CONSTITUTION
OF THE
DETACHMENT OF ILLINOIS
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

P R E A M B L E

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we, male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as "The 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 of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

A R T I C L E I
N A M E

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be "The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois.

A R T I C L E II
N A T U R E

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. Former service rank does not exist in The Sons of The American Legion.

Section 2. The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, may participate in bringing about the correct solution of public policies in a non-political manner 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 3. The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, 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 accord with the law.

Section 5. The names and addresses of members of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, or any sub-division thereof of its Squadrons, members and Officers SHALL NOT BE USED for other than official business of The Sons of The American Legion without specific authorization of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee.

Section 6. When a Squadron, County, District or Division organization, or any official in his official capacity, contemplates or is involved in litigation in a court of record, the Detachment Judge

Advocate and The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee shall be notified by registered mail without delay before it or he commences any such proceedings, or upon notice that any proceedings have been commenced against it or him, in order that the Detachment may have an opportunity to protect The Sons of The American Legion's legal rights and policies on the Detachment level, and so that the Detachment Judge Advocate and The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee may secure and attorney to appear as "amicus curiae" or as attorney of record for the Detachment.

ARTICLE III
ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, is that jurisdiction of The Sons of The American Legion lying in the State of Illinois.

Section 2. The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, shall be subdivided into Divisions and Districts which shall be concurrent with the Divisions and Districts as described in Article III (Geographical Boundaries), Section 1., of the Constitution of the Department of Illinois, The American Legion.

Section 3. Units of the Detachment shall be Squadrons, known by name and number.

Section 4. Each Squadron in the Detachment of Illinois shall maintain its Squadron Headquarters within the confines of the District to which it is assigned by The American Legion, Department of Illinois, except the Squadrons in Districts 1 and 2. No Squadron shall maintain Squadron Headquarters within the boundaries of another District.

Section 5. The Sons of The American Legion shall be organized under the jurisdiction and sponsorship of the local Post of The American Legion and shall bear the name and number of the sponsoring Post and shall maintain its Squadron Headquarters in the same location as that of the sponsoring Post.

Section 6. In each county in the State of Illinois, except Cook and Lake Counties, there may be a County Council consisting of the Squadrons located within said County. Each County Council shall perfect its own organization, and each year prior to the Annual Detachment Convention shall elect County Officers.

ARTICLE IV
ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Eligibility for membership in the Detachment shall be governed by the provisions of the National Constitution of The Sons of The American Legion.

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

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ARTICLE V
LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The legislative body shall be the Detachment Convention, to be held annually, at the time and place to be fixed by the Executive Committee of the Detachment of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion, and the acts of the Detachment Convention are subject to ratification by The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee. Each Convention shall adopt its own Rules of Order and By-Laws.

Section 2. The Detachment Adjutant, in conjunction with the Department Adjutant, at the direction of the Detachment Commander shall issue a call for the Detachment Convention not less than thirty (30*)* days prior to the opening day of the said Detachment Convention.

Section 3. In the Detachment Convention, each Squadron shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate and in addition shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each twenty-five (25) members, or major fraction thereof, above the first (1st) twenty-five (25), whose current dues for Squadron memberships have been received by the Detachment Headquarters prior to the publishing of the Membership Report published on the second (2nd) Friday in June preceding the annual Detachment Convention, and provided further such Delegates and Alternates shall be members of the Squadron electing them, with the exception as outlined in Section 3 - a - 4 below, and provided further that such Squadrons shall have no indebtedness then due to the Detachment. However, a Membership Report is to be prepared and submitted to the annual Detachment Convention indicating the actual membership at the seating of the Detachment Convention.

Section 3. a. Detachment Headquarters Squadron #2910.

Section 3. a.-1. In the Detachment Convention ONLY, Headquarters Squadron #2910 shall be considered as an associate member of the Seventeenth (17th) District, however, it's membership is not to be added to the membership totals of the Seventeenth (17th) District for any other purpose except as Delegates-at-Large on any convention action cast by the Seventeenth (17th) District.

Section 3. a.-2. Headquarters Squadron #2910 shall be entitled to be represented by Delegates and Alternates, as its membership authorizes, however, the number of votes to be voted by Headquarters Squadron #2910, may only be based upon the number of members registered, if present, as Delegates, or Alternates for the Convention. To be determined in the manner as other Delegates-at-Large.

Section 3. a.-3. Any member of Headquarters Squadron #2910, that is eligible as a Delegate-at-Large, by any other provision of the Detachment Constitution, that vote shall also be eligible to be cast, if present, by the Seventeenth (17th) District.

Section 3. a-4. No Headquarters Squadron #2910 advance Delegate and Alternate certification is required and Delegates are determined in the order of, in person, registration, followed by

Alternates (Delegate or Alternate positions cannot be held for later registration).

Section 3. a-5. A Delegate from Headquarters Squadron #2910 may serve as the Seventeenth (17th) District's Delegation Chairman, if no member of any Squadron in the Seventeenth (17th) District is represented or present, or said Seventh (17th) District individual(s) decline to serve, however, such Chairmanship, by a member of Headquarters Squadron #2910 member, is not covered as outlined in Article VI, Section 1. D., below.

Section 4. Each Delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The vote of a Delegate absent, and not represented by an Alternate, shall be cast by a majority of the Delegates present from his Squadron, and in the absence of both an accredited Delegate or Alternate from a Squadron, then the vote or votes of said absentees may be cast by a majority of the Delegates present from said District, proxy voting in the Convention is hereby prohibited.

Section 5. A certified list containing the names and addresses of the Convention Delegates and Alternates shall be sent to Department Headquarters not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the Detachment Convention.

Section 6. A quorum shall exist when thirteen (13) Districts or three (3) Divisions are represented by Delegates or Alternates present.

Section 7. The Chairman of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee, shall be recognized as the Detachment Advisor, and the Commander, the Senior Vice-Commander, the Adjutant, the Assistant Adjutant, the Finance Officer, the Membership Director and the Director of Rehabilitation of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, and the individual members of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee, shall be recognized as ex-officio Advisors of the Detachment.

Section 8. a. Two (2) copies of each resolution to be presented to the Detachment Convention must be registered with the Detachment Adjutant at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Detachment Convention, otherwise they shall not be considered.

Section 8. b. The resolution copies shall be numbered and titled (by the Detachment Adjutant) with the last two (2) digits of the year, a hyphen (-), and then beginning with the number one (1), consecutively as received.

