

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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Resolution No. 16: Change To The Sons Of The American Legion National Constitution

Origin: Internal Affairs Commission

Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, Resolution 15 of The American Legion, October 17-18, 1973, approved by the National Executive Committee provided for the responsibility and supervisory control of the Sons of The American Legion to the Internal Affairs Commission; and

WHEREAS, Any change to the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion requires approval of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of The American Legion has recommended by SAL Resolution that electing the National Chaplain of the Sons of The American Legion be changed to appointed; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 7 of the Sons of The American Legion National Constitution reads: All Past National Commanders of the Sons of The American Legion shall be delegates to the National Convention with vote to be exercised with their respective Detachments. The National Commander, National Vice Commanders, and National Chaplain of the Sons of The American Legion shall be delegates to the National Convention with vote to be exercised with their respective Detachments; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1 of the Sons of The American Legion National Constitution reads: The National Convention shall elect a National Commander, five (5) National Vice Commanders, who shall serve without seniority; and a National Chaplain. No person shall be eligible for re-election to the office of National Commander, National Vice Commander or National Chaplain. There shall be one Vice Commander from each of the following areas:

- A. East: Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, France, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia.
- B. South: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.
- C. Central: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- D. Midwest: Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming.
- E. West: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Philippines, Utah and Washington.

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 3 of the Sons of The American Legion National Constitution reads: The National Commander by and with the approval of the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion shall appoint a National Adjutant, Assistant National Adjutants, National Judge Advocate, National Historian, National Sergeant-at-Arms, and such Assistant National Sergeants-at-Arms as are deemed necessary and/or desirable. Such officers shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing power; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 1 of the Sons of The American Legion National Constitution reads: The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion shall meet at least twice each year. It shall meet immediately preceding the National Convention to establish the agenda for the National Convention, and immediately following the National Convention to approve the National Commander's appointments. Between National Conventions the administrative power shall be vested in the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion, the membership of which shall be composed of the National Commander, National Vice Commanders, National Chaplain, the immediate Past National Commander or Chairman and one (1) Alternate National Executive Committeeman from each Detachment, to be selected as such Detachments shall determine. The Alternate National Executive Committeeman may act only in the absence of the National Executive Committeeman from his Detachment. All Past National Workshop Chairmen and all Past National

Commanders shall be non-voting members of the National Executive Committee. Actions of the Sons of The American Legion shall be subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, In Article VII, Section 1, contains language that is no longer applicable and needs to be deleted as pertaining to Workshop Chairman; and

WHEREAS, The National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion assembled at the 39th National Convention of the SAL in Milwaukee, Wisconsin approved for the change of the National Chaplain position from elective to appointive by SAL Resolution, NC 4-10 during this National Convention; and

WHEREAS, The National Internal Affairs Commission of The American Legion has recommended approval of this resolution, October 2010; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meetings assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 13-14, 2010, That Article V, Section 7 of the Sons of The American Legion National Constitution be amended to read: All Past National Commanders of the Sons of The American Legion shall be delegates to the National Convention with vote to be exercised with their respective Detachments. The National Commander and National Vice Commanders of the Sons of The American Legion shall be delegates to the National Convention with vote to be exercised with their respective Detachments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the introductory paragraph of Article VI, Section 1 of the Sons of The American Legion National Constitution read:

The National Convention shall elect a National Commander, five (5) National Vice Commanders, who shall serve without seniority. No person shall be eligible for re-election to the office of National Commander and National Vice Commander. There shall be one Vice Commander from each of the following areas, (same as remainder of section 1 as stated in the present SAL National Constitution); and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Article VI, Section 3 of the Sons of The American Legion National Constitution read:

The National Commander by and with the approval of the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion shall appoint a National Adjutant, Assistant National Adjutants, National Judge Advocate, National Historian, National Chaplain, National Sergeant-at-Arms, and such Assistant National Sergeant-at-Arms as are deemed necessary and/or desirable. Such officers shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing power; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Article VII, Section 1 of the Sons of The American Legion National Constitution read:

The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion shall meet at least twice each year. It shall meet immediately preceding the National Convention to establish the agenda for that National Convention, and immediately following the National Convention to approve the National Commander's appointments. Between National Conventions the administrative power shall be vested in the National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion, the membership of which shall be composed of the National Commander, National Vice Commanders, the immediate Past National Commander, and one (1) National Executive Committeeman and one (1) Alternate National Executive Committeeman from each Detachment, to be selected as such Detachments shall determine. The Alternate National Executive Committeeman may act only in the absence of the National Executive Committeeman from his Detachment. All Past National Commanders shall be non-voting members, with voice, of the National Executive Committee. Actions of the Sons of The American Legion shall be subject to ratification by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That this constitutional change to the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion be effective starting at the convening of the 2011 National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion and The American Legion.