CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

DETACHMENT OF DELAWARE

WRITTEN 1995
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AT STATE CONVENTION
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PREAMBLE

Proud possessor of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of the 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 association 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 our friendship by our devotion of 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, Detachment of Delaware.

ARTICLE II

Object

Section 1

The object of this organization shall be as set forth in the National Constitution of the Sons of the American Legion.

ARTICLE III

Nature

Section 1

The Sons of the American Legion is a civilian organization. Membership therein does no affect nor increase liability for military or police service.

Section 2

The Sons of the American Legion 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 person or group seeking public office or preferment.

Section 3

The Sons of the American Legion 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 IV
Organization

Section 1

A local unit of the Sons of the American Legion is the Squadron and one (1) Post of the American Legion may sponsor not more than one (1) Squadron. With the approval of the Department of Delaware, Squadrons sponsored by the posts shall be organized into Detachment Districts.

Section 2

The organization of a Sons of the American Legion Detachment, District or Squadron within the Department of Delaware shall conform with the regulations of said Department, with regulations of the National Executive Committee of the American Legion, and with the National Constitution and By-Laws of the Sons of the American Legion.

Section 3

A Sons of the American Legion District may be formed within a designated American Legion judicial District, and shall conform with the regulations of the American Legion District and or Department and with the regulations of The National Executive Committee of the American Legion and with the National Constitution and By-Laws of the Sons of the American Legion.

Section 4

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron shall be organized under the jurisdiction and sponsorship of a local post of the American Legion and shall bear the name of such sponsoring post as follows:

“Sons of the American Legion _______________________ Squadron No. ________, Detachment of Delaware.”

Section 5

The Detachment of Delaware shall have jurisdiction over the Sons of the American Legion District within the geographical area of the Detachment, subject to such limitations as may be described by the American Legion, Department of Delaware and Department Executive Committee.
Section 6

The Detachment of Delaware, Sons of the American Legion, shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Department Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V

Eligibility

Section 1

All male descendants, adopted sons and step sons of members of the American Legion and such male descendants of veterans who dies in service during the Great Wars, during the delimiting period 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. This shall also include grandfathers and great grandfathers, etc.

Section 2

There shall be no form or class of membership except as that of an active membership.

ARTICLE VI

Legislative Body

Section 1

The legislative body of this Detachment shall have an annual convention, to be held annually on a date and at a time and place determined by vote of the preceding convention. All acts of the Detachment convention are subject to ratification by the Department Executive committee of the American Legion.

Section 2

In the Detachment convention, each Squadron shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate. Also to one (1) additional delegate and one (1) additional alternate for each fifteen (15) Fifty (50) (Approved at State Convention 2015) paid members determined as of thirty (30) days prior to the date of the annual Detachment convention. Delegates and or alternates, chosen by each Squadron, much be received in the office of the Direction of Activities fifteen (15) days prior to the annual Detachment convention.
Section 3

Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of each Squadron shall be equal to the total number of delegates to which each Squadron is entitled. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by a majority of the registered delegates from that Squadron.

Section 4

Alternates shall have all the privileges of delegates except that of voting. However an alternate may vote when the alternate is representing a delegate who is not present.

Section 5

A quorum shall exist at a Detachment Convention when a majority of the Squadrons are represented by duly elected delegates or alternates.

Section 6


ARTICLE VIII

Detachment Officers

Section 1

At each Detachment Convention there shall be elected the following officers: a Detachment commander, a Detachment First Vice-Commander, a Detachment Second Vice-Commander, District commanders, District Vice-Commanders, a Detachment Chaplain, a Detachment Historian, and Detachment Sgt-at-Arms. In the event of the death, or inability of the Detachment Commander to perform the duties of his office, the Detachment First Vice-Commander will assume the office of Detachment Commander. In the event of the death or inability of the First Vice-Commander to so assume the office of Detachment Commander, the Detachment Second Vice-Commander will assume said office.
Section 2

The Detachment Convention shall:

A. Elect a National Executive Committeeman and an Alternate National Executive Committeeman in those years when required by the terms of office of the National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive Committeeman, as fixed by the National Constitution.

