

# Constitution

## ARTICLE IV – ELIGIBILITY

**Section 1.** All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of the members of the American Legion and such male descendants of veterans, who died in service during the period of April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918, or any time from December 7, 1941, to date, who served honorable, as 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.

**Section 2.** There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership.

**Section 3.** All new members must be verified by Squadron or Post adjutant for eligibility.

## 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, Parliamentarian, Historian, and such other officer as may be deemed necessary.

## ARTICLE VII – FINANCE

**Section 1.** The revenue of the Squadron shall be derived from annual membership dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Squadron Executive Committee and approved by the Squadron and Post.

**Section 2.** The Squadron shall determine the amount of the annual membership dues of the Squadron each year at their annual meeting. (\$25.00)

**Section 3.** the Squadron shall pay to the Department Headquarters, the National and Detachment annual membership dues within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof for each paid member of the Squadron. (\$17.00)

# Bylaws

## ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** Applications for membership shall be made in writing on blanks 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 by a vote of two-third (2/3)

## ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 9** Parliamentarian: The Parliamentarian shall ensure that procedures are followed at all Squadron meetings, shall supply professional advice in the conduct of the Squadron business or to procure proper counsel, shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of all disciplinary procedures. He serves as the Chairman of any committee concerning the Squadron Constitution and/or Bylaws revisions. He shall oversee the annual audit of the Squadron Financial accounts.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **FINANCE**

**SECTION 1.** The revenue of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas, shall be derived from annual membership dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Detachment Executive Committee.

**SECTION 2.** The minimum annual dues per member shall be set at a rate determined at each annual Detachment Convention, subject to approval by the Department Executive Committee, The American Legion, Department of Texas.

**SECTION 3.** The Alternate National Executive Committeeman, if attending the Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committee Meeting, and not acting in the place of the Executive Committeeman, shall receive:

1. The cost of an airline ticket (Coach Class), purchased no later than twenty-one (21) days in advance of the meeting.
2. Baggage fees if applicable. Receipt required.
3. Mileage at the current American Legion rate to and from his home to the airport.
  - a. Transportation from the Indianapolis International Airport will be reimbursed up to the allowance as determined by The American Legion.
4. Individuals who drive to the meeting will receive a mileage allocation based on the rate per mile as used by The American Legion. Only the driver of the vehicle will be entitled to receive the mileage allowance. The maximum allowable reimbursement shall be the same as the rate set forth by The American Legion. Parking at the meeting hotel will be covered up to the maximum allowance as determined by The American Legion.
5. Per Diem for the two days, plus the travel per diem, at the rate allowed for meetings in Indianapolis unless otherwise authorized by The American Legion's Internal Affairs.

**SECTION 4.** The Detachment Commander shall receive a call-in, to attend Sons of The American Legion National Convention per the allowance allowed to the

**National Executive Committeeman less the allowance given for his attendance by The National Sons of The American Legion for training classes.**

**SECTION 5. The out-going Commander, the in-coming Commander, the National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman or designate acting in their place shall receive one hundred percent (100%) coach airfare and the set single room price not to exceed three nights to the Sons of The American Legion National Convention.**

**SECTION 6. All Detachment of Texas members serving as members of National Sons of The American Legion Commissions or Committees shall receive an amount plus their call in not to exceed the National Executive Committeeman's call to the National Executive Committee meeting**

**SECTION 7. Call-in per diems and mileage as determined by the Detachment Executive Committee, to the Detachment Executive Committee meetings and the Detachment Convention will be paid to Detachment Officers, Committee Chairmen, District Commanders appointed Committee Chairmen and Appointed Officers, and Past Detachment Commanders of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas.**

**a.) Vice-Commanders of the Detachment and District Commanders must attend both meetings and a committee meeting to receive the call-in.**

**b.) The list of Committees that will be attended will include. Americanism, Internal Affairs/Membership, VA&R, Children & Youth, Awards, and Public Relations.**

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## ARTICLE X

### FINANCE

#### General Issues:

Section 1.

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Section 2.

The minimum annual dues per member shall be set at a rate determined at each annual Detachment Convention, subject to approval by the Department Executive Committee, The American Legion, Department of Texas.

#### Detachment Meetings:

The Detachment Commander and Detachment Adjutant will be reimbursed for hotel and mileage expenses incurred while attending the Detachment Convention and Detachment Executive Committee meetings. Hotel expenses are limited to the Legion block rate at the designated hotel, plus applicable taxes. Mileage reimbursement is based on the current Texas Sons of the American Legion mileage rate for the miles driven or the actual out-of-pocket gas expenses.

Detachment Officers (excluding the Commander and Adjutant), Committee Chairmen, District Commanders, Appointed Committee Chairmen, Appointed Officers, and Past Detachment Commanders of The Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas, will receive a Call-In to attend the Detachment Executive Committee meetings and the Detachment Convention. The Call-In includes a Per Diem and mileage reimbursement. The rate and number of days for the Per Diem and the mileage rate are determined by the Detachment Executive Committee. Mileage reimbursement is based on the distance calculated using map software between the member's home and the meeting location, excluding any mileage outside of Texas.

- a.) Vice-Commanders of the Detachment and District Commanders must attend meetings and a committee meeting to receive the call-in.
- b.) Committee Chairmen must submit a report at each meeting to receive the call-in.

## **National Meetings:**

### ***National Convention:***

Expenses for the National Convention are paid by the Detachment of Texas for the Incoming Commander, the Outgoing Commander, the National Executive Committeeman, and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman. The table below describes what is and isn't paid. Anything not listed is not paid. Payments will be reduced by any amount paid by National Sons of the American Legion.

#### **National Convention Expenses**

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Paid?</b>
Transportation*	Yes
Mileage from home to airport	Yes, if flying
Up to 2 checked bags	Yes, if flying
Transportation from airport to hotel	Yes, if flying
Hotel**	Yes
Parking Up to Legion limits	Yes
Per Diems	No
Travel Insurance	No
Travel Agent or Booking Fees	No
Seat Upgrades	No
Meals	No

\* Airfare will be coach class booked three weeks in advance. If driving, reimbursement will be at the rate established by the National Sons of the American Legion for travel to the NEC and will only be paid to the driver.

\*\* Hotel will be for three days at the hotel assigned to the Texas delegation at the Legion block rate plus applicable taxes.

### ***National Executive Committee Meeting***

Expenses for the National Executive Committee Meeting are covered by the National Sons of the American Legion for the National Executive Committeeman. If the National Executive Committeeman is unable to attend, the National Sons of the American Legion will cover expenses for the Alternate National Executive

Committeeman. The Detachment of Texas will cover expenses for the current Detachment Commander and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman unless the Alternate is filling in for the National Executive Committeeman. The table below outlines what expenses are covered and what are not. Any expenses not listed will not be reimbursed. Payments will be adjusted based on any amount covered by the National Sons of the American Legion.

#### **National Executive Committee Meeting Expenses**

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Paid?</b>
Transportation*	Yes
Mileage from home to airport	Yes, if flying
Up to 2 checked bags	Yes, if flying
Transportation from airport to hotel	Yes, if flying
Hotel	No
Parking Up to Legion limits	Yes
Per Diems**	Yes
Travel Insurance	No
Travel Agent or Booking Fees	No
Seat Upgrades	No
Meals	No

\* Airfare will be coach class booked three weeks in advance. If driving, reimbursement will be at the rate established by the National Sons of the American Legion for travel to the NEC and will only be paid to the driver.

\*\* Per Diem will be the same as the amount paid by the National Sons of the American Legion to the National Executive Committeeman.

**Resolution of Endorsement  
Sons of The American Legion  
Squadron #36  
El Paso, TX.**

**Whereas** it will be the duty of the Detachment Convention meeting in regular session in Austin, Texas July 11<sup>th</sup> through July 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 to elect a National Executive Committeeman for the Years of 2025 - 2027, and

**Whereas** Squadron # 36 has a member David Blair who more than meets all of the qualifications of the office, and

**Whereas** he is eligible through The Sons of The American Legion through his father Stanley D. Blair whom served in the United States Air Force from December 1951 to June 1973, and

**Whereas** he has held all offices within the Squadron, and

**Whereas** he has held the offices of District Commander, Vice Commander, and Adjutant and


**Whereas** he has held the offices of Division Commander, Vice Commander, and Adjutant, and

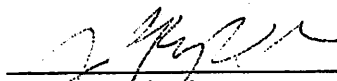
**Whereas** he has held the offices of Detachment Vice Commander, Historian, Chaired Boys' State, Josh Dog's, and VA&R, and *5 years NEC - 4 years Alternate NEC*

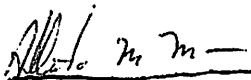
**Whereas** he is presently holds the office of 16<sup>th</sup> District Commander, and

**Whereas** he has served on numerous committee and commission assignments on all levels of the organization, therefore

**Be it Resolved** that Squadron # 36 meeting in regular session on January 08, 2025 does unanimously endorse David Blair for the office of National Executive Committeeman for the year 2025-2027.

