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CONSTITUTION
OF
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
SQUADRON 106
SEYMOUR, WI

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Constitution of Squadron 106

PREAMBLE

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of all 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 all 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 the organization shall be the "Sons of The American Legion Attached to Krause-Kraft-Mueller Post #106 Department of Wisconsin."

ARTICLE II NATURE

Section 1. The Sons of The American Legion Squadron, attached to Krause-Kraft-Mueller Post #106 Department of Wisconsin, is a civilian organization.

Membership therein does not affect nor increase liability for military service or police service.

Section 2. The Squadron shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for dissemination of partisan principles not for the promotion of a candidacy or any person 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 civilian according to his own conscience and understanding. In accordance 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 Krause-Kraft-Mueller Post #106 Department of Wisconsin American Legion.

Section 2. This Squadron shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Committee of The American Legion, by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Department Headquarters, approved by the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, and be such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by its sponsoring post of the American Legion, not inconsistent with those prescribed by 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, and December 7, 1941, to date, as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National 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.

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

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. The Squadron officers 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 Squadrons annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Between Squadron meetings, the administrative power of the Squadron shall be vested in the Squadron Executive Committee (SEC), which shall consist of all elective officers for the current year, and in addition the three (3) immediate Past Commanders.

ARTICLE VII DUES

Section 1. The annual membership dues of this Squadron shall be reviewed each year by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January 1 shall be deemed delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before February 1, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after February 1, he shall be suspended from his privileges. If he is still under suspension on June 30 of such year, his membership in the Sons of the American Legion shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Squadron and payment of current dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs. Provided however, that the Squadron, Detachment, and national organization may waive to provision hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active military service.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1 This constitution is adopted, subject to the provisions of the National Constitution and the Detachment Constitution of which the 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 provision of this Constitution. To the extent of such conflict.

Section 2. The Constitution may be amended by any regular Squadron meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members in attendance, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing, and read at the immediate preceding Squadron meeting, and provided further, that written notice shall have been given to all members at least five (5) days in advance of the date which such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members at such meeting a proposal to amend the Constitution is to be voted upon.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall meet for organization and such other business as may come before it at the call of the Commander within 20 days of the installation of new officers. Thereafter the Executive Committee shall meet by call of the Commander or by written request of four (4) or more members of said committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall authorize and approve all expenditures and investments, may require adequate bonds from all persons having custody of squadron funds, may request the reports of officers, and of any, or all committee chairmen, and generally, shall have charge of and responsibility for the management of this squadron.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall report the minutes of their meeting, or meetings at the next regular squadron meeting; the squadron may approve, or disapprove, any specific recommendation by a motion duly made, seconded and carried by two-thirds vote of the membership in attendance at such meeting.

ARTICLE II VACANCIES

Section 1. All vacancies existing in the Executive Committee or in any officer or committee of this squadron, from any cause other than expiration of term, shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, and a person so appointed shall serve for the unexpired term of the member whom he succeeds,

Section 2. A vacancy in officer or committee shall be deemed to exist by reason of death, resignation, expulsion, or when an officer or committeeman is absent from meetings or derelict in his duties to an extent considered detrimental to the squadron by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers and committeemen, of this squadron shall assume and perform those duties as prescribed by our Constitution and By-Laws; as recommended in Manual of Ceremonies, and such other duties as may be directed by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Commander shall preside at all meetings of this squadron and Executive Committee and shall have general supervision of the officers and management of this squadron. He shall perform such other duties as directed by Executive Committee or action at squadron meetings, He shall submit an annual report conveying activity of the squadron for the fiscal year including recommendations for the ensuing year, which shall be presented and read at the first meeting of the ensuing year and a copy thereof forwarded to the adjutant.

Section 3. The 1st Vice Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander during his temporary absence or disability or when called upon by the Commander. He shall be charged with the responsibility of promoting and maintaining squadron membership and shall act as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Section 4. The 2nd Vice Commander shall assist the Commander in the performance of his duties; he shall be charged with the general supervision of entertainment at squadron meetings and of squadron participation in patriotic events.

