



Constitution of Sons of The American Legion, Squadron 25

Revision 1

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 association 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 25, attached to Verde Valley Post No. 25, Department of Arizona.

ARTICLE II

NATURE

Section 1. The Sons of The American Legion Squadron 25 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 or preferment.

Section 3. The Squadron shall be 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 Arizona, and under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of Verde Valley Post No 25. Department of Arizona, The American Legion.

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 the period of April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918, or any time from December 7, 1941, to date, who served honorably, as set forth in Article IV 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. The Sons of the American Legion Adjutant will furnish the applicants application and associated documents (e.g. Service Letter or DD-214) to the Post Adjutant for final verification of eligibility.

Section 3. There shall be no form or class of membership except for an active membership.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. The Squadron officers shall be a Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms all who are elected annually.

Section 2. Three at large members of the Squadron shall be elected annually to serve as part of the Executive Committee. These members bring a wealth of knowledge, experience and skills from various backgrounds which can enrich discussions, enhance decision-making processes and ensure that the board considers a wide range of viewpoints.

Section 3. Squadron offices may also include a Chaplain and Historian, both of whom shall be appointed by the Commander annually.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Between Squadron meetings, the administrative power of the Squadron

shall be vested in the Squadron Executive Committee, which shall consist of all elective officers for the current year, plus the three additional at large members.

ARTICLE VII FINANCE

Section 1. The Post shall pay the Department and National for the annual membership dues for every member of Squadron 25.

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 conflicts 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 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.



By-Laws of Sons of The American Legion, Squadron 25 Revision 1

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Applications for membership shall be made in writing on the Sons of the American Legion application form prescribed therefore by the national organization.

ARTICLE II NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. To appear on the ballot as an Officer, a candidate must be a member in good standing and be able to attend Executive Committee meetings in person.

Section 2. All elective Officers shall be nominated from the floor at the regular monthly Squadron meeting in April. The nominee must be present or in contact by electronic means (e.g. Zoom or FaceTime) and must accept the nomination. Only Officers who have been officially nominated will appear on the ballot; write-in votes are not permitted.

Section 3. If all nominated officers run unopposed, the Adjutant will cast the ballot for the entire slate of officers at the April meeting; they will be declared elected and take office at the May meeting.

Section 4. If the officer nominations are contested, a formal voting process will take place at the May meeting for their election. Those officers shall be declared elected who have received a majority of the votes of the Squadron members in good standing present at the May meeting. The newly elected officers and members of the Executive Committee shall take office at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE III DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Commander: The Commander shall be the executive head of this Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion, with full power to enforce the provisions of the local Constitution and Bylaws and the policies and mandates of the National and of the Department Committees of the Sons of The American Legion and of the Executive Committee of the Squadron.

Section 2. First Vice Commander: The First Vice Commander shall act as representative of the Commander on all matters referred to him and shall specifically oversee membership, recruitment, and retainment.

Section 3. Second Vice Commander. The Second Vice Commander shall likewise act as representative of the Commander, and he shall specifically oversee Squadron activities.

Section 4. Adjutant: The Adjutant shall have charge of and keep full and correct record of all meeting minutes. In addition, any administrative duties required in carrying out the policies and mandates of the National and Department Committees of the Sons of The American Legion and of the Executive Committee of this Squadron.

Section 5. Finance Officer: The Finance Officer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Squadron. He is responsible for receiving and disbursing the funds of the Squadron. In addition, he shall report on the Squadron finances when called for by the Commander or Executive Committee.

Section 6. Sergeant-at-Arms: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be charged with the responsibility of preserving order at all Squadron meetings, and he shall be given custody of the Squadron colors.

Section 7. Chaplain: The Chaplain shall perform such divine and non-sectarian service as may be necessary, adhering to such ceremonial rituals as may be prescribed by the National Membership and Post Planning Committee of The American Legion.

Section 8. Historian: The Historian shall collect from year to year all records and data of value and interest to the Sons of The American Legion and The American Legion and shall compile during his term of office a complete history of the year's activities.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Squadron Executive Committee shall fill any vacancy in the membership of the committee occurring between annual Squadron meetings for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 2. Any officer or executive committeeman may be removed for inefficiency by the Executive Committee, a two-thirds vote of said committee being necessary to affect such removal. An officer or executive committeeman who absents himself for three or more consecutive Squadron or Executive Committee meetings can, on due investigation, by the Executive Committee, be held to be sufficient proof of inefficiency, warranting such removal.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section 1. The Squadron membership meetings shall be held at least once per month at 480 S. Calvary Way, Cottonwood, AZ, 86326. The meetings shall be at the time and date specified on the Post website calendar, <https://alpost25az.org>.

Section 2. Squadron membership meetings shall serve as the forum for conducting any business appropriately presented for consideration by the members and/or the Executive Committee. Only members in good standing and their approved guests are allowed to attend meetings. The Commander is responsible for approving guests.

Section 3. The Commander or a majority of the Executive Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the Squadron at any time.

Section 4. Remote meeting attendance is allowed for all Squadron Meetings to promote flexibility, accessibility and achieving a quorum.

Section 5. There shall be no alcohol consumed at any General Meeting of this Squadron.

ARTICLE VI

QUORUM

Section 1. Six (6) members, including a qualified presiding officer, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Squadron.

Section 2. Five (5) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for Executive Committee meetings.

Section 3. The E-Committee shall get approval by the membership before spending greater than the following amount:

- Five hundred dollars (\$500) for non-routine capital investments and/or improvements.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCE

Section 1. All funds for this Squadron shall be deposited in a bank by the Finance Officer. Withdrawals shall only be made upon draft or check signed by the Finance Officer. Signatories on the account shall be a Squadron elected officer and the Finance Officer.

Section 2. All Squadron and Post officials responsible for handling Squadron funds must be bonded by a solvent bonding and surety company, with coverage amounting to twice the average annual funds managed.

ARTICLE VIII

RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The procedure at all squadron meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

**ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These bylaws are adopted, subject to the provisions of the National Bylaws and the Detachment Bylaws, of which this Squadron is a subordinate member. Any amendment to the National or Detachment Bylaws which conflicts with any provision hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of these Bylaws to the extent of such conflict.

Section 2. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular Squadron meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members attending such regular meeting, 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 days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that at such meeting a proposal to amend the By-laws is to be voted upon.

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