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**CONSTITUTION
DETACHMENT OF COLORADO
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

PREAMBLE

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of All 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 All 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 Detachment of Colorado.

ARTICLE II
NATURE

SECTION 1: The Sons of The American Legion is a civilian organization. Membership therein does not affect nor increase liability for military or police service.

SECTION 2: The Sons of The American Legion 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 or group seeking public office or preferment.

SECTION 3: The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Colorado shall be absolutely non-sectarian.

SECTION 4: Each member shall perform his full duty as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding and in accordance with the law.

ARTICLE III 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, and December 7, 1941 to date 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 Legion.

SECTION 2: There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership.

SECTION 3: No person shall be a member of more than one Squadron at any one time.

SECTION 4: No person who has been expelled by a Squadron shall be admitted to membership in another Squadron without the consent of the expelling Squadron. When such consent has been asked for and denied by such Squadron, he may then appeal to the Detachment Executive Committee for permission to be admitted to membership in another Squadron and shall be ineligible for membership until such permission is granted.

ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1: The local unit of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Colorado is the Squadron and One (1) Post of The American Legion may sponsor no more the one (1) Squadron.

SECTION 2: The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Colorado shall establish intermediate bodies (District, County, Area, etc.) as may be necessary to fulfill the functions of the Sons of The American Legion.

SECTION 3: The minimum membership for the formation of a Squadron shall be ten (10) members.

SECTION 4: Those who desire to form a Squadron shall submit to the Detachment Executive Committee an application for a charter, properly executed by the proposed charter members. Upon receipt of such application, the Detachment Executive Committee will forward the application to The American Legion Department of Colorado Headquarters for approval and forward to The American Legion National Headquarters.

SECTION 5: The Detachment of Colorado will have jurisdiction over the Squadrons within the Detachments' geographical area, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by The American Legion Department of Colorado.

SECTION 6: The Sons of The American Legion Squadron shall be organized under the jurisdiction and sponsorship of a local Post of The American Legion and shall bear the name of such sponsoring Post.

ARTICLE V DETACHMENT OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The Detachment Convention shall elect a Detachment Commander, one Detachment Senior Vice Commander, two or more Junior Vice Commanders who will serve without seniority and at the discretion of the Detachment Commander shall be given a district north, south, east or west, a Detachment Chaplain, and a Detachment Sergeant-at Arms. The Detachment Convention shall also elect a National Executive Committeeman and an Alternate National Executive Committeeman.

SECTION 2: Such Officers shall serve until the adjournment of the succeeding Detachment Convention following their election or until their successors are chosen. Vacancies in these offices occurring between Detachment Conventions shall be filled by election by the Detachment Executive Committee. The term of the National Executive Committeeman and the Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall be for two years and will expire upon the conclusion of the National Convention following their two year term. If the position of the National Executive Committeeman should become vacant, the Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall become the National Executive Committeeman. The newly elected National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive Committee shall assume office at the post-National Convention National Executive Committee meeting following their election.

SECTION 3: No member may hold both a National Office and an elected Detachment Office at the same time.

SECTION 4: Any Detachment Sons of The American Legion elected officer (Article V, Section 1) may be removed from his office for cause. A vote to remove from office can only occur during a regular meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee. The proposed removal of the elected officer shall be included in the meeting's written notification. Any officer who is removed 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.

SECTION 5: The Detachment Commander will appoint, with the approval of the Detachment Executive Committee, a Detachment Adjutant, a Detachment Finance Officer, a Detachment Judge Advocate, a Detachment Historian, and any Assistant Adjutants and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms or other positions as may be necessary. Such officers and other positions will hold office at the pleasure of the Commander or Detachment Executive Committee. Any member so removed has the right of appeal at a regular Detachment Executive Committee meeting. The decision of the Detachment Executive Committee shall be final.