

## Constitution of *Squadron 233*

### 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 member 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 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

The name of this organization shall be the Sons of The American Legion *Squadron 233* attached to *Post 233*, Department of Florida.

### ARTICLE II - NATURE

**Section 1.** The Sons of The American Legion, 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 Florida and under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of Palm Valley *Post233*, Department of Florida, The American Legion.

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**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, and December 7, 1941, to date, 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 or class of membership except an active membership.

**ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

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

**Section 2.** In addition to the elected officers, the Squadron Commander shall appoint a Squadron Adjutant, Judge Advocate, and such other officers as necessary, all of whom shall be approved by the Squadron Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Section 1.** Between Squadron meetings, the administrative power of the Squadron shall be vested in the Squadron Executive Committee.

**Section 2.** Voting members of the Squadron Executive Committee shall consist of all elective officers for the current year and in addition the three immediate Past Commanders. However, no voting member shall cast more than one vote.

**Section 3.** All other Past Squadron Commanders shall be members of the Squadron Executive Committee with voice but without vote.

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**ARTICLE VII – FINANCE**

**Section 1.** The revenue of this Squadron shall be derived from annual membership dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Squadron Executive Committee and approved by the Squadron and Post.

**Section 2.** The Squadron shall determine the amount of Annual membership dues of this Squadron, each year at their annual meeting.

**Section 3.** The Squadron shall pay to Department Headquarters the National and Detachment annual membership dues within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof for each paid member of the Squadron.

**Section 4.** A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January first shall be classed as delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before February first, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after February first, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on June thirtieth of such year, his membership in the Sons of The American Legion shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so 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 reinstatement occurs. Provided, however, that the Squadrons, Detachments, and 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.

**ARTICLE VIII – DISCIPLINE**

Disciplinary action taken against a member will be in accordance with National, Department, Detachment and sponsoring Post policies and procedures.

**ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS**

**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 attending such regular meeting, provided, that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing, and read at the preceding Squadron meeting, and provided further, that written notice shall have been given to all members at least ten 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.

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**Section 3.** Only members in good standing will be privileged to participate in the business of a meeting, vote or hold office in Squadron.

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**SQUADRON CERTIFICATION**

We, the following Officers of Squadron 233, Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Florida, hereby certify that the foregoing Constitution and By-Laws for Squadron 233, was approved by the Squadron at its regular meeting of this Squadron held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, A. D.

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**SQUADRON COMMANDER**

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**ATTESTED: SQUADRON ADJUTANT**

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**SPONSORING POST #233 CERTIFICATION**

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**POST COMMANDER**

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**ATTESTED: POST JUDGE ADVOCATE**

on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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**DETACHMENT CERTIFICATION**

Passed on by the Detachment Judge Advocate on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022,

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**DETACHMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE**