

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS
OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SQUADRON 245
ATTACHED TO
THE AMERICAN LEGION, H. U. WOOD POST 245
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

PREAMBLE

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of 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 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 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.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I
NAME

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 245, attached to H.U. Wood Post 245, Department of Texas.

ARTICLE II
NATURE

SECTION 1. The Sons of The American Legion Squadron 245, attached to H.U. Wood Post 245, Department of Texas, 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 nor 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 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 Texas and under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of H.U. Wood Post 245, Department of Texas, 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, approved by the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, 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 sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during World War 1, World War 11, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf 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 the two immediate Past Commanders.

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

ARTICLE VII DUES

SECTION 1. The annual membership dues of this Squadron shall be set by the Executive Committee, and payable on or before October 20th of each year, for the following year.

SECTION 2. 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 vote of the Squadron and payment of current dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs. Provided, however, that the Squadrons, Detachments, and the 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.

SECTION 3. Only members in good standing will be privileged to participate in the business of a meeting, vote or hold office.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. This Constitution is adopted, subject to the provision 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 provision 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 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 written notice shall have been given to all members at least five 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.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Applications for membership shall be made in writing on application forms prescribed therefore by the National Organization.

SECTION 2. All applications for membership shall be acted upon at the next meeting of the Executive Committee following the making 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.

ARTICLE II NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. At the first regular meeting in March, the Commander shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members, who will, acting together with and under the advice of the Supervisory Committee of the Post, present to the regular meeting in May a list of one or more candidates for each office required to be elected under the Constitution of this Squadron.

SECTION 2. At the conclusion of the report of the nominating committee, any Squadron member may present the name of any other Squadron member for nomination to any office for which such Squadron member is not nominated by the nominating committee, and upon said nomination being seconded, the same shall be considered as though contained in the report of the nominating committee, after said report has been accepted and adopted by the Squadron.

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 and present at the annual meeting.

SECTION 4. All Officers and Executive Committeemen shall take office at a Squadron meeting held not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the Department Convention; and shall be installed not later than the first regular Squadron meeting in October following their election. They shall hold office until their successors are duly installed, or as otherwise provided.

ARTICLE III DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Commander: The commander, who corresponds to the President of an organization, shall be the executive head of this Squadron of The 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 Committees on The Sons of The American Legion and the Executive Committee of the Squadron.

SECTION 2. First Vice Commander: The First Vice Commander, who corresponds to the First Vice President of an organization, shall act as representative of the Commander on all matters 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 of an organization, 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 of The Sons of The American Legion and of the Executive Committee of this Squadron.

SECTION 5. Finance Officer: The Finance Officer, who corresponds to the Treasurer of an organization, 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. 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 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 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 cause by the Executive Committee, a two-thirds vote of said committee being necessary to effect such removal. An officer or executive committeeman who absents himself for three or more consecutive Squadron or Executive Committee meetings can, on due investigation, by the Executive Committee, be held to be sufficient proof of cause, warranting such removal.

**ARTICLE V
POST SUPERISORY COMMITTEE**

SECTION 1. The jurisdiction of H.U. Wood Post 245, The American Legion, Department of Texas, 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 May in each calendar year. The Adjutant shall cause a written notice of the annual election to be given to each member at least thirty (30) days prior thereto.

SECTION 2. The regular stated membership meeting of this Squadron shall be held as determined by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3. Special meetings shall be called upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee or upon the written request of six (6) 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 a current address having been furnished by a Squadron member, any notice or documents will be held to have been duly served upon such members five (5) days after the same shall have been deposited in the local post office addressed to such member at such post office address as was originally supplied.

SECTION 5. Notice of all special meetings of the Squadron shall be mailed to each Squadron member forty-eight (48) hours previous to the holding of such meeting and at least seven (7) days in advance of the holding of the annual meeting.

SECTION 6. The notice of special meetings shall state the object and purpose thereof, and no business shall be transacted at such special meeting except such business as is contained in the notice thereof.

SECTION 7. The Executive Committee shall meet for organization and such business as may come before it within ten (10) days after the annual election on the call of the Commander. Thereafter, the Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Commander at least every three

(3) months and as often as said Commander may deem necessary. The Commander shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee upon the written request of four (4) members of the committee.

ARTICLE VIII QUORUM

SECTION 1. Four (4) members, besides a qualified presiding Officer, shall constitute a quorum at any membership meeting of the Squadron.

SECTION 2. Three (3) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the legal transactions of business at any Executive Committee meeting.

ARTICLE IX FINANCES

SECTION 1. All funds of this Squadron shall be deposited in a bank by the Finance Officer. One signature shall be required on checks drawn on the Squadron bank account.

ARTICLE X RULES OF ORDER

SECTION 1. The procedure at all Squadron meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

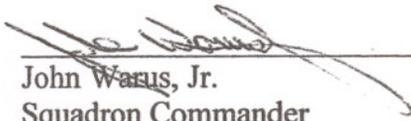
SECTION 1. These By-Laws are adopted, subject to the provisions of the National By-Laws and the Detachment By-Laws of which this Squadron is a subordinate member. Any amendment to the National or Detachment By-Laws which is in conflict with any provisions hereof, shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of these By-Laws, to the extent of such conflict.

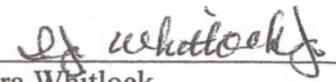
SECTION 2. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular Squadron meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority roll call vote of the members present; provided, that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing, and read at the immediate preceding Squadron meeting, and provided further, that written notice shall have been given to all members at least five (5) days in advance of the date 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.

SECTION 3. These By-Laws, as adopted, cancel and supersede all By-Laws previously adopted by the Squadron.

SQUADRON CERTIFICATE

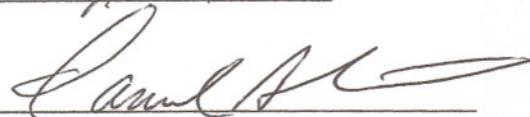
We, the following Officers of Sons of The American Legion, H.U. Wood Squadron 245, The American Legion, Detachment of Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing Constitution and By-Laws, were adopted at a regular meeting of the Squadron held on the 13th day of June, 2011.


John Warus, Jr.
Squadron Commander


Ira Whitlock
Squadron Adjutant

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE

These Constitution and By-Laws have been approved by the Department Judge Advocate on 9/23, 2011; and approved by the Department Executive Committee on sep 24, 2011.


Department Judge Advocate