Section 8. c. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent any Convention Committee from originating and presenting any resolution which said Committee decides is expedient or necessary.

Section 8. d. All resolutions sent to the Detachment Convention shall be drawn in form so as to provide that the resolution was adopted by The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, in Convention assembled. Resolutions not drawn in such form shall be returned by the Detachment Adjutant to the proposer for correction.

Section 8. e. No resolution, except those which emanate from a Detachment Convention Committee or which originate on the floor of the Convention and are referred for consideration to a Convention Committee, shall be considered by the Detachment Convention unless it has been favorably considered by a Squadron, County Council, District or Division.

Section 8. f. The Detachment Headquarters Office shall prepare a complete file of all resolutions registered with the Detachment Adjutant in accordance with sub-paragraph b. of this section and shall make such complete file ready for distribution to all Delegates and members of the Convention Committees upon their arrival at the Convention City; furthermore, a complete file of all resolutions registered by the Detachment Adjutant shall be retained by the Detachment Adjutant's Office at the Convention City open for inspection of Delegates and any member of the Detachment of Illinois.

Section 9. All District and Division Commanders, Past Detachment Captains, Past Detachment Commanders, the Detachment Commander, the Detachment Senior Vice-Commander, the National Executive Committeeman, the Alternate National Executive Committeeman, Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, and any Past National Chairman, Past National Commander or the National Commander, holding membership in the Detachment of Illinois and otherwise not eligible as an At-Large Delegate; shall be Delegates At-Large to the Detachment Convention and shall each be entitled to one (1) vote, such vote to be cast with their respective Districts. At-Large Delegates must be present at the Convention in order for their District to cast their vote. The vote of the Presiding Officer shall be denied his respective District and shall be retained by him to be cast only in the case of a tie vote.

Section 10. Minutes of the Detachment Convention shall be compiled so that copies are available not later than the fall meeting of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee, or the first meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee following the date of the close of the Detachment Convention, whichever comes first; and if the minutes are not mailed to all members of the Detachment Executive Committee and Advisors, with the Call, they shall be read. The Detachment Executive Committee shall have the authority to approve and/or correct the Detachment Convention minutes.

ARTICLE VI
DETACHMENT OFFICERS

Section 1. a. The Detachment Convention shall elect the Detachment Commander, the Detachment Senior Vice-Commander, and in the odd numbered years, a National Executive Committeeman and an Alternate National Executive Committeeman on nominations from the floor. Five (5) Detachment Vice-Commanders shall be chosen as follows; each of the Divisions shall elect Commanders as provided by their respective By-Laws, and each of said Division Commanders shall by virtue of his election as Division Commander be a Vice-Commander of the Detachment of Illinois for the Division for which he is elected Commander. The Detachment Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive

Committeeman shall reside in and be members of a Squadron in the Detachment of Illinois.

Section 1. b. The Vice-Commanders shall be members in good standing in some Squadron located in their respective Divisions and shall be executives of their respective Divisions.

Section 1. c. Upon the death, resignation or removal from his respective Division of any Detachment Vice-Commander the Division concerned shall select a successor to such Detachment Vice-Commander who shall be a member of a Squadron in said Division, to fill the unexpired term.

Section 1. d. The Detachment Commander, Detachment Senior Vice-Commander, Detachment Vice-Commanders, District Commanders (in those Districts which are organized and have elected Officers; or the elected Officers, or the elected Chairman of the District delegation at the Detachment Convention, in those Districts which are not organized and have not elected Officers, who shall serve for the year following his election, or until the District organizes and elects Officers), the National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman, shall be voting members; and all Past Detachment Captains, Past Detachment Commanders, all appointed Detachment Officers; and all Past National Chairmen, Past National Commanders or the National Commander, holding membership in the Detachment of Illinois; shall be non-voting members of the Detachment Executive Committee; and the Detachment Commander shall be Chairman and the Detachment Senior Vice-Commander shall be Vice-Chairman of both the Detachment Convention and the Detachment Executive Committee; provided, that any Vice-Commander shall, on the request of the Commander, act as Chairman at of either said bodies at any meeting.

Section 1. e. District and Division Senior Vice-Commanders and District Vice-Chairmen (as described for Districts in the parenthesis portion of the preceding paragraph) shall have full floor and voting privileges in the absence of their respective Commander or Chairman.

Section 1. f. District and Division Junior Vice-Commanders shall have floor and voting privileges in the absence of their respective Commander and Senior Vice-Commander.

Section 2. a. The Detachment Commander and the Detachment Senior Vice-Commander shall serve until the close of the Convention at which their successors are elected.

Section 2. b. The National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall serve until the close of the National Convention following the election of their respective successors.

Section 2. c. Appointive Officers, unless removed by the appointing power, shall serve until their respective successors are confirmed by the Detachment Executive Committee; however, interim appointments shall be valid until confirmed.

Section 2. d. Members of the Detachment Commander's Advisory Committee and the Audit Committee shall serve in concurrence with the appointing power.

Section 2. e. Members of Standing Committees and Commissions shall serve until the close of the Post Convention Detachment Executive Committee in the year in which their appointment expires.

Section 2. *f*. All appointments are subject to confirmation of the Detachment Executive Committee; however, interim appointments shall be valid until confirmed.

Section 2. *g*. No person shall be eligible for re-election to the office of Detachment Commander or Detachment Senior Vice-Commander.

Section 2. *h.* The National Executive Committeeman or Alternate National Executive Committeeman can succeed himself in the same office.

Section 2. i. A Division Commander or Division Vice-Commander shall be eligible to succeed himself in the same office to a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 3. a. Any County, District, Division or Detachment elective Office shall become vacant upon the induction or enlistment of the incumbent into the active regular or reserve organization of any branch of the military establishment, Coast Guard included, of the Unites States, or of any other nation, unless there is less than three (3) months left in his term of officer. Such office shall also become vacant if their Reserve or National Guard service would be in excess of four (4) months during his term in office.

Section 3. b. Any appointed Officer, Committee or Commission Chairman, Committee or Commission Member, at the Detachment level is also covered under the provisions of this section.

Section 3. c. Such individual shall notify his Advisor of his enlistment or induction.

Section 3. d. Any individual who leaves office subject to these terms shall be granted all rights, privileges and honors due to a Past Officer of that level of organization regardless of the length of his term of office.