Section 5. The Adjutant shall have charge of, and keep a full and correct record of the proceedings at all meetings of the squadron and Executive Committee, keep such records as the Department and National headquarters may require, and under direction of the Commander handle all squadron correspondence and maintain the squadron file and records. He shall receive compensation for his out-of-pocket expenses and/or for services and be under surety bond as shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Finance Officer shall have charge of all funds of the squadron, which shall be deposited in a designated bank, and shall pay by check all obligations which have been approved for payment. He shall keep an accurate record of all funds received or disbursed, make a monthly report to the squadron and file annual report at the close of the year. He shall receive compensation for out-of-pocket expenses, and/or services and be under a surety bond as shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 7. The Service Officer shall have charge of rehabilitating services of the squadron, shall inform and give advice on Veterans aid and benefits which are authorized by law. Funding for Service Officer shall be derived from various sources, e.g. poppy sales, Auxiliary funds, etc. Special bank account shall be retained to facilitate necessary expenditures for health and welfare of Veterans and family dependents. He shall be under a surety bond as directed by the Executive Committee and furnish a monthly financial statement to the Executive Committee.

Section 8. The Chaplain shall perform such duties at squadron meetings as are provided in the Manual of Ceremonies of The Sons of the American Legion and shall assist the Service Officer when requested in case of death of a squadron member or a member's immediate family.

Section 9. The Historian shall be responsible for compiling annual report of publicity in newspapers and other media on activities of the squadron members for the fiscal year which will become a part of the historical record of the squadron. He shall receive compensation for out-of-pocket expenses related to the history book.

Section 10. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve order at all squadron meetings, shall have charge of and carry the colors at meetings of the squadron.

Section 11. The Executive Committee shall perform the duties as designated in our Constitution and By-Laws and such other duties as may be required of them. They shall hold title to all real and personal property.

ARTICLE IV APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. There shall be appointed annually the following Committees with the Chairman of each to be appointed by the Commander, prior to the first regular

meeting of the squadron after annual squadron elections. The Commander shall assist each committee chairman in the selection of committee members from among the squadron membership.

I Membership Committee- 1st Vice Commander ***II Finance & Audit Committee*** - squadron designated member ***III Squadron Entertainment, Advertising, and Public Relations Committee***- 2nd Vice Commander ***Civic Affairs Committee***- Historian

Section 2. The duties of those committees shall be indicated by their title, and such other related duties as may be designated by the Commander, Executive Committee, or squadron membership.

Section 3. Such other committees as necessary to carry out the activity program of the squadron may be created by decision of the Commander or Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular meeting of this squadron shall be held on the third Monday of each month, there will be no regular meeting in December which shall be a Christmas party.

Section 2. Special meetings of the squadron shall be called by the Commander, by the written request of a majority of the Executive Committee, or upon written notice to the Commander of not less than five (5) percent of the members in good standing; the Adjutant shall notify the membership in writing, given the place, time, and the purpose of the special meeting.

Section 3. The presence of not less than ten (10) percent of the squadron membership shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the squadron.

Section 4. The order of business at all meetings of the squadron shall correspond with the ***Manual of Ceremonies***, subject to deletions or additions thereto by majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The proceedings of all meetings of the squadron shall be governed by Robert Rules of Order insofar as they do not conflict with this Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 6. Meetings of squadron committees or organization, where not provided in these By-Laws, may be called by the Commander, by the Executive Committee, or by the Chairman thereof.

Section 7. The financial year of the squadron shall be from January 1, of each year to December 31 of the following year, both dates inclusive.

Section 8. The annual election of officers shall take place as follows; appoint a nominating committee in April, nominations made at regular May meeting, and election at the regular June meeting, with installation at regular meeting in July.

ARTICLE VI NOTICES

Section 1 Every member shall furnish the squadron Adjutant with his correct address for membership records and mailing purposes. In addition to an email address if available.

Section 2. The Adjutant shall cause notice of annual election to be included in the ***Post 106 Newsletter*** and shall cause such other notices as may be deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE VII DELEGATES

Section 1. Delegates and alternates to a District Conference, Department Convention, or any other meetings requiring representation by this squadron, shall be selected by action of the Executive Committee; provided however, that the Commander and Adjutant, if available shall be delegates by virtue of their office.


ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the squadron provided, however, that the procedure stated in ***Section 2. ARTICLE VIII*** of the Constitution has been followed.

Adopted: September 21, 2020

Attested to:


Commander


Adjutant

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