

# CONSTITUTION OF SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

## DETACHMENT OF CALIFORNIA

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### 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 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 the organization shall be Sons of The American Legion - Detachment of California hereinafter referred to as “Detachment”.

Section 2. Permanent headquarters of the Detachment shall be at such city as designated by the Annual Detachment Convention or the Detachment Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE II - ELIGIBILITY AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The eligibility for membership in Sons of The American Legion shall be those dates and conditions set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of Sons of The American Legion as amended.

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

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

Section 4. No person who has been expelled by a Squadron, shall be admitted to membership in another Squadron, without the consent of the expelling Squadron, except that where such consent has been asked for and denied by such Squadron, the denied person may then appeal to the Detachment Executive Committee for permission to be admitted to membership in another Squadron, and shall be ineligible for membership until such permission is granted.

Section 6. No transfer can be made unless the applicant has paid their dues for current year.

Section 7. No Fee shall be charged to applicant for the transfer. No dues shall be transferred with the applicant. Squadrons accepting the applicant may issue a new membership card for the current paid year from the squadron.

Section 8. No member of Sons of The American Legion in good standing shall be excluded or denied membership because of race, creed, or color in any group affiliated with Sons of The American Legion that uses the prestige, name, or emblem of Sons of The American Legion.

### ARTICLE III - NATURE

Section 1. 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, Detachment of California shall be nonpolitical and shall not be used for dissemination of partisan principles or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person or group seeking American Legion office, public office, or preferment. No candidate for, or incumbent of remunerative elected public office shall hold any office in the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of California, or subdivision thereof.

Section 3. The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of California shall be nonsectarian.

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

### ARTICLE IV - DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Advisory-legislative body of the Detachment shall be the members of the Department Sons of The American Legion Commission, their

acts before becoming finally effective, must be ratified by the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, Department of California.

Section 2. The Department organization of the Sons of The American Legion shall be designated and comprised of the Detachment Executive Committee, and the Department Sons of The American Legion Commission that shall consist of the Department Adjutant and six (6) members of The American Legion, to be appointed for a three (3) year term by the Department Commander. The Commission Chairman shall be known as the Sons of The American Legion Commissioner.

#### ARTICLE V- ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Sons of The American Legion in the department shall be organized as a Detachment, as a subordinate body to the national organization of the Sons of The American Legion, and only in accordance with the existing regulations within the Department of California of The American Legion.

Section 2. The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of California shall be organized under the jurisdiction and sponsorship of the local post, district, county, area or state of The American Legion as follows: "The Sons of The American Legion, a unit of the Department of California, Detachment of California."

Section 3. The Department of the American Legion shall have jurisdiction over units of the Sons of The American Legion, organized within the Department of California.

Section 4. All units of the Sons of The American Legion in the Detachment of California shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee of the American Legion as approved by such further rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee of the American Legion, Department of California, not inconsistent with those prescribed by the National Organization.

Section 5. The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of California, shall be divided into 6 Areas which contain 30 Districts, and should coincide with the Areas and Districts of The American Legion, Department of California and may be adjusted from time to time to coincide with the Districts of the Department of California, American Legion.

Section 6. The organization of Districts shall be under the jurisdiction and sponsorship of the local District of The American Legion. The District shall bear the name of the sponsoring District of the American Legion, maintain its headquarters in the same location as that of the sponsoring District, and shall conform with the regulations of the District of The American Legion having jurisdiction, along with the regulations of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion; the National Constitution and By-Laws of the Sons of The American Legion; the regulations of The American Legion, Department of California; the Constitution and By-Laws of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of California; and the regulations of the Detachment Executive Committee, Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of California.

Section 7. To form a new District, or to re-activate a District which is deemed inactive, a majority of squadrons, with a minimum of three (3), in each District must be in attendance and vote to organize a District at an organizational meeting which shall be called by the District Commander, of the District Sons of The American Legion Committee Chairman, of the sponsoring American Legion District. The sponsoring District must send a letter to the Adjutant of the Department of California certifying the organizational meeting and furthermore certifying that the District has voted to support the action of sponsoring Sons of The American Legion District.

#### ARTICLE VI – AREAS

There shall be six (6) Areas within the Detachment of California composed of the Districts as set forth herein:

Area 1 – Comprising Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

Area 2 – Comprising Districts 8, 9, 10, 13, 26, and 28

Area 3 – Comprising Districts 11, 12, 14, 15, and 27

Area 4 – Comprising Districts 17, 19, and 23

Area 5 – Comprising Districts 21, 22, 25, 29, and 30

Area 6 – Comprising Districts 16, 18, 20, and 24

#### ARTICLE VII – DISTRICTS

Section 1. In any District where at least three (3) Squadrons are in good standing for which there are no officers elected for the District as herein above comprised, the Detachment Commander shall call an election to be presided over by such person as they may designate, at which election

each Squadron in such District shall cast the same number of votes as it held at the previous Detachment Convention.

Section 2. The District officers shall be: Commander, First (or SR) Vice Commander, Second (or JR) Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Service Officer and three Executive Committee members. Each District may have a Third Vice-Commander. The Commander and Vice Commanders shall be elected. The Finance Officer may be elected or appointed, The District Commander shall appoint the following: Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Service Officer, and other officers as the District Constitution and/or Bylaws may provide. All elected officers shall serve as Executive Committee members.

Section 4. The District Commander is the official representative of the Detachment Commander and of the Detachment Vice Commanders and Area Vice Commander in the Area in which the District is located and is the executive officer of the District. It is the duty of the District Commander to cooperate with the officers of the Squadrons in the District.

Section 5. District Commanders shall ensure that all the Squadrons in their District are compliant with the requirements stated in Article V, Section 8

Section 6. District Vice Commanders shall, in order of their rank, perform the duties of and have the powers of the District Commander when the latter officer is unable to act, or in the event of the removal, resignation, or death of the District Commander. It shall be the duty of each District Vice Commander to at all times cooperate with the District Commander and assist them in the performance of their duties.

Section 7. In addition to the Annual Meeting, the District shall hold such regular or special meetings as may be deemed necessary. No special meeting shall be held unless notice be transmitted to each Squadron and its delegates at least ten (10) days prior to the time of the holding of the meeting, giving the time and place of the meeting and the matter to be considered. Only the business for which the special meeting was called may be discussed at the meeting.

Section 8. Districts shall adopt Bylaws for the government of the business of the District, but no such Bylaws shall be inconsistent with the National Constitution and Bylaws of The American Legion or the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the Detachment.

Section 9. District Bylaws may provide in the event any District officer is absent for two (2) consecutive meetings of the District without being excused by the District Commander, the office which such District officer occupies may be declared vacant by a majority vote at a regular District meeting of the delegates present and voting after written notice to all the Squadrons that such vote will be taken and the vacancy so created shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII, Section 19 of the Detachment Bylaws.

Section 10. District Bylaws shall provide for the filling of any vacancy in an elected office.

Section 11. Each District shall within one hundred twenty (120) days following the National Convention, certify to the Detachment that their Bylaws, have been amended to conform to all revisions required by the National Constitution and/or Bylaws of Sons of The American Legion or the Constitution and Bylaws of Sons of The American Legion - Detachment of California. Mandated Bylaw changes do not need to be approved by Detachment.

## ARTICLE VIII – SQUADRONS

Section 1. The local unit shall be referred to as the “Squadron”. A Squadron must be sponsored by a local Post of The American Legion. The Post Commander shall appoint a “Liaison” to generally supervise and coordinate the forming of a Squadron throughout the chartering process. This liaison will then serve as the first Post Advisor to the newly chartered Squadron.

Section 2. The minimum membership for forming a squadron of the Sons of The American Legion shall be ten (10) members.

Section 3. Squadrons shall adopt the name and number of their sponsoring Post.

Section 4. There shall be only one squadron of the Sons of The American Legion consisting of one or more sections for each post of The American Legion.

Section 5. The officers of the local Squadron shall include the following: Commander, at least one Vice Commander, Adjutant, and Finance Officer. The

Squadron should also have a second Vice Commander (then a SR and JR Vice Commander), Chaplain, Historian, and Sergeant-at-Arms and assistants as necessary to perform duties.

Section 6. The Squadron Commander and Vice-Commanders shall be elected officers and may not hold any other offices in the Squadron. The other officers may be elected by the membership or appointed by the Squadron Commander and ratified in accordance with the Squadron Bylaws. Any other officer may hold two (2) or more appointed offices.

Section 7. All officers and members of the Executive Committee of each squadron shall be elected annually for the term of one year by the members of the squadron subject to final approval by the advisory committee of the local post of which the squadron is affiliated.

Section 8. Each Squadron shall adopt bylaws and submit the same to the Detachment, within ninety (90) days of receiving a charter. No such bylaws shall be inconsistent with the National Constitution and Bylaws of Sons of The American Legion or the Bylaws of the Detachment.

Section 9. Each Squadron shall meet at least once each month during no less than ten (10) months of each year, and a quorum shall be fixed at not less than four (4) members of which one member shall be the Commander or Vice Commander.

