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Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of Arizona  
4701 North 19th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85015

**American Legion Department of Arizona**  
**SAL Department Liaison Headen**  
**4701 North 19th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85015**

06/23/2024

RE: Detachment Convention 2024


Liaison Headen,

I have the distinct honor to forward to you the packet from The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Convention 2024 containing the following in triplicate:

1. The slate of officers elected by the SONS Detachment of Arizona for consideration by the AZ DEC for approval (also containing, if previously mentioned is approved, the officers and committeemen selected so far by Commander Elect Bryant for appointment).
2. Resolutions passed by the Detachment 2024 for approval by the AZ DEC.
  - a. Resolution 2024-1; (Passed at Detachment Camp-out) New Detachment Finance Procedures on Detachment budget acquisitions/passage as requested by Department.

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- b. Resolution 2024-2; (Passed at Detachment Camp-out) Ex-officio voting status re; Detachment Finance Officer and Detachment Adjutant.
- c. Resolution 2024-3; (Passed at Detachment Camp-out) Standing Rules change re; Detachment PDCs list removal.
- d. Resolution 2024-4; (Passed at Detachment Camp-out) Standing Rules addition re; Detachment PDCs life per capita payments.
- e. Resolution 2024-5; (Passed at Detachment Camp-out) Standing Rules change re; Detachment PMP program.
- f. Resolution 2024-6; (Passed at Detachment Convention 2024) Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona re; striking Judge Advocate replacing with Parliamentarian, Use of Department Judge Advocate Corps.
- g. Resolution 2024-7; (Passed at Detachment Convention 2024) Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona re; Detachment Membership Director.
- h. Resolution 2024-8; (Passed at Detachment Convention 2024) Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona re; Detachment areas and Districts following Department guidelines.
- i. Resolution 2024-9; (Passed at Detachment Convention 2024) Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona re; adoption of per capita (voting fees) for Squadrons over 1000 members.
- j. Motion passed from the floor of 2024 Detachment Convention re; Change in Detachment NEC and Detachment Alt NEC terms from one (1) to two (2) years and appointment to fill vacant NEC or Alt NEC positions for remainder of term or thereof by Detachment Commander.

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- k. \$5000.00 Detachment Donation to Campaign of Matt Shuman for National Commander for use in Campaign for state works (Travel Expenses, etc.).
3. Detachment Budget passed for 2024-2025 year.
4. Detachment Reimbursement and Finance Procedures as approved by Department Finance Committee.
5. Detachment attendance at 2024 Convention is 161 (as reported by Oro valley Post).
6. Donation list and amounts raised by the Detachment at Convention 2024.
  - a. Boys State - \$4817.00
  - b. ALLECA - \$4400.00
  - c. Fisher house/CHAMP - \$3317.00
  - d. CWF - \$3520.00
  - e. Endowment - \$1117.00
  - f. NEF - \$1500.00
  - g. Legacy - \$1500.00
  - h. Armbruster (PDC) fund - \$1713.00

Total Donations State Convention = \$21,884.00

7. Updated Detachment Constitution, Detachment ByLaws, and Detachment Standing Rules. Updated to all resolutions and motions passed by Detachment and approved by Department over last few years (including above listed from Detachment Camp Out). Ten (10) copies original to be signed.

The Detachment of Arizona respectfully requests the American Legion Department of Arizona Executive Committee's review of the above matters as per policies set forth by Department.





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Resolution # 2024-1

Origin: Detachment Executive Committee

Submitted by: Detachment Judge Advocate PNC Jeff Frain Squadron 27

WHEREAS, The Detachment of Arizona, Sons of The American Legion is structurally modeled after The American Legion Department of Arizona with regards to operational functionality, where possible; and

WHEREAS, The Detachment of Arizona, Sons of The American Legion operates as a program and subsidiary of the Corporation: The American Legion Department of Arizona, Inc. and follows their corporate guidelines; and

WHEREAS, The Corporation: The American Legion Department of Arizona, Inc. has requested the following changes to abide by their financial and accounting procedures; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Arizona, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, that the constitution of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Article 10 Section 4 be stricken as current and replaced with the following:

“Article 10 - Section 4

The annual Detachment budget for the following fiscal year is prepared by the Detachment Finance Officer and the Detachment Adjutant and submitted to the Detachment Finance Committee. A Detachment Finance Committee meeting on the budget is to occur no less than two weeks before Detachment State Convention.

