

# ORIGINAL

## Wilmington Veterans Squadron 49 #

Contained herein are the guidelines set forth by Post 49 for the Sons of American Legion Squadron. Hereafter, the Sons of American Legion shall be referred to as SAL.

1. The SAL shall consist of a Sr. and Jr. Level Squadron.  
Age Restrictions shall be as follows:
  - A. SAL Sr. Level - Minimum Age 21 Years
  - B. SAL Jr. Level – Below 21 Years
2. A committee of three Legion members and/or Post Commander shall monitor all activities of the SAL.
3. SAL meetings shall be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The post membership meeting room shall be made available for SAL meetings.
4. The SAL membership is responsible to the Wilmington Veterans Post #49, Inc.
5. All activities pertaining to the use of Post 49 facilities or a function representing Post 49 shall have prior approval of Post 49.
6. All functions of the SAL shall reflect sponsorship by the name of “SAL Squadron 49.”
7. SAL Senior Level members in good standing shall be granted Club Room privileges.
8. SAL Junior Level members in good standing shall be admitted to the Club Room under the following conditions:
  - A. Accompanied by parent or grandparent.
  - B. Signed in by a member of Post 49 or a member of Post 49 Ladies Auxiliary.
  - C. Signed in by a senior SAL member
9. Post 49 Club Room Rules shall apply to all SAL members.

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**WILMINGTON VETERANS POST #49  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**CONSTITUTION**

**AND**

**BY-LAWS**

**PREAMBLE**

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we, male descendants of veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, Grenada, Lebanon, Panama, and Operation Desert Shield, 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 the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principals 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 principals for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Sons of the American Legion, (SAL), Squadron #49 Department of Ohio.

**ARTICLE II - OBJECTS**

Section 1. The object and purpose of the SAL shall be to promote the principles and policies as set forth in the foregoing Preamble, and the National, Department and District Constitution of the American Legion.

**ARTICLE III - OBJECTS**

Section 1. The SAL is a civilian organization and membership therein does not affect liability for military or police service.

Rank does not exist in the SAL. No member shall be addressed by his military or naval title in any meeting of the SAL.

Section 2. While requiring that every member of the organization perform his full duty as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding, this organization shall be absolutely non-political and non-sectarian, and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles, nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

**ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Eligibility to membership in the SAL shall be prescribed by the National Constitution of the American Legion.

Section 2. There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership, and dues shall be paid annually.

Section 3. No person shall be a member of the SAL and at the same time be a member of another SAL.

Section 4. Application for membership shall be made in writing under such regulation as prescribed by the SAL Executive Committee.

Section 5. An applicant for membership in this SAL who has been suspended from another Post in the American Legion for misconduct or misrepresentation shall not be admitted into this SAL until a thorough investigation has been made by the SAL Commander and his finding presented at the next regular meeting.

Section 6. Any member of this SAL may be expelled in the manner provided in Article V of the By-Laws.

Section 7. A member who has been expelled from this SAL may be reinstated to active membership through good standing by a majority vote of the membership of the SAL. However, current dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs are to be paid.

#### ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1. The administrative officers of this SAL of The American Legion shall, except as may be otherwise provided by the By-Laws, be under the supervision of the SAL Organization Committee, which shall consist of three members.

Section 2. The officers of the SAL shall be: Commander, a First and Second Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Historian, and such other officers considered to be necessary.

Section 3. Election of officers and the Executive Committee shall occur the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of April by secret vote. All officers of this SAL shall be installed by the end of June.

Section 4. Every member of this SAL in good standing shall be eligible to hold office, as long as they meet bonding requirements, if necessary.

Section 5. The Executive Committee will consist of all officers designated in Section 2 in addition to the predecessor commander.

#### ARTICLE VI - FINANCE

Section 1. The revenue of this SAL shall be derived from the membership or initiation fees, annual dues, and such other sources as may be approved by the SAL Executive Committee.

Section 2. The amount of membership for such annual SAL dues shall be percapita rounded up to the next whole dollar + \$20.00. Dual and Junior members will be percapita rounded up to the next whole dollar. Dues are payable on or after July 1 for the succeeding calendar year.

## ARTICLE VII - CHARTER MEMBERS

Section 1. Members who joined this SAL by the last day of September 1999 shall be known as Charter Members of the first SAL sponsored by the Wilmington Veterans Post #49, Inc.

## ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution is adopted subject to the provisions of the National Constitution of The American Legion, and the Department of Ohio. Any amendment to said National or Department Constitution which may conflict with any provision herein shall be deemed as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of this Constitution to the extent of any conflict.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the SAL members present, after being read at a regular meeting and written notification to the members, two (2) weeks prior to the voting.

Section 3. Seven members with a minimum of three (3) officers shall constitute a quorum. This number must be present before any business can be legally transacted.

## ARTICLE IX - NOTICES

Section 1. Every member shall furnish the Adjutant with his correct address and telephone number for mailing purposes.

Section 2. The Adjutant shall give notice and organize the annual election of officers, to be given fourteen (14) days after the April meeting.

## ARTICLE X - RATIFICATION

Section 1. This Constitution and all amendments or additions thereto shall not be effective unless approved at a regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present; pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the foregoing constitution.

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I – NAME AND OBJECT**

Section 1. The SAL existing under these By-Laws shall be known as Sons of the American Legion (SAL), Squadron #49 Department of Ohio.

Section 2. The object of this SAL is set forth in the Constitution.

**ARTICLE II – MANAGEMENT**

Section 1. The SAL officers shall consist of the Commander, First Vice-Commander, Second Vice-Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Historian.

