



59th Annual Detachment Convention Rules and Order of Business

At the 59th Annual Convention of the Detachment of Ohio of the Sons of The American Legion, May 19-21, 2023 the following Rules and Order of Business will be followed.

1. *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised* shall be the authority on parliamentary procedure, with the following modifications.
2. A minimum of eight (8) Squadrons shall constitute a quorum.
3. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the Convention, shall rise, address the Chair as "Mr. Commander" and state his name and the number of his Squadron before proceeding.
4. While the Convention is in session each delegate and alternate must wear his identification badge. Squadron caps should also be worn.
5. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker.
6. Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes except under such special rules as the Convention shall adopt prior to debate.
7. Only two (2) delegates from any one (1) Squadron delegation shall be permitted the floor on any one subject. If a delegation disagrees one (1) delegate shall be permitted to speak on each side of the subject.
8. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one subject. Chairmen of Convention Committees may speak as frequently as may be necessary in connection with the reports of their committees. The presiding officer shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without giving the Committee Chairman an opportunity for rebuttal. On request of a delegate, any Resolution contained in a Committee report shall be considered separately at the conclusion of the vote on the report and after discussion noted upon at that time.
9. Any resolution originating on the floor of the Convention must be in writing. Any such resolutions will automatically and without reading be referred to the Adjutant who will refer it to the appropriate Committee for their action and report thereon.
10. Any amendment originating on the floor to any resolution shall be presented in writing and transmitted to the presiding officer at the time of the introduction of such amendment, in all cases except where a word is stricken and another inserted which can be done by the one making the report or introducing the resolution.



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11. Decisions of Rules and Debate or Parliamentary Order by the presiding officer may be subject to appeal by any two (2) delegates from two (2) different districts under a point of order. Such an appeal shall take precedence over any pending question and shall be decided forthwith. An appeal from the decision of the Chair shall be put to the Convention on the question: "Shall the Chair be sustained?"
12. In the event a Squadron has not provided the method by which alternates shall be designated to serve in the place of absent delegates, the Chairman or acting Chairman of the delegation shall make such designation.
13. Those recognized by the Detachment Commander shall be entitled to a respectful hearing, and the Chair shall have the authority to clear the gallery or the floor, or have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the Convention anyone creating a disturbance or interfering with order of procedure.
14. None of the above rules shall be construed as preventing any member of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Ohio from serving on a Convention Committee.
15. The consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting strength of the Convention is necessary for suspension of the standing rules of the Convention.
16. The Detachment Commander will have the authority to appoint a Parliamentarian to assist the Judge Advocate for this Convention.



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