B. Ratify the elected District Commanders, District vice-Commanders and Detachment Sgt-at-Arms for each Detachment District.

C. Ratify any change in district organizational structure; such change not be effective until after the Detachment convention which ratifies such changes.

Section 3

Each District Commander, District Vice-Commander, and Detachment Sgt-at-Arms shall be nominated and elected by the Squadrons in his District at a District Caucus called for that purpose. Each District commander shall enjoy the authority to establish a District organization Constitution and By-Laws, not in conflict with the National and Detachment constitution and By-Laws. In the event of a vacancy during the terms of office of the District commander, Vice-Commander and Sgt-at-Arms, for any reason, such vacancy shall be filled by the Detachment Executive committee, upon nomination by the Districts Squadrons. Any such appointment shall be for the unexpired term of office only, subject to Department Executive committee approval.

Section 4

No member of the Detachment Executive Committee shall hold office or appointments which shall entitle him to more than one vote.

Section 5

All officers elected by the Detachment Convention shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding Detachment Convention, except the national Executive committeeman and Alternate National Executive committeeman who shall serve for the terms of two (2) years.
A. In the event of a vacancy in any such elective Detachment office occurring after the Detachment Convention, except as otherwise provided herein, the Detachment Executive committee shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term of said office; provided, however, that in the event of a vacancy in the National Executive Committeeman, the Alternate National Executive committeeman shall succeed to such office for the unexpired term.

B. In the event the Detachment Commander is absent from the Detachment Convention, meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee, or from any other meeting where his presence is requisite, but no vacancy in the office exists, the Detachment First Vice-Commander shall act temporarily for him.

Section 6

All persons having custody of funds shall be bonded in an amount determined by and subject to the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee.

Section 7

The Detachment shall recognize individuals designated by the Department Commander as an Advisor and S.A.L. Chairman that shall be ex-officio members of all committees or commissions for the Detachment of Delaware.

Section 8

The Department Commander and the Department Adjutant of the American Legion at the department headquarters are responsible for the routine administrative work for the Sons of the American Legion and shall be recognized as ex-officio advisors to the Detachment of Delaware of the Sons of the American Legion.

Section 9

In fulfilling their duties and responsibilities, the Detachment officers of the Sons of the American Legion shall be responsible to the Department Executive Committee, or to a subordinate body designated by the Department Executive Committee.
ARTICLE VIII

National Executive Committeeman

Section 1

The Detachment convention shall elect the National Executive committeeman and the Alternate National Executive committeeman for a two (2) year term.

Section 2

In the event of a vacancy in the office of National Executive Committeeman, the Alternate National Executive committeeman shall serve as the National Executive Committeeman and the Detachment Commander shall appoint a new Alternate National Executive Committeeman with approval of the Detachment and Department Executive Committees.

Section 3

In the event of a vacancy in the office of both National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive committeeman, the Detachment Commander shall appoint both the National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive committeeman to serve until the next Detachment Convention with the approval of the Detachment and Department Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX

Chartered Squadron Organization

Section 1

The officers of the Squadron shall be as follows: a Squadron Commander, one or more Vice-Commanders, a Squadron Adjutant, a Squadron Finance Officer, Squadron Historian and Publicity Officer, a Squadron Chaplain, a Squadron Service Officer, a Squadron Children & Youth Officer, and such other officers as the Squadron shall determine. The office of Squadron Adjutant, Squadron Finance Officer and Squadron Service Officer or any two (2) thereof, may be held by one person if the Squadron so desires, and all officers except the Squadron Commander and Squadron Vice-Commander may be appointed by the Squadron Commander if the By-Laws of the Squadron shall so provide.
Section 2

Each Squadron shall submit a copy of its Constitution and By-Laws to the Detachment Headquarters, and shall further submit to Detachment Headquarters a copy of all amendments thereto within thirty (30) days of adoption, and the Constitution and By-Laws of each Squadron, and amendments thereto, shall be subject to the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X

Finance

Section 1

The revenue of the Detachment of Delaware, The Sons of the American Legion, shall be derived from annual membership dues and from other sources as may be approved by the Detachment Executive Committee.