  
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David Blair  
Commander, Sqdn. # 36

  
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James Kietzke  
Adjutant, Post # 36

  
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Albert Mora  
Post 36 Commander



**Resolution of Endorsement  
Sons of The American Legion  
Earl S. Bailey Squadron #430  
Odessa, Tx.**

**Whereas** it will be the duty of the Detachment Convention meeting in regular session in Austin, Texas to elect a Detachment Commander for the Year 2025-2026.

**Whereas** American Legion Earl S. Bailey Post, Squadron #430 has a member who more that meets all the qualifications of the office Detachment Commander. He is a 19-year consecutive member of the Sons of The American Legion whose devotion, hard work ethic, and commitment to the Sons of The American Legion is well documented: and

**Whereas** he is eligible though the service of his father, M.H. Dorsett, who served in the United States Army during World War II and

**Whereas** he has held the offices in Squadron #430 as Chaplain, Vice Commander, adjutant, and Commander and

**Whereas** he has held the office of the 16<sup>th</sup> District as Commander. and

**Whereas** he has held and continues to hold the office of 4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander and

**Whereas** he is presently holding the office of 4<sup>th</sup> Division Commander, Squadron Commander of Earl Bailey Post #430, and Squadron 430 Adjutant and

**Whereas** he has served on numerous committee and commission assignments on all levels of the organization, and

**Therefore, be it Resolved** that Squadron #430 in meeting in regular session on September 4, 2024, does unanimously endorse Ken Dorsett for the office of Detachment Commander for the year 2025-2026.



Tony Morgan  
Post Commander, #430



Preston Parrott  
Adjutant, Post # 430

**Resolution of Endorsement  
Sons of The American Legion  
Squadron 179  
New Braunfels, Texas**

**WHEREAS** it will be the duty of the Detachment Convention meeting in regular session in Austin, Texas to elect a Detachment National Executive Committeeman for the Years 2025-2027, and

**WHEREAS** Squadron 179 has a member who more than meets all of the qualifications of the office, and

**WHEREAS** he is eligible through the service of his father and mother who served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and his grandfather who served in World War II, and

**WHEREAS** he has held the offices of Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, and Chaplain at the Squadron level, and

**WHEREAS** he has held the offices of 14<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Vice Commander, Adjutant, Historian, and Chaplain at the Division level, and

**WHEREAS** he has held the offices of 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Commander, Adjutant, and Chaplain, and

**WHEREAS** he has held the offices of Commander of the Detachment of Texas and Detachment Historian, and

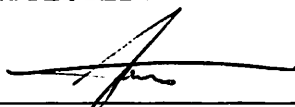
**WHEREAS** he is presently holding the offices of Squadron 179 Adjutant and Finance Officer, 14<sup>th</sup> District Adjutant and Chaplain, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Adjutant and Chaplain, and

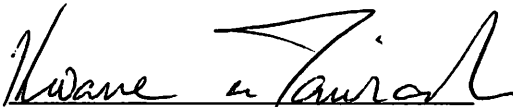
**WHEREAS** he has served and is serving on numerous committee and commission assignments on all levels of the organization, therefore

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Squadron 179, meeting in special session on January 2, 2025, does unanimously endorse Edgar "Eddy" Seegers, Jr. for the office of Detachment National Executive Committeeman for the years 2025-2027.

