



**CONSTITUTION of SQUADRON 119,
ATTACHED TO ESTES PARK POST No. 119
DEPARTMENT of COLORADO**

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 Squadron, attached to Estes Park Post No. 119, Department of Colorado.

ARTICLE II

NATURE

SECTION 1. The Sons of the American Legion Squadron, attached to Estes Park Post No. 119 Department of Colorado, is a civilian organization. Membership therein does not affect nor increase liability for military or police service.

SECTION 2. The Squadron 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 seeking public office or preferment.

SECTION 3. The squadron shall be absolutely non-sectarian.

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

ARTICLE III

ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. This Squadron is organized as a subordinate body of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Colorado, and under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of Estes Park Post No. 119, Department of Colorado, The American Legion.

SECTION 2. This Squadron shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee of the American Legion, by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Detachment Headquarters, approved by the Department Executive Committee of the American Legion, and by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by its sponsoring post of the American Legion, not inconsistent with those prescribed by the national organization.

ARTICLE IV

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, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War, the Global War on Terrorism, during the delimiting periods 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 V

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Squadron officers shall be a Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain, and Historian, all of whom shall be elected at the Squadron's annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. Between Squadron meetings, the administrative power of the Squadron shall be vested in the Squadron Executive Committee, which shall consist of all elective officers for the current year and the immediate Past Commander.

SECTION 2. All Past Squadron Commanders shall be members of the Squadron Executive Committee and may voice advice/input but hold no vote.

ARTICLE VII

DUES

SECTION 1. The annual membership dues of this Squadron shall be \$40, membership renewals are encouraged to be made in person at the American Legion Post 119. The Legion year starts July 1st and goes through June 30th of the following year. You are encouraged to renew your membership early in the year as membership expires December 31st.

ARTICLE VIII
AMMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. This Constitution is adopted, subject to the provision of the National Constitution and the Detachment Constitution of which this Squadron is a subordinate member Any amendment to the National or Detachment Constitutions which is in conflict with any provision hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of this Constitution, to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 2. This Constitution may be amended at any regular Squadron meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members in attendance; provided, that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing, and read at the immediate preceding Squadron meeting, and provided further, that written notice shall have been given to all members at least five days in advance of the date which such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members at such meeting a proposal to amend the Constitution is to be voted upon.

NOTE: Only members in good standing will be privileged to participate in the business of a meeting, vote or hold office.

ARTICLE IX
SAFETY CLAUSE

SECTION 1: If any section herein shall be determined, by proper authority, to be unconstitutional, such determination shall not be deemed to affect the validity of the remainder of the affected section of this Constitution.

BYLAWS of SQUADRON 119,
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ARTICLE I
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Applications for membership shall be made in writing on blanks prescribed therefore by the national organization.

SECTION 2. All applications for membership shall be acted upon at the next meeting of the Executive Committee following the making of such application. The Executive Committee shall present such application to the Squadron at its next regular meeting with its recommendation for acceptance or rejection. If three or more Squadron members cast their vote against the acceptance of such applicant, then such applicant shall be recorded as rejected.

ARTICLE II

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. At the first regular meeting in March the Commander shall appoint a nominating committee of three members who will, acting together with and under the advice of the Executive Committee of the Post, present to the second regular meeting in April a list of one or more candidates for each office required to be elected under the Constitution of this Squadron.

SECTION 2. At the conclusion of the report of the nominating committee and the Squadron monthly meeting of April, any Squadron member may present the name of any other Squadron member for nomination to any office for which such Squadron member is not nominated by the nominating committee. Upon said nomination being seconded, the same shall be considered as though contained in the report of the nominating committee after said report has been accepted and adopted by the Squadron.

SECTION 3. Those nominated will be voted on in the month of May and the newly elected officers shall be sworn in at the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 119 monthly meeting held in June.

SECTION 4. The newly elected officers and members of the Executive Committee shall take office at the next regular meeting, in July, at which time they shall be installed by proper authority.

SECTION 5. Terms for elected officers shall be one year. Once a Commander has completed his term he may attend all meeting to include executive meetings as a Past Commander and may voice assistance/advice but has no vote.

SECTION 6. Those officers that are listed as 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain, and Historian may hold any elected seat in the following year.

SECTION 7. Newly elected officers that hold the positions of both Adjutant and Finance Officer shall respectively hold a term of two (2) years to conduct a right-seat-ride introduction to their new position to secure an efficient transfer of knowledge of works. Therefore Adjutants, newly elected and previous, will ensure smooth transition to understanding membership. While Finance

Officers, both newly elected and previous, will ensure a complete understanding of the SAL bank account and all finances.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES of OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Commander: The Commander, who corresponds to the Commander of Squadron 119, shall be the executive head of this Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion, with full power to enforce the provisions of the local Constitution and Bylaws and the policies and mandates of the National and of the Department Committees of the Sons of The American Legion and of the Executive Committee of the Squadron.

SECTION 2. First Vice Commander: The First Vice Commander, who corresponds to the First Vice Commander of Squadron 119, shall act as representative of the Commander on all matters referred to him and shall specifically oversee membership. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

SECTION 3. Second Vice Commander: The Second Vice Commander, who corresponds to a Second Vice Commander of Squadron 119, shall likewise act as representative of the Commander, and he shall specifically be in charge of Squadron activities. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

SECTION 4. Adjutant: The Adjutant, who corresponds to the Secretary of an organization, shall be charged with the administrative duties required in carrying out the policies and mandates of the National and Department Committees of the Sons of The American Legion and of the Executive Committee of this Squadron.