Section 10. No special meeting may be held by a Squadron unless notice is sent to each member at least ten (10) days prior to the time of holding the meeting, giving the time and place of the meeting and the matter to be considered.

Section 11. The Squadron may provide in its Bylaws a process to declare an office abandoned in the event a Squadron officer is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings of the Squadron or of the Executive Committee, without being excused by the Squadron Commander or Executive Committee.

Section 12. The Squadron Finance Officer and any officers and/or positions charged by the Squadron Bylaws with the responsibility of handling Squadron funds should be bonded under a blanket bond.

Section 13. Squadron elections shall be held annually, at a regular meeting. Elective and appointed officers shall serve for one year and should be installed by a ritual team or a Past Commander, in accordance with the National Manual of Ceremonies, prior to July 1st and following the annual Squadron elections.

Installation may also be held coincidentally with the Post, in which case the qualifying installing officer for the Post could also install Squadron officers.

Section 14. Nomination for Squadron elected offices shall be made at two (2) regular meetings in separate months, notice of which shall be given at the previous regular meeting. The Squadron

may require written notice of the nominations meeting be sent to each member at least ten (10) days prior to an election.

Section 15. All elections for opposed positions shall be by secret ballot and a majority of all votes cast shall be required for the election of officers. Secret ballots shall be retained for thirty (30) days by the Squadron Adjutant.

Section 16. Each Squadron in its Bylaws shall provide for the filling of any vacancy in any elected office.

Section 17. Each Squadron shall pay annually to the Detachment such per capita tax levied by Detachment Convention, plus the per capita tax levied by the National Organization. Squadrons will pay such per capita tax in full within thirty (30) days of receipt of payment of annual dues received from a Squadron member.

Section 18. Each Squadron shall maintain financial records using standard accounting practices; such records to be examined by a reputable bookkeeper, certified public accountant, or a Committee of three (3) competent persons, none of whom shall be the Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer or other person charged with the responsibility of handling Squadron funds.

Section 19. The Detachment Constitution and Bylaws Commission shall make available approved Sample Bylaws for Squadrons and Districts to be adopted or modified and adopted by Squadrons and Districts. No modifications or subsequent amendments shall be inconsistent with the National Constitution and Bylaws of The American Legion or the Constitution and Bylaws of the Detachment.

Section 20. Proposed Bylaws or Amendments thereto must be submitted in writing at a regular meeting of the Squadron or District and read thereat. At the next regular meeting the proposed Amendment must be read again and may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of those present and voting. The Squadron may also require no amendment be adopted unless notice be transmitted directly to each member stating the time and place of the meeting.



Time for the giving of such notice shall be determined by the Squadron, but in no event shall such time be less than ten (10) days.

Section 21. All Squadron and District Bylaws and any Amendments to the same hereafter adopted shall be submitted to Detachment and forwarded to the Constitution and Bylaws Commission for review and approval. No original Bylaws or Amendment thereto may be in final force and effect until approved by the Detachment Constitution and Bylaws Commission but may be temporarily enforced pending action thereon if amendments are consistent with the National Constitution and Bylaws of Sons of The American Legion or the Constitution and Bylaws of Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of California.

Section 22. Each Squadron within ninety (90) days following the National Convention shall amend their Bylaws to conform to all revisions required by the National Constitution and Bylaws of The American Legion or the Constitution and/or Bylaws of Sons of The American Legion - Detachment of California. Mandated bylaw changes do not need to be approved by Detachment.

Section 23. All Squadrons shall submit a Squadron Data Report by April 15th of each year. All Squadrons shall submit a Consolidated Squadron Report, Certification of Squadron Officers, Certification of Detachment Convention Delegates and Delegate fee's to Detachment by June 1st of each year. Any Squadron failing to submit these reports or pay their balances shall be placed on probation until submission has been verified by the Detachment Adjutant, are not in good standing, and will not be accreditable (seated) at the Detachment Convention.

## ARTICLE IX – DETACHMENT ORGANIZATION

Section 1. (a) The elected officers of this organization shall be the Commander, a Sr. Vice Commander, a Jr. Vice Commander, National Executive Committeeman, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, six (6) Area Vice Commanders, Sergeant-at-Arms and Chaplain. The six (6) Area Vice Commanders are to represent the six (6) Areas of the Detachment, as set forth in Article VII, no two being members of the same Area. The term of service for elected officers shall be no more than one consecutive year except for the Area Vice Commanders that may serve a maximum of two consecutive years and the District Commanders for which there is no term limit, unless the District Bylaws specify a maximum of consecutive years which may be served. National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive

Committeeman whose terms shall be two (2) years and may be elected to consecutive terms.

