shall be automatically amended to conform to any amendment adopted by the Sons of The American Legion at its National Convention, when said amendment affects this Detachment or its internal organization.

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Section 4. Any amendments to this Constitution shall become effective at the close of the Detachment Convention at which the same is adopted only after ratification by the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, Department of Vermont.