

57th Annual Detachment Convention Rules of the Election

The 2020 Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Ohio Annual Convention will follow these election rules.

1. Each properly registered Squadron will be allowed one (1) vote and all Squadrons will be entitled to one (1) additional vote for every ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof enrolled in Department Headquarters by May 8, 2020.
2. A Squadron must have at least the number of paid-up 2020 members present at the Convention to vote the full number of votes assigned to the Squadron. Example: A Squadron is entitled to five (5) votes but has only three (3) paid-up 2020 members attending. The Squadron will only be allowed three (3) votes.
3. The total number of delegates listed must be present to cast the total number of votes for the Squadron.
4. The order of Election of Officers shall be the Detachment Commander, Detachment First Vice Commander, Detachment Second Vice Commander, and Detachment Chaplain. The National Executive Committeeman and Alternate National Executive Committeeman are elected in even-numbered years for two-year terms.
5. National Convention Delegates will be selected pursuant to the procedure described in the Detachment Constitution, Article VI, Section 6.
6. Only delegates or their accredited alternate may be heard or given recognition in the nomination of candidates. Those who wish to nominate or second a nomination must register with the Detachment Adjutant before the start of the Convention.
7. Nominating speeches for Detachment Officers shall be limited to five (5) minutes each. Seconding speeches are limited to two (2) minutes. Not more than one (1) nominating and one (1) seconding speech shall be made for any candidate.
8. Election of officers shall be by ballot except when a candidate is unopposed, at which time the vote may be by acclamation. On all votes requiring a ballot the Squadron Delegation Chairman shall poll his delegation on the floor, mark the appropriate ballot, and deliver it to one of the election tellers.
9. Delegations may arrive at a vote in such a manner as they choose, but it shall be in terms of full unit and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote.
10. All Past Detachment Commanders, while in good standing with their respective Squadrons, shall be life delegates to all Detachment Conventions, with vote, to be exercised with their respective Squadrons.

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11. Prior to the election of Detachment Officers, the Detachment Commander shall appoint a Chief Teller and any number of additional tellers as he deems necessary provided that the total number of tellers shall be an odd number. All appointments must be approved by the Convention. In a contested election each candidate going to the ballot shall be entitled to one (1) teller of his choice.
12. When more than two (2) candidates are nominated for any office, balloting shall continue until one (1) candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. If on any ballot taken no candidate receives the necessary majority to elect, a new ballot shall be taken for the place to be filled. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be disqualified.



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