Section 4. The Detachment Commander shall appoint a Detachment Judge Advocate, Detachment Chaplain, Detachment Medical Officer, Detachment Parliamentarian, Detachment Historian, Detachment Service Officer, two (2) Detachment Commander's Aides, Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms and two (2) Detachment Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms, with such assistants as may be deemed necessary or desirable, who shall hold Office at the pleasure of the appointing power.

Section 5. The Detachment Commander shall be the executive head of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, he shall be ex-officio member of all committees and commissions, and he shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to that office.

Section 6. The Detachment Senior Vice-Commander shall act as a representative of the Commander on all matters referred to him by the Commander; or if the office becomes vacant for any reason, he shall succeed to the office of Detachment Commander. The Detachment Senior Vice-Commander shall primarily concern himself with the promotion of the membership of the Detachment. The Detachment Senior Vice-Commander shall be authorized to appoint one (1) individual to the office of Detachment Senior Vice-Commander's Aide and one (1) individual to the office of Detachment Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the appointing power.

Section 7. a. The Detachment Adjutant shall be the Administrative Officer of the Detachment, empowered to carry out the mandates of the Detachment Convention and the Detachment Executive Committee, he shall be charged with the usual duties of an Adjutant; provided however, that the membership, dues, and administrative policies, heretofore delegated to the Adjutant, or Finance Officer, of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, shall be reserved in accordance to such policy. He shall serve as Secretary to the Detachment Convention and to all meetings of the Detachment Executive Committee.

Section 7. b. The Detachment Assistant Adjutant, when appointed, shall assist the Detachment Adjutant in any or all of his duties, he shall primarily be charged with the duties as "Registrar of the Detachment Convention", as "Editor of Detachment publications", and "Public Relations".

Section 8. The Detachment Finance Officer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Detachment organization. He shall be authorized to maintain funds, in the name of the Detachment of Illinois, in such special accounts as may be authorized by the Detachment Executive Committee, and approved by The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee; provided however, that membership dues and financial policies, heretofore delegated to the Finance Officer or Adjutant, of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, shall be reserved in accordance to such policy. He shall make reports upon the condition of the Detachment Treasury, both special accounts and through cooperation with the Finance Officer of the Department of Illinois, The American Legion, The Sons of The American Legion accounts handled by him, when called for by the Detachment Executive Committee, the Detachment Finance Commission or the Detachment Advisor. The Detachment Finance Officer shall be charged with the responsibility of determining, between Detachment Executive Committee meetings, the proper charges and allocation of claims against the budget or other special funds. All disbursements by the Detachment Finance Officer must be made under the rules established by the Detachment Finance Commission and approved by the Detachment Executive Committee. The Detachment Finance Officer shall be under the general supervision of the Detachment Finance Commission and shall preform such other duties as are incidental to that office.

Section 9. The Detachment Judge Advocate shall advise the Detachment Officers and the Detachment Executive Committee on all legal matters, including the construction and interpretation of the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws, and shall preform such other duties as are usually incidental to the office. (See Article II, Section 6., for additional duties.)

Section 10. The Detachment Chaplain shall preform such divine and non-sectarian services as may be necessary, adhering to such ceremonial rituals as may be recommended by National Headquarters from time to time.

Section 11. 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 Illinois, and shall compile during his term of office a complete history of the year's activities. He shall also assist Squadron Historians 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 12. All actions of the Detachment Officers in their duties to The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, are responsible to the Detachment Advisor, and by him to ratification by The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory)Committee.

Section 13. The Detachment Advisor, or his designated representative, from the membership of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee, shall be an ex-officio member of all Detachment Committees and Commissions.

Section 14. a. Any elective Detachment Officer, who has not paid his membership dues, as of 20 October of each membership year, shall be suspended from participating in the actions of the Detachment Executive Committee until such future date as his current membership dues are paid. If said incumbent has not paid his membership dues for the membership year of his election, provided such date precedes 31 December, at which time, if said officer still has not paid his membership dues, that office shall become vacant; all rights, privileges, and honors as a past Officer shall be waived.

Section 14. b. Any appointed Detachment Officer, or any Detachment Committee or Commission Chairmanship or Vice-Chairmanship, shall become vacant as of 20 October of each membership year, if said incumbent has not paid his membership dues of the membership year of his appointment; all rights, privileges, and honors as a past Officer shall be waived.

Section 14. c. Any other voting or non-voting member of the Detachment Executive Committee, who has not paid his membership dues, as of 20 October of each membership year, shall be suspended from participation in the actions of the Detachment Executive Committee and/or the Detachment Convention, until such future date as his current membership dues are paid.

Section 15. a. Any member of The Sons of The American Legion, in the Detachment of Illinois, is eligible to be elected or appointed to any office.

Section 15. b. In order for said individual to be recognized as an officer for any position listed in "Paragraph c.", below; they must have on file at Detachment Headquarters, acceptable

"proof of eligibility".

Section 15. c. All: A. Elected and appointed officers of the Detachment of Illinois; B. The National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive Committeeman; C. Division Commanders, Division Vice-Commanders, Division Adjutants (elected or appointed); D. District Commanders, District Vice-Commanders, District Adjutants (elected or appointed); E. District Chairmen and District Vice-Chairmen (per Article VI., Section 1. d.).

Section 15. d. Evidence of eligibility must indicate that the individual upon whom the officer is basing his eligibility in The Sons of The American Legion was: A. An American Legion member beginning in the same year, or some year prior to, the officers joining The Sons of The American Legion; B. Was eligible for membership in The American Legion and was deceased prior to the officers joining The Sons of The American Legion.

Section 15. e. - 1. Items of acceptable proof of eligibility for membership in The Sons of The American Legion should be deposited with the Illinois Department Headquarters prior to an individual placing his name in nomination for any elective office (adjutant either elected or appointed included) at the District and Division levels and all elected and appointed offices at the Detachment level (Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms excepted) or if said proof of eligibility is not on file prior to placing the name in nomination the information shall be attached to the "Certification of Officers Form". Once said information is on file at Department Headquarters it is not necessary to be resubmitted, for any reason, except at the written request of the Department Adjutant.

Section 15. e. - 2. Items of acceptable proof of eligibility shall be a copy of the DD214 or Discharge of the individual upon whom the member is basing his eligibility for membership in The Sons of The American Legion. If the last name of the member is different than the last name of the individual upon whom eligibility is based; a copy of said information is to be attached (any and/or all personal information except the pertinent information pertaining names and dates maybe deleted or covered).