The Detachment Finance Committee is responsible for deliberation and approval of the submitted budget proposal. If the budget proposal is rejected it is sent back to the Finance officer and Adjutant for revisions and resubmittal to the Finance Committee.

After approval by the Detachment Finance Committee the budget will be presented before the Department Finance Committee at State Convention by the Detachment Finance Officer and/or the Detachment Adjutant for Department Finance Committee review before being submitted to the Detachment Executive Committee.

The Detachment Executive Committee is responsible for deliberation and final budget approval (pending final approval of the Legion DEC).

The Finance Committee will meet in advance of the Detachment Executive Committee meetings of Detachment State Convention, Detachment Fall Conference and Detachment Camp Out to review report by the Detachment Finance Officer and/or the Detachment Adjutant (report as approved by the Department Adjutant Corps and/or the Department Finance Committee and/or the Department Finance Committee Chairman) and forward report to the Detachment Executive Committee on current financial state of the Detachment.

An annual report on Detachment Finances (report as approved by the Department Adjutant Corps and/or the Department Finance Committee and/or the Department Finance Committee Chairman) shall

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be given to the body at Detachment State Convention by the Detachment Finance Officer and/or the Detachment Adjutant.

Special Finance Committee meetings may be called by the Detachment Commander, the Detachment Adjutant, the Detachment Finance Officer or the Detachment Finance Committee Chairman as needed. The Department Adjutant Corps and/or the Department Finance Committee Chairman also may call a Detachment Finance Committee meeting to relay Department request to Detachment."

Also be it resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Arizona, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, that the Bylaws of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Article 6 Section 1 be stricken as current and replaced with the following:

"Article 6 - Section 1

All non-budgeted Detachment expenses or Detachment line-item budget overrides of \$750.00 or under may be approved by the Detachment Finance Officer and/or the Detachment Adjutant. All non-budgeted Detachment expenses or Detachment line-item budget overrides over \$750.00 but under \$1250.00 must be approved by the Detachment Finance Committee in meeting, by a majority roll call vote of all Detachment Finance Committee members in attendance. All non-budgeted Detachment expenses or Detachment line-item budget overrides in excess of \$1250.00 must be approved by the Detachment Finance Committee in meeting, by a majority roll call vote of all Detachment Finance Committee members in attendance and forwarded to the Detachment Executive Committee for meeting and then requires approval by a majority roll call vote of all Detachment Executive Committee members in attendance (if situation warrants, Detachment non-budgeted expenses or line-item budget overrides may also be approved by the Department Adjutant Corps and/or the Department Finance Committee and/or the Department Finance Committee Chairman). Such overrides shall be reported by the Detachment Finance Officer and/or the Detachment Adjutant to the Department Finance Committee at next meeting of said Committee (Fall conference, Detachment Campout or State Convention)."

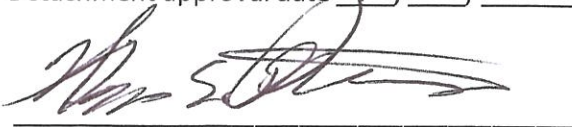
Above changes take effect immediately upon passage, pending review and approval of the Department Executive Committee.

