

Sons of The American Legion

Second District

“The Mighty Second”

CONSTITUTION of the SECOND DISTRICT DETACHMENT OF WISCONSIN SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION PREAMBLE

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

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
to maintain law and order;
to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism;
to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in the Great Wars;
to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation;
to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth;
to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy,
to consecrate and sanctify our friendship, by our devotion to mutual helpfulness;
to adopt in letter and spirit, all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Second District, Detachment of Wisconsin, Sons of The American Legion.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objectives of Sons of The American Legion shall be the objectives of the Second District and in addition there shall be the fostering and maintenance of a closer relationship between the Squadrons and the District.

Section 2. To assist the individual Squadrons to function more efficiently.

Section 3. To promote a closer comradeship between the members and the Squadrons of the Second District, for the over-all good of Sons of The American Legion.

Section 4. To recruit and train members to become leaders at the Detachment and National levels.

Section 5. To promote a closer relationship with The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion Riders.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Second District shall consist of Sons of The American Legion Squadrons in the counties of Sheboygan, Washington, Columbia, Jefferson, Ozaukee, and Dodge and all the members of said Squadrons.

Section 2. The Officers of the Second District shall be the following:

- A. A District Commander - elected
- B. A District First Vice Commander - elected
- C. Two Additional Vice Commanders - elected
- D. A Adjutant/Finance Officer - appointed
- E. A Chaplain - elected
- F. Two Sergeants-at-Arms - elected
- G. A Judge Advocate - appointed
- H. A Historian – appointed

Section 3. There shall be a District Executive Committee to consist of the following members:

- A. All District Officers
- B. Two Immediate Past District Commanders
- C. All Second District Past Detachment Commanders, and Vice Commanders.

Section 4. The District Executive Committee may meet in person, by telephone, electronically, or by a combination of any of these methods. Between conferences of the Second District, administrative power shall be vested in the Executive Committee of the Second District.

Section 5. If, after 90 days, the District Commander is unable to find people from 3 separate counties to serve as Vice Commanders, he shall then have the authority to appoint, from one or more counties, as many needed to fill vacancies. The District Commander shall appoint Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate and Historian. These appointments to be made sometime not later than twenty days prior to District Fall meetings and ratification to be made at said fall meetings.

ARTICLE IV - CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS

Section 1. The Second District shall hold two conferences each year.

- A. Second District shall hold one Conference in the fall and one Conference in the spring of each year.
- B. Second District shall hold a meeting before the yearly elections for Detachment Officers during the annual State Convention.

Section 2. For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the Constitution and of conducting of affairs of the Second District, delegates shall be named or elected from each Squadron in the Second District to represent said Squadron in the Second District. Each Squadron shall elect or Squadron Commander shall appoint (as determined by the

Squadron) a minimum of two delegates and two alternates with one additional delegate for each one hundred memberships on which each Squadron shall have paid. No delegates or alternate shall be seated the District Conference if obligation to the District has not been paid. Any Squadron member in the Second District is permitted to attend District meetings and District Conferences: however, only duly accredited delegates or alternates shall have the right to vote at said conferences.

Section 3. In addition to regularly elected delegates or alternates, all members of the District Executive Committee, and all Past District Commanders shall be entitled to one vote at the Spring and Fall Conferences, and their votes shall be cast with their respective Squadron delegates.

Section 4. “Roberts’ Rule of Order” shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by this Constitution and for all meetings and conferences of the Second District except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of the National Organization or the Detachment of Wisconsin or by the Second District.

ARTICLE V - QUORUMS

Section 1. A quorum at a District Conference shall consist of ten percent of the eligible delegates or alternates.

ARTICLE VI - STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. The necessary Standing Committees shall be determined by the District Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at a District Conference by affirmative vote of two-Firsts of the voting members present, provided that the proposed amendment or amendments shall have been available to be read at such Conference at least thirty (30) minutes before voting thereon and that notice of the amendment is sent to each Squadron not later than thirty (30) days prior to the District Conference.

Section 2. A vacancy in the Office of District Commander will be filled pursuant to the Detachment By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII - BY-LAWS

Section 1. Activities not included in the Constitution may be provided for in the Second District By-Laws to be adopted at a regularly convened District Conference By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX - ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. There shall be an annual assessment of 50 cents per member of each Squadron in the Second District.

Section 2. This assessment can be deferred at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Second District.

Section 3. To raise assessment must be in front of elected committee.

ARTICLE X - ENACTING CLAUSE

Section 1. This Constitution shall go into effect following its adoption by Two-Thirds of the delegates present at the Second District Spring Conference in 2019, and subject to approval by the Detachment Executive Committee of Wisconsin.