



Sons of The American Legion Fourth District

“Serving the Community, State and Nation”

CONSTITUTION of the FOURTH 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 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 association of our members and 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 Fourth District, Detachment of Wisconsin, Sons of The American Legion.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objects of the Sons of The American Legion shall be the objective of the Fourth District and in addition thereto shall be the fostering and maintenance of a closer relationship between the Squadrons and 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 Fourth District for the overall 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 Fourth District shall consist of Sons of The American Legion in All of that part of Milwaukee County which is described and determined by the Fourth District of the American Legion Fourth District.

Section 2. The Fourth District shall be the following Elected Officers:

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

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 Fourth District Past Sons Commanders
- D. District Four Advisory Council

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

Section 5. If, after 90 days, the District Commander is unable to fill the position(s) from 3 separate Squadrons to serve as Vice Commanders, the Commander shall have the authority to appoint, from one or more Squadrons, as may be needed to fill vacancies. If, after 90 days, the District Commander is unable to fill the position(s), the District Commander shall appoint Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate and Historian. These appointments are to be made sometime not later than twenty days prior to the District Fall meeting and ratification to be made at said fall meeting.



ARTICLE IV – CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS

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

- A. The Fourth District shall hold one conference in the fall and one conference in the spring of each year.
- B. The Fourth 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 affairs of the Fourth District, Delegates shall be named or elected from each Squadron in the Fourth District to represent said Squadron in the Fourth District. Each Squadron shall elect, or the 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(s) shall be seated at the District Conference if obligation(s) to the District have not been paid. Any Squadron member in the Fourth 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 and alternates, all members of the District Executive Committee and all Past District Commanders shall be entitled to one vote at the Fall and Spring Conferences with their votes being 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 Fourth District except for otherwise provided by the Constitution of the National Organization or the Detachment of Wisconsin or by the Fourth District.

Section 5. Delegates from the Fourth District to the National Convention of Sons of The American Legion shall be elected at the District Spring Conference. The said conference to be held at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Detachment Convention. These members of the Fourth District of Sons of The American Legion must have their dues paid at the time of their election and are then in good standing.

ARTICLE V – QUORUMS

Section 1. A quorum at a District Conference shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the eligible delegates and/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-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the voting members present, provided that the proposed amendment(s) shall have been available to read at such Conference at least thirty (30) minutes before voting thereon and that notice of the amendment(s) is sent to each Squadron no 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 and District By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII – BY-LAWS

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

ARTICLE IX – ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. There shall be an annual assessment of twenty-five (25) cents per member of each Squadron in the Fourth District.

ARTICLE X – ENACTING CLAUSE

Section 1. This Constitution shall go into effect following its adoption by three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the delegates present at the Fourth District Spring Conference in 2018, and subject to approval by the Detachment Executive Committee of Wisconsin.

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