ARTICLE VII
DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Detachment Executive Committee shall meet immediately following the adjournment of the Detachment Convention and in the months of September, December, and March and the evening prior to the opening of the first business session of the Detachment Convention, at the call of the Detachment Commander, and at such other times as are called by the Detachment Commander with the approval of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee, to act on necessary Detachment business between Detachment Conventions. The Detachment Advisor shall have the authority to approve advancing or postponing a meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee for a period not to exceed seven (7) days on either side of a month in which a meeting is required, if in his opinion

sufficient reason exists. The Detachment Adjutant, at the direction of the Detachment Commander, shall issue a call, to each member of the Detachment Executive Committee, voting and non-voting, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 2. The retiring Detachment Commander shall be a member of the Detachment Executive Committee, with the right to vote for one (1) year.

Section 3. The Detachment Executive Committee shall appoint the Detachment Adjutant and the Detachment Finance Officer at the first meeting following the date of the close of the Detachment Convention.

Section 4. The Detachment Executive Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies in any Office until the succeeding Detachment Convention.

Section 5. Representation of six (6) Districts, representing a minimum of three (3) Divisions, or four (4) Divisions by voting members of the Detachment Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Between Detachment Conventions, the administrative powers of the Detachment shall be vested in the Executive Committee of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois.

Section 7. Members of the Detachment may, at the invitation of a member of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee, attend the Committee meetings for consultation and to offer their ideas.

Section 8. Any member of the Detachment Executive Committee, who has more than one (1) vote, he shall designate the Office he is voting when answering the Roll Call at the start of the Detachment Executive Committee Meeting.

Section 9. In order to conduct a Roll Call vote, the request for Roll Call must be demanded by either one-half (1/2) of the voting members present or on the direction of the Detachment Advisor.

Section 10. The Detachment Executive Committee shall be allowed to meet by mail, in an emergency situation, authorized by the Detachment Advisor, provided that only a single item of business may be considered, and that such item of business must be presented in such a way that a "YES" or "NO" vote is all that is required. A paper ballot, identifying the proposal, must be sent with the proposal, such ballots to be signed, in the manner of conducting a Roll Call vote. A deadline of not less than seven (7) days can be authorized for the return of the ballots. A majority of the ballots returned and received by the stated deadline, in the proposal outline, and the same deadline date listed on the ballot, shall be the decision, provided that, of the ballots returned, a quorum, as provided for a regular meeting must be met. Unsigned ballots shall be void. In the case of a proposition needing a joint decision with The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee, the Detachment Adjutant is empowered to submit ballots to said Committeemen. The proposal and ballot need be sent only to the authorized voting members of the Detachment Executive Committee, and the Detachment Advisor, and/or the members of The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee. Ballots

are to be sent out and returned by "Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested".

Section 11. The Detachment Advisor and those recognized as ex-officio Advisors of the Detachment of Illinois, shall be ex-officio members of the Detachment Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII
STANDING COMMITTEES
AND COMMISSIONS
AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. a. All Standing Committees and Commissions shall received full instructions from the Detachment Executive Committee, by resolution.

Section 1. b. The Detachment Executive Committee as well as, the Detachment Convention, shall have the authority to create either a Standing Committee or Commission.

Section 1. c. The Detachment Executive Committee may create a Standing Committee or Commission as specified in Section 1. a., and may eliminate a Standing Committee or Commission, it created, by a simple motion.

Section 1. d. The Detachment Convention may cause to be created a Standing Committee or Commission by action from the floor of the Convention, and such action shall mandate the Detachment Executive Committee to prepare and adopt, at its first (1st) meeting following the closing date of the Detachment Convention, a resolution as per Section 1. a. Any Standing Committee or Commission may be eliminated by action of the Detachment Convention by simple motion.

Section 2. a. The designation of a "Standing Committee" should usually be used when long term continuity is not essential to its function.

Section 2. b. The terms of appointment shall be for one (1) year, or portion thereof, ending at the close of the Post Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting.

Section 2. c. Membership, unless stipulated in the resolution, shall consist of five (5) members (preferably one (1) member from each of the five (5) Divisions of the Detachment), of which one (1) shall be designated Chairman and one (1) shall be designated Vice-Chairman.

Section 3. a. The designation of a "Standing Commission" should usually be used when long term continuity is essential to its function.

Section 3. b. The terms of appointment shall be for three (3) years, or portion thereof, ending at the close of the Post Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting of the year in which the term expires.

Section 3. c. Membership, unless stipulated in the resolution, shall consist of five (5) members each

serving staggered three (3) year terms (preferably one (1) member from each of the five (5) Divisions of the Detachment_), of which one (1) shall be designated Chairman and one (1) shall be designated Vice-Chairman, the term of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be for one (1) year, or portion thereof, ending at the close of the September meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee, following their appointment, following their appointment.

Section 3. d. In the first (1st) year of any Standing Commission all five (5) members shall be appointed as follows: two (2) members serving a three (3) year term; two (2) members serving a two (2) year term; and one member serving a one (1) year term (preferably one (1) member from each of the five (5) Divisions of the Detachment).

Section 4. a. The Detachment Commander may appoint a "Special Committee" at any time he feels the

need for some action to be taken. A Special Committee need not be created by resolution but should be so directed by the Detachment Commander, through the Detachment Commander's Advisory Committee, with the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee, in writing.

Section 4. b. The terms of appointment, normally, shall be until the opening of the succeeding Detachment Convention, however, with the approval of the Detachment Advisor, the term may be for a period not to exceed eighteen (18) months.

Section 4. c. Membership shall consist of from five (5) to ten (10) members, of which one (1) shall be designated Chairman and one (1) shall be designated Vice-Chairman.

Section 5. a. In the year in which the Department of Illinois, The American Legion, establishes a "National Convention Corporation Committee", the Detachment Commander shall have the authority, with the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee, to appoint a "National Convention Committee".

Section 5. b. The term of appointment shall be through the close of the National Convention that they were appointed to host, and each succeeding Detachment Commander shall have the authority, with the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee, to appoint additional members to this Committee.

Section 5. c. Committee:

Section 5. c. A. Membership:

Section 5. c. A. a. The first (1st) year membership shall consist of five (5) members (preferable one (1) member from each of the five (5) Divisions of the Detachment).

Section 5. c. A. b.. Each additional year an additional five (5) members (preferable one (1) member from each of the five (5) Divisions of the Detachment) may be appointed.

