



Sons of the American Legion

Squadron 152

Town & Country Memorial Post 152

Department of Florida

11211 Sheldon Rd, Tampa FL 33626

Constitution

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.

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Sons of The American Legion Squadron, 152, Town & Country Memorial Post 152, Department of Florida.

ARTICLE II

NATURE

Section 1. The Sons of The American Legion Squadron 152, Town & Country Memorial Post 152, Department of Florida, 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 Florida, and under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of Post No. 152, Department of Florida, 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 I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf War, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section 1, 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

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 1. The Squadron officers 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 Squadron's annual meeting.

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 three immediate Past Commanders.

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

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES

Section 1. The annual membership dues of this Squadron shall be payable on July 4 of each year, for the following year. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by Jan. 1 shall be deemed delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before Feb. 1, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after Feb. 1, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on June 30 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.

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 in attendance; 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 mailed through the US Postal Service or sent electronically via email or social media (such as Facebook, Twitter, Web site, etc) 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.

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

Section 3. This Constitution was approved by the membership on October 5, 2015. Original Signatures by Michael (Cowboy) Vaughn, Squadron 152 Commander, attested by Cliff Zimmerer, Squadron 152 Adjutant. They remain in effect until revised or revoked.

Michael Vaughn

Cliff Zimmerer