Section 2

The amount of such dues shall be determined by each Detachment Convention for the ensuring year.

Section 3

Dues fixed by the National Convention and fixed by the Detachment Convention shall be collected by each Squadron and forwarded to the Department Adjutant for transmittal to the Department Finance Officer who shall forward the National dues to the National Finance Officer.

ARTICLE XI

Discipline

Section 1

The Detachment of Delaware may suspend, cancel or revoke the charter of any Squadron of The Sons of the American Legion over which it has jurisdiction in the event it violates the provisions of the Detachment Constitution, subject however, to the approval of the Department Executive Committee.
Section 2

Upon the cancellation or revocation of the charter of any Squadron of The Sons of the American Legion, the property and assets belonging to such Squadron, shall thereupon become the property of the Post of The American Legion to which Squadron is attached.

ARTICLE XII

Change of Residence

Section 1

Any member in good standing in a Squadron of this Detachment, removing form his Squadron, shall be entitled to receive a certificate from his Squadron stating his membership and the duration thereof.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments

Section 1

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at any Detachment Convention, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed or delivered to each Squadron within the Detachment at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual Detachment Convention at which the vote therein is taken.

ARTICLE XIV

Interpretation

Section 1

Should any controversy or question arise with reference to the interpretation or definition of this Constitution the matter shall be referred to the Department Judge Advocate through Detachment Headquarters for decision?

Section 2

Any other controversy or question arising within the Detachment may be referred to the Department Judge Advocate by the Detachment Commander, Department Commander, or the Executive Committee through Department Headquarters of his decisions.
Section 3

Any decision of the Department Judge Advocate rendered pursuant to the above provisions shall be final and binding upon all agencies of the Sons of The American Legion in the Detachment of Delaware unless revoked by action of the Department Executive Committee.

Section 4

The Department Executive Committee at its first meeting following the rendering of the decision appealed from, may in its discretion revoke or amend any ruling of the Department Judge Advocate complained of by any party at interest in such appeal.

This Constitution was approved at the Meeting on March 26, 1995 at Laurel Post #19 for the purpose of starting a Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Delaware. The meeting was attended by the following S.A.L. members.

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ARTICLE I

DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1

The Detachment Executive Committee shall meet at least four (4) Six (6) (Approved at the State Convention 2015) times during each S.A.L. year, the first meeting to be held immediately after each Detachment Convention at which Detachment Officers have been elected; the second prescribed meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Detachment Executive Committee may designate. The Detachment Commander shall call a special meeting upon the written request of one-third of the members of the Detachment Executive Committee. Special meetings may also be held upon reasonable notice at the call of the Detachment Commander.

Section 2

The Detachment commander shall name such committees as he shall deem advisable, subject to ratification by the Detachment Executive Committee, at its next meeting succeeding the appointment; but no recess appointment shall be valid or effective where ratification has been previously refused by the Executive Committee. Chairmen of sub-committees wherever possible, will automatically be appointed as members of the major committee covering their sub-committee assignment.

Section 3

(a) In case of death, resignation or removal for any cause of any member of the Detachment Executive Committee, the vacancy shall be filled by the Detachment Executive Committee, unless otherwise provided for by the Constitution.
(b) The detachment Executive Committee shall declare a vacancy to exist in any elected or appointed office of the Detachment Executive Committee for either of the following reasons:

1. Missing two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the Detachment Executive committee, without a valid reason acceptable to the Detachment Executive Committee.