Section 5. c. B. Organization:

Section 5. c. B. a. When the Committee is originally established one (1) member shall be designated as Chairman and one (1) member shall be designated as Vice-Chairman and they shall serve for the duration of the Committee. The Chairman shall be designated as the "Sons of The American Legion Liaison to the Department of Illinois, The American Legion National Convention Corporation" and the Vice-Chairman shall be designated as the alternate.

Section 5. c. B. b. The designated Chairman shall have the authority to appoint needed Sub-Committees and shall designate, with the approval of the Detachment Commander their Chairman, and once appointed they shall serve for the duration of the Committee.

Section 5. c. B. c. All Sub-Committee Chairmen must be from those appointed as members of the National Convention Committee.

Section 5. c. B. d. Each Sub-Committee Chairman may select additional individuals, as necessary, to serve on said Sub-Committee to assist in the completion of the said Sub-Committees assigned duties; and shall, with the approval of the Chairman of the National Convention Committee, designate one (1) of said members to serve as Vice-Chairman of said Sub-Committee and once appointed they shall serve for the duration of the Sub-Committee.

Section 5. B. e. The Detachment Advisor shall be designated as the Advisor to the National Convention Committee.

Section 6. a. The Detachment Commander shall have the authority to designate and appoint one (1) member of The American Legion (with their permission) as the Advisor to that Standing Committee, Commission, or Special Committee. Assistant, Associate, or Alternate Advisors may be appointed as needed, desired, or required.

Section 6. b. The term of appointment shall be for one (1) year, or portion thereof, ending at the close of the September meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee.

Section 7. a. Any number of "Whereas" clauses may be used to express the reasons for creation of the Standing Commission or Committee, however, if the Standing Commission or Committee is created by Detachment Convention action the following "Whereas" clause MUST immediately precede the "Resolved" clause:

"WHEREAS, by action of the _____ Annual Detachment Convention, held on _____, 20___, in the City of _____, Illinois, did authorize the creation of this Standing _____; now therefore be it"

Section 7. b. The "Resolved" clause MUST always begin as follows:

Section 7. b. A. If approved by the Executive Committee, in regular meeting assembled:

"RESOLVED, By the Executive Committee of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, in meeting convened this ____ day of _____, 20__, in the City of _____, Illinois, does hereby create a Standing _____ to be entitled _____ (ALL CAPITAL LETTERS)."

Section 7. b. B. If approved by the Executive Committee, meeting by mail (the date of the meeting shall be the date the ballots are required to be returned):

"RESOLVED, By the Executive Committee of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, by mail meeting this ____ day of _____, 20__, in the City of _____, Illinois, does hereby create a Standing _____ to be entitled _____ (ALL CAPITAL LETTERS)."

Section 7. c. The next paragraph or paragraphs, as needed, must list the purpose, scope, function, and authority of the Standing Commission or Committee.

Section 7. d. The last paragraph shall be one (1) of the following:

Section 7. d. A. If the membership is not to be stipulated:

"The membership of this Standing _____ shall be as outlined in Article VIII, Section ___., c., of the Constitution of the Detachment of Illinois, The Sons of The American Legion."

Section 7. d. B. If the membership is to be stipulated:

"The membership of this Standing _____ shall consist of", then proceed to outline the composition of its membership, ending with the words: "be as outlined in Article VIII, Section ___., c., of the Constitution of the Detachment of Illinois, The Sons of The American Legion."

Section 8. The Detachment Commander may, at the Post Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting propose the names of Standing Commission and Committee Chairmen, he desires to serve for his year for approval, and if that individual is not already a member of the Standing Commission or Committee, he shall immediately become and ex-officio member and may begin functioning in that capacity.

Section 9. A member of any Commission or Commission may be removed for failure to serve [failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings], upon certification that they are no longer a member, or for cause approved by the Detachment Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX
DIVISION, DISTRICT, AND COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1. Division, District, and Counties may organize in conformance with the geographical boundaries prescribed by the Constitution of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois.

Section 2. Each County, District, and Division shall elect its Officers at a regular meeting prior to the Detachment Convention and report them on such forms as are required, together with the Adjutant, whether elected or appointed, no later than ten (10) days after the election or ten (10) days before the Detachment Convention. Each County, District, or Division may prescribe by its own By-Laws the date upon which its Officers shall enter upon their duties, however, District and Division Commanders will be administered the oath of office at the Detachment Convention.

ARTICLE X
ORGANIZATION OF SQUADRONS

Section 1. Posts desiring to form a Squadron of The Sons of The American Legion shall be governed by the provisions of the National Constitution of The Sons of The American Legion and the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Illinois.

Section 2. Each Squadron shall elect its Officers at a regular meeting, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Detachment Convention and report them on such forms as are required, together with the new Adjutant, whether elected or appointed, no later than twenty (20) days before the Detachment Convention. Each Squadron may prescribe by its own By-Laws the date upon which its Officers shall enter upon their duties.

ARTICLE XI
UNIFORM CAP

Section 1. The Detachment Commander, Detachment Senior Vice-Commander, Detachment Adjutant, Detachment Finance Officer, Detachment Judge Advocate, Detachment Chaplain, Detachment Medical Officer, Detachment Parliamentarian, Detachment Historian, Detachment Service Officer, Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms, Detachment Assistant Adjutant, Detachment Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms (limited to thirteen (13), two (2) from each of the five (5) Divisions, two (2) appointments of the Detachment Commander and one (1) appointment of the Detachment Senior Vice-Commander, two (2) Detachment Commander's Aides, one (1) Detachment Senior Vice-Commander's Aide, Division Commanders and Division Vice-Commanders shall be entitled to wear the cap prescribed by the National Sons of The American Legion as a Detachment Officer (French Blue bottom, Gold crown).

Section 2. All Detachment Officer caps will be embroidered in gold, with "ILLINOIS" only, and with the Squadron number, along with the title of Office as follows:

a. DETACHMENT COMMANDER

b. DETACHMENT SR. VICE COMMANDER

c. DETACHMENT ADJUTANT

d. DETACHMENT FINANCE OFFICER

e. DETACHMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE

f. DETACHMENT CHAPLAIN

g. DETACHMENT MEDICAL OFFICER

h. DETACHMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN

i. DETACHMENT HISTORIAN

j. DETACHMENT SERVICE OFFICER

k. DETACHMENT ASSISTANT ADJUTANT

l. DETACHMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

m. DETACHMENT ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

n. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S AIDE

o. DETACHMENT SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER'S AIDE

p. # DIVISION COMMANDER

q. # DIVISION SR. VICE COMMANDER

r. # DIVISION JR. VICE COMMANDER

Section 3. The Division Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian, and Sergeant-at-Arms shall be entitled to wear the all French Blue cap with a Gold patch, embroidered in French Blue, with his Division shown on one line and his Office below. This patch to be worn centered on the right side of the cap. All Division Officer caps will be embroidered in Gold, with "ILLINOIS" only, and with the Squadron number.

