

# Constitution and By-Laws of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin

## CONSTITUTION

### PREAMBLE

**Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage**, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as the 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 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 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 this organization shall be the "Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin".

Section 2. The Detachment Headquarters of the Sons of The American Legion, shall be located at the site of the Department Headquarters of the American Legion.

### ARTICLE II

#### Nature

Section 1. The Sons of The American Legion is a civilian organization. Membership therein does not 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 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 duty as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding in accord with the law.

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## **ARTICLE III**

### **Organization**

Section 1. The Sons of The American Legion Headquarters, Shall be organized in Squadron, County and District groups and shall conform within regulations of the Department of Wisconsin American Legion, within regulations of the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion and the National Constitution and By-Laws of the Sons of The American Legion.

Section 2. The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin and the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin, shall have jurisdiction over the Sons of The American Legion Squadron, County and District groups organized. Application for charter must have the approval and endorsement of the sponsoring American Legion Post Commander, Department Commander and the National American Legion Adjutant before issuance.

Section 3. 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 of \_\_\_\_\_ Post Number \_\_\_\_\_ Department of Wisconsin".

Section 4. One (1) Post shall sponsor not more than one (1) Squadron.

Section 5. The minimum membership for the formation and existence of a Squadron shall be ten (10) members.

Section 6. The Sons of The American Legion Squadron, County and District groups, shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committees of The American Legion and The Sons of The American Legion, the Department Executive Committee of the Wisconsin American Legion, and the Detachment Executive Committee of The sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin.

## **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, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama and the Persian Gulf War, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section I, 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.

Section 3. There shall be no age barrier for membership in the Sons of The American Legion. Male descendants can be a member from birth to death.

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Section 4. If there are some that are eligible to belong to the Sons of The American Legion, but their home post does not sponsor a Squadron, it will be permissible for these Sons to join the Squadron of another post, until such time as their home post forms a Squadron. They may then transfer to said Squadron, but cannot be forced to make such transfer.

Section 5. No person may be a member of more than one Squadron at any one time.

Section 6. No person who has been expelled by a Squadron shall be admitted to membership in another without the consent of the expelling Squadron. Except, that where such consent has been asked and denied, he may then appeal to the Detachment Executive Committee for permission to apply for membership in another Squadron and shall be ineligible for membership until such permission is granted.

### **ARTICLE V Legislative**

Section 1. Legislative Body.

- A. The legislative body of the Sons of The American Legion shall be the Detachment Convention of the Sons of The American Legion. All actions at the Convention are subject to ratification by the Department Executive Committee of the Wisconsin American Legion.
- B. There shall be created, a permanent Internal Affairs Commission, to be composed of five (5) members with not more than one (1) member from any one (1) Squadron appointed to this Commission. They are to be appointed as follows: Two (2) members for a term of three (3) years, two (2) members for a term of two (2) years, one (1) member for a term of one (1) year and thereafter appointments for the expiring terms shall be filled by the Detachment Commander. The chairman of this commission is to be appointed by the Detachment Commander and it will be this chairman's duty to report all actions taken by this commission to the Detachment Executive Committee for approval.
- C. There shall be created a Constitution and By-Laws Commission, to be composed of five (5) members with no more than one (1) member from any one (1) Squadron, to be appointed by the Detachment Commander. They are to be appointed as follows: Two (2) members for three years, two (2) members for two (2) years and one (1) member for one (1) year and thereafter appointments for the expiring terms shall be filled by the Detachment Commander. The chairman of this commission is to be appointed by the Detachment Commander. It is this chairman's responsibility to report all actions by this commission to the Detachment Executive Committee for approval.
- D. This commission shall be empowered to provide consistency and/or to avoid any conflicts conforming to the Constitution and By-Laws, through resolutions that are presented.

Section 2. The Department of Wisconsin, American Legion Commander shall appoint a committee of five (5) members. Two are to be from the ranks of the Sons of The American

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Legion, while the Chairman and the remaining two (2) members are to be from the ranks of The American Legion. This committee shall be known as the "Advisory Committee".

Section 3. The five (5) man committee shall supervise the activities of the Sons of The American Legion. The Chairman of this committee shall be a member of the Department Americanism Committee.

