# ARTICLE V DISCIPLINE OF SQUADRONS CANCELLATION AND SUSPENSION OF CHARTERS

SECTION 1: The Detachment Executive Committee may suspend, cancel, or revoke a Squadron Charter. The Action taken by the Detachment Executive Committee shall be final and conclusive unless an appeal is taken to the Department Executive Committee within thirty (30) days from the date of said suspension, cancellation or revocation. The action taken by the Department Executive Committee upon appeal shall be final.

SECTION 2: Any Squadron failing to meet the obligations imposed upon it by the Constitution and By-Laws or ceasing to function for six (6) months as a Sons of The American Legion Squadron, or voluntarily ceasing to function as a Squadron, or merging with one (1) or more other Squadrons, or refusing to pay the Detachment and National per capita dues, or under such other conditions as might make such action necessary shall, upon order of the Detachment Executive Committee, surrender its charter for cancellation. Upon failure to surrender such charter, immediate steps may be taken for its revocation, cancellation or suspension.

SECTION 3: Upon revocation, cancellation, or suspension of the charter of a Squadron, said Squadron shall immediately cease operations and shall turn over its charter to the Detachment Commander or the Detachment Executive Committee. The Post to which the Squadron is attached, authorized, empowered and directed by and through its duly authorized agent to take possession, custody and control of all records, property and assets of said Squadron; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as requiring any Post to which the Squadron is attached to take over or assume any financial responsibility for such property. The Detachment Executive Committee may provide for the transfer of the members of said Squadron to another Squadron of their choice, subject to the approval of such other Squadron.

SECTION 4: In taking action pursuant to this Article, the Squadron, Bodies and Officers of the Detachment shall be governed by the uniform code defining the procedure to be followed in the revocation, cancellation or suspension of Squadron charters and providing for a method of appeal having been adopted by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion.

#### ARTICLE VI DISCIPLINE OF SQUADRON MEMBERS

SECTION 1: Members may be suspended or expelled from the Sons of The American Legion only upon a proper showing of cause. Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty, or other conduct unbecoming a member of the Sons of The American Legion. All charges must be made under oath in writing by the accusers and no member in good standing shall lose his membership until given a fair trial in such manner and form as the Department By-Laws and the Department Executive Committee shall prescribe. This section shall govern procedure whenever charges are brought against any person at any time appearing upon the rolls

of a Squadron as a member upon the grounds of his ineligibility to membership either in the Squadron or in the Sons of The American Legion.

SECTION 2: A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by February 1st shall be classed as delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before April 1st, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after April 1st, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on December 31st of such year, his membership in the Sons of The American Legion shall be forfeited. A suspended member whose membership has been 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 the reinstatement occurs. However, the Squadron, Detachment or 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.

SECTION 3: Any member who has been suspended or expelled has the right of appeal to the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion in the manner prescribed by the said Committee. The decision of the Department shall be final.

# ARTICLE VII LIMITATION OF JURISDICTION OF SQUADRON MEMBERS, COUNTIES, DISTRICTS AND DETACHMENT

SECTION 1: No individual member of the Sons of The American Legion, unless specifically and previously authorized by the proper body, shall have the right to speak in the name of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Colorado or any Squadron of the Sons of The American Legion. His individual action is full and unhampered, being that of an American citizen.

SECTION 2: All matters of state, national, or international scope that appeal to the Sons of The American Legion, Squadron or Detachment, may be treated, discussed and acted upon by any unit of the Sons of The American Legion, provided, however, that such action shall be submitted for approval through the prescribed Sons of The American Legion and The American Legion channels to the body having jurisdiction thereof.

SECTION 3: A Squadron may discuss the action taken by the Detachment or National Organization and adopt a resolution protesting against any action taken by the Detachment or National Organization and request through channels that such action be reversed.

SECTION 4: The principles set forth in this Article shall be observed by all Sons of The American Legion, by all Squadrons, and by this Detachment. A violation of any of the provisions of this Article by a member of the Sons of The American Legion or by a Squadron shall be sufficient cause for investigation and disciplinary action by the Detachment Executive Committee and in the case of a Sons of The American Legion member by the Squadron of which he is a member.

## ARTICLE VIII REGULATIONS

SECTION 1: The Department Executive Committee of The American Legion is authorized to make and publish regulations for the organization, management and conduct of the Detachment and of Squadrons and all other organizations of the Detachment. Such regulations shall be consistent with the Department Constitution and By-Laws and shall be complied with by all concerned.

### ARTICLE IX RULES

SECTION 1: The procedure of the Detachment Convention, Mid-Year Conference and related meetings shall be governed by the Uniform Code of Procedure for the Organization of Detachment Conventions of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Colorado and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (most Current Edition).

SECTION 2: The Uniform Code of Procedure for the Organization of Detachment Conventions of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Colorado shall be maintained and revised by the Detachment Executive Committee with any revisions made available to the Squadrons at the first possible opportunity.

## ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: All amendments must conform to the requirements of Article IX of the Constitution, except for the provision requiring "a vote of two thirds" shall be changed to a majority vote of the total authorized representation.

### ARTICLE XI SAFETY CLAUSE

SECTION 1: If any section herein shall be determined, by proper authority, to be unconstitutional, such determination shall not be deemed to effect the validity of the remaining unaffected sections of these By-Laws.

# ARTICLE XII REPEAL AND SAVINGS CLAUSE

SECTION 1: These By-Laws were revised and adopted at the Detachment Convention held in Colorado Springs, Colorado held June 23-25, 2017. All previous By-laws are now therefore declared null and void. Signed by Detachment Adjutant Scott Garrett