Section 4. a. The District Commander, Vice-Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian, and Sergeant-at-Arms shall be entitled to wear the cap prescribed by the National Sons of The American Legion, as a District Officer (French Blue bottom, White crown), all District Officers caps will be embroidered, in Gold, with the District identified on the left, and with the Office identified on the right, and with the Squadron number.

Section 4. b. The District Chairman and the District Vice-Chairman shall be entitled to wear the cap

prescribed by the National Sons of The American Legion, as a District Officer (French Blue bottom, White crown), all District Officer caps will be embroidered, in Gold, with the District identified on the left, and with the Office identified on the right, and with the Squadron number.

Section 5. The County Commander, Vice-Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian, and Sergeant-at-Arms shall be entitled to wear the all French Blue cap, embroidered in White, with the County identified on the left, and with the Office identified on the right, and with the Squadron number.

Section 6. The National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman, shall be entitled to wear the cap prescribed by the National Sons of The American Legion as a National Officer (Gold bottom, Gold crown), embroidered in French Blue, with "ILLINOIS" only, and with the Squadron number, and with the appropriate Office embroidered on the right side.

Section 7. All caps described above may be worn ONLY during the duration of Office of the individual.

Section 8. Members of the Detachment of Illinois, who serve as elected or appointed National Officers, or Past National Commanders, authorized by the National Organization to wear the cap prescribed by the National Sons of The American Legion as a National Officer, or Past National Commander, (Gold bottom, Gold crown), be embroidered in French Blue, are urged to embroider their caps with "ILLINOIS" only and their Squadron number, and with the full spelling of their title (no abbreviations) including the word "NATIONAL".

Section 9. The only cap recognized as an official membership cap within the Detachment of Illinois, except for those listed above, is the all French Blue cap, embroidered in Gold, prescribed by the National Sons of The American Legion. The individual who has held any Office may embroider his cap in any manner he wishes, as to indicate that he is a Past Officer.

Section 10. This article in no manner prohibits any organization within the Detachment from designing a cap of another style for drill or parade units.

Section 11. No committee or commission Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or member shall be considered an Officer, as to be entitled to wear a cap of that level of organization, embroidered for that committee or commission.

Section 12. All caps; Squadron, County, District, Division, Detachment and the caps of the National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman (National Officer caps are exempt) are required to have the "Illinois State Insignia" embroidered on the cap.

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ARTICLE XII
FINANCE

Section 1. The revenue of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, shall be derived from annual membership dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Detachment Executive Committee and subject to ratification by The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee.

Section 2. a. The minimum annual dues shall be at the rate of seven dollars ($7.00) per member for all dues received in the Detachment (Department) Headquarters for the 2019-2020 membership year; and shall become ten dollars ($10.00) for all dues starting with the 2020-2021 membership year, and shall be payable October 20th of each year for the succeeding year.

Section 2. b. If the National Organization increases its dues per member to the Sons of The American Legion, then the Detachment of Illinois Sons of The American Legion will increase its dues at the same per member increase

Section 3. The National and Detachment dues shall be included in the annual dues, to be collected by each Squadron, and the portion of such annual dues designated as Detachment and National dues, shall be immediately transmitted to the Finance Officer, The American Legion, Department of Illinois. In no event shall the period transpiring between the receipt of such annual dues by a Squadron and the remittance thereof to the Department of Illinois exceed thirty (30) days. Upon the recommendation of the Detachment Adjutant and the Detachment Commander or the Detachment Senior Vice-Commander, with the concurrence of the Department Adjutant or the Detachment Advisor, or at the direction of the Department Adjutant or Detachment Advisor, the Detachment Audit Committee (with the appropriate Division and District Commanders, as ex-officio members) may be empowered to audit the books of any Squadron which is believed to habitually violate this section and to make appropriate recommendations to the Detachment Executive Committee, which recommendations may include the suspension or revocation of the Squadron Charter.

Section 4. The Department of Illinois, The American Legion, shall transmit the appropriate amount of National dues to the National Headquarters and shall transmit to the Finance Officer of the Detachment of Illinois, The Sons of The American Legion, all amounts of the Detachment dues in excess of one dollar ($1.00).

Section 5. The fiscal year of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Illinois, shall be from August 1st to July 31st.

Section 6. The Finance Commission, of the Detachment of Illinois, shall prepare an annual budget for the Detachment of Illinois, and shall annually present said budget, for the ensuing year, to the Pre-Convention Detachment Executive Committee Meeting for their approval.

Section *7.* The amount of such annual Squadron dues shall be determined by the Squadron.

Section *8.* The Detachment of Illinois shall maintain all checking or savings accounts, under the control of the Detachment Finance Officer and in the name of the Detachment of Illinois in banking institutions with the State of Illinois, such institutions shall be recommended by the Detachment Finance Commission and approved by the Detachment Executive Committee. Accounts shall be maintained for a minimum of one (1) year.

Section 1. Squadrons:

Section 1. a. The Detachment Headquarters may suspend, cancel or revoke the charter of any Squadron

of The Sons of The American Legion which violates this Constitution, subject to approval of the Department Executive Committee.

Section 1. b. Upon cancellation or revocation of the 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 2. Members:

Section 2. a. Members of Squadrons in this Detachment may be suspended or expelled from The Sons of The American Legion only upon a proper showing of cause.

Section 2. b. Any members may prefer charges against an offending member in the Squadron of which the accuser is a member and which holds jurisdiction over the accused. If a member desires to prefer charges against another member in a Squadron of which the accuser is not a member, he may submit the charges and specifications in proper form to the Commander of such Squadron and the Commander of the sponsoring Post, provided they have jurisdiction over the accused, and it shall be the duty of such Post Commander to order the Post Judge Advocate to proceed with such charges (in all cases the Squadron Commander and Judge Advocate are to be kept current with all developments and sit in as an associate to their respective Post Officers). It shall be the special duty of the Post Judge Advocate in the absence of other accusers, or when directed by the Post Commander, to bring to trial all such offenders.

