

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
SQUADRON 318

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

SECTION 1: The name of this organization shall be the Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) Squadron 318, an entity of American Legion – Anderson Post 318, and attached to S.A.L. 4th District, Detachment of Ohio, Dept. of Ohio and National American Legion.

ARTICLE II

Nature / Purpose

SECTION 1: The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 318 is a civilian organization.

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 non-sectarian.

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

SECTION 5: Squadron 318 is purposed with supporting, both physically, financially and by deeds, the principles, ideals and programs of the American Legion, the Sons of the American Legion and Anderson American Legion Post 318 and providing assistance to the needs of those entities to the best of the Squadron's abilities.

ARTICLE III

Organization

SECTION 1: This Squadron is organized as a subordinate body of the Sons of the American Legion, 4th District, Detachment of Ohio, and under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of Anderson American Legion Post 318, a subordinate body of the Department of Ohio and the American Legion.

SECTION 2: The 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 Department Executive Committee of the American Legion, and by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by its sponsoring American Legion - Anderson Post 318, not inconsistent with those prescribed by the National organization.

ARTICLE IV

Eligibility

SECTION 1: All male descendants, adopted sons, step-sons and grandsons of members of the American Legion, and such male descendants, adopted sons, step-sons and grandsons of veterans who died in service during the period of April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918, or any time from December 7, 1941, to date, who served honorably, 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 of class of membership except an active member.

ARTICLE V
Officers

- SECTION 1: The officers of this Squadron shall be a Commander, First Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, and Chaplain, all of whom may be originally appointed by the Post 318 S.A.L Advisory Committee at time of organization of Squadron, and from that point forward shall be subject to an election at next designated regular election prescribed by this constitution.
- SECTION 2: The offices of Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistants to any elected or appointed officers, as deemed necessary, may be appointed by the Commander. An office of Historian may also be appointed by the Commander if he so desires.

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 of the elected and appointed officers, and such appointed Committee Chairs as deemed appropriate by Commander.

ARTICLE VII
Squadron Membership Year / Squadron Dues

- SECTION 1: Squadron membership year is annual, and shall be defined as January 1st through December 31st.
- SECTION 2: Squadron annual dues are payable in advance, on October 20th for the forthcoming membership year.
- SECTION 3: Delinquencies: If dues are not paid by January 1 of each calendar membership year, the member becomes delinquent. If dues have not been paid by February 1, the member is suspended, but nevertheless remains a member with no privilege except that of reinstatement by vote of the Squadron and full payment of dues. Such suspended membership for non-payment of dues shall continue for a period of 5 months, to June 30th, at which time the member is dropped from the roll by constitutional mandate and membership is forfeited.
- SECTION 4: To provide sufficient funds with which to operate the Squadron, annual administrative dues for the Squadron members shall be set at \$40.00 initially, which shall be sufficient to include dues payments to 4th District, Detachment of Ohio and National S.A.L., as well as such dues required for basic Squadron operation. This dues amount shall be subject to review annually by the Squadron Executive Committee and shall be subject to adjustment as necessary to assure coverage of the dues payments to entities stated previously.
- SECTION 5: Resignation: A member may resign from the Squadron at any time while his or her dues are paid and can join another Squadron as a new member, in which event the continuity of his or her Legion SAL membership is broken. Upon resignation, the Squadron Post is not required to rebate any part or portion of the member's dues. The resignation must be in writing.
- SECTION 6: Transfer:
- a. The only method of transferring from one Squadron to another so that the continuity of membership in the Legion SAL is not broken, is by formal transfer, which is available only to members in good standing.
 - b. A member of a Squadron may not move his membership to another Squadron and retain continuous membership without the formality of a transfer. Being a member of more than one Squadron at a time is a violation of the Constitution.
 - c. The right to transfer does not carry the right to be accepted by any Squadron.
 - d. Upon transfer there shall be no transfer of funds derived from dues, etc. The accepting Squadron shall recognize the fact of dues having been paid to the Squadron from which the transfer is affected and shall make no charge therefore, excepting only if the dues of the Squadron accepting the member are in excess of those from which the transfer is sought; then the accepting Squadron may collect from the transferring member the excess dues prorated from the date of the acceptance to the end of the current year.

- e. In all instances where a member of the SAL transfers to Squadron 318 during a current membership year from another SAL Squadron, after dues payment for current year has been made to such other Squadron, the transferring Squadron shall retain said dues and shall have credit for such membership during the remainder of such year for which said dues were collected, but said transferred member shall be entitled to all of the benefits and assume all of the responsibilities of membership in the Squadron 318 after such transfer is affected

ARTICLE VIII
Delegates to Conventions

SECTION 1: Delegates to S.A.L. Conventions shall be determined by criteria established by 4th District and Detachment of Ohio.

ARTICLE IX
Amendments

SECTION 1: This Constitution is adopted, subject to the provisions and taking into consideration the National Constitution, Detachment Constitution, and 4th District Constitution, of which the Squadron is a subordinate member. Any amendment to the National, Detachment and District 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 General Membership Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of members attending such regular meeting, providing: there is a quorum; the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the Squadron Executive Committee and approved by Post 318 S.A.L. Advisory Committee; and the proposed amendment has been read to the membership at the previous regular meeting; and that written notice has been mailed, or emailed to all Squadron members a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of meeting at which proposed amendment is to be presented to Squadron membership for adoption vote.

ATTESTATION: This S. A.L. Squadron 318 Constitution has been reviewed and confirmed for adoption by the following:

Squadron 318 Executive Committee: /s/ John Short Date 2/1/23
(Squadron Commander)

Anderson Post 318 S.A.L. Advisory Committee: /s/ Anthony Capetillo Date 2/1/23

Adopted by Squadron 318 Membership this 1 day of February, 2023

Attested to by: /s/ Robert Herking (Squadron 318 Adjutant)