

**Constitution
and
Bylaws
of the
Sons of The American Legion
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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 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, Stoughton Post 59.

Article II

Nature

Section 1. The Sons of The American Legion, Stoughton American Legion Post 59, is a civilian organization. Membership therein does not affect nor increase liability for military or police service.

Section 2. The squadron shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any persons seeking public office or preferment.

Section 3. The squadron 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.

Article III

Organization

Section 1. This squadron is organized as a subordinate body of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin, and under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of Stoughton Post 59, 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 of 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 World War I, World War II, the Korean War, The Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, The Persian Gulf War and The War on Terrorism, as defined in the 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.

Article V

Officers

Section 1. The Officers of this Squadron shall be a Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Sergeant at Arms, Chaplain and Historian, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of The Squadron.

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 Officers for the current year.

Article VII

Dues

Section 1. The Annual Membership Dues of this Squadron shall be decided yearly, payable on October of each year.

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 Constitution which is in conflict 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 a majority vote of the members attending such regular meeting providing that the proposed amendment shall have

been submitted in writing and read at the immediate proceeding Squadron meeting and provided further, that written notice shall have been given to all members at least seven days in advance of the date which such amendment is to be voted on, notifying said members at such meeting a proposal to amend the Constitution is to be voted upon.

NOTE: Only members in good standing will be privileged to participate in the business of a meeting, vote, or hold office.

By-Laws

Of

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Stoughton Squadron 59

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Article I

Membership

Section 1. Applications for membership shall be made in writing on blanks prescribed therefore by The National Organization.

Section 2. All applications for membership shall be acted upon at the next meeting of the Executive Committee following the making of such application. The Executive Committee shall present such application to The Squadron at its next regular meeting with its recommendation for acceptance or rejection. If a majority of Squadron members cast their vote against the acceptance of such applicant, then such application shall be recorded as rejected.

Article II

Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. At the first regular meeting in March, the Commander shall appoint a nominating committee of three members who will, acting together with and under the advice of the Supervisory Committee of the Post, present to the second regular meeting in April a list of one or more candidates for each office required to be elected under the Constitution of this Squadron.

Section 2. At the conclusion of the report of the nominating committee, any Squadron member may present the name of any other Squadron member for nomination to any office for which such Squadron member is not nominated by the nominating committee, and upon said nomination being seconded, the same shall be considered as though contained in the report of the nominating committee after said report has been accepted and adopted by The Squadron.

Section 3. Those officers shall be declared elected who have by secret ballot received a majority of the votes of the Squadron members in good standing present at the annual meeting.

Section 4. The newly-elected officers and members of the Executive Committee shall take office at the next regular meeting, at which time they shall be installed by proper authority.

Article III

Duties Of Officers

Section 1. Commander: The Commander, who corresponds to the President

of an organization, 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 By-Laws and the policies and mandates of The National and of the Department Committee of The Sons of The American legion and of the Executive Committee of the Squadron.

Section 2. First Vice Commander: The First Vice Commander, who corresponds

to the First Vice President of an organization, shall act as representative of

the Commander on all matters referred to him and shall specifically be in charge of membership. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 3. Second Vice Commander: The Second Vice Commander, who

corresponds to a Second Vice President, shall likewise act as representative of the Commander, and he shall specifically be in charge of Squadron activities. He shall perform such duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 4. Adjutant: The Adjutant who corresponds to the Secretary of an

organization, shall be charged with the administrative duties required in carrying out the policies and mandates of the National and Department Committee 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. \$100.00 can be dispersed without a squadron vote by the Commander and/or Finance Officer. He shall be charged with the receiving and disbursing

the funds of the Squadron and shall make reports upon the condition of the Squadron treasury when called for by the Commander or Executive Committee. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

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 the custody of the Squadron Colors. He shall perform such duties as are

usually incident to the office.

Section 7. Chaplain: The Chaplain shall perform such divine and non-sectarian services as may be necessary, adhering to such ceremonial rituals as may be prescribed by The National Membership and Post Activities 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 all 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 majority vote of said committee being necessary to effect such removal. An Officer or Executive Committeeman, unless excused, 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

Post Supervisory Committee

Section 1. The jurisdiction of Stoughton Post 59, Department of Wisconsin, The American Legion, over this Squadron shall be exercised through a committee of three or more members of said Post appointed annually by the Post Executive Committee on nomination of the Post Commander.

Article VI

Standing Committees

Section 1. Upon nomination of the Squadron Commander, the Executive

Committee shall annually appoint such standing committees as it shall deem advisable for the benefit of the membership of the Squadron as a whole.

Article VII

Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of this Squadron shall be held on the first regular meeting of May in each calendar year.

Section 2. The regular stated meeting of this Squadron shall be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each and every month.

Section 3. Special meetings shall be called upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee or upon the written request of ten Squadron members.

Section 4. Every member shall furnish to the Adjutant his address, to which all notices and documents may be sent, and the same shall be held to have been duly sent to or served upon a member if mailed to such address so furnished. In default of an address having been furnished by a Squadron member, any notice or documents will be held to have been duly served upon such member five days after the same shall have been deposited in the local Post office address.

Section 5. Notice of all special meetings of The Squadron shall be mailed to each Squadron member 7 days previous to the holding of such meeting.

Section 6. The notice of special meetings shall state the object and purpose thereof and no business shall be transacted at such special meeting except for such business as is contained in the notice thereof.

Section 7. The Executive Committee shall meet for organization and such business as may come before it within ten days after the annual election on the call of the Commander. Thereafter the Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Commander at least every three months and as often as said Commander may deem necessary. The Commander shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee upon the written request of five members of the Committee.

Article VIII

Quorum

Section 1. Three members, besides a qualified Presiding Officer, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of The Squadron.

Section 2. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the legal transaction of business.

Article IX

Finances

Section 1. All funds of 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.

Article X

Rules of Order

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

Article XI

Amendments

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

Section 2. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular Squadron meeting by a majority vote of the members attending such regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the immediate proceeding Squadron meeting, and provided further, that written notice shall have been given to all members at least seven 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.

These Constitution and By Laws of The Sons of The American Legion

Squadron,Stoughton Post 59, as amended, are hereby ratified effective as of the 11th Day of March 2015, by order of the membership.

Jeff Gassen, Commander

The Sons of The American Legion

American Legion Post 59

Department of Wisconsin

Troy Teubert, First Vice Commander

The Sons of The American Legion

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Dean Stenjem, Adjutant

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Jim Oler, Finance Officer

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