Section 2. c. If the accused is the Commander of said Squadron, the charges shall be submitted to the Squadron Adjutant to proceed (the Squadron Adjutant shall then replace the Squadron Commander in the parenthesis section in "2., b." above).

Section 2. d. Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty and conduct unbecoming a member of The Sons of The American Legion, and shall be made under oath in writing, specifying with reasonable certainty the character of the offense alleged, and the time and place of its commission, as near as may be practicable, and be signed by the accuser who must be a member of The Sons of The American Legion or The

American Legion in good standing.

Section 2. e. All charges and specifications shall be filed with the Squadron Adjutant and with the Post Adjutant, and the Post Adjutant, who shall without delay send a notice by mail to all members of both the Squadron and Post of the filing of said charges, and the date and place of the meeting to be held not less than five (5) nor more than twenty (20) days after the date said notice is mailed, at which the same shall be read and the acceptance or rejection acted upon, but the names of the accuser or the accused shall not appear in said notice.

Section 2. f. When charges have been presented and read, the Post shall decide by a majority vote whether they shall be accepted and the accused member placed on trial. The Post may take an advisory vote of the members of The Sons of The American Legion, prior to their vote.

Section 2. g. Immediately upon acceptance of charges by a Post the Post Commander/Trial Administrator shall appoint the time and place for trial and shall cause the accused to be served with a true copy of the charges and specifications, and a notice of the time and place appointed for the trial thereof by registered mail, and shall give notice of same to all members of the Squadron and the Post, provided that at least one (1) regular meeting of both the Squadron and Post shall intervene between the time of mailing such notice and any action b the Post in pursuance thereof.

Section 2. h. If the accused shall neglect or refuse or fail to attend in person after notice has been duly served on him, the Post at the time specified in such notice may proceed without his presence and conduct the trial to a final conclusion.

Section 2. i. It shall be the duty of the Post Judge Advocate to prosecute all charges. The defendant shall be entitled to be represented by counsel. The attendance of a court reporter to report and transcribe the testimony and a record of all the proceedings shall be permitted.

Section 2. j. The Post Commander/Trial Administrator shall decide all questions arising as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings.

Section 2. k. At the conclusion of the testimony the accused and the accuser in person, or through their attorneys, may if they desire address such relevant remarks to the Post upon the merits of the case as may be deemed proper, after which the accused and the accuser shall retire from the meeting and remain in an anteroom until the final decision, provided, that if the Post Judge Advocate shall be the accuser, in his official capacity, he shall not be obliged to retire. After the retirement of the accused and the accuser, any member entitled to vote may express his views of the case and of the law and the fact involved (with the permission of those present a Squadron member or members may express his/their views).

Section 2. l. Upon the conclusion of the trial the question of “Guilty” or “Not Guilty” shall be

immediately and distinctly put by the Post Commander/Trial Administrator, upon each charge and each specification under each charge in its order except those, if any, to which the accused has pleaded guilty, until all have been voted upon separately.

Section 2. m. It shall require a vote by ballot of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the trial to sustain any charge or specification.

Section 2. n. If, after the vote has been taken any charge or specification shall be sustained, the accused

shall be declared guilty, and the Post Commander/Trial Administrator shall put the question as to the degree of punishment, beginning with expulsion, and if not sustained, indefinite suspension, and, if this be not sustained, then definite suspension, and if this punishment be not sustained, reprimand shall follow without further vote.

Section 2. o. With the exception of reprimand which must follow conviction unless a severe penalty be imposed, a vote by ballot of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Post present at a trial shall be necessary to decide the degree of punishment.

Section 2. p. Any member who has been suspended or expelled has the right of appeal to the Department Executive Committee. The Department Executive Committee may designate, appoint and authorize a sub-committee to hear such appeal. Said sub-committee shall make its written findings and recommendations to the Department Executive Committee for its approval or rejection, and the action of said Department Executive Committee upon such findings and recommendations shall be final and conclusive.

Section 2. q. After a member has been tried by a Post, if the Post (by a majority vote), or the accused, or the accuser, shall make a request that the case be heard by a Commission, the matter shall be referred to the Department Commander, who, if he approves the request, shall appoint a Trial Commission, which Commission shall proceed to hear the matter de novo.

Section 2. r. Each Trial Commission appointed by the Department Commander shall consist of three (3) disinterested and experienced members, members of a Post in Illinois, but not members of the Squadron and Post interested.

Section 2. s. A Trial Commission shall not quash or modify charges and specifications.

Section 2. t. Each Trial Commission shall thoroughly investigate the case submitted to it and cause a complete record of the facts and testimony to be made. It shall employ a competent stenographer to take and transcribe the testimony of the witnesses, the expense of which shall be paid by the Department.

Section 2. u. The Trial Commission shall transmit its decisions to the Department Commander and the Squadron and Post, and shall file with each the Squadron and Post a complete transcript of the testimony and proceedings on the trial.

Section 2. v. It the Trial Commission finds the accused guilty, the Commission shall fix the penalty and upon its report each to the Squadron and Post Adjutants shall record the same in his minutes, and the Post Adjutant shall notify the accused of the results.

Section 2. w. The sentence imposed by the Commission shall take effect as soon as it is reported to the Squadron and Post.

Section 2. x. Appeal by a party entitled thereto shall be the same as if the trial had been conducted by the Post.

Section 2. y. The members of a Trial Commission shall be entitled to a per diem, at the same rate as paid to members of committees of the Department, and their necessary traveling and hotel expenses, the same to be paid by the Department.

Section 2. z. Whenever the words "Judge Advocate" are used in this Article it shall mean the Squadron, Post, District, County, or Department Judge Advocate, whichever is applicable.

Section 2. aa. The expenses of the stenographic record and other necessary and reasonable paid items shall be assumed by the appointing authority.

Section 2. bb. Wherever it appears that an appointed or elected officer of a Squadron, Post, District, or other unit has disqualified himself from holding office by reason of a refusal or failure to perform such duties as may be prescribed by his oath of office or mandates or by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Squadron, Post, District, County, Division or Department it shall be the duty of the Department Commander or the Department Executive Committee to appoint a committee of disinterested members of the appropriate unit involved with all power not otherwise herein provided for in order to investigate and make recommendations to the end that justice shall prevail.

Section 2. cc. In any above Section that indicates that expenses are to be paid, said level may submit to the Finance Officer of the Detachment of Illinois a bill for reimbursement in the amount of two-thirds (2/3) of the expense to be reimbursed from the Detachment's Overage (Excess) Funds."