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ATTESTED:

  
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THOMAS KUZMANICH  
Commander, Squadron 179

  
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KWAME TAWIAH  
Adjutant, Post 179



**Sons of The American Legion  
Squadron 618  
Willis, Texas**

**Resolution of Endorsement  
Alternate national executive committeeman  
2025-2027**

**Whereas:** The Sons of American Legion, Detachment of Texas, it will be the duty of the Detachment of Texas, convention meeting in regular session, in Austin, Texas on 13 July 2025, to elect the office of **Alternate national executive committeeman** for the Year 2025-2027, And

**Whereas:** American Legion, C. M. Joslin Post, Squadron 618 has a member who more than meets all the qualifications of the office, of **Alternate national executive committeeman**. He is a 53-year consecutive PUFL Sons of American legion member whose devotion, hard work ethic, and commitment to the Sons American legion is well documented: and

**Whereas:** HE is eligible through his father, Guy A. Austin who served during WWII, Korean and Vietnam conflict Era, and

**Whereas:** He is currently holding the office of Detachment Judge advocate. He has held the offices of Squadron Commander, Squadron Vice Commander, Finance officer, during membership at John Quincy Adams Squadron 223. He has held the offices of District 11 Commander, District 11 Vice Commander, He has held the high offices of Detachment Commander, 1975 and 1981, Detachment Vice Commander, Detachment Finance Officer, and Division Commander. He also held the high office of Mid-South National Vice Commander 1976. and

**Whereas:** He is a dual member of the Legion family, where his entire family is active in the American Legion Post 618. has served on VR-A committee and commission assignments on all levels of the organization. and

**Therefore, Be It Resolved:** that we the members of Sons of the American Legion Squadron 618 meeting in regular session on membership meeting held on 14 January 2025 does unanimously endorse Rolf W. Austin for the office of **Alternate national executive committeeman** for the year 2025-2027.

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Jerry, Renard Sqdn Commander  
Squadron 618, Willis Texas

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ricky Brimbridge".

Post Commander, or Adjutant,  
Post 618, Willis Texas

**Resolution of Endorsement  
The American Legion  
H.U. Wood Post 245  
Seguin, Texas**

**WHEREAS**, it will be the duty of the Detachment Convention of the Sons of The American Legion meeting in regular session in Austin, Texas to elect a Detachment Chaplain for the years 2025-2026, and

**WHEREAS**, H.U. Wood Post 245 has a member who more than meets all qualifications of the office, and

**WHEREAS**, he is eligible through his 20-year service in the United States Army, and

**WHEREAS**, he is an ordained minister in the Christian church, and an active member of the Seguin Veterans Ministry, and

**WHEREAS**, he is an active member of the Alamo Corps of the International Fellowship of Chaplains,

**WHEREAS**, he has held the offices of Adjutant and Vice Commander at the post level, and

**WHEREAS**, he has also served as a chaplain at the post and district levels and is currently serving as Post Chaplain, and

**WHEREAS**, he has held the offices of Adjutant, Vice Commander and Commander at the Squadron level and is currently serving as Chaplain, Squadron 245, Detachment of Texas, Sons of The American Legion, and

**WHEREAS**, he has held the office of Detachment Chaplain, Detachment of Colorado, Sons of The American Legion for the years 2021-2023, therefore,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that H.U. Wood Post 245, Department of Texas, in regular meeting assembled in Seguin, Texas, January 2, 2025, does unanimously endorse Kenneth B. "Brad" Henderson for the high office of Detachment Chaplain, Detachment of Texas, Sons of The American Legion for the years 2025-2026.

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ATTESTED:

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RENO REILEY  
Adjutant

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FELISA RAMIREZ  
Commander

**Resolution of Endorsement**  
**Sons of The American Legion**  
**Squadron # 208**  
**KEARVILLE, TX**

**Whereas** it will be the duty of the Detachment Convention meeting in regular session in City of Austin Detachment Convention, Texas to elect a Detachment Parliamentarian for the 2025 -2026 years of office, and

**Whereas** Squadron # 208 has a member who more than meets all of the qualifications of the office, and

**Whereas** he is eligible through the, his grandfather Benjamin Martin a WW 2 US Navy Veteran.

**Whereas** he has held the offices of First Vice, Commander 8 times, and **Whereas** he has held the offices of District of 21st Vice Commander, and **Whereas** he has held the offices of Division of list all offices held at Division level, and

**Whereas** he has held the offices of Detachment of Texas, Chairman for CWF for 10 years and Credentials for 15 years, and

**Whereas** he is presently holding the office of Commander of ~~Squad~~ 208, and

**Whereas** he has served on numerous committee and commission assignments on all levels of the organization, therefore

**Be it Resolved** that Squadron #208 meeting in regular session on 1-18-25 does unanimously endorse Shannon Boyce for the office of Detachment Parliamentarian for the year 2025-2026.

Tracy Wood 208 Shannon Bayce 208 (commander's  
name) (adjutant name) Commander, Sqdn. # Adjutant, Post #