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Membership vote on Resolution  Pass  Fail

Detachment approval date 4, 20, 2024

  
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Detachment Commander Chris Balsley

  
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Detachment Adjutant Dennis Pittman

Department approval date 6, 23, 24

Department Executive Committee signer: \_\_\_\_\_



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Resolution # 2024-2

Origin: Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Adjutant Dennis Pittman

Submitted by: Detachment Judge Advocate PNC Jeff Frain Squadron 27

WHEREAS, The Detachment of Arizona, Sons of The American Legion changed the terms of both the Detachment Adjutant and the Detachment Finance officer for continuity of the operations of the Detachment and they are "Ex-Officio" to all committees "without vote"; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona with regards to operational functionality to have learned officers in certain voting positions on committees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Arizona, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, that the By Laws of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona concerning the Finance Officer be changed from reading, (Article 1 - Section 4) "without vote", replaced with "without vote except as being named having vote in the Constitution, By Laws or Standing Rules, or as named by the Detachment Commander to special and/or ad hoc committees".

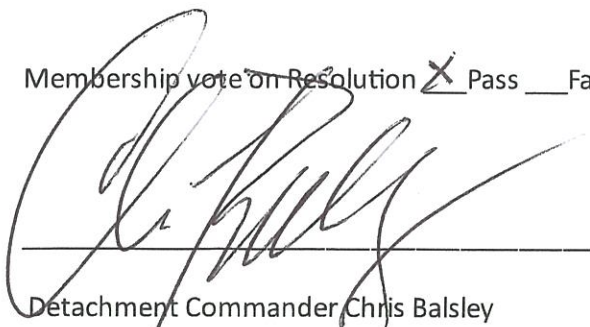
Let it also be,

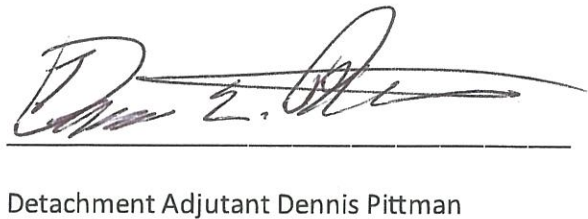
Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Arizona, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, that the By Laws of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona concerning the Adjutant be changed from reading, (Article 1 - Section 3) "without vote", replaced with "without vote except as being named having vote in the Constitution, By Laws or Standing Rules, or as named by the Detachment Commander to special and/or ad hoc committees".

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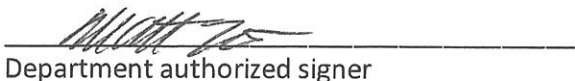
Membership vote on Resolution  Pass \_\_\_ Fail

Detachment approval date 4, 20, 2024

  
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Detachment Commander Chris Balsley

  
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Detachment Adjutant Dennis Pittman

Department approval date 6, 23, 24

  
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Department authorized signer

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Resolution # 2024-3

Origin: Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Adjutant Dennis Pittman

Submitted by: Detachment Judge Advocate PNC Jeff Frain Squadron 27

WHEREAS, The Detachment of Arizona, Sons of The American Legion is structurally modeled with regards to operational functionality having the Detachment Standing Rules being subservient to the Detachment Constitution and By Laws; and

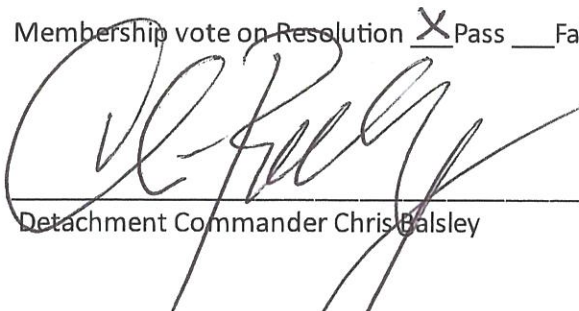
WHEREAS, The Detachment of Arizona, Sons of The American Legion Standing Rules Section 3 are in conflict with The Detachment of Arizona, Sons of The American Legion Constitution Article 4, Section 5; now, therefore, be it

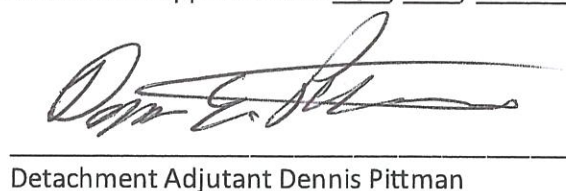
Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Arizona, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, that the Standing Rules Section 3 of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona be stricken.

