

STANDING RULES OF CONVENTION

Roberts Rules of Order current revision, shall be the authority on Parliamentary Procedure, with the following changes:

1. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the convention, shall rise, address the chair as, "Mr. Chairman" and state his name and Squadron number before proceeding.
2. Any motions, recommendations, requests or discussions, must come from the delegates only. If an advisor feels it necessary to express opinions, they must be submitted through the Squadron delegation chairman.
3. Each speaker shall be permitted to speak on one subject, not more than (5) minutes for the first time and shall not speak again, until all others have had the opportunity. They shall then be permitted to speak not more then (3) minutes the second time.
4. Debate on anyone subject presented to the convention, shall be limited to (1/2) hour, except under such special rules as the convention shall adopt, prior to debate.
5. Chairman of convention committees, may speak as frequently as may be necessary in conjunction with the reports of there committee. The presiding officer shall not entertain any motions which will curtail further debate without affording the committee chairman an opportunity for rebuttal.
6. Decisions on rules of debate or Parliamentary Order, by the presiding officer, maybe subject to appeal, by any (2) delegates under a point of order. Such appeal shall take precedence over other pending questions and shall be decided immediately. An appeal from the decision of the chair, shall be put to the convention on the question, "Shall the chair be sustained"?
7. When the poll of any Squadron delegation is demanded by a delegate of such Squadron, the convention secretary shall poll the delegation without discussion of the question being voted upon.
8. On the roll call, the delegation chairman shall poll his delegation on the floor and announce its vote.
9. In the event the delegation chairman is not an accredited delegate or alternate, he shall be seated with his delegation.
10. Past Detachment Commander votes shall be cast with their respective delegation.
11. Only accredited delegates or their alternates shall participate directly or indirectly by way of voice vote, on any subject before the convention.
12. Squadron delegations may arrive at a vote in such a manner as they choose, but shall announce it in terms of full votes and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote. Only those delegates, duly registered and present, shall participate in any vote.
13. The election of Detachment Officers shall take place starting at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday of the convention. Elections shall be Special Order of business, not to be interrupted by any other order of business. Presentations of guest speakers shall be at the discretion of the Detachment Commander.
14. Voting shall be by acclamation, except when a roll call is demanded by the chairman of at least (3) Squadrons or when required by the Constitution and By-Laws.
15. In the event, a Squadron has not provided the method by which the alternate delegates shall be designated to serve in place of absent delegates, the chairman of the delegation shall make such designation.
16. Prior to the election of Detachment Officers, the Detachment Commander shall appoint, subject to the approval of the convention, a judge of elections and such number of tellers as he deems necessary, provided that the total number of tellers is an odd number. In a contested election, each candidate going to the ballot shall be entitled to one teller of his choice. The judge of elections and the tellers shall be members of the Sons of The American Legion or The American Legion.
17. Nominations for Detachment Officers shall be from the floor on roll call of Squadrons, numerically arranged of those Squadrons present. Squadrons may present as many candidates as it chooses.

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18. Nominating speeches for Detachment Officers shall be limited to (5) minutes. Not more than (2) seconding speeches shall be made for any candidate and said speeches, shall be limited to (3) minutes.
19. When more than (2) candidates are nominated for anyone office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes of the convention, except in the election of Detachment Vice Commanders and the Detachment Sgt-at-Arms.
20. In a contested election for the (4) Detachment Vice Commanders, and the (2) Detachment Sgt-at-Arms, voting shall continue until majorities are established for these candidates under the following provisions:

If on any vote taken, less than the number of candidates required, receive a majority of the votes to elect, then the candidates receiving a majority shall be declared elected and voting will continue until all candidates have received a majority. In the event more than the required number of candidates receive a majority of the votes to elect, then the candidates with the most votes shall be declared elected.
21. Nomination and election of the Detachment Commander will take place first. After which the nominations and elections will be for the (4) Vice Commanders and so on down the list of officers. This will enable a member who is defeated on one position, to run for office of another position.
22. The Detachment Convention delegates will nominate and elect a Detachment Commander, (4) Vice Commanders, Chaplain, Finance Officer, (2) Sgt-at-Arms, National Executive Committeeman, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, National Convention Delegates and alternate delegates. In this sequence and as required in Article VI of the Detachment Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion.
23. The Detachment is entitled to (1) delegate and (1) additional delegate for each (500) members or major fraction thereof, whose current dues have been received by the National Treasury of The American Legion, (30) days prior to the meeting of said National Convention and (1) alternate for each delegate.
24. Any Detachment Officer, not in accordance with the Detachment Dress Code, will be fined \$1.00 for each violation.
25. Any Squadron with outstanding debts owed to the Detachment, will not have their Squadron delegation seated until all debts are paid.
26. All delegates will register with The American Legion Convention Corporation or they will not be allowed to cast their respective vote.
27. Those recognized by the Detachment Commander, shall be entitled to a respectful hearing and the chair shall have the authority to clear the gallery of the floor or have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the convention hall, anyone creating a disturbance or interfering with orderly procedure.
28. The consent of (2/3) of the voting strength of the Detachment Convention, is necessary for the suspension of the Standing Rules of the Convention.

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