(b). The appointed officers shall be the Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, and Historian. They shall be appointed each year by the Commander with the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee to serve until their successors are selected or until removed by the Detachment Executive Committee upon recommendation of the Commander.

## ARTICLE X - ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. The legislative body of the organization shall be a Detachment Convention.

Section 2. The annual convention limited to three (3) consecutive days of which one (1) day shall be a Sunday, shall be composed of delegates and alternates for each Squadron, each Squadron being entitled to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates, and one (1) additional delegate and one (1) additional alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, active forty-five (45) days prior to the opening date of the Detachment Convention. The vote of each Squadron registering at the convention shall be equal to the total number of delegates to which the Squadron is entitled.

Section 3. Each Squadron in the Detachment shall, by June 1st, elect delegates and alternates to such convention, and shall certify such election to the Detachment by June 1st. Said certification shall be sent to Detachment Headquarters and be authenticated by the Squadron Commander or Squadron Adjutant. No delegate or alternate from any Squadron shall be accredited in the Detachment Convention unless all obligations to the Detachment existing thirty (30) days prior to the Detachment Convention shall have been satisfied.

Section 4. Convention registration fees shall be established by the Detachment Executive Committee for each delegate to which the Squadron is entitled. The Adjutant shall bill each Squadron at the time the Squadron is notified of the number of delegates to which it is entitled. Said sum shall be paid by the deadline set by the Adjutant's office, before the opening date of the convention, and no delegate shall be accredited if said sum has not been paid.

Section 5. All past Detachment Commanders, members of the Detachment Executive Committee and all incumbent elected Detachment officers who attend and register as such, shall be delegates to the Detachment Convention

with voice and vote. Convention registration fees for such delegates shall be waived.

Section 6. All chairpersons of the Detachment Standing Commissions, if not elected as delegates, shall be delegates of the Detachment Convention, but with no right to vote.

Section 7. A quorum at a Detachment Convention shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the Squadrons partially or fully represented.

Section 8. Standing Committees of each convention shall be the following: Constitution and By-Laws; Credentials; Finance; Internal Affairs; Committee to instruct; Convention Rules and Committees as the Convention or the Detachment Executive Committee shall deem fit.

Section 9. The Credentials Committee shall be appointed by the Detachment Commander in such number as he may deem advisable, from among such delegates as will be present in the city of the convention prior to its convening.

Section 10. Convention standing Committees shall organize and function within 48 hours prior to the opening of the Convention.

Section 11. (a.) Any resolutions shall be submitted to Detachment at least 60 days prior to the opening of the convention.

(b.) Resolutions shall be retained by the Detachment Adjutant until called for and received by the chairperson of the respectively assigned standing Commission or Committee and made available to all Squadrons for review 15 days to the opening of convention.

Section 12. At the Detachment Convention, all resolutions shall be reviewed by the adjutant and assigned to the appropriate Convention Standing Committee within 48 hours prior to the opening of Convention. The Standing Committee shall review the resolution and make a recommendation for passage on the convention floor. The resolution shall be returned to the Detachment Adjutant for presentation on the Convention Floor. Resolutions shall be made available to the delegates before being considered on the Convention Floor.

Section 13. (a.) At each Detachment Convention a budget shall be prepared by the Convention Finance Committee, said budget after setting forth the allocation for specified items including Detachment Adjutant's office and the expenses for the Detachment Commander, shall also carry an item for

contingencies not otherwise provided for, such budget to be presented to the convention for its consideration. The convention shall have the right to modify the budget as so prepared and thereafter adopt said budget as prepared or as so modified.

(b.) After the adoption of the said budget no funds of the Detachment in excess of the budget shall be expended without the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Detachment Executive Committee and majority approval of the Detachment Finance Commission, or a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Detachment Executive Committee without the majority approval of the Detachment Finance Commission. Such action of the Detachment Executive Committee shall be final.

Section 14. There may be a Detachment Advisory Council composed of the Detachment Commander, the Detachment Junior Past Commander, the Detachment Vice Commanders and the National Executive Committee Member, to be assembled at the discretion of the Detachment Commander. The Detachment Adjutant shall be the Secretary of this Committee with voice, but no vote.

Section 16. The Detachment Commander, the Detachment Vice Commanders, Sergeant-at-Arms and the Detachment Chaplin shall be elected at the annual Detachment Convention and shall hold office until the close of the following Detachment Convention.

Section 17. The election of the six (6) Area Vice Commanders representing the six (6) Areas of the Detachment shall be by vote of the delegates of the Squadrons of each specific Area, provided further that the Area Vice Commander shall be a member of a Squadron of the specific Area they are elected to represent.