2. Failure to function in fulfillment of the obligations of the elective office of which he is serving.

(c) All appointments made under this section shall be limited to fill only the unexpired term of office.

Section 4

On all questions effecting the election, eligibility and conduct of the National Executive Committeeman from the Detachment to the National Executive Committeeman from the Detachment to the National Executive Committee. The Detachment Executive Committee shall be the final authority thereon.

Section 5

Upon the recommendation of the Detachment Commander the Detachment Executive Committee shall provide for the appointment and employment of such officers and employees as may be needed for the administration of the affairs of the Sons of The American Legion and prescribe their duties and emoluments. All employees, so far as practicable, shall be members in good standing of The Detachment of Delaware, Sons of the American Legion.

Section 6

A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum of the Detachment Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1

Detachment Commander

The Detachment commander shall be the executive head of the Detachment of Delaware. The Sons of The American Legion, with full power to enforce the
provisions of the National Constitution and By-Laws of the Sons of The American Legion, The Detachment Constitution. He shall be the Chairman of the Detachment Convention and of the Detachment Executive Committee. He shall appoint all necessary committees, subject to the ratification of the Detachment Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 2

Detachment Vice-Commanders

The Detachment Vice-Commander(s) shall perform such duties as may be assigned to each of them by the Detachment Commanders, subject to the approval of the Detachment Executive committee. The Detachment Vice-Commander(s) shall, on the request of the Detachment Commander, preside over the meeting of the Detachment Convention, or the Detachment Executive Committee, and perform such duties as are usually incident to the office.

A. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Detachment Commander occurring through death, incapacity, removal from the State, or otherwise, the First Vice-Commander shall act as Chairman of the Detachment Executive Committee on such vacancy.

B. In the event of the death or incapacity of the First Vice Commander to act as herein before provided, the Second Vice Commander shall act as Chairman of the Detachment Executive Committee until action has been taken by the Detachment executive Committee on such vacancy.

Section 3

Detachment District Commanders

The Detachment District Commanders shall perform such duties as may be assigned to each of them by these By-Laws, or the Detachment Commander, subject to the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Each District Commander shall be the presiding officer of the District meetings and shall call meetings of the District at least six (6) times a year and at such other times as may be necessary to carry out programs. The District shall consist of the District Commander, and District Vice-Commander, three (3) members, and three (3) alternates from each Squadron in the District, and such members of the Detachment Executive Committee who belong to a Squadron in the District. The purpose of the District shall be as follows:

1. To promote membership in the Detachment of Delaware, The Sons of The American Legion.
2. To further the programs and policies of the Detachment, as approved by the detachment Executive Committee.

3. To serve as a training ground for developing Sons of the American Legion leadership.

Section 4

Detachment Adjutant

The Detachment Adjutant shall be charged with the administration of the policies and mandates of the Detachment Convention, the Detachment Executive committee and the Detachment Commander. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office; for example:

A. He shall attend all meetings of the Detachment Executive Committee and act as Secretary thereof;

B. He shall, under the direction of the Detachment Commander, cause notice to be given of all meetings of the Detachment Executive Committee, and of the Detachment Convention.

C. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Detachment, keep the records of the Detachment Organizations, including a record of the Squadrons within the Detachment and the officers of each such Squadron.

D. He shall receive from the Squadrons all annual Detachment and National dues and assessments for transmittal to the Detachment Finance Officer, in accordance with Article X, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Detachment of Delaware, the Sons of The American Legion.

Section 5

Detachment Finance Officer

The detachment Finance Officer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Detachment Organization; and shall sign all checks disbursing the funds of the Detachment Organization for the payment of routine bills, and shall pay other bills upon vouchers fully itemized and approved for payment by the Detachment Executive Committee, and shall make reports upon the condition of the Detachment Treasury when called for by the Detachment Commander or the Detachment Executive Committee, and shall receive all annual Detachments dues and assessments, giving his receipt there for.
The disbursements by the Detachment Finance Officer shall be subject to and in accordance with and under the instruction of the Detachment Executive committee.