SECTION 5. Finance Officer: The Finance Officer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Squadron. He shall be charged with receiving and disbursing the funds of the Squadron and shall make reports upon the condition of the Squadron treasury when called for by the Commander or Executive Committee; provided, however, that all disbursement shall first be approved by the Post committee heretofore referred to in Section 4, Article I, of the National Bylaws. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office

SECTION 6. Sergeant-at-Arms: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be charged with the responsibility of preserving order at all Squadron meetings and he shall be given the custody of the Squadron colors. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

SECTION 7. Chaplain: The Chaplain shall perform such divine and non-sectarian service as may be necessary, adhering to such ceremonial rituals as may be prescribed by the National Membership and Post Activities Committee of The American Legion.

SECTION 8. Historian: The Historian shall collect from year to year all records and data of value and interest to the Sons of The American Legion and The American Legion, and shall compile during his term of office a complete history of the year's activities.

ARTICLE IV

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of all eight members as listed under ARTICLE III.

SECTION 2. The Squadron Executive Committee shall fill any vacancy in the membership of the committee occurring between annual Squadron meetings for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION 3 – Decisions of the Executive Committee will be determined by vote with a simple majority vote being the deciding vote. In the event of a tie vote, the Commander may bring the item to the Post for consideration.

SECTION 4. Any officer or executive committeeman may be removed for inefficiency by the Executive Committee, a two-thirds vote of said committee being necessary to effect such removal. An officer or executive committeeman who absents himself for three or more consecutive Squadron or Executive Committee meetings can, on due investigation, by the Executive Committee, be held to be sufficient proof of inefficiency, warranting such removal.

ARTICLE V

POST SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. The jurisdiction of Estes Park Post No 119, Department of Colorado, The American Legion, over this Squadron shall be exercised through a committee of three or more members of said Post appointed annually by the Post Executive Committee on nomination of the Post Commander.

ARTICLE VI

STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Upon nomination of the Squadron Commander, the Executive Committee shall annually appoint such standing committees as it shall deem advisable for the benefit of the membership of the Squadron as a whole.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of this Squadron shall be held on the first regular meeting day of June in each calendar year of said date.

SECTION 2. The regular stated meeting of this Squadron shall be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each and every month.

SECTION 3. Special meetings shall be called upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee or upon the written request of five (5) Squadron members.

SECTION 4. Every member shall furnish to the Adjutant his address, to which all notices and documents may be sent, and the same shall be held to have been duly sent to or served upon a member if mailed to such address so furnished. In default of an address having been furnished by a Squadron member, any notice or documents will be held to have been duly served upon such member five days after the same shall have been deposited in the local post office addressed to such member at such post office address.

SECTION 5. Notice of all special meetings of the Squadron shall be mailed to each Squadron member 24 hours before the holding of such meeting and at least 6 hours in advance of the holding of the annual meeting.

SECTION 6. The notice of special meetings shall state the object and purpose thereof, and no business shall be transacted at such special meeting except for such business as is contained in the notice thereof.

SECTION 7. The Executive Committee shall meet for organization and such business as may come before it within 10 days after the annual election on the call of the Commander. Thereafter the Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Commander at least every three months and as often as said Commander may deem necessary. The Commander shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee upon the written request of five members of the committee.

ARTICLE VIII

QUORUM

SECTION 1. Two members, besides a qualified presiding officer, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Squadron.

SECTION 2. When dealing with business it requires a majority vote; if not met the discussion will adjourn, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. (Ref. RRO 44:1)

SECTION 3. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the legal transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX

FINANCES

SECTION 1. All funds of this Squadron shall be deposited in a bank by the Finance Officer. Withdrawals shall only be made upon draft or check signed by the Finance Officer and one other designated signee. All checks will be signed by two designated Executive Committee members.

SECTION 2. All Squadron and Post officials handling Squadron moneys shall be properly bonded with a good and solvent bonding and surety company, as surety, to cover double the average amount of moneys handled in a single year.

ARTICLE X

RULES OF ORDER

SECTION I. The procedure at all squadron meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order (most Current Edition).

ARTICLE XI

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 Squadron By-Laws and the Squadron 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 Squadron Executive Committee of The American Legion in the manner prescribed by the said Committee. The decision of the Squadron shall be final.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. These bylaws are adopted, subject to the provisions of the National Bylaws and the Detachment Bylaws, of which this Squadron is a subordinate member. Any amendment to the National or Detachment Bylaws which is in conflict with any provision hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of these Bylaws to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 2. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular Squadron meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members attending such regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the immediate preceding Squadron meeting, and provided further, that written notice shall have been given to all members at least five days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that at such meeting a proposal to amend the Bylaws is to be voted upon.

MANNING, SCOTT

COMMANDER, SQUADRON 119

DATE

CHRASTIL, LAMBERT

1ST VICE COMMANDER, SQUADRON 119

DATE

STAUDTE, MICHAEL

2ND VICE COMMANDER, SQUADRON 119

DATE

GEOFFIRON, JASON

FINANCE OFFICER, SQUADRON 119

DATE