

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
SQUADRON #459, DETACHMENT OF MICHIGAN
CONSTITUTION**

Constitution for the Sons of The American Legion, Squadron #459, attached to The American Legion Post #459, Department of Michigan.

PREAMBLE

Proud possessors of 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 forefathers in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community state and nation; to combat autocracy of both the classes and 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 the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section I- The name of this organization shall be the Sons of The American Legion, Squadron #459, attached to The American Legion Post #459, Department of Michigan.

ARTICLE II - NATURE

Section I - The Sons of The American Legion, is a civilian organization. Membership therein does not affect nor increase liability for military or police service.

Section II - The Squadron shall be absolutely nonpolitical 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 III - The Squadron shall be absolutely nonsectarian.

Section IV - Each member shall perform his full duty as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding, in accordance with the law.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION

Section I - This Squadron is organized as a subordinate body of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Michigan, and under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of The American Legion Post #459, Department of Michigan

Section II - The Squadron shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, by the Detachment Headquarters, approved by the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, and by such the sponsoring District of The American Legion, not inconsistent with those prescribed by the National Organization.

ARTICLE IV - ELIGIBILITY

Section I - All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during the Great Wars 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 - SQUADRON

Section I - The purpose of this Squadron is to promote activities and support organizations that directly benefit Veterans, Children, and the general well being of our community.

Section II - The Squadron shall remain in good standing with the 5th District Association, and Detachment of Michigan.

Section III - The Squadron will retain a Post Advisor, whose term will be one year in length. Said advisor may choose to continue in this position as long as the Squadron and Post agree to a subsequent term.

Section IV - Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised), shall govern except for specific rules adopted by the Sons of The American Legion, Squadron #459.

Section V - A quorum shall be considered present when five or more members in good standing are wholly or partially represented.

Section VI - All actions and squadron meetings of the Sons of The American Legion shall be subject to review and approval by the Sons of The American Legion Squadron #459 Executive Committee and Post Advisor, with the presentation for final review and approval by the Post #459 Executive Committee, American Legion, Department of Michigan.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

Section I - The Squadron shall elect the following Squadron Officers: Commander, Senior Vice and Junior Vice Commander(s), Chaplain, Historian, Finance Officer and Sergeant-At-Arms all of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Squadron. The Commander shall appoint the Adjutant and the Judge Advocate, after the Commander has been elected in to office.

Section II - Installation of officers shall be in conjunction with the 5th District, The American Legion, Department of Michigan. All officers shall hold their office from 1 June until 31 May the following year. Any officer may be removed for just cause at the Joint Meeting of the Post Advisor and the Executive Committee of the Squadron.

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section I - Between Squadron meetings, the administrative powers of the Squadron shall be vested in the Squadron Executive Committee, which shall consist of all the current elected officers. If a member serves on this committee in dual capacities, he would only cast one vote.

ARTICLE IX – INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS MEETING

Section I - The annual installation of officers meeting of The Sons of The American Legion, Squadron #459, Detachment of Michigan, shall be held in May. The meeting will be held prior to the Detachment of Michigan, Annual Convention. The annual meeting will not be held on Memorial Day weekend, unless absolutely necessary with the approval of the Squadron Executive Committee.

Section II - The association shall hold ten regular meetings for each year. These meetings will be held as follows: January, February, March (nomination of officers), April (election of officers), May (installation of officers), June, September, October, November, and December.

ARTICLE X - FINANCES

Section I - The revenue of the Sons of The American Legion, Squadron #459, shall be derived from annual membership dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Squadron Executive Committee.

Section II – Annual member dues are payable on August 1st. If such dues are not paid by the following January 1st, such members shall be delinquent. Any delinquent member shall be considered not in good standing and shall forfeit his vote in the squadron until such dues are paid. Such members will also lose his privileges at the Post #459 bar until such dues are paid in full. Dues shall be forwarded to The Sons of The American Legion, Squadron #459, Finance Officer, from whom they will receive their card within ten working days.

Section III – The American Legion Post #459 Finance Officer has the right to procure Squadron #459 funds if required, only with a unanimous vote at legally convened meeting of the American Legion Post #459 membership.

ARTICLE XI - DISCIPLINE

Section I - The American Legion, Department of Michigan, may suspend or revoke the operation of any Squadron of the Sons of The American Legion in the Detachment of Michigan, which violates its Constitution or take such other disciplinary measures as may be for the benefit of the Squadrons, District, or the Detachment as a whole. The actions, however, are subject to the review of the Department Executive Committee through the Department Internal Affairs Committee.

Section II – Upon the cancellation or revocation of the charter of Squadron #459, the property and assets belonging to the Squadron shall thereupon become the property of The American Legion Post #459.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

Section I - This Constitution is adopted, subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the National Organization of which this Squadron is a subordinate member. Any amendment to the National Constitution which is conflict with any provision hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of the Constitution to the extent of such conflict.

Section II - This Constitution may be amended at the annual Sons of The American Legion, Squadron #459 Installation of Officers meeting in May, by a vote of two-thirds of the members attending, providing that proposed amendment(s) shall have been submitted in writing sixty days prior to such meeting.

Section III - It is further understood that approved amendments shall subsequently be submitted without delay to the Post Advisor. Who shall present the proposed amendment(s) to The American Legion, Post 459 Executive Committee, for consideration and modification and/or approval of the amendment(s). Upon approval, the amendments shall be ratified.

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Squadron #459
Detachment of Michigan
Adopted 2/2/05

Amended with membership approval and #459 Legion Executive Committee approval on 5/1/19

Squadron Commander Signature

Post Commander Signature

5th District Judge Advocate Signature

Detachment Judge Advocate Signature