Section 4. In the Sons of The American Legion, each Squadron shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for every ten (10) members and one (1) delegate for any fraction thereof, based on current membership ending thirty (30) days prior to the opening session of the Detachment Convention and one (1) alternate delegate for each delegate.

Section 5. Each duly registered delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Alternates for registered delegates shall have all privileges of registered delegates, except that of voting. A registered delegate is one who has received his credentials and has paid such registration fees as may be required.

Section 6. Delegates from five (5) Squadrons shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. All Past Detachment Commanders shall be delegates at large to the Convention, with voting privileges with their Squadrons. All Detachment Officers shall be delegates at large with voting privileges with their respective Squadrons.

Section 8. Where a County and/or District group is organized the Commander shall be a delegate at large with voting privileges with their respective Squadron.

Section 9. Between the meetings of the Detachment, the administrative power shall be vested in the Detachment Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion, which shall consist of the Detachment Commander, four (4) Detachment Vice Commanders, Detachment Chaplain, two (2) Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms, the National Executive Committeeman, the Alternate National Executive Committeeman, all Past Detachment Commanders and County and District Commanders. Ex-Officio members shall consist of the Detachment Historian, the Detachment Adjutant and all assistant Detachment Adjutants, the Detachment Judge Advocate and the members of the Advisory Committee.

Section 10. The Detachment Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin shall provide a "Uniform Code of Procedure", for the orderly organization and operation of the Detachment Convention, with the continuing power of revision. This code shall be applicable at all Detachment Conventions, unless it is amended, suspended or replaced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the registered delegates present, at a Detachment Convention. The Detachment Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion, may establish in the "Uniform Code of Procedure", a registration fee to be paid by delegates attending the Detachment Convention and may determine the amount of said fee with approval of the Wisconsin American Legion Department Executive Committee.

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## **ARTICLE VI** **Elections**

Section 1. The Detachment Convention delegates shall elect a Detachment Commander, four (4) Detachment Vice Commanders, a Chaplain, two (2) Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms, a National Executive Committeeman and an Alternate National Executive Committeeman.

Section 2. The Commander, with the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion, shall appoint a Detachment Adjutant, Historian, Judge Advocate, S.A.L. Liaison and as many assistants as deemed necessary.

Section 3. Such officers shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding Convention, following their election and thereafter until their successors are elected. Vacancies in these offices occurring between Conventions shall be filled by appointment by the Detachment Commander, with the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee and shall serve subject to ratification by the Wisconsin American Legion Department Executive Committee

Section 4. The Detachment Convention delegates shall elect one (1) National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive Committeeman, for a two (2) year term, with the election to be held in the even number years, beginning in 1984. These National Executive Committeemen may succeed themselves by election of the Detachment Convention delegates.

Section 5. No elected officers of the Detachment shall be allowed to hold more than one (1) elected position at the Detachment level.

Section 6. National Convention Delegates.

- A. The incoming and outgoing Detachment Commanders, the Detachment Adjutant, and the National Executive Committeeman shall be automatic delegates to the National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion. All current National Officers and all Past National Commanders are delegates at large with the Detachment to the National Convention.
- B. Each District with five-hundred (500) or more members, shall be entitled to elect one (1) National Convention Delegate and one (1) Alternate for each five-hundred (500) members, based on membership received at Department headquarters thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. The Detachment Convention delegates shall elect any remaining delegates and alternates to the National Convention.
- C. In the event the Detachment as a whole, is entitled to less delegates than are appointed and elected, according to parts A and B of these sections, the distribution of delegates will be determined by the Detachment Executive Committee.
- D. In the event the Detachment after the close of the Detachment Convention becomes entitled to one or more delegates by virtue of its membership, in addition to those already appointed or elected, those positions shall be filled by appointment of the Detachment Commander following the manner outlined in E. below.
- E. Whenever a Delegate vacancy occurs to the National Convention, after the official closing of the Detachment Convention of the Sons of The American Legion the Detachment Commander shall be authorized to fill such vacancy by a member of the Detachment in the following manner and priority: A vacancy in the delegation from

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any District shall be filled by alternate delegates, present and able to act, from said District in the order of priority they were elected. If a vacancy in a District delegation exists after all the alternates eligible from said District have been appointed, alternates from the delegates at large, present and able to act, may be appointed; and after all alternates, any member of the Detachment in good standing, present and able to act, may be appointed. If a vacancy among the delegates-at large exists it shall be filled from alternate delegates at large, present and able to act, in the order of priority they were elected; and after all alternates, any member of the Detachment in good standing, present and able to act, may be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Section 7. The Detachment Convention and/or Detachment Commander shall not elect or appoint more than three (3) members from any one Squadron to the Detachment Executive Committee with voting privileges.