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Membership vote on Resolution  Pass \_\_\_ Fail

Detachment approval date 4, 20, 2024

  
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Detachment Commander Chris Balsley

  
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Detachment Adjutant Dennis Pittman

Department approval date 6, 23, 24

  
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Department authorized signer



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Resolution # 2024-4

Origin: Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Adjutant

Submitted by: Detachment Adjutant Dennis Pittman Squadron 140

WHEREAS, The Detachment of Arizona, Sons of The American Legion was established to promote the programs and ideals of The American Legion and The Sons of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The office and position of Detachment of Arizona, Sons of The American Legion Commander requires not only a one year commitment to the office, but a lifelong dedication to the Detachment of Arizona and its ideals; now, therefore, be it

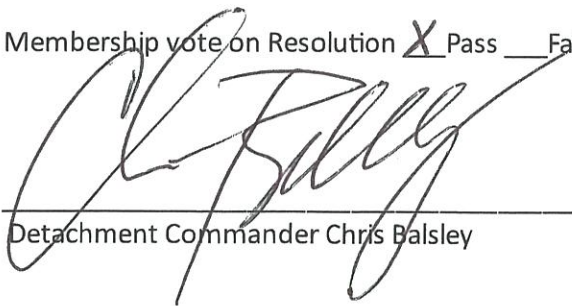
Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Arizona, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to establish in the Standing Rules – “After election and completed honorable service in the role of Detachment Commander. Past Detachment Commanders who retain membership in good standing in the Detachment of Arizona shall be intitled to have their annual per capita dues paid at Detachment and National level for life.”

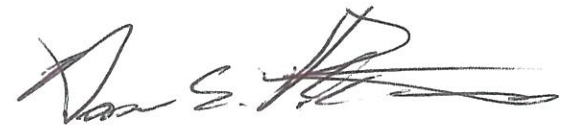
The above standing rule shall be to include to existing PDCs with current membership in the Detachment of Arizona.

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Membership vote on Resolution  Pass  Fail

Detachment approval date 4, 20, 2024

  
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Detachment Commander Chris Balsley

  
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Detachment Adjutant Dennis Pittman

Department approval date 6, 23, 24

  
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Resolution # 2024-5

Origin: Detachment PMP Committee

Submitted by: PMP Committee Chairman Mike Bryant Squadron 86

WHEREAS, The Detachment of Arizona, Sons of The American Legion staff has identified issues with the current PMP plan in existence; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona with regards to operational functionality to have a functionable PMP plan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Arizona, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, that the PMP plan be on hold for modernization and functionality by the PMP Committee pending approval by the body of a modernized plan.

Let it also be,

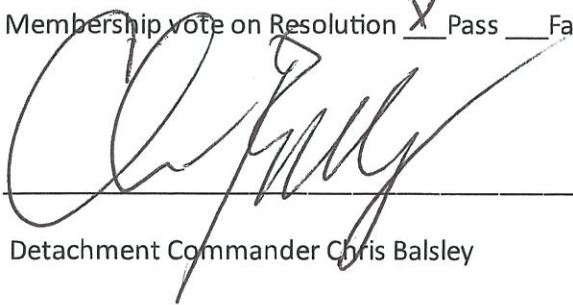
Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Arizona, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, that the By Laws of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona concerning the PMP have stricken the following;

"Standing Rule 2, Section 4. Standing Rule 2, Section 7. Standing Rule 2, Section 11."