Section 18. The National Executive Committee Member and the Alternate National Executive Committee Member shall be elected at a regular Detachment Convention.

Section 19. All elections at Detachment Convention shall be by roll call of Certified Squadrons. Each Certified District Commander shall be considered a Delegate in their Own Right and shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 20. A vacancy in an elected office of the Detachment, whether such vacancy occurs through death, or inability to act as the Detachment officer, shall be filled by the Detachment Executive Committee. The Detachment

Commander, or the Detachment Adjutant in the event of a vacancy in that office, shall summon the Detachment Executive Committee to elect a successor to fill such vacancy for the balance of said term. In the event of a vacancy of an Area Vice Commander, a new Vice Commander shall be elected at the next meeting of the Area they represent.

Section 21. In case of death, resignation, removal, or inability to act of the National Executive Committee Member, the Alternate National Executive Committee Member shall automatically become the National Executive Committee Member to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Detachment Executive Committee or the Annual Detachment Convention, at the first meeting after such vacancy occurs shall select a successor to the Alternate National Executive Committee Member, for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 22. In case of death, resignation, removal, or inability to serve as the Alternate National Executive Committee Member, the Detachment Executive Committee, or the Detachment Convention at the first meeting after such vacancy occurs, shall elect a successor to the Alternate National Executive Committee Member to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. If both positions are vacated, a new National Executive Committee Member and Alternate National Executive Committee Member shall be elected at the next Detachment Executive Committee meeting.

## ARTICLE XI - APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Section 1. The delegates and alternates to the National Convention shall consist of such number as is prescribed by Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution of Sons of The American Legion be elected from the membership of the Detachment in the following manner:

Section 2. The Detachment Commander, the Detachment Junior Past Commander (The Delegation Chair), and the Detachment Adjutant (The Delegation Secretary) shall automatically serve as Delegates. The Remaining Delegates allocated to the Detachment shall be picked by Nomination from the Convention.

Section 3 Alternate delegates shall be designated to serve in the place of absent delegates by the chair of the delegation, in accordance with the rules of the National Convention.

Section 4. The reasonable and necessary expenses of the Detachment Commander, the Detachment Junior Past Commander, and the Detachment Adjutant to and from the National Convention shall be paid by the Detachment. The Detachment Adjutant shall act as the secretary of the delegation but shall not be a delegate to the National Convention.

Section 5. The registration fee of all delegates from this Detachment to the National Convention will be paid by the Detachment. The amount of such registration fee will be included in the budget approved by the Detachment Convention.

## ARTICLE XII – DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Each Squadron of Sons of The American Legion shall be the judge of its own membership subject to the restrictions of the National Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2. Members of Sons of The American Legion who are members of Squadrons of this Detachment shall be subject to disciplinary action as provided in the most recent edition of Department of California of The American Legion’s Administrative Hearing Manual.

## ARTICLE XIII - ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Section I. Electronic meetings are authorized for all official meetings of the Detachment, Areas, Districts and Squadrons including, but not limited to Commission/Committees, using one of the following formats:

-Full-featured Internet, or combination Internet/telephone, meeting services that integrate audio (and optionally video), text, and voting capabilities.

-Telephone meetings, with Internet services for conducting secret votes and sharing documents.

-A speakerphone in the meeting room to allow members who are not physically present to participate by telephone.

Telephone meetings without Internet support (and without any central meeting room).

Section 2. Electronic correspondence is authorized for all notification of special meetings and official business. All other provisions herein regarding timing of notices, etc. still apply.

#### ARTICLE XIV- PARLIAMENTARIAN AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised will govern Sons of The American Legion - Detachment of California in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, any special rules of order the Detachment may adopt, and Federal, State and Local regulations.

#### ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution and/or Bylaws may be amended by initiative proceedings in Accordance with Article XII or by submitting the proposed amendment to the Annual Detachment Convention and securing a two-thirds (2/3) vote, together with a majority vote of the Squadrons represented in the convention.

Section 2. Any provision of this document shall be automatically amended to conform to any Amendment adopted by Sons of The American Legion at its National Convention or to the National Constitution and/or Bylaws of Sons of The American Legion which said Amendment affects this Detachment in its internal organization. Where any or all levels of SAL Bylaws may be silent, the bylaws of the Department of California, TAL will first apply, then TAL National bylaws.

Section 3. Hereafter all proposed changes to this document, and its component parts, when printed by the Detachment shall be shown in a manner such as italics, strike-through, or underline type as to make obvious the proposed changes from the document adopted by previous Detachment Convention.

Section 4. Adoption of these Detachment Constitution and Bylaws supersedes all previous Additions and/or Amendments.