### **ARTICLE VII Finances**

Section 1. The general revenue of the Sons of The American Legion shall be derived from annual membership dues and such other sources as may be approved by the Detachment Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin, with the approval of the Advisory Committee and the Department Executive Committee of the Wisconsin American Legion.

Section 2. The amount of such annual dues for National shall be set by National and the amount of such dues for the Detachment shall be set by the Detachment, subject to the approval by the Department Executive Committee of the Wisconsin American Legion and shall be payable by October 20th of each year for the succeeding year..

Section 3. All expenses paid out from the Sons of The American Legion funds, must be by signed voucher and have the written approval of the Detachment Finance Commission Chairman if available, otherwise the Detachment Adjutant or Detachment Commander in that order, provided that no officer shall approve their own vouchers.

Section 4. The Squadron shall determine their own dues.

Section 5. The annual National dues and the annual Detachment dues shall be collected by each Squadron and transmitted through Department Headquarters. Department Headquarters will transmit the National portion of the dues to the National Treasurer of The American Legion.

Section 6. The appointed Department Chairman or the Detachment Finance Commission Chairman shall procure a financial statement of the Sons of The American Legion general fund activity, from Department Headquarters prior to the Detachment Convention, the Spring, Fall and Winter Detachment Executive Committee meetings of the Sons of The American Legion for review.

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## **ARTICLE VIII** **Discipline**

Section 1. The Detachment Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion may suspend, cancel or revoke the charter of any Squadron in the Sons of The American Legion, in the event it violates the provisions of this Constitution, subject however to the approval of the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion.

Section 2. Upon the cancellation or revocation of the Charter of any Squadron, the property and assets belonging to said Squadron, shall there upon, become the property of the Post of The American Legion to which such Squadron is attached.

## **ARTICLE IX** **Amendments**

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any Detachment Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of duly registered delegates present provided that no proposed amendment has been rejected by the Department Chairman or the Judge Advocate of the Department American Legion. Should the Chairman reject said amendment, it may be referred to the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion. The Executive Committee decision may be referred to the National Executive Committee. The National decision is to be final and binding.

Section 2. Amendments to the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion shall automatically operate to amend the Constitution of the Detachment of Wisconsin.

Section 3. All or any changes in the Constitution of the Detachment of Wisconsin, Sons of The American Legion must have the approval of the Judge Advocate of the Department of Wisconsin American Legion and the Wisconsin American Legion Department Executive Committee..

Section 4. All proposed amendments to this Constitution shall have been made available in writing to the Detachment Convention Delegates, prior to the opening of the first day of the Detachment Convention, and shall be submitted to Detachment Headquarters at least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual Detachment Convention in order that they may be sent to each Squadron for study and discussion at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual Detachment Convention. Failure to do so will preclude consideration of the proposed amendment referred to in this section by the Convention, unless over-ruled by a three-fourths vote of those delegates present.

Section 5. No proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be submitted to a Detachment Convention unless such proposed amendment shall have first been submitted by the Detachment Executive Committee, any Detachment Officer or Detachment Committee or Commission Chairman, or by a regular meeting of any District, County or Squadron of the Sons of The American Legion in the Detachment of Wisconsin.

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## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Department Chairman**

Section 1. The Commander of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin shall appoint a legionnaire for a one (1) year term to serve as Department Chairman of The Sons of The American Legion, who shall serve as ex-officio member and advisor to all Committees and Commissions of The Sons of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin and shall chair the Advisory Committee.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Duties of Officers**

Section 1. Detachment Commander – The Detachment Commander shall see that the provisions of the National, Department and Detachment Constitution and By-Laws and of all laws, regulations, and policies established there under shall be observed. He shall be the presiding officer of Detachment Conventions and of all other Detachment meetings and gathering at which he shall be present. He shall represent the Detachment in its relations with The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, federal, state and other governmental bodies. He shall have authority to designate a Detachment Vice Commander to represent him at public ceremonies and meetings and, in the event of the inability of any of the Detachment Vice Commanders to accept an assignment, he shall appoint another representative. In case of illness, absence, or other temporary disability of the Detachment Commander, he shall designate a Detachment Vice Commander to act in his stead. He shall receive complaints from members, squadrons, private citizens or organizations affecting the conduct or welfare of a Detachment, and shall present same to the Detachment Executive Committee for appropriate action. He shall appoint from time to time committees he may deem necessary.

