



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF MICHIGAN

OFFICIAL HISTORY CONTEST RULES

I. CATEGORIES:

1. Squadron
2. Detachment

II. INTRODUCTION: Point Value 15

1. Title Page:
 - A. History of Squadron/Detachment
 - B. Name of Historian
 - C. Administrative Year (i.e., 2011-2012)
2. Forward or Dedication.
3. Picture (5x7), black and white or color, of Commander.
4. Prayer (selected by Squadron/Detachment).
5. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
6. Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion.

III. HISTORICAL CONTENT: Point Value 50

1. List of Elected Officers of Squadron/Detachment.
2. List of Squadron/Detachment Committee Chairmen.
3. List of any Detachment (for Squadron) or National (for Detachment) awards received at the previous year's convention, or during the administrative year.
4. The History should be written as a narrative, beginning with the installation of officers and ending with the close of the year.
5. The signature of the Squadron/Detachment Commander and Historian are to immediately follow the final paragraph of the history.

IV. INDEX: Point Value 10

The Index should be the last page of the history, and be in alphabetical order and double spaced.

V. APPEARANCE: Point Value 15

1. Cover: The binder should be for loose leaf or 3 hole paper, and have a Sons of The American Legion emblem on the cover.
2. The paper should be plain white bond 8.5" X 11".
3. All Information should be typed or neatly handwritten, neatly spaced with no errors.

VI. ARRANGEMENT: Point Value 10

1. Written in third person.
2. Correct Spelling.
3. Original and different in thought and presentation.
4. Clear and grammatically correct.

VII. DEADLINE:

1. Detachment: All Histories must be received no later than the Friday of the Detachment Convention. In the event you can't have it there Friday, Detachment Historian should be notified. Extensions can be given.
1. National: All Histories must be received by mid July. In the event a Detachment's Convention is held at a date restricting this deadline, the National Adjutant, or The National Historian should be notified. Extensions can be given.

VII. SUBMISSIONS:

1. Detachment: All entries are to be brought to the opening session of the Detachment Convention.
2. National: All entries are to be sent to: National Headquarters, The Sons of The American Legion P.O. Box 1055 Indianapolis, Indiana 46206. Registered Mail, Return Receipt is suggested. Return Address should be included, as all Histories will be returned after judging.

Adopted by the National Executive Committee on May 7, 2000