



REGULAR SQUADRON MEETING SCRIPT

The Squadron Commander gives one rap of the gavel and announces that the meeting is about to open, officers shall take their stations. American Legion Post members acting as Advisors will take their places among the membership. The doors of the meeting place are closed by the Sergeant-at-Arms and he then proceeds through those present, examining membership cards to be sure all are current.

The Commander gives three raps of the gavel and all present stand at attention.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: "The colors of our nation being in place, please render a hand salute. (pause two seconds) Two! The Chaplain will invoke the blessing of God."

SQUADRON COMMANDER: "Uncover"

SQUADRON CHAPLAIN: In place of the following prayer, the Chaplain may deliver one of his own in the same general tenors.

"Almighty God, Father of mankind and Judge over nations, we pray thee to guide our work in this meeting and in all our days. Send thy peace of our Nation and all Nations. Hasten the fulfillment of thy promise of peace that shall have no end. We pray for those who serve the people and guard the public welfare, that by thy blessings they may be enabled to discharge their duties honestly and well. We pray for our comrades, that by Thy help they may observe the strictest Justice, keep alight the fires of Freedom, strive earnestly for the spirit of Democracy and preserve untarnished our loyalty to our Country and to Thee. Especially do we ask thy blessing and comfort to those defenders of our Nation on sick beds in hospitals and elsewhere who are suffering mental and physical disabilities. Cheer them and bring back to them the blessings of health and happiness. Finally, o God of Mercy, we remember lovingly before Thee our departed comrades and those of our fathers who receive with Thee the reward of life everlasting. May their splendid example of patriotism and sacrifice guide us in our duty to our God and Country now and forevermore, AMEN."

SQUADRON COMMANDER: "In memory of our departed comrades and the comrades of our fathers, let us stand in silence."

(Squadron remains standing and stands in silence for a period of time determined by the Commander)

SQUADRON COMMANDER: “Resolution 288, adopted at the 67th National Convention, of The American Legion and Resolution N.C. 2-94, adopted at the 23rd National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, calls for designating a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings of the Sons of The American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW / MIA’s still unaccounted for, as a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty and a full accounting of those missing.” Let us rededicate ourselves for this vital endeavor.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: “The Sergeant-at-Arms (or another officer prearranged by the Commander) will place the POW / MIA, flag on the Empty Chair.”

(The Sergeant-At-Arms, or other designated individuals, approaches the Empty Chair carrying a folded POW / MIA flag. Upon reaching the Empty Chair, they reverently unfold and drape it over the Empty Chair with the crest facing the membership).

SQUADRON COMMANDER: "Resolution NC 2-03, adopted at the 32nd National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, calls for the display of a Blue Star Banner at all meetings of the Sons of The American Legion as a symbol of our support of all the military personnel serving this great country. Let us never forget that every day these individuals are protecting our liberty. The Sergeant-at-Arms will place the Blue Star Service Banner."

(Note: Only the Corporate Blue Star Banner should be used. The regular Blue Star Banners are for families with active duty personnel.)

SQUADRON COMMANDER: “Please remain uncovered as we recite the Pledge of Allegiance.”

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

SQUADRON COMMANDER: "Recover."

SQUADRON COMMANDER: “Please join me (or _____) in reciting the Preamble of the Sons of The American Legion.”

**“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 members 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 the 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; and
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.”

One rap of the gavel by the Commander will seat the members.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: "I now declare this meeting of Squadron No. _____, Detachment of Virginia regularly convened."

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
2. Committee reports /Officers Reports
3. Sick call and relief
4. Unfinished business.
5. Balloting on applications.
- 6 Initiation of candidates.
7. New business and correspondence.
8. Good of the S.A.L. (The membership shall be permitted to make any suggestions of any kind, character or description, except for religion or partisan politics.)

SQUADRON COMMANDER: "Is there any further business to come before the meeting? If not, the Squadron Chaplain will lead us in the closing prayer."

The Commander shall give three raps of the gavel, and membership shall arise.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: "Uncover”

SQUADRON CHAPLAIN: "Our dear Heavenly Father, may we become better Sons of The American Legion, as we learn and teach by words and deeds, the principles of Justice, Freedom, Democracy and Loyalty. Be with us until we meet again. AMEN.

SQUADRON COMMANDER: "Recover”

SQUADRON COMMANDER: "Till we meet again let us remember that our obligation to our Country can only be fulfilled by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the community, state and nation be ever a main objective of the Sons of The American Legion. Let us ever be watchful of the honor of our Country, The American Legion, our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of Justice, Freedom, Loyalty and Democracy."

SQUADRON COMMANDER: "The Colors of our nation being in place, please render a hand salute. (pause two seconds) Two!"

SQUADRON COMMANDER: "I now declare this meeting of Squadron No. _____, the Sons of The American Legion, adjourned."

The Commander gives one rap of the gavel.