Section 2. Detachment Vice Commanders – The Detachment Vice Commanders shall act as representative of the Detachment Commander on all matters referred to them by him and shall on his request, preside over meetings and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 3. Detachment Adjutant – The Detachment Adjutant, who corresponds to the secretary of an organization, shall be charged with the usual duties of an Adjutant or Secretary. He is the administrative officer of the policies and mandates of the organization.

Section 4. Detachment Chaplain – The Detachment Chaplain shall perform such divine and non-sectarian services as shall be necessary adhering to the ceremonial rituals as may be prescribed.

Section 5. Detachment Historian – The Detachment Historian shall collect from year to year all records and data of value and of interest to the Sons of The American Legion and shall compile during his term a complete history of the year's events.

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Section 6. Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms – The Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms shall be charged with the responsibility of preserving order at all meetings and the responsibility of the stand of colors during meetings of the Sons of The American Legion. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 7. National Executive Committeeman – The National Executive Committeeman (NECman) shall represent the Detachment of Wisconsin at all meetings of the National Executive Committee. He shall convey and support all mandates of the Detachment of Wisconsin.

Section 8. Alternate National Executive Committeeman – The Alternate NECman shall support the National Executive Committeeman by his attendance at all meetings of the National Executive Committee and shall represent the Detachment of Wisconsin in the absence of the NECman. He shall convey and support all mandates of the Detachment of Wisconsin.

Section 9. Detachment Judge Advocate – The Detachment Judge Advocate shall have the duty of knowing the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws, Roberts Rules of Order, Rules of The Detachment Executive Committee and the Uniform Code of Procedure for governing Detachment Conventions. He shall be in charge of settling any question or grievances, relative to the interpretation of said document(s). He shall determine the legality and rule on all complaints for or against any Detachment member. His rulings are to be prompt, accurate and impersonal.

Section 10. In fulfilling their duties and responsibilities, the Detachment Officers of the Sons of The American Legion, shall be responsible to the Wisconsin American Legion Department Executive Committee or to a subordinate body by it designated.

### **ARTICLE III Squadron, County and District Officers**

Section 1. All officers of a Squadron, County or District group, shall be governed in their actions by the Supervisory Committee of The American Legion in charge.

Section 2. Each Squadron, County or District group, shall adopt a Constitution and By-Laws, provided however, there shall be no conflict with the National or Detachment Constitution and By-Laws of the Sons of The American Legion and the National or Department Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion.

### **ARTICLE IV Membership**

Section 1. Each Squadron, County or District group, shall be the judge of its own membership, subject to the restrictions of this Constitution and By-Laws.

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Section 2. Members may be suspended or expelled under the same procedures provided for the suspension or expulsion of a member of The Wisconsin American Legion.

### **ARTICLE V Arrears in Dues**

Section 1. A member, whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January first, shall be classed as delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before February first, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after February first, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on June thirtieth 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 a 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 the provisions 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 VI Elections**

Section 1. Nomination of Detachment Officers, National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive Committeeman, shall be from the floor of those Squadrons present and voting shall be by secret ballot. Delegates and Alternate delegates to the National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion shall also be nominated off the floor and voted on by a show of hands.

Section 2. During the post convention Detachment Executive Committee meeting, the Detachment Commander shall appoint a Detachment Adjutant, Detachment Historian, Detachment Judge Advocate and Liaison to the Department Executive Committee and any assistants as needed.

Section 3. If the presiding officer is a member of the assembly, he can vote as any other member, when the vote is by ballot. In all other cases, the presiding officer can (but is not obligated to), vote whenever his vote will affect the result. He can vote either to break or to cause a tie. On a roll call vote, the presiding officer's name is called last and only when his vote will affect the result.

### **ARTICLE VII Meetings**

Section 1. The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment Convention shall be held during the same time and in the same city, as the Department Convention of the Wisconsin American Legion.

