

**Constitution of _____ Squadron No. _____, attached
to _____ Post No. _____ Department of California,
Sons of The American Legion.**

PREAMBLE

“Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of all wars, associate ourselves together as Sons of The American Legion for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and 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 of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.”

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Sons of The American Legion Squadron No. _____, attached to _____ Post No. _____, Department of California.

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

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

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

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

Section 1. This Squadron is organized as a subordinate body of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of California, and under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of _____ Post No. _____, Department of California, The American Legion. Jurisdiction over this Squadron by the Post is normally exercised through a Post Supervisory Committee of three (3) members appointed annually by the Post Commander and ratified by the Post Executive Committee. In any event each Post sponsoring a Squadron has a Post SAL Advisor to be identified on Squadron forms.

Section 2. This Squadron shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, by

such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Detachment Headquarters, approved by the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, and by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by its sponsoring Post of The American Legion, not inconsistent with those prescribed by the national organization.

ARTICLE IV: ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during World War I, or December 7, 1941, to date, as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

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

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1. The Squadron officers shall be a Commander, First (or Sr.) Vice Commander, Second (or Jr.) Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain and Historian. The Commander and Vice Commanders and any Executive Committee Members (at-large) shall be elected. The offices of Adjutant, Finance Officer, Sergeant-At-Arms, Chaplain and Historian may be elected or appointed. Any such appointments are subject to ratification by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI: DUES

Section 1. The annual membership dues of this Squadron shall be a dollar amount as may be set from time-to-time by the Squadron Executive Committee and payable from July 1 to Veterans Day each year in order to be considered current for the following year.

A member whose dues for the current Legion year have not been paid by Jan. 1 shall be deemed delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before Feb. 1, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after Feb. 1, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on June 30 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 Squadrons, Detachments, and the national organization may waive the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active military service.

Section 2. The amount of Squadron dues shall be an amount at least equal to or greater than that of the National and Detachment dues (per capita). The total amount of dues shall be collected by the Squadron, with National and Detachment per capita being transmitted through the headquarters of the Department (TAL) of California who shall then transmit to the National Office of The American Legion. That is unless and until an individual Squadron is enrolled in, and able to transmit via, MyLegion.org.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

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

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

NOTE: Only members in good standing (not delinquent in their dues) will be privileged to participate in the business of a meeting, vote or hold office. A member without a current membership card may only be vouched for by the Adjutant.

ATTEST:

Sig: _____ Date: _____
 Commander Sons of the American Legion Squadron # _____

Sig: _____ Date: _____
 Adjutant Sons of the American Legion Squadron # _____

Sig: _____ Date: _____
 Post Advisor for the American Legion Post # _____

Sig: _____ Date: _____
 Post Commander, American Legion Post # _____, Department of California

APPROVED BY: Signature: _____ DATE ____/____/____

Print Name: _____
 DETACHMENT CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS CHAIRMAN

DATE SENT TO FILE WITH DETACHMENT ____/____/____