

Sons Of the American Legion

Post 272

Squadron By-Lays

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By-laws of the Sons of The American Legion Squadron Attached to Linglestown Post 272,
Department of Pennsylvania.

Article I

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Applications for membership shall be made in writing on blanks prescribed therefor by the National Organization. All new members, and transfers, must have proper documentation attached to membership application. (DD-214 or equivalent)

Section 2. All applications for membership shall be acted upon at the next meeting of the Executive Committee following the submission 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 one-fourth of members present or more Squadron Members cast their vote against the acceptance of such applicant, then such applicant shall be considered as rejected. A rejected applicant shall not again be considered until the expiration of six months from the date of such rejection.

Article II

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. At the first regular meeting in May, the last order of new business, the commander will call to the floor nominations for all Squadron offices. Nominees must be present or have submitted, in writing, a letter stating their acceptance of office.

Section 2. At the first regular meeting in June, the last order of new business shall be the election of Officers. All nominees must be present or have submitted a written letter stating their acceptance of office.

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 after being installed by proper authorities.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. COMMANDER: The commander, who corresponds to the President of the organization, shall be the executive head of the Squadron of "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 on 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 the Squadron, shall act as representative of the Commander on all matter 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 the 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 other 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 Committees on 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. 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 first be approved by the Post committee heretofore referred to in Section ??, Article ??, of the constitution. 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 other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 7. 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.

Section 8. HISTORIAN: The Historian shall collect from year to year all records and data of value and interest to 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 two-thirds vote of said committee being necessary to affect such removal. And officer or executive committeeman who is absent himself for three or more consecutive Squadron or Executive Committee meeting 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 Linglestown Post 272, Department of Pennsylvania, 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 day of September in each calendar year of said date.

Section 2. The regular stated meeting of the Squadron shall be held on the **Fourth Sunday** of each and every month at **18:30**.

Section 3. Special meetings shall be called upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee or upon the written request of one-fourth 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 of 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 post office address.

Section 5. Notice of all special meetings of the Squadron shall be mailed or emailed to each Squadron member seventy-two hours previous to the holding of such meeting and at least two weeks in advance of the holding of the annual meeting. Special meeting notice may also be posted on the website.

Section 6. The notice of special meetings shall state the object and purpose thereof, and no business shall transact at such special meeting except said business as 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 commander at least ever three months and as often as said commander may deem necessary. The command shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee upon the written request of four members of the committee.

ARTICLE VIII

QUORUM

Section 1. Four members of the Executive committee shall constitute a quorum for the transactions of business at any squadron meeting.

ARTICLE IX

FINANCES

Section 1. All funds of this squadron shall be deposited in the bank by the Finance Officer. Withdrawals shall be made upon draft or check signed by the Finance officer and approved by the member of the Post Supervisory Committee.

ARTICLE X

RULES OF ORDERS

Section 1. The procedure at all Squadron meetings shall be governed by all “Robert’s Rule of Order”, unless otherwise specified in Squadron By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws are adopted, subject to the provisions of the National By-Laws and the Department By-Laws, of which this Squadron is a subordinate member. Any amendments to the National or the Detachment By-Laws which is in conflict with any provisions hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealed 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 vote of two-thirds of the members attending such regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the immediate preceding Squadron meeting, and provided further, that the 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 meeting a proposal to amend the By-Laws is to be voted upon. Posting in the newsletter, and on website is considered sufficient notice to said amendments.

SQUADRON CONSTITUTION

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Constitution of Sons of The American Legion Squadron, attached to Linglestown Post 272, Department of Pennsylvania.

PREAMBLE

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, associate ourselves together as “Sons of The American Legion” for the following purposes:

To uphold and fend the Constitution of the United Sates 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 out friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all the great principles of 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, attached to Robert H. Hoke Post 272, Department of Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE II

NATURE

Section 1. The Sons of The American Legion Squadron, attached to Linglestown Post 272, Department of Pennsylvania, 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 or for the promotion of the candidacy of 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 citizen according to his own conscience and understanding, in accord to 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 Linglestown, and under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of Linglestown Post 272, Department of Pennsylvania, 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, and by 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 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, or the Vietnam war, 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 elective officers for the current year, and in addition three immediate past commanders.

Section 2. All other Past Squadron Commanders shall be members of the Squadron Executive Committee without vote.

ARTICLE VII
DUES AND FINANCE

Section 1. The revenue of this Squadron shall be derived from membership and/or initiation fees, from annual membership dues and from other such sources as may be approved by the Squadron Executive Committee.

Section 2. The amount of such membership and/or initiation fees and the amount of such annual dues shall be fixed and determined by the Squadron.

Section 3. The Squadron shall pay to the Detachment Headquarters the Detachment and National annual membership dues for every member of the Squadron.

Section 4. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January 1st shall be classed as delinquent. If their dues are paid on or before February 1st, they shall be automatically reinstated. If they are still delinquent after February 1st, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If they are still under suspension on June 13th of such year, his membership in the Sons of the American Legion will be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in standing a vote of the Squadron and payment of current dues, plus \$5.00 penalty, for the year in which reinstatement occurs. Provided, however, that the Squadron, Detachment, and the National organization may Waive the provisions hereof, upon 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 duty.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution is adopted, subject to the provisions of the National Constitution and the Detachment Constitution of which this Squadron is a subordinate member. Any amendment to the National or Detachment Constitutions which is in conflict with any provisions 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 vote of two-thirds of the members attending such meeting; 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 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 Constitution is to be voted upon.

NOTES:

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

Revised Amendments of the Constitution and by-laws were adopted on August 26, 2018.