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Section 2. All Squadron meetings shall be held in accordance with the ritual of the organization. Meetings shall be held not less than once each month.

### **ARTICLE VIII Finances**

Section 1. A fiscal year-to-date report, generated by the Department of Wisconsin, of budgeted and actual incomes and expenses, of all Sons of The American Legion Detachment funds will be sent to each Squadron and to all Detachment Officers, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Detachment Convention for study.

Section 2. Payment of vouchers properly presented shall be made in a timely and efficient manner, usually within thirty (30) days of receipt of said voucher.

Section 3. All finances of the Detachment shall be managed in a manner prescribed by the Wisconsin American Legion Department Executive Committee.

### **ARTICLE IX Activities**

Section 1. Only such activities shall be sponsored by the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin as shall be for the benefit of the membership of the organization as a whole and approved by the Detachment Executive Committee and the Wisconsin American Legion Department Executive Committee.

Section 2. Use of the Emblem of the Sons of The American Legion is governed by the National organization.

### **ARTICLE X Detachment Executive Committee**

Section 1. The Detachment Commander may call a meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee at any time and place selected by him and the State Chairman. The Detachment Commander shall call a meeting of said Committee at any time when requested to do so, in writing by five (5) members of the Detachment Executive Committee. There shall be held, five (5) Committee meetings as follows; Spring, Fall, Winter, the pre-Convention and post Convention meetings.

Section 2. The Detachment Executive Committee shall have authority to appoint Sub-Committees from its members, for the performance of Special duties and shall have the authority to delegate to them such functions and authority as it shall deem necessary.

Section 3. Any matter purporting to relate to the policy, business or administration of this Detachment and which is not regulated by specific provisions of the Constitution or these By-

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Laws, shall be referred to the Detachment Executive Committee for determination and adjustment.

Section 4. A quorum of the Detachment Executive Committee shall consist of seven (7) voting members.

Section 5. Finance Commission.

- A. There shall be a Detachment Finance Commission, which shall consist of four (4) members and the Detachment Finance Commission Chairman, who shall be appointed to a one (1) year term by the Detachment Commander subject to the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee. The Detachment Commander shall appoint two (2) members for a term of three (3) years, one (1) member for a term of two (2) years and one (1) member for a term of one (1) year and annually thereafter, the Commander shall fill the expired terms, subject to the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee. No two (2) members may be from the same Squadron. Members must be twenty-one (21) years of age.
- B. The Detachment Finance Commission, shall approve and budget the expenditures of the Detachment, prepare and approve a yearly budget, close the fiscal years books and handle funds from raffles and/or special projects. Its decisions being final with the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee or over ruled by a majority of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee.
- C. The Detachment Finance Commission Chairman shall be in charge of the preparing and reading of the Financial Status, which is secured by him or the Detachment Adjutant, from Department Headquarters of The American Legion, prior to each Detachment Convention, the Spring, Fall and Winter Detachment Executive Committee meetings. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the position.

### **ARTICLE XI Amendments**

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any Detachment Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of duly registered delegates present provided that no proposed amendment has been rejected by the Department Chairman or the Judge Advocate of the Department American Legion. Should the Chairman reject said amendment, it may be referred to the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion. The Executive Committee decision may be referred to the National Executive Committee. The National decision is to be final and binding.

Section 2. Amendments to the National By-Laws of the Sons of The American Legion shall automatically operate to amend the By-Laws of the Detachment of Wisconsin.

Section 3. All or any changes in the By-Laws of the Detachment of Wisconsin, Sons of The American Legion must have the approval of the Judge Advocate of the Department of

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Section 4. All proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall have been made available in writing to the Detachment Convention Delegates, prior to the opening of the first day of the Detachment Convention, and shall be submitted to Detachment Headquarters at least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual Detachment Convention in order that they may be sent to each Squadron for study and discussion at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual Detachment Convention. Failure to do so will preclude consideration of the proposed amendment referred to in this section by the Convention, unless over-ruled by a three-fourths vote of those delegates present.

Section 5. No proposed amendment to these By-Laws shall be submitted to a Detachment Convention unless such proposed amendment shall have first been submitted by the Detachment Executive Committee, any Detachment Officer or Detachment Committee or Commission Chairman, or by a regular meeting of any District, County or Squadron of the Sons of The American Legion in the Detachment of Wisconsin.

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