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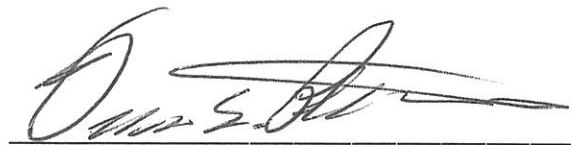
Membership vote on Resolution  Pass  Fail

Detachment approval date 4, 20, 2024



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Detachment Commander Chris Balsley



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Detachment Adjutant Dennis Pittman

Department approval date 6, 23, 24



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Resolution # 2024-6

Origin: Squadron 140 member Dennis Pittman/Squadron 86 member Mike Bryant

Submitted by: Detachment Membership Chairman Mike Bryant

WHEREAS, The Detachment of Arizona, Sons of The American Legion staff is modeled after the Sons of The American Legion National Organization; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona with regards to operational functionality to follow the precedents set by the National organization; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at the El Conquistador hotel, Tucson Arizona, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, that the officer title of "Judge Advocate" be stricken from use in the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona officer descriptions in the Constitution, By Laws and Standing Rules and replaced with the officer title of "Parliamentarian".

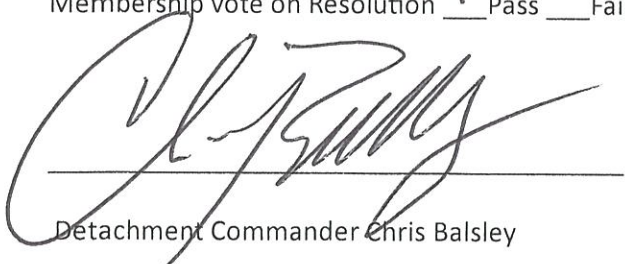
Let it also be,

Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at the El Conquistador hotel, Tucson Arizona, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, that in the practice of handling "Detachment Disciplinary Matters" that are not set out by the Detachment Constitution, By Laws, Standing Rules, or Roberts Rules of Order latest edition, the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona shall seek guidance from the 'Judge Advocate Corps' of The American Legion Department of Arizona.

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Membership vote on Resolution  Pass  Fail

Detachment approval date 6, 22, 24

  
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Detachment Commander Chris Balsley

  
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Detachment Adjutant Dennis Pittman

Department approval date 6, 23, 24

  
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Resolution # 2024-7

Origin: Squadron 140 member Dennis Pittman/Squadron 86 member Mike Bryant

Submitted by: Detachment Membership Chairman Mike Bryant

WHEREAS, The Detachment of Arizona, Sons of The American Legion staff is modeled after The American Legion Department of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona with regards to operational functionality to follow the precedents set by The American Legion Department of Arizona; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at the El Conquistador hotel, Tucson Arizona, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, that the Committee Chairman title of "Detachment Membership Committee Chairman" be stricken from use in the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona descriptions in the Constitution, By Laws and Standing Rules and replaced by creation of the 'Detachment Officer position' and with the officer title of "Detachment Membership Director".

Let it also be,

Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at the El Conquistador hotel, Tucson Arizona, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, that the Constitution of the Detachment of Arizona have added to article III section 2 roll call, the "Membership Director".

Let it also be,

Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at the El Conquistador hotel, Tucson Arizona, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, that the Constitution of the Detachment of Arizona have added to article V section 2, (under officers recommended for appointment by the Commander) "Membership Director".

Let it also be,

Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at the El Conquistador hotel, Tucson Arizona, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, that the By Laws of the Detachment of Arizona have added to article I (Duties of Detachment Officers), a new section reading, "Detachment Membership Director: The Detachment Membership Director is charged with the responsibility of keeping records and producing regular reports of Membership issues at the Detachment level. The Membership Director is also charged with working as a staff officer with the Detachment Adjutant and Detachment Finance Officer on the processing of membership at Detachment level and keeping records of financial issues involving membership payments to and from the Squadrons, Department and National. The Detachment Membership Director is ex-officio to all Committees operating under the Detachment Organization (Without vote, except as being named having vote in the Constitution, By Laws or Standing Rules, or as named by the Detachment Commander to special and/or

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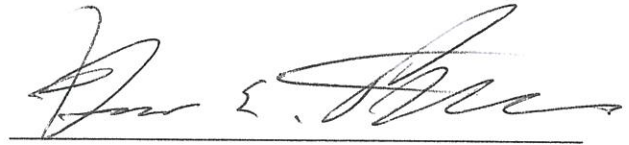
ad hoc committees). The Detachment Membership Director is appointed by the Detachment Commander to serve in this position”.