The accounts of the Detachment Finance officer shall be audited annually within thirty (30) days after the end of the fiscal year, July 31st and the report of the audit shall be given to the members of the Department Executive committee within sixty (60) calendar days.

The Detachment Finance Officer shall be furnished a surety bond as hereinafter prescribed and he shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 6

Detachment Judge Advocate

The detachment Judge Advocate shall advise the Detachment officers and the Detachment Executive Committee on all legal matters, including the construction and interpretation of the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws, and shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office.

Section 7

Detachment Historian

The Detachment Historian from year to year shall collect all records and data of value and interest for the Detachment Headquarters and shall compile history of the year’s activities during his term of office. He shall also assist Squadron Historians so as to coordinate and unify the work of these officials, and he shall perform such other duties as the Detachment Executive Committee may prescribe.

Section 8

Detachment Chaplain

The Detachment Chaplain shall perform such divine and non-sectarian services as may be necessary, adhering to such ceremonial rituals as may be recommended by National Headquarters from time to time.

Section 9

Detachment Sergeants-At-Arms
The duties of the Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms shall be those usually incident to the office.

ARTICLE III

CHARTERS

Section 1

The Detachment Executive Committee, by its own action, or upon recommendation of the applicable District Commander, may suspend, cancel or revoke a Squadron Charter. The action taken by the Detachment Executive committee shall be final and conclusive unless an appeal is taken to the National Executive committee within thirty (30) days from the date of said suspension, cancellation or revocation. The action taken by the National Executive Committee upon appeal shall be final.

Section 2

The Detachment executive committee may, upon recommendation by the applicable District commander, order the suspension of a charter for a period not to extend beyond the closing of the next succeeding Detachment Convention, as a disciplinary measure, or pending action relative to final revocation.

Section 3

Unless otherwise provided herein any Squadron failing to meet the obligation imposed upon it by the National and Detachment Constitution and By-Laws, or failing to function for six (6) months as an Sons of The American Legion Squadron, or voluntarily choosing ot to function as a Squadron, or refusing to pay the Detachment and National per capita dues, or under such other conditions as might make such action necessary, upon order of the Detachment Executive Committee, shall surrender its charter for cancellation. Upon failure to surrender such charter, immediate steps shall be taken by the District Commander for its revocation, suspension or cancellation.

Section 4

Upon revocation, cancellation or suspension of the charter of a Squadron in the Detachment of Delaware, the Sons of The American Legion, said squadron shall immediately cease operations upon revocation or cancellation shall turn over its charter to the District Commander or the Detachment Executive Committee. The Detachment Executive Committee is authorized, empowered and directed by and through its duly authorized agent, to take possession, custody and control of all the
records, property and assets of said Squadron; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring the Detachment of Delaware, the Sons of the American Legion, to take over or assume any financial responsibility concerning such Squadron. The Detachment Executive committee may provide for the transfer of members in said Squadron to other Squadrons of their choice, subject to the approval of such other Squadron. All property and assets of said Squadron to become property of sponsoring Post.

Section 5

Any proceedings taken by a District Commander or the Detachment Executive Committee with a view of suspending, cancelling or revoking a Squadron charter shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations provided by the National Executive Committee of the Sons of the American Legion.

ARTICLE IV

DISCIPLINE OF SQUADRONS AND SQUADRON MEMBERS

Section 1

Each Squadron of the Detachment of Delaware, Sons of The American Legion, shall be the judge of its own membership, subject to the restriction of the national and Detachment constitution and By-Laws, except that no person, who is a member of an organization which has for its aim the overthrow of the united States Government by force or violence, or who subscribes to the principles of any group opposed our form of government, shall be eligible to become or remain a member of the Sons of The American Legion.

