



CONVENTION & STANDING RULES

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF MICHIGAN

CONVENTION RULES

RULE 1: The Credentials Committee, directly after the opening ceremonies of the first business meeting, shall report the number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates registered as present with proper credentials, and shall make a supplementary report whenever the Number of authorized delegates change.

RULE 2 (a): Delegates, duly elected and certified by the Squadrons of the Detachment of Michigan, shall be members of the Convention and have both voice and vote at all sessions of the Convention.

RULE 2 (b): Alternates shall have all the privileges of delegates except the privilege of voting on the Convention floor if the delegate is present. If the delegate is absent, the alternate may vote in place of the delegate.

RULE 3: The Detachment Adjutant, in the opening session, or as soon thereafter as practical, shall certify to the Credentials Committee the standing of the various Squadrons in regard to membership as of 30 days prior to the opening session of the convention.

RULE 4: Members of the Detachment Executive, save the Adjutant, Judge Advocate are entitled to all privileges of delegates.

RULE 5: When a delegate desires to make a motion or address the Convention, that delegate shall first address the chair as Mr. Commander, state his name and number of his Squadron before proceeding.

RULE 6: No delegate shall speak in debate and receive recognition of the Commander more than once on the same question without consent of the Convention. The debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker on any subject except by the consent of the convention.

RULE 7: The Commander may require that only two delegates from any one Squadron shall be permitted the floor on any one subject, except with consent of the Convention. In this event, where disagreement exists with a Squadron, one delegate shall be permitted to speak on each side of the question.

RULE 8: Delegates and persons recognized by the Detachment Commander shall be entitled to a respectful hearing and the chair shall have the authority to clear the floor or have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the auditorium any person or persons who may create any disturbance which interferes with the orderly procedure of the Convention.

RULE 9: Voting on motions shall be by oral vote unless otherwise provided for in these rules except that a roll call may be demanded by any delegate, provided that such demand for roll call be supported by a majority vote of the delegates present.

RULE 10: Any question on appropriation of funds, dues or assessments shall be by roll call vote.

RULE 11: The adoption of any amendments to the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws shall be a roll call vote and shall require a two-thirds majority. Only those amendments which have been transmitted to all Detachment Officers and Squadrons of the Detachment at least 60 days prior to the Convention may be considered.

RULE 12: On all roll call votes, the Chairperson or acting Chairperson of each Squadron delegation on the floor shall announce the vote of the delegation, such Chairperson to be chosen by each delegation. A delegate has the right to challenge the vote only of his Squadron.

RULE 13: Any Squadron, which passes on any question, may have only two further opportunities to vote before the poll is closed. Squadrons, abstaining on any question will not have a further opportunity to vote on the question.

RULE 14: The election of Detachment Officers shall be by secret ballot vote of the Squadrons. Election of Officers shall be in the following order. Commander, Chaplain, Historian, Finance Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and when applicable National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive Committeeman.

RULE 15: A special order of business shall provide for the election of Detachment Officers Sunday at 12:00 noon or at such time before noon when all other business to come before the Annual Convention shall have been completed.

RULE 16: Nominations for Detachment Officers shall be by the Squadrons. Nomination speeches shall be limited to five minutes each. Not more than one seconding speech shall be made for each candidate. Not to exceed two minutes.

RULE 17: In the event that more than two candidates are nominated for any office, the candidate elected shall have received the plurality of votes cast. This includes the election of Detachment Zone Commanders at Zone Caucuses. (Changed at 2004 Convention)

RULE 18: The function of the Zone Caucus shall be to select a Detachment Zone Commander. The Zone Caucus shall organize and select a Chairman and a Secretary and shall make its own rules. The choice of the caucus for Zone Commander shall be reported to the Detachment Adjutant who shall report the results to the Convention floor for Confirmation. The action of the Convention delegates shall be final.

RULE 19 (a): All resolutions excluding any and all changes to the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws must be presented in writing to the Detachment Adjutant and by him referred to the Detachment Resolutions Assignment Committee and by it assigned to the proper Convention Committee without debate, not later than the adjournment of the Friday session.

RULE 19 (b): No resolution will be allowed consideration on the floor of the Convention, unless the original resolution bears the official slip of the resolution assignment committee.

RULE 20: In order to expedite the actual business of the Convention, the Detachment Commander will use his discretion in allotting time for the introduction of, and remarks by distinguished guests.

RULE 21: Any of these convention rules may be suspended for a particular specified purpose except Rule 11 and 14 which is specifically delineated by Detachment Constitution and By-Laws.

RULE 22: On all questions of rules and order not governed by the above Convention Rules, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall apply.

Convention Rules of the Detachment of Michigan
Sons of The American Legion
Revisions approved by;
Detachment Executive Committee, February 21, 2009
Sons of The American Legion Convention Body, June 7, 2009
Department of Michigan, Internal Affairs Committee, Fall Conference, February 21, 2009
Department Executive Committee, Fall Conference, February 21, 2009

STANDING RULES

1. The delegate strength for Detachment Convention will be based on current year paid membership as reported in Department Headquarters thirty (30) days prior to the opening of convention.
2. There will be no candidate banners displayed behind the podium.
3. The Detachment Commander and Legislative Chairman shall receive reimbursement for travel and expenses to attend the National Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. subject to the Budget allowance. In case the Commander or Legislative Director is unable to attend the Commander may designate another person to attend and receive the same expense allowance.
4. The Detachment shall provide a donation of \$125.00 each for the Department Commander and Department President special project, which shall be presented at the annual Department Convention held at the end of their respective term.
5. All honor ribbons shall be retired from the Detachment colors after five (5) years of display and placed in the museum at Post 108 or in future years wherever such museum shall be located.
6. When attending the National Convention, the newly elected Detachment Commander shall be the Secretary of the delegation and the outgoing Detachment Commander shall be the Chairman of the delegation.
7. The Detachment Public Relations Chairman shall, subject to the budget, receive reimbursement to attend the Department Spring and Fall Conferences and Department Convention meetings of the Time and Place committee to ensure there will be no conflict for planning dates.
8. Any Son who volunteers to assist for the full week of Boys State shall receive reimbursement for mileage for one round trip from home to the site where Boys State is conducted subject to the budget allowance.
9. The Detachment Commander and/or the Detachment Adjutant are authorized to sign for any special needs required for the Detachment Executive Committee meetings at Department Convention and/or Conference. Such charges to be added to the master bill and paid from the Detachment to Department.
10. The Detachment will pay any registration fee, housing cost and meal cost for all authorized Official guests visiting the Detachment for official functions. The guests will be expected to provide their own transportation.

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