

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
April 30 – May 1, 1964**

Resolution No. 23: Change Closing Ceremonies of Regular Sons of The American Legion Meeting to Conform More Closely to The American Legion Closing Ceremony
Origin: Membership & Post Activities Committee
Submitted By: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The closing ceremony prescribed for Sons of The American Legion squadrons differs somewhat from the order of the closing ceremony of the parent organization, The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that wherever appropriate the ceremonies of the Sons of The American Legion should parallel those of The American Legion with such changes as may be necessary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 30-May 1, 1964, That the closing ceremonies of a regular Sons of The American Legion meeting shall be as follows:

Squadron Commander: “Is there any further business to come before the meeting? If not, the Squadron Chaplain will lead us in the closing prayer.”

The Commander shall give three raps of the gavel, and the membership shall arise, uncover, and stand in silence.

Squadron Chaplain: “Our dear Heavenly Father, may we become better Sons of The American Legion, as we learn and teach by words and deeds, the principles of justice, freedom, democracy and loyalty. Be with us until we meet again.”

Squadron Commander: “Until we meet again let us remember that our obligation to our country can only be fulfilled by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the community, state and nation be ever a main objective of the Sons of The American Legion. Let us ever be watchful of the honor of our country, The American Legion, our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of justice, freedom, loyalty and democracy.”

Squadron Commander: “The Color Bearers will retire the Flag of our country and the membership will stand to salute.”

As the Color Bearers retrieve the Colors of the Commander shall give the command:

Squadron Commander: “Hand salute” (Colors are retired), as the Color Bearers reach the rear of the meeting hall, the command “two” is given by the Commander.

Squadron Commander: “I now declare this meeting ofSquadron No....., The Sons of The American Legion, adjourned.”

The Commander gives one rap of the gavel.