ARTICLE XIV
INDIVIDUAL TRANSFER

Section 1. Any member of a Squadron desiring to transfer to another Squadron shall be entitled to a transfer card to said other Squadron provided all dues and assessments have been paid to date. The approval of his application by the receiving Squadron places him on their roster; but until this application for transfer is acted upon favorably by the receiving Squadron and until such member shall have paid all dues, assessments or other moneys owed by him to the issuing Squadron, he remains a member of the Squadron issuing the transfer card. A record of such transfer must be submitted to the Department Adjutant, otherwise such transfer shall be deemed invalid.

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ARTICLE XV
BY — LAWS

Section 1. The Detachment Convention shall have the authority to adopt By-Laws not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution which said By-Laws shall contain the parliamentary rules of the Convention. The By-Laws adopted at one Convention shall constitute the temporary rules of the next succeeding Convention until the report of the Convention Rules Committee is submitted thereto and adopted.

Section 2. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, revised, shall govern the Detachment Convention and meetings of the Detachment Executive Committee, the Divisions, the District Councils, the District Executive Committees, the County Councils, and the Squadrons, in all cases in which they are available and in which such rules are not inconsistent with the respective By-Laws of the organization.

ARTICLE XVI
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any Detachment Convention by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total representation, subject to ratification by The American Legion, Department of Illinois, Sons of The American Legion Liaison (Advisory) Committee.

CERTIFICATION

This is a true and accurate copy of the Constitution of the Detachment of Illinois, The Sons of The American Legion, as amended on 13 - 15 July 2019, at the 56th Detachment Convention in Springfield, Illinois.

This Constitution was adopted at the 3rd Detachment Convention in Springfield, Illinois, on 18 June 1966.

Amendments were made at:

The 4th Detachment Convention in Chicago, Illinois, on 17 June 1967: {Article III, Section 4; Article IX, Section 1; Article IX, Section 2; Article VII, Section 1; Article V, Section 10; Article VI, Section 1 (4th paragraph); Article V, Section 1; Article V, Section 3}.

The American Legion National Executive Committee at their Fall Meeting held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on 18 - 19 October 1967: {Preamble}.

The 5th Detachment Convention in Fox Lake, Illinois, on 15 June 1968: {Article VI, Section 1; Article V, Section 6}.

The 6th Detachment Convention in Peoria, Illinois, on 14 June 1969: {Article VI, Section 1 (5th paragraph); Article VII, Section 1; Article VII, Section 4; Article VII, Section 5; Article VII, Section 6; Article VI, Section l (1st paragraph); Article VI, Section 7; Article VI, Section 11; Article V, Section 10; Article V, Section 1; Article V, Section 8; Article V, Section 9 (1st paragraph); Article VI, Section 3; Article VI,

Section 4; Article VI, Section 5; Article VI, Section 6; Article VI, Section 7; Article VI, Section 8; Article VI, Section 9; Article VI, Section 10; Article VI, Section 11; Article VI, Section 12; Article VI, Section 3; Article VI, Section 4; Article X, Section 1; Article X, Section 2}.

The 7th Detachment Convention in Morton Grove, Illinois, on 14 June 1970:

The 8th Detachment Convention in Paris, Illinois, on 19 - 20 June 1971:

The Department of Illinois, Committee on The Sons of The American Legion at their meeting on 20 November 1971:

The 9th Detachment Convention in Des Plaines, Illinois, on 20 - 21 May 1972:

The 10th Detachment Convention in Bradley, Illinois, on 9 - 10 June 1973:

The * Detachment Convention in *, Illinois, on ** - ** June 199*:

The 31st Detachment Convention in Palatine, Illinois, on 25 - 26 June 1994:

The 32nd Detachment Convention in Elgin, Illinois, on 24 - 25 June 1995:

The 33rd Detachment Convention in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, on 29 - 30 June 1996:

The 35th Detachment Convention in East Alton, Illinois, on 26 - 27 June 1998:

The 37th Detachment Convention in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, on 23 - 25 June 2000:

The 38th Detachment Convention in Peoria, Illinois, on 23 - 25 June 2001:

The 39th Detachment Convention in Farmer City, Illinois, on 28 - 30 June 2002:

The 41st Detachment Convention in Palatine, Illinois, on 27 - 27 June 2004:

The 43rd Detachment Convention in Jerseyville, Illinois, on 28 - 30 June 2006: {Article XIII}.

The 44th Detachment Convention in Rantoul, Illinois, on 22 - 24 June 2007: {Article II, Section 5; Article II, Section 6; Article V, Section 7; Article V, Section 10; Article VI, Section 12; Article VII, Section 1; Article VII, Section 7; Article VII, Section 10; Article XII, Section 1; Article XVI, Section 1; Article VIII, Section 7, a; Article VIII, Section 7, b, A; Article VIII, Section 7, b, B; Article VIII, Section 7,d; Article I, Section 1; Article XIV, Section 1; Article XVI, Section 1; Article V, Section 1; Article V, Section 2; Article V, Section 4; Article V, Section 8, a; Article V, Section 8, b; Article VI, Section 8; Article VI, Section 9; Article VI, Section 13; Article VI, Section 15; Article VIII, Section 3, c; Article VIII, Section 3, d; Article VIII, Section 5, c; Article III, Section 6; Article XI, Section 4, a; Article XI, Section 4, b; Article XI, Section 5; Article XI, Section 8, Article XI, Section 12; Article XII, Section 6; Article XII, Section 7; Article XII, Section 6}.

The 45th Detachment Convention in Collinsville, Illinois, on 27 - 29 June 2008: {Article III, Section 3., Article VI, Section 15. e.-1, Article VI, Section 15. e.-2., Article VII, Section 1.}

The 48th Detachment Convention in Peoria, Illinois, on 24 - 26 June 2011: {Article VI, Section 1. a.}

The American Legion Department of Illinois Executive Committee at their Spring Meeting held in Bloomington, Illinois, on 14 June 2012: {Article VI, Section 1. a.}

The 53rd Detachment Convention in Wauconda, Illinois on 26 June 2016:
(Article IV, Section 1. a., Article VI, Section h.)

The 55th Detachment Convention in Springfield, Illinois on 13 to 15 July 2018.
(Article VI, Section 2.; Article VIII, Sections 2.b. and 3.b.)

The 56th Detachment Convention in Springfield, Illinois on 12 to 14 July 2019.
(Article V, Section 3; Article XII, Section 2).

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