Section 2

Unless otherwise provided herein, members may be suspended or expelled from the Sons of The American Legion only upon a proper showing of cause. Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty and conduct unbecoming a member of the Sons of The American Legion. All charges must be made under oath in writing by the accusers, and no member in good standing shall lose his membership until given a fair trial in the following manner, to wit:

After consultation with the applicable District Commander, and at a meeting called for such purpose, after ten days written notice directed to all members of such Squadron, the charges shall be tried by the Squadron as a whole, and for the purpose of such trial the Squadron Judge Advocate shall represent the prosecution and the member charged shall have the right to select meeting shall have a right to vote on the question of the guilt or innocence of the person charged and shall constitute the jury in the case, excepting the person charged, the member making the charges, the counsel for both the prosecution and defense, together with the
presiding officer of the trial, who shall be the Squadron Commander, or some member appointed by him. A member may be found guilty and expelled on a vote of three-fourths of all present at such meeting.

Section 3

Unless otherwise provided herein, any member who has been reprimanded, suspended or expelled has the right to appeal to the Detachment Executive committee. The decision of said committee to be final.

Section 4

A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January 1st, shall be classed as delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before February 1st, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after February 1st, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under suspension on June thirty (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 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, the Squadron may waive the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with references to former members who have been prevented from payment of dues by reason of active military service.

ARTICLE V

DETACHMENT POLICIES

Section 1

The policies of the Detachment of Delaware, The Sons of The American Legion, shall always be subject to those of the National Organization and subject to such provisions as shall be determined by the detachment in convention assembled or by referendum to local Squadrons.

ARTICLE VI

MONIES AND COLLECTIONS

Section 1

All Detachments, District and Squadron Officials handling Sons of The American Legion monies shall be properly bonded with a good and solvent bonding company, as a surety, to cover double the average amount of money handled in a single year. The bonds provided to detachment officials shall be approved by the
Detachment Judge Advocate and the Detachment Executive Committee; those provided to District officers shall be approved by the District Council; and those provided by the Squadron officials shall be approved by the Judge Advocate or Legal Officer of the Squadron and the Squadron Executive Committee, or such other official or officials as the Detachment of Delaware, The Sons of The American Legion, may designate.

Section 2

The Detachment Executive Committee, when deemed advisable, shall detail District Commanders, special auditors, or both to investigate the membership rolls and financial statements of any Squadron within the Detachment.

Section 3

Any Squadron within the Detachment which surrenders its charter, while having paid up members on its membership roll, shall pay a special assessment of $1.00 per transferred member to the Detachment to defray the administrative cost of transferring any such member to an active Squadron in the Detachment. This assessment may be waived by the Detachment Executive Committee upon hardship request by the applicable District Commander.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at any Detachment Convention, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed or delivered to each Squadron within the Detachment at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual Detachment Convention at which the vote therein is taken.

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A meeting was held for the purpose of starting an S.A.L. Detachment in Delaware. Four Squadrons were represented.

The proposed Detachment Constitution was read and changes made. A motion was made by Squadron #28 Commander, Jim Sanders, to accept with changes. Motion was seconded by Squadron #7 Commander, Donald Jenkins. Motion passed.

The proposed Detachment By-Laws were read and changes made. A motion was made by Squadron #28 member, Don Moore, to accept with changes. Motion was seconded by Squadron #28 member, Bill Carr. Motion passed.

A copy of the accepted S.A.L. Detachment of Delaware Constitution and By-Laws will be given to each Post that has a chartered S.A.L. Squadron. Also two copies have been given to The Department of Delaware. One for their records and one to be sent to S.A.L. National for their approval. When we get the approval we will then schedule another meeting for the purpose of electing Detachment Officers. The officers will be installed at that time and their term will be until the 1996 Detachment Convention. With the approval of the Department Executive Committee. We would also like to have them “re-installed” when the Department and District Officers are installed, again with the approval of the Department Executive Committee.

Wallace Moore
Dept S.A.L. Chairman