



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

06/25/2023

RE: Detachment Convention 2023

Liaison Headen,

I have the distinct honor to forward to you the packet from The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Convention 2023 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 Balsley for appointment).
2. Resolutions passed by the Detachment 2022-2023 for approval by the AZ DEC.
 - a. Resolution 2022-1; Removal of Detachment Executive Committee, replaced with enhanced Detachment Committees/Commissions.
 - b. Resolution 2022-2; Endorsement of P.D.C. Dan W Ashley for National Vice Commander.

THIS IS A TRUE
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SAL CONVENTION
2023 IN TUCSON AZ
ON JUNE 24, 2023
APPROVED BY AL
DEC ON JUNE 25, 23
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COUNT 11 PAGES.

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SAL ADJUTANT
DENNIS PITTMAN

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AL ADJUTANT
ANGEL SUAREZ

- c. Resolution 2023-1; Funding for Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Headquarters to purchase a Desktop Computer System and Accessories for use of the Adjutant Corps., Detachment commander and Detachment Vice-Commanders.
 - d. Resolution 2023-2; Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Adjutant Expansion of Term Continuity.
3. Donation list and amounts raised by the Detachment at Convention 2023.

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.

I am available at the convenience of the Department of Arizona should any further information be requested on behalf of the Detachment.

I thank you for your prompt attention to these matters and thank you on behalf of all of the members of The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona.

Dennis E. Pittman

Adjutant
Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Arizona

Detachment of Arizona

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SAL Department Advisor, Area C				
SAL 2022-2023 National Commander	Chris Carleton	IN		
SAL 2023-2024 National Commander				
SAL 2021-2022 National Membership (West Region)				
SAL National Convention (Charlotte 2023)				
SAL National VA&R Committee				
SAL 2021-2022 National Vice Cmdr (West Region)				

Resolution 1: Removal of Detachment Executive Committee, replaced with enhanced Detachment Committees/Commissions.

Origin: John P. Burns, Sons of The American Legion, Squadron 36

Submitted by: John P. Burns, Sons of The American Legion, Squadron 36

WHEREAS, The Detachment of Arizona, Sons of The American Legion is structurally modeled after The American Legion, Department of Arizona with regard to officers, where possible, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Arizona, The American Legion does not have a separately elected Executive Committee, and

WHEREAS, The accepted purpose of electing a separate Detachment Executive Committee was to provide visibility and experience to potential future leadership candidates, and

WHEREAS, The Detachment Executive Committee members do not have any responsibility to report to the Detachment of Arizona during regular conventions or conferences, which would allow greater visibility and a chance to show leadership qualities, and

WHEREAS, Committees and commissions have a responsibility to accomplish goals and report their activities to the Detachment of Arizona at all convened meetings, and

WHEREAS, Being the chairman on a committee or commission would provide the visibility and show leadership qualities we seek for higher office, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Detachment of Arizona, meeting at the Detachment Executive Committee meeting in Oro Valley, Arizona on November 5, 2022 that the Detachment Constitution for the Detachment of Arizona be updated to remove references made to Executive Committee Members At-Large in Article III, Section 1, Article III, Section 2, Article V, Section 1, and the complete removal of Article VII, Section 4, and, be it further


RESOLVED, That the Detachment By-Laws for the Detachment of Arizona be updated to remove reference made to Executive Committee Members At-Large by removing Article I, Section 9 in its entirety, and, be it further

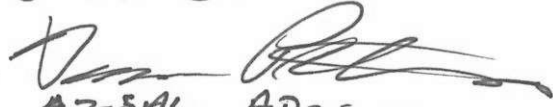
RESOLVED, That a new section be added to the Detachment Constitution for the Detachment of Arizona defining the following committees; Americanism, Child Welfare Foundation, Campout, Membership, and Trophies and Awards, and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the new section define duties and reporting requirements as well as the requirement to attend National Committee conference calls, where appropriate, and report on those calls back to the Detachment of Arizona.

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APPROVED BY AL DEC
6-25-23

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ANGEL JUAREZ AL ADJUTANT


AL DEC ADJUTANT

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT IN TRIPLICATE

(All copies are to be submitted to the Detachment Adjutant, under the proper time restrictions,

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**SON OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF ARIZONA
DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS, THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
05 November 2022 Oro Valley, Arizona**

RESOLUTION

No. 2022-2 Title:

Endorsement of P.D.C Dan W Ashley for National Vice Commander

WHEREAS, The Sons of the American Legion is a program of the American Legion comprised of descendent of Veterans and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of the Sons of the American Legion require that candidates for National elective office in The Sons of the American Legion be presented to The National Body by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Past Detachment Commander, Dan W Ashley has distinguished himself as capable and willing to represent the Detachment of Arizona as an elected National Officer by his dedication and sacrifice for the good of The American Legion Family; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By Squadron No 91, The Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled in Chandler, Arizona that Past Detachment Commander Dan W Ashley be certified by The Detachment of Arizona in executive session in Oro Valley Arizona 5 November 2022 to be fit and ready to compete for the office of National Vice Commander West of the Sons of the American legion, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of The Executive Committee of the Detachment of Arizona that this resolution be forward to The Department of Arizona for approval and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that after approval form The Department of Arizona, The Department Adjutant shall affix his signature here to, and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, That official notification be conveyed to the National Adjutant Of The Sons Of The American Legion that Past Detachment Commander DanW Ashley is hereby endorsed by The Detachment and Department Of Arizona as candidate for National Vice Commander

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TO BE FILLED IN BY THE RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN	
Approval Recommended:	_____
Rejection Recommended:	_____
Referral to:	_____
Other Action:	_____

Signature of Resolutions Chairman:	

SUBMITTED BY:	_____
	Adjutant, Squadron 91
APPROVAL:	_____
	Adjutant, Detachment of Arizona

	Adjutant, Department of Arizona

Resolution No. 2023-1:

Funding for the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Headquarters to purchase a Desktop Computer System and Accessories for use of the Adjutant Corps., Detachment Commander and Detachment Vice-Commanders.

