

BYLAWS OF CUMBERLAND SQUADRON POST 98 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Bylaws of Sons of the American Legion Squadron, attached to Cumberland Post 98,
Wisconsin Detachment.

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Applications for membership shall be made in writing on blanks prescribed therefor 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 20% or more of the Squadron members in attendance cast their vote against the acceptance of such applicant, then such applicant shall be recorded as rejected.

ARTICLE II

NOMINATION AND

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. At the first regular meeting in February the Commander shall appoint a nominating committee of three members who will, acting together with and under the advice of the Executive Committee of the Post, present to the first meeting in March 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 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 regularly scheduled meeting, at which time they shall be installed by the proper authority.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. *Commander*: The Commander, who corresponds to the President of the 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, Bylaws, policies and mandates of the National and Detachment (State) Committees of the Sons of the American Legion as well of those of the Executive Committee of the Squadron.

Section 2: *Vice Commander*: The Vice Commander shall act as the representative of the Commander, shall specifically be in charge of membership and shall run meetings in the Commander's absence. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 3. *Adjutant*: The Adjutant, who acts as the Secretary of the organization, shall be charged with the administrative duties required in carrying out the policies and mandates of the National and Detachment Committees of the Sons of the American Legion and of the Executive Committee of this Squadron.

Section 4: *Finance Officer*: The Finance Officer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Squadron. He shall be charged with 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; provided, however, that all disbursement shall be approved by the Post Financial Officer. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 5: *Sergeant-at-Arms*: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be charged with the responsibility of preserving order at all Squadron meetings, monitor the closing and opening of the doors to the Squadron meeting and he shall be given the custody of the Squadron colors. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 6: *Chaplain*: The Chaplain shall perform such divine and non-sectarian service as may be necessary, adhering to such ceremonial rituals as may be prescribed by the National Membership and Post Activities Committee of the American Legion.

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 committeemen may be removed for inefficiency by the Executive Committee, a two-thirds vote of said committee being necessary to effect such removal. An officer or executive committeemen 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 Cumberland Post No. 98, Detachment 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 Squadron as a whole.

ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of this squadron shall be held on the first regular meeting day of April in each calendar year of said date.

Section 2. The regular stated meeting of this Squadron shall be held on the 4th Tuesday of each and every month.

Section 3. Special meetings shall be called upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee or upon written request of 10 Squadron members.

Section 4. Every member shall furnish to the Adjutant his home address, email address and phone number, 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 addressed to such member at such post office address.

Section 5. Notice of all special meetings of the Squadron shall be communicated to each Squadron member at least 48 hours previous to the holding of such meeting and at least 7 days in advance of the holding of the annual 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 10 days after the annual election on the call of the Commander. Thereafter the Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Commander whenever he may deem it necessary. The Commander shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee upon written request of five members of the committee.

ARTICLE VIII

QUORUM

Section 1. Five members, besides a qualified presiding officer, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Squadron.

Section 2. Four 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 and (or) the Post Financial 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 bylaws are adopted, subject to the provisions of the National Bylaws and Detachment Bylaws, of which the Squadron is a subordinate member. Any amendment to the National or Detachment Bylaws which is in conflict with any provision hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of these Bylaws to the extent of such a conflict.

Section 2. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the immediately preceding Squadron meeting, and provided further, that written notice shall have been given to all members at least five days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that at such a meeting a proposal to amend the Bylaws is to be voted upon.

THESE BYLAWS OF SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 98 CUMBERLAND,
WERE VOTED ON AND APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2021.