Section 2. The government and management of this SAL shall be entrusted to a committee known as the “Executive Committee.”

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall consist of those officers listed in Section 1 in addition to the predecessor Commander.

Section 4. A committee for the nomination of officers will be appointed by the Executive Committee (at least 4 members will form the committee), and this will take place at the regular SAL meeting in the month of February. The results will be reported at the regular meeting in March. It is to be understood that the membership will always be allowed to nominate from the floor. The election of all officers and committeemen shall be conducted at the regular meeting of the SAL in the month of April. The installation of elected officers and committeemen shall be held by the end of June.

Section 5. All vacancies in the Executive Committee or in any office of the SAL for any cause other than the expiration of the term of office shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee. A person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term.

Section 6. The resignation of a SAL officer or Executive Committee member shall be communicated in one of three ways: (1) written notice presented to the Commander, (2) verbal resignation to the members in a regular meeting, or (3) the absence from an elected office or position for three (3) consecutive meetings without prior notification and approval by the members, Executive Committee or the Commander.

Section 7. The membership of the SAL shall be informed of the date, time and place of election at the regular meeting in March.

### ARTICLE III – SAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The SAL Executive Committee shall meet for organization and such other business as may come before it, at the call of the Commander, within thirty (30) days after installation of new officers. Thereafter, the Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Commander as often as may be deemed necessary, but not less than one meeting shall be held in each quarter, The Commander shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee upon the written request of two (2) or more members of the Executive Committee. Five (5) members shall be present to constitute a quorum.

### ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF POST OFFICERS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Commander to be present at all meetings, to have general supervision over the business and other affairs of the SAL, and shall use full authority to ensure harmony is preserved. He shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the SAL. He shall approve all orders directing the disbursement of funds; make an annual report covering the business for the year of his office and make recommendations for the ensuing year. The Commander shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the SAL or the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Within thirty (30) days after installation of officers, the Commander shall appoint standing committees of the SAL. Within thirty (30) days after the installation of officers, the Commander shall call for an inside audit of squadron funds.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the First Vice-Commander to be primarily concerned with the SAL membership. He will be responsible for collecting all dues and turning all collected monies over to the Finance Officer. He will issue all membership cards and keep all required records. He shall in the absence of the Commander perform the duties of the Commander and any other duties as ordered by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Second Vice-Commander to be primarily concerned with all entertainment activities of the SAL. He will be permitted to appoint two (2) other members to form the entertainment committee. He shall perform the duties of the Commander in the event of the absence of both the Commander and First Vice-Commander and will be required to perform any other duties as ordered by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Adjutant shall have charge of and keep a full and complete record of all SAL meetings; he shall read the minutes of the previous SAL meeting and the previous Executive Committee meeting at all SAL meetings. The Adjutant, under the direction of the Commander, shall handle all correspondence of this SAL and will be required to perform any other duties as ordered by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Finance Officer shall be the custodian of the funds of the SAL. In the event of the Finance Officer being unavailable because of extended illness or vacation, the Commander and First Vice-Commander can operate as the Finance Officer. If it is determined the Finance Officer will not be able to return to his duties, the Executive Committee, in accordance with Article II, Section 5 of the SAL By-Laws, shall act. The Finance Officer, Commander, and First Vice-Commander will be bonded as required by Department and National regulations. The SAL Finance Officer shall perform such other duties as are usual and customary to the office.

Section 7. The Chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the SAL comrades and shall offer divine but non-sectarian service in the event of dedications, funerals, public functions, etc., adhering to such ceremonial rituals as recommended by the National or Department Headquarters.

Section 8. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve order at all meetings and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Executive Committee. The primary responsibility controlling all members entering/exiting throughout each SAL meeting.

Section 9. The Historian shall collect from year to year all records and data of value and interest to the SAL and shall compile during his term of office a complete history of the year's activities.

#### ARTICLE V – DISCIPLINE OF SAL MEMBERS

Section 1. Members of this SAL may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the SAL. Officers may be reprimanded, removed from office, suspended or expelled from membership only upon proper showing of cause. Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duties, dishonesty, and conduct unbecoming a member or officer of the SAL. All rules presently in place to affect disciplinary measures will be honored by the SAL.

Section 2. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by December 31 shall be classified as delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before June 30, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after June 30, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension, his membership in the SAL shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by majority vote of the SAL and payment of current dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs.

Section 3. Rules on Club Room Activities: All Club Room Rules and Activities will be adhered to by all members of the SAL set forth by Wilmington Veterans Post No. 49, Inc

#### **ARTICLE VI – POST PROPERTY AND BOOKS**

Section 1. All SAL property, books, minutes, cancelled checks, bank books, excepting money, shall be turned over to the Commander seven (7) days after The installation of officers, who in turn shall examine them and turn them over to the new officers.

#### **ARTICLE VII - FUNDS**

Section 1. All SAL officials handling any SAL or American Legion monies shall be properly bonded with an established bonding and surety company. The bond shall be provided at the expense of the Post, and such bond shall be approved by the Post Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS**

Section 1. The regular meetings of this SAL shall be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. More meetings may be held as the SAL desires or its business requires. Regular meetings may be advanced or set back by a majority of the SAL Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Commander or a majority of the Executive Committee shall have the power to call a special meeting of the SAL at any time.

#### **ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS**

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended in the manner provided for and contained in Article VIII, Section 2, of the foregoing Constitution.

**WILMINGTON VETERANS POST NO. 49  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

Dave Yarger, Chairman

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David Rupp

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Jack Rose, Advisor

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12/03/02

Resolution passed on the floor by the membership on 7/07/09 ( By-Laws Article VIII Meetings ) New time 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.