Origin: Arizona Detachment by: The Adjutant Corps via the Detachment of Arizona Executive Committee.

WHEREAS, For the continuity of Detachment records; Financial, Historical and other such interests must be protected; and

WHEREAS, The current system of storage of Detachment records relies highly upon hardcopy (paper), partially at Detachment, and electronic storage by the current Adjutant Corps. mostly on privately owned computer systems; and

WHEREAS, The Detachment of Arizona is rapidly moving more reliant upon digital storage and usage for day to day operations; and

WHEREAS, Previous budgets, passed by Detachment each fiscal year look to oversee ongoing expenses and this expense would be a onetime expenditure; and

WHEREAS, The amount requested for purchase a Desktop Computer System and Accessories is expected to creates a significant return on investment in man hours and productivity; and

WHEREAS, The goals of the Adjutants Corps. cannot be fully carried out in the best interest of the members of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona without proper funding for equipment; and

WHEREAS, All the pillars of The American Legion aligns with the purpose of the effective Adjutants Corps., and the mission of the various programs which are supported by the Detachment 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 Patagonia Lake State Park, county of Santa Cruz, Arizona, April 1st, 2023, That The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona authorizes the Adjutant and Finance Officer to purchase a Desktop Computer System and Accessories as an override to and in addition of the 2022-2023 Budget, as requested by the Executive Committee, in the amount of up to but no greater than \$1500.00.

Approved by membership vote: 4/1/23

Sons Commander: [Signature]

Sons Adjutant: [Signature]

Sons Finance Officer: [Signature]

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ALDEC 6-25-23

X [Signature]

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**Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Arizona
Detachment Convention
Held on June 24th, 2023**

Resolution 2

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No: **2023-2, Convention 2023**

Title: Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona Adjutant Expansion of Term for Continuity.
Origin: Arizona resolution by: AZSAL Member Dennis Pittman (SQ 140)

WHEREAS, For the continuity of Detachment, the role of the Detachment Adjutant should span more than just one Legion calendar year as by mid-year an adjutant is already working on the following years calendar and events; and

WHEREAS, a good Adjutant is constantly working on improvements to the method and manner that the Detachment operates under; and

WHEREAS, many of the planned improvements take over a year to develop and then to implement; and

WHEREAS, the adjutant is heavily involved in the training and informing newly elected officers as to the current state of the Detachment, having been in place previously would greatly assist the new officers in as seamless as possible transition from the previous administration to the new; and

WHEREAS, the adjutant's job is not a step into and turn key position, it takes a large amount of man hours and training to become a good adjutant; and

WHEREAS, it is not out of expectation to give the adjutant some security that the hours spent developing the office for the betterment of Detachment are not spent in vain only to be abruptly stopped the following year; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 National Post Adjutants manual states "Many posts retain a good adjutant in office over a period of years as opposed to a one-year position." And many Departments, Detachments and our National organization retain Adjutants for multi-year terms; and

WHEREAS, All the pillars of The American Legion align with the purpose of an effective Adjutant and the mission of the various programs which are supported by the Detachment of Arizona; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Members of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Arizona in regular meeting assembled in Tucson, Arizona, *Constitution Article V, Section 2*: striking the words "Detachment Adjutant".

Adding Constitution Article V, Section 2a, reading "The position of Detachment Adjutant is recommended and appointed by the Detachment executive committee as needed to a 5-year term of service in the position with renewal as per the Detachment Executive Committees discretion. The Adjutant corps consist of one (1) Adjutant and up to two (2) assistant Adjutants, but no less than one (1) assistant Adjutant is suggested be serving at any time. Assistant Adjutants serve in 1-year terms or remaining thereof, with renewal as per the Detachment Executive Committees discretion. Assistant adjutants assist the Adjutant as needed and are in training for future role as Adjutant. The sitting Adjutant with approval of the Detachment

Executive Committee, is allowed to pick the main assistant adjutant from the assistant adjutants appointed by the Detachment Executive Committee and has voice in assistant adjutant appointments by the Detachment Executive Committee." therefore be it finally

RESOLVED, hereby authorizing the additional change to the *Detachment Bylaws, By Laws Article 1, Section 3*: adding before appointment sentence "The Detachment Adjutant is ex-officio to all Committees operating under the Detachment Organization". In appointment sentence striking the word "Commander", replacing with "Detachment Executive Committee".

... END ...

Membership Vote on Resolution

Approval

Det Approved Date: _____, 2023. Dept Approved Date: 25 JUN _____, 2023.

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Detachment Commander Signature

Detachment Adjutant Signature

Noah McMullen, Detachment Commander 2022-2023



Dennis Pittman, Detachment Adjutant 2022-2023

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**Donation Report 2023 Sons of The
American Legion Detachment Convention.**

CWF - \$12,825.00

CHAMP - \$13,405.00

ALLECA - \$11,151.00

Boys/Girls State - \$1,600.00

Other - \$4,351.00

Total - \$43,332.00