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Membership vote on Resolution  Pass  Fail

  
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Detachment Commander Chris Balsley

Detachment approval date 6, 22, 24

  
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Detachment Adjutant Dennis Pittman

Department approval date 6, 23, 24

  
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Resolution # 2024-8

Origin: Squadron 91 member Chris Balsley/Squadron 140 member Dennis Pittman

Submitted by: District ad hoc Committee Chairman Jeff Frain

WHEREAS, The Detachment of Arizona, Sons of The American Legion staff is modeled after The American Legion Department of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona with regards to operational functionality to follow the precedents set by The American Legion Department of Arizona; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at the El Conquistador hotel, Tucson Arizona, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, that the Constitution of the Detachment of Arizona have added to article III (Organization), a new section reading, "The Detachment Executive Committee has the power to divide the Detachment no less than three (3) Areas for the purpose of administration. And if desired the Detachment Executive Committee has the power to divide the Detachment into Districts for the purpose of administration. If the Detachment Executive Committee decides to use Districts, then the Detachment shall be divided into no less than five (5) Districts, and However, the Executive Committee may divide the Detachment into as many Districts and Areas as they deem necessary for effective administration. The Number and boundaries of said Districts and Areas may be increased or decreased within these limits by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, but no such changes shall be made without notice to the Squadrons concerned nor without affording such Squadrons an opportunity to be heard; nor shall such changes be made less than thirty (30) Day immediately preceding the time for the holding of the Detachment Convention."

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Membership vote on Resolution  Pass  Fail

Detachment approval date 6, 22, 24

  
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Detachment Commander Chris Balsley

  
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Detachment Adjutant Dennis Pittman

Department approval date 6, 23, 24

  
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Resolution # 2024-9

Origin: Squadron 140 member Dennis Pittman/Squadron 86 member Mike Bryant

Submitted by: Detachment Membership Chairman Mike Bryant

WHEREAS, The Detachment of Arizona, Sons of The American Legion has been expanding in membership; and

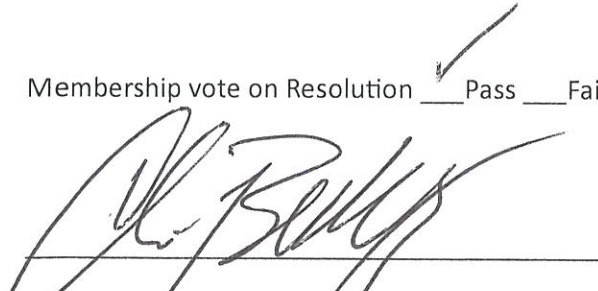
WHEREAS, it is in the interest of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona with regards to operational functionality to adjust for growth the 'convention per capita' (voting fees); now, therefore, be it

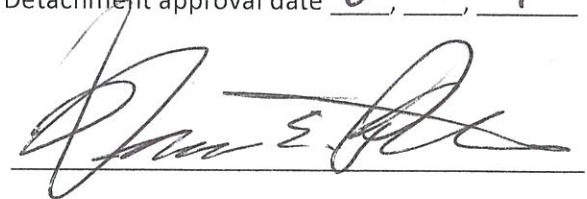
Resolved, by the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled at the El Conquistador hotel, Tucson Arizona, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, that Standing Rule 1, Detachment per Capita, be added to reading; "4. Squadrons in membership exceeding 1000 members will have per capita increased at a rate of \$5.00 per 1 to 500 members in excess of 1000."

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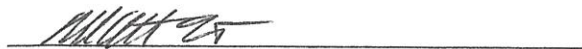
Membership vote on Resolution  Pass  Fail

Detachment approval date 6, 22, 24

  
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Detachment Commander Chris Balsley

  
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Detachment Adjutant Dennis Pittman

Department approval date 6, 23, 24

  
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Department authorized signer